

“The Gift (10): Ellen White—‘Taste Them Again for the First Time’”

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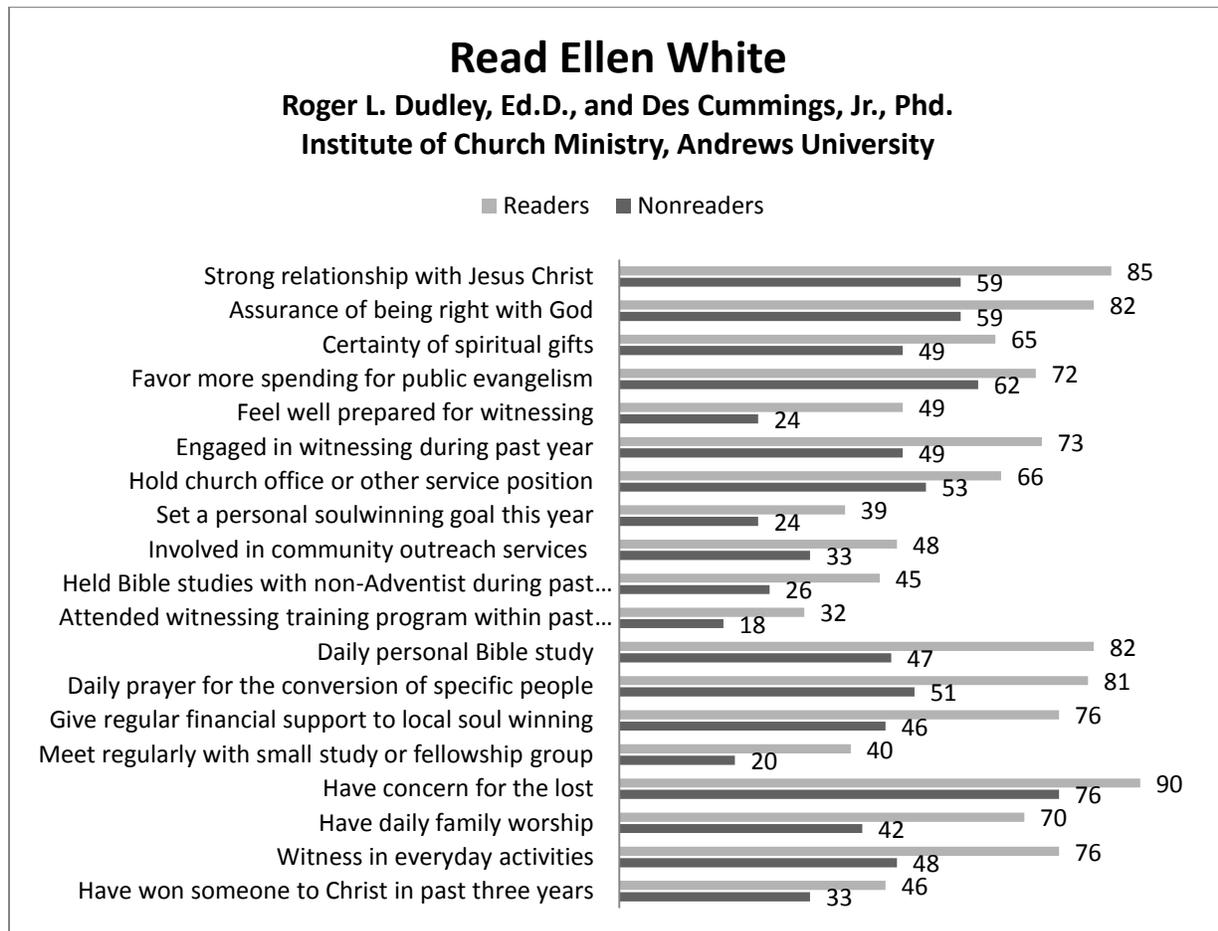
- *Christian Science Monitor*: “For real education reform, take a cue from the Adventists” (www.csmonitor.com)
- *National Geographic*: “The Secrets of Living Longer”—“In Loma Linda, California, researchers studied a group of Seventh-day Adventists who rank among America’s longevity all-stars.” (November, 2005, p 9)
- Leonard Brand and Don McMahon: “[The critics’] claims that [Ellen White’s] writings can be explained as originating from strictly human sources do not stand up to critical evaluation. Dr. Don McMahon’s research reveals a dramatic difference in quality between Mrs. White’s health principles and those advocated by other health reformers in the 1800s. . . . This difference indicates that Mrs. White had health information that could not have come from any human source available anywhere at the time she lived and wrote. . . . At least in the area of health, our research has provided evidence that demands an extrabiblical, extrahuman source of information to account for the accuracy of her health principles.” (*The Prophet and Her Critics* 87, 88)
- Exodus 15:27

□ The Cryptic Christmas Story

- Revelation 1:1-3; 12:1-6, 13, 17
- If I were the dragon:
 - Strategy #1—I would ravage the author and her writings so that no one will read her.
 - Strategy #2—I would overemphasize the author and her writings so that no one will read her.
- John Nevins Andrews:
 - “#19—One of the chief gifts of the Spirit of God that he has placed in the New Testament church is the gift of prophecy. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:1-4, 17, 18; 1 Cor 12:1-31; 14:1-5; Eph. 4:11-13. This gift the Bible connects with the closing work of this dispensation. Rev. 12:17; 14:12; 19:10. Spiritual gifts do not, therefore, cease to be of importance in the sight of God, nor in that to his true people. And that message which is to accomplish the perfecting of the saints and to fit them for translation, has the Spirit of God connected with it, and speaking out in the management of its work.”
 - “#20—Finally, in the reception of members into our churches, we desire on this subject to know two things: 1. That they believe the Bible doctrine of Spiritual gifts; 2. That they will candidly acquaint themselves with the visions of [Ellen] White, which have ever held so prominent place in this work. We believe that every person standing thus and carrying out this purpose will be guided in the way of truth and righteousness. *And these who occupy this ground, are never denied all the time they desire to decide this matter.*” (*Review and Herald* February 15, 1870, emphasis supplied)

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□ **The Research**



- “Seldom does a research study find the evidence so heavily weighted toward one conclusion. In the church growth survey, on every single item that deals with personal attitudes or practices [of spiritual life], the member who regularly studies Ellen White’s books tends to rank higher than does the member who reads them only occasionally or never.” (*Ministry* 10-82, p 12)

□ **The Three Classics**

- #1—*Steps to Christ*
- #2—*Desire of Ages*
- #3—*The Great Controversy*.
 - "*The Great Controversy* should be very widely circulated. It contains the story of the past, the present, and the future. In its outline of the closing scenes of this earth's history, it bears a powerful testimony in behalf of the truth. I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written; for in *The Great Controversy*, the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books." (Letter 281, 1905)
- www.amazon.com
- www.whiteestate.org
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“Oh Jesus, how I love you . . .”