
Dr. Sakae Kubo has written a book that is a delight to read. His broad-mindedness and compassion shine through in every chapter. A list of the chapter titles will show its broad, inclusive sweep. There are 21 chapters organized in six parts. Part I, “The God of All Nations,” contains (after the Introduction) chapters 2-6: “The Meaning of Prejudice;” “You Shall Love Your Neighbor;” “Seventh-day Adventists and Race Relations;” “That the World May Know;” and “Anti-Semitism.”


Dr. Kubo has had broad experience. He was a professor of religion for many years at Andrews University (undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences, then the Seminary, and finally Director of the Seminary Library). He then became dean of the School of Theology at Walla Walla College, Washington; President of Newbold College in England; and vice-president for academic affairs at Atlantic Union College, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Hatsumi, now live in retirement in Chico, California, but he is still active in speaking and writing. This important book deserves wide readership. Kubo’s eminence as a biblical scholar is attested by his prolific and appropriate use of biblical passages—happily from the New Revised Standard Version, which, because of its gender-inclusive language, better translates the original languages in many places.

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