



# Spirit of Prophecy Newsletter

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## Useful Labour

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I was told that one of the cleanest dirty words on NCU's campus is "work." The concept perhaps is not peculiar to this institution nor the society. There are many who can find work but do not want to work.

I take special time out to affirm the working students on our campus. I see beautiful young ladies and handsome young gentlemen walking with equipment for cleaning offices. They appear proud to be earning toward their fees here at NCU. We salute you and greet you well.

Many parents and students are glad that they donot have to work. But there are times when "Riches are indeed a curse when their possessors let them stand in the way of their sons and daughters obtaining a knowledge of useful labor, that they may be

qualified for practical life." {*Child Guidance*, p. 349.2}

The lesson must still be taught that "in order to have an education that is complete, the time of study must be divided between the gaining of book knowledge and the securing of a knowledge of practical work." {*Adventist Home*, p. 508.3}

Work is a great blessing from God given to man, even before sin. For this there is no change. No honest work degrades. Work builds virtuous men and women and "few have the virtue to withstand the highest bidder." It is still true, "that few things come to him who wishes all things to him who works.

This promised blessing in useful labour is not just for students but for all with a desire to achieve real success.

**"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return."**

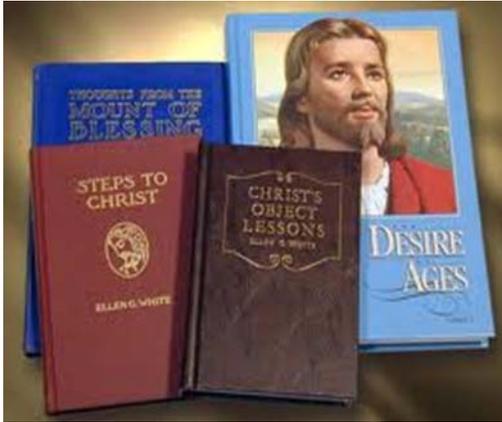
Genesis 3:19

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## Gift of Prophecy



Reasons for indifference or opposition to the writings of Ellen G. White:

1. A failure to read enough of, or all of the writings of Ellen G. White to thoroughly understand her overall and well-balanced instruction on any given topic.
2. A failure to understand the proper relation of her writings to the Scriptures, and of the whole Bible to the one and only great fundamental requirement for salvation and an entrance into the kingdom of heaven.
3. A failure to grasp the true nature of her writings with respect to inspiration and infallibility.
4. A failure to recognize the principle of time and place in connection with the counsels she has given.
5. A failure to acknowledge that the counsels given in the early days of the message are safe counsels for these closing days.
6. A failure to recognize that while sufficient evidence is given to convince the honest in heart, the Lord does not purpose to remove the opportunity for doubt or to take away the hooks upon which doubts may be hung. The Lord requires the exercise of faith.
7. An unwillingness to make a personal sacrifice of some personally cherished habit, custom or practice that seems out of harmony with the counsel given in the pattern for Christian living as set forth in the writings of Ellen G. White.

Rebok, Denton. *Believe His Prophets*. Washington DC: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1956.

### Thought for the Month

**“Wealth [gotten] by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.”**

**Proverbs 13:11**

# Did you know that...

◆ The Seventh-day Adventist church currently has over 220,000 active employees worldwide?

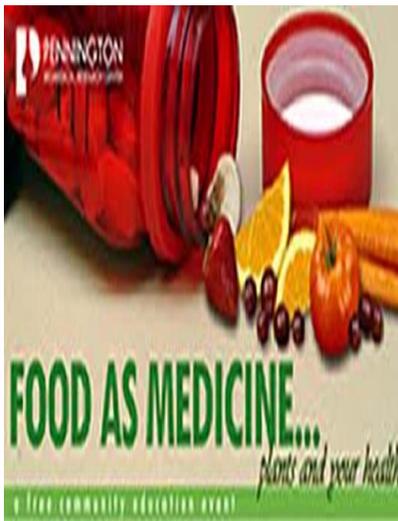
Source: *Office of Archives, Statistics and Research*, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist; Updated January 4, 2012



## Your Food – Your Medicine



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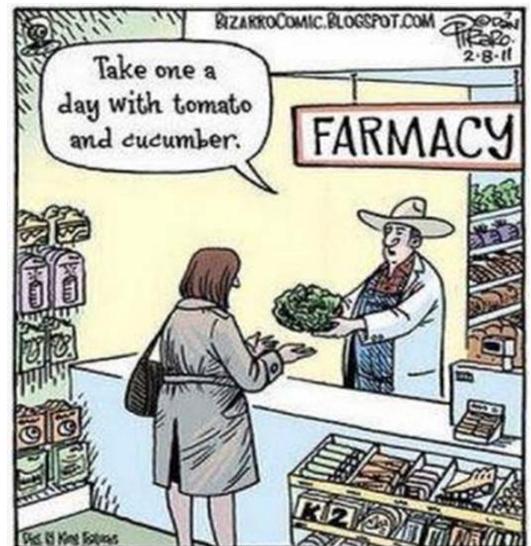


"In order to know what are the best foods, we must study God's original plan for man's diet. He who created man and who understands his needs appointed Adam his food. "Behold," He said, "I have given you

every herb yielding seed, . . . and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food." (Genesis 1:29, A.R.V. ) Upon leaving Eden to gain his livelihood by tilling the earth under the curse of sin, man received permission to eat also "the herb of the field." (Genesis 3:18.)

Grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables constitute the diet chosen for us by our Creator. These foods, prepared in as simple and natural a manner as possible, are the

most healthful and nourishing. They impart a strength, a power of endurance, and a vigour of intellect that are not afforded by a more complex and stimulating diet." {*Ministry of Healing* p. 296.1}



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## Important Tips



1. Manual training should begin at home.
2. Tools should be provided to the child when he is of a “suitable” age , which is usually pre-school age.
3. When a child first goes to school, his instruction in manual training should continue, “as a part of the school duties.”
4. “... So far as possible, facilities for manual training should be connected with every school.”
5. In the college and even secondary levels, manual training takes the form of “industrial training,” i.e., training in a manual vocation or trade.

**Source:** Cadwaller, E.M. *Principles of Education in the Writings of Ellen G. White*. Arizona: Leaves of Autumn Books, 1989

## Comments from our Visitors

*“I like the way I am greeted with a smile each time I come to the Centre. Good work guys keep it up.”* - student, NCU

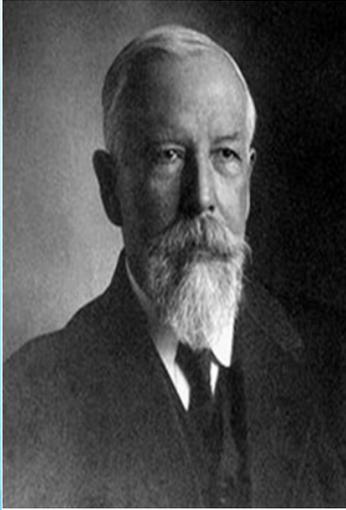
*“You are promptly assisted as a soon as you enter the Centre. Keep up the good work.”* - student , NCU

*“I have been blessed to know that we have such an educational Research Centre. I am impressed, great work.”* - visitor from Canada



## Pioneer of the Month

### William Clarence White (1854 – 1937)



The third son of Ellen G. White affectionately called "Willie."

William White was editorial assistant and publishing manager for his mother, Ellen G. White. The third son of the family, widely known as W. C. (and to his intimates as Willie), he was born August 24, 1854, at Rochester, New York, where his

father was then publishing the *Review and Herald* and the *Youth's Instructor*. He grew up in Battle Creek and Greenville, Michigan, attending the public schools and for a time a school taught by G. H. Bell in Battle Creek. Reared in a home that was largely the centre of the growing work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he listened with increasing interest and comprehension to conversations regarding the plans and methods of work for the advancement of the young church. He was baptized at Greenville, Michigan, at the age of 12.

His first appointment to denominational work came at the age of 20, in Oakland, California, where his father, James White, had just begun publishing the *Signs of the Times*. With the *Signs* being printed at a publishing establishment several blocks from the office, it was William's task to transport, by wheelbarrow, paper, type forms, printed sheets, and the finished papers. His working day was filled out in other tasks about the office, all of which afforded an all-around training in the publishing field.

Mary White, Willie's first wife contracted tuberculosis while doing editorial work in the publishing house in Switzerland, died in 1890 at the age of 33. In 1895 White married Ethel May Lacey, from Tasmania. In September 1900, when Ellen White returned to the United States and acquired the Elmshaven property near the St. Helena Sanitarium, he also returned and resided nearby.

Although White lived and worked in California until his death, he participated in 1933 in laying plans for the transfer of the files and the office of the White Estate to Washington, D.C., which was done shortly after his death.

Neufeld, Don. *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*. Hagerstown: Review and Herald, 11: 897-899.



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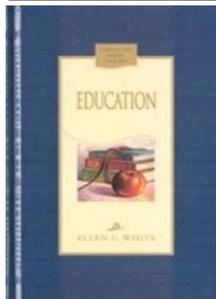
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## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

***Education*** by Ellen G. White



This classic work on education sets forth the unique and challenging idea that “the work of education and the work of redemption are one.” The ultimate goal of all learning should be to understand more about our Creator Redeemer and to reflect that understanding in our personal lives. In her writings on this subject, Ellen White was concerned, not with details of curriculum or educational systems, but with great guiding principles. The result is a penetrating look at the factors that make up true education in its broadest sense. The reader will find in these pages insights to guide not only parents, students and teachers, but all who seek true education in the great school of life.



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comments on Spirit of  
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