

Did Ellen White know about the Lunar Sabbath?

What was she "*shown*", if anything?

Adventists facing the evidence for a Lunar Sabbath will want to know, and these are good questions. Let's establish a Scriptural foundation first and then let the evidence from the pen of Ellen White (EGW) fall where it will...

Genesis 1:14 says that the luminaries in the heavens will be for signs [Hebrew word, *owth*], seasons [Hebrew word, *mo'edim*], days and years.

In **Psalms 104:19**, David is very specific about which light in the heavens will regulate the seasons [same Hebrew word, *mo'edim*]. *Mo'edim* means appointed times, set feasts. David says that the moon regulates these appointed times.

Leviticus 23:1-3 calls the weekly Sabbath the first feast [same Hebrew word, *mo'edim*] or the first appointed time in a long list recorded in **Leviticus 23**.

Look at **Exodus 31:13**, **Ezekiel 20:12** and **20:20**. In these passages, the Sabbath is called a sign. Same Hebrew word Moses used in **Genesis 1:14**. *Owth*. The Sabbath is a sign as well as an appointed time to meet with the Father. And both signs (*owth*) and appointed times (*mo-edim*) are regulated by a celestial object, a light in the heavens.

"The searching of the Scriptures would reveal the harmony existing between the various parts of the Bible, and the bearing of one passage upon another. We do not perceive the meaning of the word of God without much study; but the reward of the study of the Bible is exceedingly precious to him who fears God and earnestly searches for truth as for hidden treasure. At the present day there are a large number in our churches who are not sufficiently interested in Bible study to seek to understand the mysteries of the truth. They do not go below the surface. Those who are living in these last days, who acknowledge the binding claims of the law of God, have no ordinary responsibility. They are not to be satisfied with the surface truths. That which lies plainly revealed, which costs us no effort, will not be esteemed as highly as the treasure that costs us diligent, prayerful research and investigation. **Celestial truth** is represented as treasure hid in a field, "which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field," that he may work every part of it to discover the golden ore or precious gems. The earth itself cannot reveal treasures of as great value as can the Bible. No toil can so repay the diligent worker, as can the search for truth."

Review & Herald (R&H) 11-15-1892

This is an utterly amazing quote. Here's another.

"When the heart is brought into harmony with the word, a new life will spring up within you, a new light will shine upon every line of the word, and it will become the voice of God to your soul. In this way you will take **celestial observations**, and know whither you are going, and be able to make the most of your privileges to-day." ***Review & Herald, 11-24-1891 (Christian Education, p. 80)***

Lunar Sabbath keepers still regard the 7th day as the Sabbath of the Supreme Being, the Sabbath established at Creation. We are simply returning to the original calendar once it is discovered that the Gregorian calendar we have been observing is a counterfeit.

Here EGW calls it like she sees it, and she names names...

*“I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God’s chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments upon them, and they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, thinking that then the evil would be stayed.” **Early Writings, p. 33***

Regarding this quote, please take into consideration the following.

- 1. Mrs. White said that these things were going to happen at this time referring to the time of trouble, meaning the end of time.*
- 2. The ones proclaiming the “Sabbath more fully” message were empowered by the “Holy Ghost”, so this Sabbath movement is sent from the Mighty One of heaven.*
- 3. It says the righteous saw that WE had the TRUTH (thus EGW includes herself with those with the “Sabbath more fully” message), and came OUT of the churches including Adventism and endured persecution with those bringing the message of truth.*
- 4. Why would a nominal Adventist be enraged with a message that proclaims the “Sabbath more fully”? I thought Adventists already HAD the Sabbath message, how could this message possibly anger them? The answer to that is pointed out in the quote above and repeated below...*
- 5. They are enraged at this Sabbath message because they cannot refute it. The only reason they would need to refute a Sabbath message is if it is discovered that they are worshipping on the wrong day and this fact is pointed out to them. Rather than humbly accept correction, they are enraged. Why? Because they fear they will lose face, their credibility, lose their following and their tithe base (their cash cow) thus their spiritual pride will not permit them to accept the obvious truth.*

Adventists, even nominal ones (which means, in name only) have already accepted the Sabbath. The last final conflict is not going to be about the Sabbath vs. Sunday, it is going to be about the True Sabbath vs. Saturday. Remember, a counterfeit has to look a great deal like the original. Sunday, the first day of the pagan planetary week, looks NOTHING like the seventh-day Sabbath. But a spurious Sabbath, the seventh day of a counterfeit calendar, could generate sufficient hostilities. Now is the time! And it is not like Adventists have been given no warning...

“The fourth commandment has been trampled upon, therefore we are called upon to repair the breach in the law and plead for the desecrated Sabbath. The man of sin, who exalted himself above God [See **Isaiah 14:12-14** below], and thought to change times and laws [See **Daniel 7:25** below], brought about the change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week. In doing this he made a breach in the law of God. Just prior to the great day of God, a message is sent forth to warn the people to come back to their allegiance to the law of God, which antichrist has broken down. Attention must be called to the breach in the law, by precept and example.” *Life Sketches of Ellen White, p. 96.*

Has the Sabbath been safe-guarded in some way while every other institution of the Almighty has been attacked and counterfeited? The Adversary has a counterfeit for everything else established by the Creator, why would he ignore the Sabbath?

“The Sabbath question is to be the issue in the great final conflict in which all the world will act a part. Men have honored Satan’s principles above the principles that rule in the heavens. They have accepted the spurious sabbath, which Satan has exalted as the sign of his authority. But God has set His seal upon His royal requirement. Each sabbath institution bears the name of its author, an ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each. It is our work to lead the people to understand this. ... God has called us to uplift the standard of His downtrodden Sabbath. How important, then, that our example in Sabbathkeeping should be right.” *Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 6, p. 352-353*

Fact: Satyrday (the satyr is half man, half goat, the universal symbol of Satan himself) bears the name of our Adversary. A counterfeit has to look a like the original. Sunday has never been called the Sabbath and cannot rightly be called a Sabbath as it is not the 7th day of anything. Sunday does not “look” like a Sabbath nor was the above author was referring to sunday as a spurious Sabbath. Sunday is the obvious fraud. Satyrday, however, looks a lot like the 7th day (just the 7th day of the wrong calendar).

How did THAT happen?

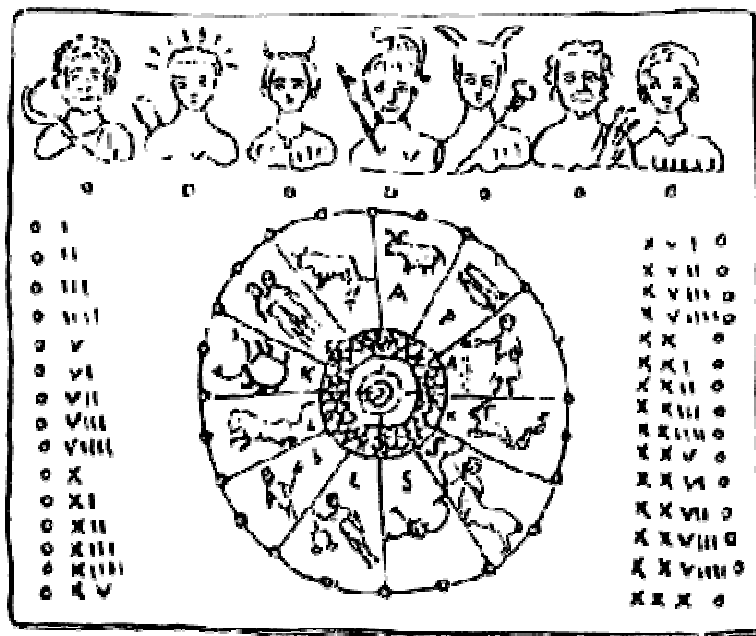
*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation [Hebrew mo'edim, appointed times], in the sides of the north:
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **Isaiah 14:12-14***

In prophecy, a mountain or "mount" represents the seat of authority, or a government (See **Daniel 2:44-45**). Above, Lucifer proclaims that HE is going to control the calendar of appointed times. Did he make good on his claim? If so, how?

*And he [the fourth beast] shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times [mo'edim, or appointed times] and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. **Daniel 7:25**¹ See endnote.*

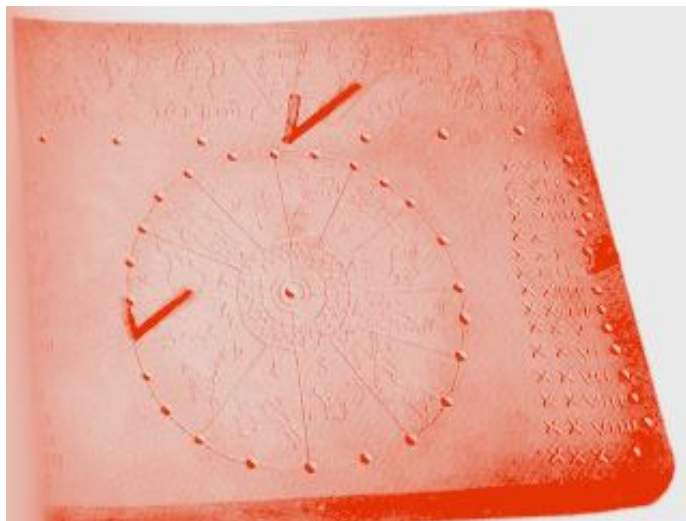
In the first century (when the NT was written), saturday was not the 7th day of the week. From its inception, saturday was the first day of the seven day pagan planetary week and not promoted (demoted actually) until A.D. 321 when Constantine venerated the day of the sun, supplanting saturday as the first day of the week with the "venerable day of the sun". You remember Constantine, right? During their evangelistic efforts, Adventists LOVE to proclaim that it was Constantine who venerated the day of the sun, making sunday the day of worship, but no Adventist will tell you what happened when he did so.

Here is a pencil sketch from a first century clay tablet calendar. Across the top, the days are inscribed as follows:



saturn's day, sun's day, moon's day, mars' day, mercury's day, jupiter's day, venus' day.

Rome ruled the world in the first century B.C., thus the Roman numerals, but this is not a Roman calendar. This is the pagan seven day planetary week as it existed from about 600 B.C., until A.D. 321 when Constantine venerated the day of the sun. Constantine



worshiped Mithra, the Persian version of the sun god. He did not want the day of the sun taking a back seat to saturn, so when he venerated the day of the sun all he did was bump saturday from the coveted #1 position in the week all the way to the seventh day, which was vacated by all the other days moving up one position in the weekly cycle, permitting the sun's day to hold the preminent position. The sketch above came from this clay calendar tablet (at left).

You see, the dirty little secret is out. In fact, it was never a secret. It is a historical fact that Adventists conveniently LEAVE OUT of their presentations. Saturn and the satyr are inextricably linked among the heathen pantheon. Satyrday was not the 7th day of the week anywhere on the planet until A.D. 321, and then by virtue of Constantine, not the Creator, so it certainly was NOT the Sabbath of Israel. Indeed, Sunday has never rightly been called the 7th day of the week, but Satyrday, the day Adventists WISH to call the 7th day of the week has only been the 7th day of the week for 1700 years. Satyrday is a day created, named and found exclusively on a pagan calendar; a calendar established and dedicated to the worship of false gods and later adopted by Rome, the fourth beast of **Daniel 7**. How then is it the Scriptural Sabbath?

Now you know what happened when Constantine venerated the day of the sun, and who was ultimately responsible, as well as who continues to promote a well documented lie.

“We are to be sanctified through the truth. The word of God presents special truths for every age. The dealings of God with His people in the past should receive our careful attention. We should learn the lessons which they are designed to teach us. But we are not to rest content with them. God is leading out His people step by step. Truth is progressive. The earnest seeker will be constantly receiving light from Heaven. What is truth? should ever be our inquiry.” ***Signs of the Times, 5-26-1881***

Truth is what? Static? “Those who walk in the light will progress... Truth is progressive; and those who are preparing for the last great day will go forward in accordance with the accumulated light which shines upon them. ... The truth which God’s messengers have presented by pen and by voice, the treasures of the word of God which they have opened to the people, the light which has penetrated the darkened chambers of the mind, will, if rejected, be witnesses against them in the last great day. The testimony which will come with condemning power upon the sinner, and which will close his mouth before God and testify of his guilt, is the fact that he saw the light, but for various reasons in harmony with the carnal heart, would not receive it. He would not receive the truth that was given to save him.” ***R&H, 1-05-1886***

Truth is what? Immovable? “The truth of God is progressive; it is always onward, going from strength to a greater strength, from light to a greater light. We have every reason to believe that the Lord will send us increased truth, for a great work is yet to be done. In our knowledge of truth, there is first a beginning in our understanding of it, then a progression, then completion; first the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear. Much has been lost because our ministers and people have concluded that we have had all the truth essential for us as a people; but such a conclusion is erroneous and in harmony with the deceptions of Satan; for truth will be constantly unfolding.” ***Signs of the Times, 5-26-1890***

“We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn...” ***R&H, 7-26-1892.***

Meaning we have twice as many things to UNlearn as we have yet to learn! The mounting evidence just never ceases, and none of it proves that Satyrday is the weekly Sabbath of Scripture. Ellen White says this about Passover, an event that occurred in the middle of the first Hebrew lunar month (the 14th day of Abib):

“The first of these festivals, **the Passover**, the feast of unleavened bread, occurred in Abib, the first month of the Jewish year, corresponding to the last of March and the beginning of April. The cold of winter was past, the latter rain had ended, and all nature rejoiced in the freshness and beauty of the springtime. The grass was green on the hills and valleys, and wild flowers everywhere brightened the fields. **The moon, now approaching the full**, made the evenings delightful.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 537

“In company with His disciples, the Saviour slowly made His way to the garden of Gethsemane. **The Passover moon, broad and full**, shone from a cloudless sky. The city of pilgrims’ tents was hushed into silence.” *The Desire of Ages*, p. 685

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Mrs. White says that there was a full moon that rose the night of Passover, and Scripture (evidence near bottom of page) and EGW admit that the day following Passover and the crucifixion was the weekly Sabbath when the man from Galilee rested in the tomb.

Scholars generally agree that the only possible dates that the crucifixion are A.D. 30, 31 or 33. These dates are accepted because there are other historical events that took place at known dates that must be taken into consideration and placed in the timeline of the events in the New Testament. However, Passover was a lunar event, the 14th day of the first lunar month. The lunar cycle is no secret and can be determined in either the past or future with a great deal of accuracy. Any moon phase calculator will tell you that Passover would have been on the pagan we-day in A.D. 27.

It would have been on the pagan mo-day in A.D. 28.

On the pagan su-day in A.D. 29.

On the pagan th-day in A.D. 30.

On the pagan t-day in A.D. 31.

On the pagan su-day in A.D. 32.

And on the pagan th-day in A.D. 33.

The day after Passover in the year of the crucifixion was most certainly the weekly Sabbath, see **Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54-56, John 19:31**, which means that if satyrday is the Sabbath, Passover would have taken place on a friday. But there are no fri-sat-sun weekend Passovers on ANY of the dates between 27 and 33 A.D. covering all the suspected years of the crucifixion. This proves that the 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 pagan planetary week was not employed by Israel in the first century as well as destroys SDA prophetic code which demands that the crucifixion took place on A.D. 31.

You cannot assume that saturday is the Sabbath and count backward by 7 to any of the years accepted by scholars for the crucifixion [30, 31 or 33 A.D.] and find a fri-sat-sun crucifixion weekend. There are two reasons for this:

- 1) In the first century, Israel was still observing the natural calendar established in the heavens at Creation. [See top of first page.]
- 2) Nature [the cycle of the moon] does not lie.

There are some who might examine the evidence for the years A.D. 27 through A.D. 33 and insist that Passover does not fall on the days I have listed above. These individuals are basing their conclusions on the concept that the first New Moon AFTER the vernal equinox begins the new Hebrew year. Please note the following...

A comment made in the appendix of ***Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, 1884 edition, p. 497*** and ***Great Controversy, 1888 edition, p. 681*** says this: "*Anciently the year did not commence in mid-winter, as now, but at the first new moon after the vernal equinox.*" I respect Mrs. White for the things she was shown, but she did not write the appendices found in these two books. In fact this statement is no longer included in the newer editions of the Great Controversy, but the damage done by this false statement continues. Here are three quotes (3 witnesses) from EGW that shows when SHE felt Passover would occur.

"...The time of the Passover corresponded to the close of March or the beginning of April, and the whole land was bright with flowers, and glad with the song of birds. All along the way were spots memorable in the history of Israel, and fathers and mothers recounted to their children the wonders that God had wrought for His people in ages past. They beguiled their journey with song and music, and when at last the towers of Jerusalem came into view, every voice joined in the triumphant strain." ***Desire of Ages, p. 75***

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At least she is consistent. Here is another quote from 1896: "The feast was held near the close of March or the beginning of April. This was springtime in Palestine, and the whole land was bright with flowers, and glad with the song of birds." ***Story of Jesus, p. 31.***

Notice that she does not say that the month of Abib began in late March or early April, she said **Passover** (Abib 14) would be in late March or early April, which means that the month itself would have begun two weeks earlier, proving that the first New Moon was at times actually **before** the vernal equinox. Is it possible to misunderstand these very clear statements?

The ONLY way for Passover to be observed late in the pagan month of March to early April is if you start the new Hebrew year at the New Moon nearest the spring equinox (+/- march 21). The data above regarding Passover in the years A.D. 27-33 reflects this principle. Any "first" New Moon that occurs 15-30 days after the vernal equinox would put Passover in late April or early May, which not only flies in the face of what Ellen White was shown, but also the barley harvest in Israel.

The barley ripens due to increasing light, not heat, thus it is not bound to a certain date on the calendar, rather it ripens due to naturally occurring events, and is always found ready for wavesheaf (Abib 16--the morrow after the Sabbath that follows Passover) late in the pagan month of March or early April.

Nature is the first gospel. All nature screams the majesty of Yah (**Psalm 68:4**). Nature does not lie; men do.

"In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored." *Prophets and Kings, p. 678*

"There is no excuse for anyone in taking a position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our [SDA] expositions of Scripture are without error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our [SDA] people, is not proof that our [SDA] ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation."
Review & Herald, 12-20-1892

EGW did not place any stock in what Adventists believe or their conclusions. According to her, Adventism stopped following the Almighty in 1888.² [*An argument could also be made that the Father left Adventism at that time as well. See end note.*] Discovering that the Sabbath is the 7th day of the week and coming out of Sunday worship, Saturday (presently the 7th day of the pagan planetary week) is the obvious first step, but the Truth is Progressive. Saturday cannot be discerned by taking celestial observations. Saturday is not the subject of Adventist wrath elicited by the Sabbath more Fully message at the end of time. Saturday bears the name of its author. Saturday is not coming back into allegiance to the law of the Almighty which the antichrist has broken down, it is the embracement of the calendar of the antichrist. There is no Saturday following the Passover in any year between A.D. 27-33 because Saturday is not the Sabbath of ancient Israel. And finally, Saturday, the seventh day of the pagan/papal planetary week, is not the restoration of a divine institution.

There is not a single former SDA Lunar Sabbath keeper who believes Ellen White was a Lunar Sabbath keeper. But an honest examination of the evidence in Scripture, nature and her own writings reveals that she WAS shown several foundational principals of the Lunar Sabbath message that line up with Scripture and nature that would be discovered by believers on this end of earth's history and embraced as further evidence that the Father is indeed leading this Celestial, Sabbath more Fully, Lunar Sabbath movement OUT of the churches. And Ellen White had the audacity to put herself in the ranks of those who would come out of the churches (including the Adventist church) to join the Sabbath More Fully movement that enrages Adventists, because they cannot refute it.

Interestingly enough, that has not stopped them from trying. If you want to see what Sister Ellen meant when she said Adventists could not refute the "Sabbath more Fully" message, please visit the Hall of Shame and read the SDA entrants at the website below.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. "The Catholic Church abolished not only the Sabbath, but all the other Jewish festivals." *Bishop T. Enright, CSSR, St. Louis, Missouri, 1905.*

"If you want to know the days to keep, go to the Catholic Church, not to the Mosaic law, we have power to put down feast days, and we have power to institute feast days."
Cardinal James Gibbons.

"He shall speak against the Most High and oppress the Most Holy ones of the Most High, THINKING TO CHANGE THE FEAST DAYS AND THE LAW." *New Catholic American Bible, Daniel 7:25* [All emphasis my own]

"Question: Have you any other way of proving that the Church has the power to institute festivals of precept (feast days)?

Answer: Has she not such power she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." *A Doctrinal Catechism, p. 174*

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act... And the act is a mark of ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters." *Letter, Cardinal Gibbons, 11-11-1895*

2. After the 1888 debacle, an angel guide showed Ellen what had happened behind the scenes. This is a short excerpt of what she was told regarding the leaders who stood against the message of Jones and Waggoner: "They are intoxicated with the spirit of resistance and know not any more than a drunkard what spirit controls their words or their actions." **1888 Material, p 278**

"An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord's message through Brethren E.J. Waggoner and A.T. Jones. By exciting that opposition Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special power of the Holy Spirit that God longed to impart to them. The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying the truth to the world, as the apostles proclaimed it after the day of Pentecost. The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world." **Ellen White, Selected Messages, Vol. 1, pp. 234-235**

“We may have to remain here in this world because of insubordination many more years, as did the children of Israel; but ... His people should not add sin to sin by charging God with the consequence of their own wrong course of action.” **Ellen White, Letter 184, 1901 (Evangelism, p. 696)**

For a more thorough examination of what was lost at the General Conference in Minneapolis in 1888, please read the study at the links below.

www.creationcalendar.com/StatuteFeastInfo/6-Jones_And_WaggonerSDA.doc

www.creationcalendar.com/StatuteFeastInfo/5-Skeleton_in_the_SDA_Closet_of_1888.doc