

Truth or Fables

Exposing Seventh-day Adventist Fables

2 Tim 4:4 (KJV) ⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Seventh-day Adventists from their beginning have turned from the "TRUTH"
the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles to the "FABLES" of their prophetess Ellen G. White.

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Ellen G. White's Temporal Lobe Epilepsy

Medical Explanations For Ellen G. White's Visions

Preface

There are many types of epilepsy. When the term "epilepsy" is used most people visualize a person that throws them self onto the floor, foaming at the mouth, biting their tongue, not being aware of their surroundings, etc. Temporal lobe epilepsy symptoms will be shown by qualified doctors, which specialize in this field of medicine such as Dr. Willis and others. I might add that epilepsy is not insanity nor does it impair a person's ability to learn. If Mrs. White were living today, she would be treated for temporal lobe epilepsy for her supposed visions.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Charles DuBois Willis BA, MD was born in Queens, New York in 1925. I was raised in the Seventh Day Adventist church going weekly to the City Temple in Manhattan. I graduated from the Bronx High of Science in 1944 and then went to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska for two years of Premedical courses after which I was drafted into the US Army for one year. I returned to college at Atlantic Union College where I earned a BA degree with Honors and a Major in Religion.

After that I went to Loma Linda University School of Medicine and earned my MD degree in 1955, interned one year at Orange County Hospital and then started a Residency in Psychiatry at Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, California. My residency was split by my second tour of duty in the US Army serving in Germany as a Captain with the 10th Mountain Division for three years. After completing my Residency I passed the Board Examination at UCLA on the first attempt.

I practiced in private practice for a number of years in Fresno California taking time out for a two year Residency in Neurology at the University of California (1966-68)

I later worked for about ten years in the California Dept. of Corrections finally retiring in 1993.

In 1951 I married my beautiful wife Shirley whom I met at AUC. While on our honeymoon trip we visited my friend Fernand Fisel in Washington DC. He was a student at that time in the SDA Seminary.

He informed me of some historical problems with early SDA history such as Ellen G. White's approval of the SHUT DOOR TEACHING in 1844. As a result of this beneficial interaction I began to study the Teaching and history of the SDA church of which I was a part.

Gradually I realized that SDA is an UnScriptural CULT with a Extra Biblical Authority namely Ellen G. Harmon-White and violates an Important Basic Doctrine of the Bible namely the full completed Atonement of Christ on the Cross. This is done with the foolish 1844 Sanctuary Doctrine leading to the idea of the Investigative Judgment, all nonsense, and heresy. As regarding EGWhite personally, in view of my Specialized training I correctly made a Diagnosis that she was in true fact a case of Post Traumatic Temporal Lobe Epilepsy with some Hysterical symptoms. During the course of my research I had mail contact with Dr. William S. Sadler who knew EGW personally. He was a prominent Psychiatrist in Chicago. He wrote me in a letter that he considered her a Case of Catalepsy.

Another qualified Neurologist Dr. Hodder, also a LLUSM graduate has also concluded that EGW suffered from Complex Partial Seizures (TLE) He is at Yale University. The attached Triangle Data sheet with the exact references in EGW own words shows convincingly that she was a Brain damaged person whose sick symptoms were grossly misunderstood by her peers in the 1800s. This sickness was not clarified until 1888 by the Father of British Neurology Dr. H. Jackson. I have NEVER regretted leaving the Toxic Cult of SDAism. I have a firm belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and Coming King. Sincerely,

Charles D. Willis M.D.
Charles D. Willis M.D.

TRIANGLE OF IRREFUTABLE FACT

February 15, 1901
Elmshaven, California

***Visual, Auditory and Olfactory Hallucinations**

The Early Elmshaven Years by Arthur White, pp. 23-24, 53-54, 143-144.

EGW MS 29. 1901

MS 43a, 1901, — EGW mentions "a hundred times or more".

Letter 11, 1902

Kellogg Interview, 1907, p.66.

General Conference Bulletin, 1901, p.204.

Spaulding & Magan Unpublished Testimonies, p. 171.

E. G. White Letter, K-33, February 23, 1901.



TEMPERAL LOBE EPILEPSY

aka

PARTIAL COMPLEX SEIZURES



March 2, 1907
Elmshaven, California

9 Testimony pp. 66-67.

*Auditory, Visual Hallucinations
and Syncope



November 3, 1890
Salamanca, New York

Life Sketches pp. 310-320

*Visual, Olfactory
Hallucinations, Syncope

Ellen G. White --An obvious case of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy which is also termed Psychomotor Epilepsy and more recently Complex Partial Seizers. These patients also have more frequently Hysterical Dissociative Episodes which the ignorant people of her day called "visions". The content of her "visions" was Paranoid since this was a prominent aspect of functioning. In the 20th Century she would have been referred to a Neuropsychiatric Clinic for diagnosis and treatment. Neither God or the Devil had anything to do with her "visions". The "true church" rest solely on her brain damaged temporal lobe caused by a rock which caused her comatose state in her youth.

Composed By: Charles D. Willis BA, MD

Visual, Auditory and Olfactory Hallucinations Symptoms From Ellen G. White's Own Words

Hearing voices and smelling flowers:

EGW MS 29, 1901— That Wednesday evening, still dreading the next day's carousal, she found a little anteroom and lay down. She fell asleep, but soon was awakened by a voice speaking to her. As she gained her senses, she knew what it meant. **"The room was filled with a sweet fragrance, as of beautiful flowers."** Then she fell asleep once more and was awakened in the same way. *The Early Elmshaven Years* Volume 5 1900-1905, By Arthur L. White (1981), page 23, paragraph 6.

Seeing light and smelling flowers a hundred or more times:

MS 43a, 1901, — EGW mentions "a hundred times or more". In reporting the experience, she says, "I was asking the Lord where I should go and what I should do. I was for backing out. . . . Well, while I was praying and was sending up my petition, there was, **as has been a hundred times or more, a soft light circling around in the room, and a fragrance like the fragrance of flowers, of a beautiful scent of flowers.**"--MS 43a, 1901. *Ellen G. White: The Early Elmshaven Years* Volume 5 1900-1905, By Arthur L. White (1981), page 53.

Smelled a fragrance around her and felt at peace after the episode:

Letter 11, 1902, — We had a precious season of prayer together. . . . My soul was all light in the Lord. **A heavenly fragrance seemed to surround me.** I was not healed, but I was given the comforting assurance that the Lord's presence would be with me. It is not possible for me to describe the peace I felt.— Letter 11, 1902. *The Early Elmshaven Years* Volume 5 1900-1905, By Arthur L. White (1981), page 143.

Light filled the room, odor of violets, and heard a voice telling her to go to Dr. Kellogg's house:

Kellogg Interview, 1907, p.66, — Interview between J. H. Kellogg MD and Elders G. W. Amadon, and A. C. Bordeau. Notarized October 7, 1907, by J. T. Case, p. 66. "the third letter stated, 'Last Friday night when we were having family prayers, **a light filled the room and an odor of violets and a voice spoke to me and said, 'Go to Dr. Kellogg's house'** and so I am coming." *EGW Estate letter, K-33* dated February 23, 1901, and is reproduced in "The Blue Book" called *"A Response to An Urgent Testimony"* p. 53 by Charles Stewart MD in 1907.

None of the family saw the light or smelled a fragrance or heard voices:

General Conference Bulletin, 1901, p.204, — Did the others kneeling in worship that Friday evening **see the light and notice the fragrance?** This is a very natural question, which she answered as she recounted the incident on April 11 at the General Conference session: **"Though none of the family saw what I saw, or heard what I heard,** yet they felt the influence of the Spirit, and were weeping and praising God."--*GCB 1901*, p. 204.

Light circling the room, smelled flowers and heard a voice telling her that Dr. Kellogg was God's physician:

Spaulding & Magan Unpublished Testimonies, p. 171, — Well, while I was praying and was sending up my petition there was, as at other times - **I saw a light circling right around in the room, and a fragrance like the fragrance of flowers, and the beautiful scent of flowers,** and **then the voice seemed to speak gently, and said that I was to "accept the invitation of my servant, John Kellogg, and make his house my home."** **Then the word was, "I have appointed him as my physician.** You can be an encouragement to him." That is why I am here, and that is why I am at his home. *Spaulding and Magan Collection* (1985), page 171.

After smelling the roses, seeing a silvery light her pain disappeared:

Salamanca, New York November 3, 1890 — After this, weary, weak, and perplexed, she thought to retire to her room and pray. Climbing the stairs, she knelt by the bed, and before the first word of petition had been offered she felt that **the room was filled with the fragrance of roses.** Looking up to see whence the fragrance came, **she saw the room flooded with a soft, silvery light. Instantly her pain and weariness disappeared.** The perplexity and discouragement of mind vanished, and hope and comfort and peace filled her heart. *Life Sketches of Ellen G. White* (1915), page 310. *Life Sketches* pp. 310-320

A room filled with light, a white cloud with pink edges, hearing angels singing as well as the voice of Jesus:

Elmhaven, California March 2, 1907 — 9 Testimony pp. 66-67. **The room was filled with light, a most beautiful, soft, azure light,** and I seemed to be in the arms of heavenly beings. This peculiar light I have experienced in the past in times of special blessing, but this time it was more distinct, more impressive, and I felt such peace, peace so full and abundant no words can express it. I raised myself into a sitting posture, and I saw **that I was surrounded by a bright cloud, white as snow, the edges of which were tinged with a deep pink.** **The softest, sweetest music was filling the air, and I recognized the music as the singing of the angels. Then a Voice spoke to me, saying: "Fear not; I am your Saviour.** Holy angels are all about you." ...Again I fell asleep, and when I awoke I heard music, and I wanted to sing. Then someone passed my door, and I wondered if that person saw the light. After a time the light passed away, but the peace remained. *Testimonies for the Church* Volume Nine (1909), page 66,67.

Letter to John H, Kellogg MD from his brother Merritt Kellogg MD.

Healdsburg, Calif. Aug 1, 1906
J.H. Kellogg MD
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Brother John,

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Now about my position as to the testimonies of Mrs. E.G. White. I think that in much of her writings we have clear evidence that the Spirit of God guided her thoughts as she wrote, but her inspiration came to her through the Holy Scriptures contained in the Bible. The Bible has been her constant study and has been the source of her inspiration.

Her early vision was the result of an abnormal nervous condition and the subject of the visions were the result of her conceptions of things when in a normal condition. Her dreams may be accounted for in same manner. Of this I am full convinced.

Your Brother
Signed: M.G. Kellogg

Dr. Merritt G. Kellogg wrote the following letter regarding Ellen White's condition while in vision to his brother J. H. Kellogg

June 3, 1906.

In 1868, after talking with Dr. Trall, I began to suspect that Mrs. White's visions might not be what we had thereunto supposed them to be, and from that time onward I have been studying both Mrs. White and her visions, dreams and testimonies...

I have seen Mrs. White in vision quite a number of times between 1852 and 1859, in every instance she was simply in a state of catalepsy. In each instance she was suddenly seized, fell unconscious, and remained unconscious during the full time the fit lasted; every vital function was reduced to the lowest point compatible with life; pulse almost stopped and very infrequent breathing so slight as to be imperceptible except when she uttered short sentences; pupils dilated to great width, sense of hearing blunted; in fact all her senses so blunted that she could neither see, feel, nor hear; in fact was wholly unconscious, yet her mind was acutely active, the action being automatic and wholly involuntary, the whole vision being a conglomerated mental rehearsal of previous conceptions, scenes, meditations, and suggestions so vividly reproduced on her mind as to be to her a living reality. Catalepsy assumes many forms in its various victims, **but in her case some phase of all forms was produced. I have seen many cases.** Mrs. L.M. Hall's description of Mrs. W's condition in vision agrees with mine.

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March 3, 1933

Mr. R. B. Tower,
246 Zerr Court,
Glendale, California.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 18 in which you speak of some tests being applied by me to Mrs. White while in vision. There is no truth whatever in this statement to which you refer. I never saw Mrs. White while she was in a state of vision. It is my belief that her condition while in vision was that of catalepsy. This is a nervous state allied to hysteria in which sublime visions are usually experienced. The muscles are set in such a way that ordinary tests fail to show any evidence of respiration, but the application of more delicate tests show that there are slight breathing movements sufficient to maintain life. Patients sometimes remain in this condition for several hours.

Yours truly,

John Harvey Kellogg

DR. WILLIAM S. SADLER

533 DIVERSEY PARKWAY

CHICAGO

September 19, 1966

Charles D. Willis, M. D.
1427 - 12th Ave.
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Willis:

Replying to your letter about Mrs. White's vision, let me say that I have talked over these things many times with Elder Loughborough many years ago.

I never saw Mrs. White in a vision. From my many talks with her, and with those who did observe her in vision, I came to the conclusion that they were distinctly cataleptic seizures. There is nothing reported in connection with her visions that I have not seen in my own patients.

Furthermore, as Dr. M. G. Kellogg predicted, she would have no visions subsequent to the menopause, and this is true, with the change of life this phenomenon entirely disappeared.

No, I do not do any more traveling. I am 91 years old now, and my last trip to the Pacific Coast was about thirty years ago. But if you ever are in Chicago I trust you will come to see me.

Sincerely,

William S. Sadler

William S. Sadler, M. D.

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DR. WILLIAM S. SADLER

533 DIVERSEY PARKWAY

CHICAGO December 17, 1962

Charles D. Willis, M. D.
521 S. Woods Ave.
Fullerton, California

Dear Dr. Willis:

Replying to your letter of December 13 let me say that you were accurately informed about a group of questions which I once submitted to Mrs. White.

When up with my wife about 5:00 o'clock one morning in June, 1906 studying for our final examination that morning in Neurology, I happened to glance down at the end of the bench we were sitting on in McKinley Park and noticed a folded onion skin carbon copy of some sort. This proved to be a carbon addressed to the General Conference Committee by Mrs. White in which my name was mentioned among others with a statement something as follows:

"Whatever problems you have concerning my work which bother you if you would write me frankly it would afford me an opportunity to help."

I wrote Mrs. White a full and lengthy letter frankly stating all my problems. I never received an answer to these questions. A short time later Sarah McIntyre, her companion, telephoned me of Mrs. White's disturbance upon receipt of my letter and suggested that she did not seem to know how to reply to it. I assured Mrs. McIntyre that it was not necessary to reply, that, as far as I was concerned the whole matter could be forgotten, and evidently it was, for I never heard any more about it.

I have been asked for a copy of these questions by at least a half-dozen people in subsequent years, but I have never felt that I would be justified in making public that which was personal correspondence. I have never participated in any of the attacks which have been made upon Mrs. White as my wife and I regarded her as a personal friend. I so frequently enjoyed the hospitality of her home and the many, many personal conversations we had I always felt under obligation to hold in the strictest confidence.

Charles D. Willis, M. D.

December 17, 1962

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Quite regardless of any question of her special gift which always impressed me as the "discernment of spirits" and from my conferences with Dr. M. G. Kellogg, J. Loughborough and others, I was satisfied that her psychoneurologic status connected with her visions was very similar to that of our well-known catalepsy.

That this diagnosis was correct was born out by the fulfilment of the predictions of Dr. M. G. Kellogg who evidently arrived at this same diagnosis because he predicted quite accurately that Mrs. White would never have any of these visions subsequent to her menopause, and this I understand was just what happened. None of my cataleptic female patients have ever had any seizures 90 days following their last menstruation.

With Mrs. White and her family I carefully inquired into her earlier accident of head injury during adolescence, and I became thoroughly satisfied that none of her phenomena substantiated the diagnosis of Jacksonian epilepsy.

I assume that you know of my background and my early association with Dr. Kellogg and his work and of my close association with the Whites for two or three years, in which I was a member of the Board of Trustees of the St. Helena Sanitarium, going up to Board meetings regularly every two weeks and usually having Sunday morning breakfasts with Mrs. White.

My first introduction to the study of Mrs. White and her "visions" dated from the contact with my father-in-law, Smith Moses Kellogg, with whom Elder and Mrs. White made their home for about six months when they first went to establish the work at Battle Creek. You should recall that my wife, Dr. Lena Kellogg Sadler, was the eldest daughter of Smith Moses Kellogg.

Please tell me more about yourself and how you came to be interested in these matters as I am much intrigued by your letter of inquiry.

Sincerely,

William S. Sadler
William S. Sadler, M. D.

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More information on temporal lobe epilepsy:

http://www.ehealthmd.com/library/epilepsy/epi_kinds.html

<http://www.ellenwhiteexposed.com/headinjury.htm>

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