

**General Topics :: Seventh Day Adventists Doctrine, most specifically on the Immortal Soul****Seventh Day Adventists Doctrine, most specifically on the Immortal Soul - posted by FreebyWord, on: 2007/7/12 15:03**

Every now and then late at night I listen to the Seventh Day Adventist preachers. Is what they teach biblical, most specifically today the question I have is what do they teach regarding the immortal soul. Does anyone here know?

In general how does SDA doctrine differ from that of say Baptist?

Re: Seventh Day Adventists Doctrine, most specifically on the Immortal Soul, on: 2007/7/12 15:27

Hia Brother,

The SDA is a cult started by Helen G. White.

Here is a good article about them.

<http://www.apologeticsindex.org/s18.html>

And if you'd like more on it or Any other subject, this is the best Search Engine out there.

<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/search8.html>

You will see there are many Ministries to do a subject Search on and by clicking your back button after you do your first search, you can click on another ministry to do the same search without having to type 'whatever' back into the search window. Just click on the next Ministry to Search and keep clicking Back to try the next ministry.

Hope you're well.

His Love.

Edit: In these days, it doesn't hurt to put this Search up as a shortcut on our desktops.

Sure saves a lot of time, rather than sorting through a general Google or whatever Search, that can take hours.

LORD Bless.

Re:, on: 2007/7/12 16:32

Run, dont walk, far from the SDA. It is a cult, even tho as of late they have tried to morph themselves as being evangelic al. They are not.

They are no more Biblical than Mormonism or JW's. They teach salvation as a form of legalism, along with a myriad of ot her false teachings.

Krispy

Re: - posted by fill_up, on: 2007/7/12 16:55

This might not mean much but before I became a Christian I used to be in an immoral relationship with an SDA girl. Every Friday night when the sun was going down she used to panic and look for a biblical movie to put in to watch. :) It was an instant transformation on the seventh.

Re: Seventh Day Adventists Doctrine, most specifically on the Immortal Soul - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/7/12 16:55

My Pastor is a former SDA and he maintains a website where you will find clear Scriptural refutation of that system of belief.

(<http://www.exadventist.com/>) Ex-Adventist

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by running2win (), on: 2007/7/12 17:08

I'm very ignorant as to what they believe. Perhaps someone could put a post up explaining some of their theology and doctrine?

Re: Seventh Day Adventists Doctrine, most specifically on the Immortal Soul - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2007/7/12 17:08

This is part of the MI Conference of Seventh Day Adventist's statement of faith...

The Holy Scriptures: The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word, God has committed to men and women the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the authoritative revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 4:12.)

The Trinity: There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons. God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. He is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Tim. 1:17; Rev. 14:7.)

The Father: God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also revelations of the Father. (Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:11; 1 Cor. 15:28; John 3:16; 1 John 4:8; 1 Tim. 1:17; Ex. 34:6, 7; John 14:9.)

The Son: God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfectly exemplified the righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He manifested God's power and was attested as God's promised Messiah. He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things. (John 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:15-19; John 10:30; 14:9; Rom. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; John 5:22; Luke 1:35; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 2:9-18; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; Heb. 8:1, 2; John 14:1-3.)

The Holy Spirit: God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He inspired the writers of Scripture. He filled Christ's life with power. He draws and convicts human beings; and those who respond He renews and transforms into the image of God. Sent by the Father and the Son to be always with His children, He extends spiritual gifts to the church, empowers it to bear witness to Christ, and in harmony with the Scriptures leads it into all truth. (Gen. 1:1, 2; Luke 1:35; 4:18; Acts 10:38; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:11, 12; Acts 1:8; John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26, 27; 16:7-13.)

Creation: God is Creator of all things, and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity. In six days

says the Lord made "the heaven and the earth" and all living things upon the earth, and rested on the seventh day of that first week. Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of His completed creative work. The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was "very good," declaring the glory of God. (Gen. 1; 2; Ex. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6, 9; 104; Heb. 11:3.)

The Nature of Humankind: Man and woman were made in the image of God with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do. Though created free beings, each is an indivisible unity of body, mind, and spirit, dependent upon God for life and breath and all else. When our first parents disobeyed God, they denied their dependence upon Him and fell from their high position under God. The image of God in them was marred and they became subject to death. Their descendants share this fallen nature and its consequences. They are born with weaknesses and tendencies to evil. But God in Christ reconciled the world to Himself and by His Spirit restores in penitent mortals the image of their Maker. Created for the glory of God, they are called to love Him and one another, and to care for their environment. (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:7; Ps. 8:4-8; Acts 17:24-28; Gen. 3; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12-17; 2 Cor. 5:19, 20; Ps. 51:10; 1 John 4:7, 8, 11, 20; Gen. 2:15.)

The Great Controversy: All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe. This conflict originated in heaven when a created being, endowed with freedom of choice, in self-exaltation became Satan, God's adversary, and led into rebellion a portion of the angels. He introduced the spirit of rebellion into this world when he led Adam and Eve into sin. This human sin resulted in the distortion of the image of God in humanity, the disordering of the created world, and its eventual devastation at the time of the worldwide flood. Observed by the whole creation, this world became the arena of the universal conflict, out of which the God of love will ultimately be vindicated. To assist His people in this controversy, Christ sends the Holy Spirit and the loyal angels to guide, protect, and sustain them in the way of salvation. (Rev. 12:4-9; Isa. 14:12-14; Eze. 28:12-18; Gen. 3; Rom. 1:19-32; 5:12-21; 8:19-22; Gen. 6-8; 2 Peter 3:6; 1 Cor. 4:9; Heb. 1:14.)

The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ: In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will, His suffering, death, and resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin, so that those who by faith accept this atonement may have eternal life, and the whole creation may better understand the infinite and holy love of the Creator. This perfect atonement vindicates the righteousness of God's law and the graciousness of His character; for it both condemns our sin and provides for our forgiveness. The death of Christ is substitutionary and expiatory, reconciling and transforming. The resurrection of Christ proclaims God's triumph over the forces of evil, and for those who accept the atonement assures their final victory over sin and death. It declares the Lordship of Jesus Christ, before whom every knee in heaven and on earth will bow. (John 3:16; Isa. 53; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4, 20-22; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15, 19-21; Rom. 1:4; 3:25; 4:25; 8:3, 4; 1 John 2:2; 4:10; Col. 2:15; Phil. 2:6-11.)

The Experience of Salvation: In infinite love and mercy God made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might be made the righteousness of God. Led by the Holy Spirit we sense our need, acknowledge our sinfulness, repent of our transgressions, and exercise faith in Jesus as Lord and Christ, as Substitute and Example. This faith, which receives salvation, comes through the divine power of the Word and is the gift of God's grace. Through Christ we are justified, adopted as God's sons and daughters, and delivered from the lordship of sin. Through the Spirit we are born again and sanctified; the Spirit renews our minds, writes God's law of love in our hearts, and we are given the power to live a holy life. Abiding in Him we become partakers of the divine nature and have the assurance of salvation now and in the judgment. (2 Cor. 5:17-21; John 3:16; Gal. 1:4; 4:4-7; Titus 3:3-7; John 16:8; Gal. 3:13, 14; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; Rom. 10:17; Luke 17:5; Mark 9:23, 24; Eph. 2:5-10; Rom. 3:21-26; Col. 1:13, 14; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 3:26; John 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 8:7-12; Eze. 36:25-27; 2 Peter 1:3, 4; Rom. 8:1-4; 5:6-10.)

The Law of God: The great principles of God's law are embodied in the Ten Commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ. They express God's love, will, and purposes concerning human conduct and relationships and are binding upon all people in every age. These precepts are the basis of God's covenant with His people and the standard in God's judgment. Through the agency of the Holy Spirit they point out sin and awaken a sense of need for a Savior. Salvation is all of grace and not of works, but its fruitage is obedience to the Commandments. This obedience develops Christian character and results in a sense of well-being. It is an evidence of our love for the Lord and our concern for our fellow men. The obedience of faith demonstrates the power of Christ to transform lives, and therefore strengthens Christian witness. (Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 40:7, 8; Matt. 22:36-40; Deut. 28:1-14; Matt. 5:17-20; Heb. 8:8-10; John 15:7-10; Eph. 2:8-10; 1 John 5:3; Rom. 8:3, 4; Ps. 19:7-14.)

Christian Behavior: We are called to be a godly people who think, feel, and act in harmony with the principles of heaven. For the Spirit to re-create in us the character of our Lord we involve ourselves only in those things that will produce Christlike purity, health, and joy in our lives. This means that our amusement and entertainment should meet the highest stan

dards of Christian taste and beauty. While recognizing cultural differences, our dress is to be simple, modest, and neat, befitting those whose true beauty does not consist of outward adornment but in the imperishable ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit. It also means that because our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, we are to care for them intelligently. Along with adequate exercise and rest, we are to adopt the most healthful diet possible and abstain from the unclean foods identified in the Scriptures. Since alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of drugs and narcotics are harmful to our bodies, we are to abstain from them as well. Instead, we are to engage in whatever brings our thoughts and bodies into the discipline of Christ, who desires our wholesomeness, joy, and goodness. (Rom. 12:1, 2; 1 John 2:6; Eph. 5:1-21; Phil. 4:8; 2 Cor. 10:5; 6:14-7:1; 1 Peter 3:1-4; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; 10:31; Lev. 11:1-47; 3 John 2.)

www.misda.org

This link has the beliefs of the MI Conference of SDA's. It's always best to go straight to the source to find out what an organization believes. Why don't you write out your beliefs and go down the list of theirs and see how they differ? Then you can decide for yourself.

Re:Hellen G. White Founder, on: 2007/7/12 18:04

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<http://www.ellenwhite.org/egw17.htm>

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Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2007/7/12 20:57

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Jordan

Re: - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2007/7/13 13:59

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Don't get me wrong, I am not promoting their denomination, I was simply suggesting that the person requesting the information get it from them.

My cousin is a SDA and she doesn't believe that following their "rules" is how you get to Heaven. She knows that it is through Christ's sacrifice alone. Doing these things just set them apart. I am aware that they look down on us for not holding to their beliefs...just like other denominations do. But I don't let that bother me. God knows my heart and He knows hers.

Re:, on: 2007/7/13 15:04

I'm sorry MS, I didn't mean it to look like I was coming down on you.

Many sects keep the "rough stuff" out of their Statements of faith, so people won't run off too quick. Not just the SDA's.

When you read about them thinking the mark of the beast is anyone worshipping on Sunday and all the other stuff, it's probably too late to come out from there, because of all the truths that they may have.

I have a SDA friend too. We agree on a lot of things, but I pray for her to come out from "under the law" and see it's by Grace alone.

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His Peace.
annie

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No worries, Annie. :-) I didn't think you were coming down on me. I only wanted to clarify for my own sake.

I do feel your concerns about the SDAs. They have some very flawed views, which can lead to bondage. My cousin and I had a very intense conversation about the Sabbath. She gave me a list of Scripture as to why they believe what they believe and I answered her with Scripture as to why we believe differently. As we decided to agree to disagree, she said, 'it sounded to me like you think that we are legalistic.' I said that is what it sounds like to me, but she said that isn't how it is, they don't believe their salvation is based on it. I think that having been brought up her whole life in the SDA church, the things they do is just part of who she is. I also have great concerns about how they take Ellen White's teachings as Gospel.

I guess the best thing we can do is pray!

In Him,

Re:, on: 2007/7/13 16:30

Quote:
-----Can you explain what the other false teachings are? I've had some tell me that it's a false teaching to meet on Saturday, but I don't see where the days were changed in the Bible. However, I'm interested in learning about the SDA.

Meeting on Saturday is not a false teaching. A church is free to meet any day of the week. They teach, however, that if you don't meet on Saturday (the Sabbath) then you are not saved. In fact they claim that churches that meet on Sunday are the anti-Christ.

There are a plethora of false teachings in the SDA, but I don't have time to get into it all right now. Google "SDA false doctrines" and it's all just a click away.

Krispy