

Theology Seminar: Cults and Sects

Session No. 4: Seventh Day Adventism

SDA History: Where Did It Come From?

1. **It's Soil:** The Rise of Adventism in the Second Great Awakening
2. **It's Roots:** William Miller's Failed Prophecy and Hiram Edson's Revised Prophecy
3. **It's Shoots:** The Conviction of Joseph Bates and the Visions of Ellen G. White
4. **It's Fruits:** The Seventh Day Adventist Church



SDA Authority: What Do They Read?

1. **The Bible**
2. **The Inspired Writings of Ellen G. White**

SDA Theology: What Do They Teach?

1. **Seventh Day Sabbatarianism:** A distinct view that obedience to the fourth commandment and God's creation design requires observance of Saturday as the Sabbath.
2. **Soul Sleep:** A distinct view that upon death, the soul does not enter heaven (the intermediate state) but rests unconsciously until the last judgment.

3. **The Sanctuary Doctrine:** A distinct view that Jesus' atonement was delayed in its final application until 1844.

4. **The Investigative Judgment:** The distinct view that an undetermined period of time since 1844 in which the living and the dead are judged, determining who is worthy of eternal life.

5. **The Authority of Ellen G. White:** The distinct view that the spirit of prophecy was upon Ellen G. White and her writings are inspired from the Lord and authoritative in doctrinal matters.



SDA Differences: Why Is It A Cult?

1. Denies **Who God Really Is**
2. Denies **What God Really Said**
3. Denies **Who We Really Are**
4. Denies **What We Really Need**