

Adventese Spoken Here

“To acknowledge the importance of minority and local cultures of all sorts, to insist on their protection and nurture, to give them demonstrations of respect in the public sphere are traditional aims that should be stressed even when one is concerned, as I am, with national culture and literacy.”

—E. D. Hirsch, Jr.

Seventh-day Adventists take a certain pride in the ready acceptance they experience whenever and wherever they meet fellow members. One reason for this immediate camaraderie is a shared vocabulary. To learn how extensive this vocabulary is, *FOCUS* asked a group of University faculty to compile the Seventh-day Adventist Subcultural Literacy List.

The inspiration for such a compilation came from the list published in the book *Cultural Literacy*, by E. D. Hirsch, Jr. The two lists differ, however, in purpose.

Hirsch’s list is *prescriptive*. He believes that “a mastery of national culture is essential to mastery of the standard language in every modern nation.” He claims that his list of 5,000 items is a “preliminary list” of what literate Americans know. He implies that anyone wanting to be a literate American *should* know his listed items.

Our list is *descriptive*. We are not saying that North American Seventh-day Adventists *should* know these items; we are merely guessing that these are the items they *do* know. Its purpose is to show the large body of common knowledge we share with others in our subcultural group, a knowledge that is not shared by those outside our group.

Developing a definition to determine what should be included and what should be excluded from the list proved to be difficult. We concluded that a term must have significance to Seventh-day Adventists or must have a meaning unique to its subculture and be so

familiar to North Americans enculturated into the Adventist community that it would not need to be defined or explained to them to be understood. We tried to avoid terms of a limited, regional familiarity and those known only to experts within a particular discipline.

If an item is known by more than one form, the most common is given first with other forms following a slash.

When Adventists refer to cities or towns well-known to their group, they seldom name the state. For such cities and towns, we have included the state abbreviations in brackets. Some place names serve multi-purposes, referring to a place, an institution and/or a concept. Examples: Battle Creek and Madison.

Words commonly used by those outside the Adventist subculture are included if they have a unique meaning or connotation to us. Examples of such words: *Temperance*—total abstinence of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. *Health foods*—commercially produced meat substitutes. *Millennium*—refers to our unique scenario of what will occur during the 1,000 years following Christ’s return.

This list was compiled in good humor by a group of Andrews University faculty chosen from among many disciplines and from various geographic areas. Those participating were Wesley Amundson, Stella Greig, Herald Habenicht, Bill Hughes, George Knight, Robert Johnston, Ronald Knott, Gary Land, Duane McBride, Norman Miles, Patricia Mutch, Lynn Sauls, Rilla Taylor, Jane Thayer and Craig Willis. The list was distributed to several non-denominationally employed alumni for their editing. We hope you enjoy it.

—Jane Thayer

457 BC
 538
 1755
 1780
 1798
 1833
 October 22, 1844
 1863
 1888
 27 fundamental beliefs
 70 weeks
 666
 1260 years
 1888 message
 2300 days
 144,000

AAW/Association of Adventist Women
ABC/Adventist Book Center/Book and Bible House
 academy
ADRA/Adventist Development and Relief Agency
 Advent Movement
 Advent Truth
Adventist Home
 Adventists
 alpha and omega
 amalgamation
 Amazing Facts
 Anderson, Harry
 Andreason, M. L.
 Andrews, J. N.
 Andrews University/AU
 Angwin [CA]
 Annual Council
ASDAN/Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses
ASI/Adventist Self-supporting Institutions
 Association of Adventist Forums/AAF
 Atlantic Union College/AUC
 Aunt Sue and Uncle Dan
 Avondale College
 AWR/Adventist World Radio
 AYS/Adventist Youth Service

Baby Fae
 Babylon
 Bacchiocchi, Samuele
 backsliders
 Bailey, Leonard
 Bates, Joseph

Battle Creek [MI]
 Battle Creek College
 beast
Bedtime Stories
 Belden, F. E.
 believer, a
 Bell, G. H.
 Berrien Springs [MI]
 Bible worker/Bible instructor
Bible Readings/Bible Readings for the Home Circle
Bible Story, The
 Blessed Hope, the
 blueprint, the
 Board of Higher Education
 Bogenhofen
 Bradford, Charles E.
 Braley, Brad
 branch Sabbath School
 Breath of Life
 Brethren, the
 BRI/Biblical Research Institute
 Brinsmead, Robert
 Brooks, C. D.

CABL/Collegiate Adventists for Better Living
 call, a
 camp meeting
 camp pitch
 Champion Academy
 Canadian Union College
 Canwright, D. M.
 Carcich, Theodore
 cause, the
 CBs/concerned brethren
 Chamberlain, Lindy
 children's divisions, the
 Choplets
Christ in Song
 Christian Lifestyle Magazine
 Christian Record Braille Foundation
 church school
 Cleveland, E. E.
 close of probation
 CME/College of Medical Evangelists
 College Place [WA]
 College View [NE]
 Collegedale [TN]
 collegiate quarterly
 Collonges
 colporteur/literature evangelist
 Columbia Union College/CUC/
 Washington Missionary College/

WMC
 combined budget
 communion service
 Community Services/Dorcas Society
 company
 conference
 conference men
 Conflict of the Ages series
 constituency meeting
 continuing employment
 cooking schools
 cradle roll
 creationism
 Crews, Joe

Daniel and Revelation Seminars
Daniel and Revelation/ D&R
 Daniells, A. G.
 dark county
 dark day, the
 Davenport affair, the
 Davis, Clifton
 deadly wound, the
 Delker, Del
Desire of Ages
 Detamore, Fordyce
 Dick, Everett
 Doss, Desmond

E.G.W. book abbreviations: AH, DA, GC, PK, PP, 2T, SM, SG, etc
 early and latter rains
Early Writings
 Edwards, Josephine Cunningham
 efforts/soul winning
 elder
 Elmshaven
 Emmanuel Missionary College/EMC
 entering wedge
Evil Angels

Fagal, Sr., William
 Faith For Today
 family altar
 Figuhr, R. R.
 finishing the work
 Five Day Stop Smoking Plan
 Florida Hospital
 fomentations
 foot washing/ordinance of humility
 Ford, Desmond
 Forest Lake Academy
 Foss, Hazen
 Foy, William

Friday night vespers

G. Washington broth

GC session

GC/General Conference

Geoscience Research Institute

Glacier View [CO]

Glendale [CA]

gluten

Gorham, ME

great controversy

Great Controversy, The

great earthquake

Great Disappointment, the

guarding the edges

Guide/Junior Guide

Halliwell, Leo and Jessie

hands across the gulf

Hare, Eric B.

Harvest 90

Haskell, S. N.

Haynes, Carlyle B.

health foods

health reform

health message, the/right arm of the message

Hegstad, Roland

Heppenstall, Edward

Heshbon

Hinsdale [IL]

home and school

Home Study Institute

Hooper, Wayne

Horn, Siegfried

Huntsville [AL]

hydrotherapy

"I saw"

image to the beast

in the work

in the Truth

in the field

ingathering/harvest ingathering

Insight

inspired pen

Institute of World Mission

investigative judgment

investiture

investment

It Is Written

Jail bands

JMV

Johnsson, William

Jones, A. T.

junior camp

Keene [TX]

Kellogg affair, the

Kellogg, John Harvey

Kettering College

Kettering [OH]

Kings Heralds, the

La Sierra College

La Sierra [CA]

Lake Titicaca

Laodicean message

LaRue, Abram

last day events/end of time

lay activities

leaves of autumn

lesser light pointing to greater light

lesson helps, the

Liberty

Life and Health/Vibrant Life

Life Sketches

Light Bearers to the Remnant

Lindsay, Kate

Listen

Little Debbies

little flock, the

little horn, the

Loma Linda labels

Loma Linda Foods

Loma Linda University/LLU

Loma Linda [CA]

Lord's work, the

loud cry, the

Loughborough, J. N.

Loveless, William

M.C.C./Medical Cadet Corps

Madison College

Madison [TN]

Malamulo

Maranatha Flights International

Marienhoehe Seminary

mark of the beast

Master Guide

Media Center

Merikay

Message

message, the

Messages to Young People

messenger of the Lord

midnight cry, the

milk, sugar and eggs

millennium

Miller, William

Ministry of Healing

Ministry

Minneapolis Conference

mission reading, the/mission

quarterly

"missionaries and colporteurs"

Montemorelos University

Monterey Bay Academy

Moore, Raymond and Dorothy

Morning Star, the

Mountain View [CA]

Movement of Destiny

MV/young people's society

my favorite author

Newbold College

Nichol, F. D.

non-Adventist

noncombatants

Noorbergen, Rene

Oakwood College

old landmarks, the

One in 20,000

ordinances, the

organized work, the

original diet, the

Our Firm Foundation

our hospitals

our schools

Our Little Friend

outpost evangelism

outsiders

Pacific Press

Pacific Union College/PUC

pantheism

Pathfinders

peanut eater

pen of inspiration, the

Philippine Union College

Phipps, Wintley

Pierson, R. H.

pillars of the faith

Pine Forge Academy

Pitcairn

Postum

Potomac University

preparation day

Prescott, W. W.

present truth

Primary Treasure

progressive classwork (Busy Bee,

Helping Hands, etc.)

publishing work
PUC Prep

Questions on Doctrines
Quiet Hour

Rea, Walter
red books, the
regional conferences
regular channels
religious liberty/soul liberty
remnant/remnant church
Revelation Seminar
Review and Herald Publishing Assn.
*Review, The/Review and Herald/Ad-
ventist Review/Advent Review
and Sabbath Herald, The*
Richards, H. M. S., Sr.
right arm of the message
righteousness by faith
Riverside Hospital
Rock, Calvin
Ruskets

Sabbath School expense
Sabbath School quarterly/quarterly/
lesson quarterly
Sabbath vespers
Sabbath School
Sabbath afternoon walk
Sabbath afternoon nap/"lay activi-
ties"
Sabbath potluck
Sabbath, the
sacrificial giving
San, the
sanctuary doctrine
SAWS/Seventh-day Adventist World
Service
SDA Theological Seminary, the
SDA Church Manual
seal of God
second coming/second advent
self-abuse
self-supporting work
servant of the Lord
seven natural remedies
shaking time
Shenandoah Valley Academy
Shepherd's Rod, the
shut door, the/open and shut door

Signs/Signs of the Times
signs of the end
singing band
Sister White
Sligo
Smith, Uriah
Smith, Annie
Solusi
South Lancaster [MA]
Southern Pub/Southern Publishing
Assn./SPA
Southern College/Southern Mission-
ary College/SMC
Southwestern Adventist College/
SAC
soy meat
special music
Spectrum
Spicer Memorial College
Spicer, W. A.
Spirit of Prophecy, the
St. Helena [CA]
Stahl, Fernando and Anna
Stanborough (press and school)
state of the dead/conditional immor-
tality
Steps to Christ
student missionary/SM
Sunday laws/blue laws
sundown worship
Sunnyside
sunset calendar
sunshine band
sustentation
Sutherland, E. A.
systematic benevolence

Takoma Park [MD]
tarrying time, the
temperance work
Testimonies for the Church
testimony meeting
These Times
Thirteenth Sabbath
Thousand Oaks [CA]
three angels' message(s), the
time of Jacob's trouble
time of trouble
tithes and offerings
translation
traveling mercy

truth mingled with error
truth, the
Tucker, J. L.
two meals a day

Uncle Arthur/Arthur S. Maxwell
unequally yoked
Union College/UC

Vandeman, George
VegeLinks
Vegeburger
vegemeat
Venden, Morris
vespers
Voice of Prophecy

Waggoner, E. J.
Walla Walla College/WWC
Warren, Luther
Washington, N. H.
Wayne, Jasper
Week of Sacrifice
Week of Prayer
Weimar Institute
West Coast Adventist
White Memorial
White, Willie
White, James
White, Ellen G./
E. G. W./Ellen Harmon
White, Edson
White, Arthur
White Lie, The
White Estate
Wildwood
Wilson, Neal
Wittschiebe, Charles
Wood, Miriam
work, the
worker, a
workers' meeting
world field
world budget offering
Worthington Foods

Young people's meeting
Youth Congress
Youth's Instructor