

THREE OBJECTIONS AGAINST ELLEN G WHITE CONCERNING WOMEN'S ORDINATION ANSWERED

Objection #1: Ellen G White was the founder of the SDA Church.

Answer: The Seventh-day Adventist church was founded by Joseph Bates, Ellen G. White, and James White (not Ellen G. White alone). Two other men, called William Foy, and Hazen Foss, had the opportunity, also to be founders of the SDA Church. But both of them FORFEITED this opportunity. Both were amiable and well-behaved professing Christians. Both were reputed public speakers and public haranguers. Both had a vision remarkably similar to the one Mrs / Miss White had in late December of 1844. But BOTH of them were too cowardly and too craven to relate the experience of their visions to the public, because they both were too afraid and too ashamed to incur the opprobrium. Therefore, BOTH of them forfeited their opportunity to be founders of the SDA Church.

Objection #2: Seventh-day Adventists depend on Ellen G. White for their teachings. She is "the last word on doctrine."

Answer: The church's statement of "27 Fundamental Beliefs" cites the Scriptures, not Ellen White, for each of its beliefs. In the book *Seventh-day Adventists Believe . . .* the church's beliefs are presented and explained in the context of the Scriptures, not Ellen White. Neither Ellen White nor the church has ever taught that she was the last word on doctrine.

Objection #3: Ellen G White was ordained into the office of publicly administering to the congregation in Word and Sacraments.

Answer: "But the question whether she had been ordained or not is settled definitively by her own hand. In 1909 she filled out a "Biographical Information Blank" for the General Conference records. On the blank for Item 19, which asks, "If ordained, state when, where, and by whom," she has simply inscribed an X. This is the same response she makes to Item 26, which asks, "If remarried, give date, and to whom." In this way she indicated that she had never remarried, nor had she ever been ordained. She was not here denying that God had chosen and equipped her, but she was responding to the obvious intent of the question, indicating that there had never been an ordination ceremony carried out for her." Source, S. Bacchiochi, "WOMEN in the CHURCH - A Biblical Study on the Role of Women in the Church", page 282. In the footnote: " Arthur L. White published this information in the introduction of an article entitled, "Ellen G. White the Person," *Spectrum* 4, 2 (Spring, 1972): 7." See also: <https://www.adventisthistory.org/2013/11/13/womans-place-in-the-gospel-by-j-h-waggoner-1878/>, and it testified that women are not eligible for the position of pastor or ruling elder, or any other position in which they exercise ecclesiastical authority and jurisdiction over men.