



# LETTER to the Editor

## Disappointment in Not Printing Full Response

Dear Editor (*Spectrum*),

I was surprised and disappointed to read your email, that *Spectrum* will not be publishing my response to Jonathan Butler's lengthy review of my new book *Ellen G. White: A Psychobiography*, in either your magazine or on your website. I found your request, that I try to limit my response to 500 words in a letter to the editor, to be totally unrealistic, given the amount of material to which I was responding. I hardly think that a 3,300-word response to a 4,500-word book review is excessive. It is obvious that your real goal is to prevent your readers from seeing that I fully dealt with the criticisms you published. The response I sent you simply took Jonathan's points, positive and negative, and concisely replied. I can understand the limitations on space that you must consider in the magazine, but your failure to allow for a full and fair response on your website raises major questions about your commitment to fairness and journalistic integrity. I believe you owe it to your readers to let them decide for themselves if what I have to say is valid or not, without you playing the role of censor. I do have to say that, given the very sad dishonesty that I have experienced dealing with some of the most influential members of your boards

(*Spectrum* and Forum), I can only assume that they must have played a role in this decision. Of course, I would not expect that this would ever be acknowledged, because that is not the SDA way. You prefer to hide from the truth and play passive-aggressive games, exerting control at the cost of integrity.

In any case, I will be publishing the full response on my website ([egwpsychobio.com](http://egwpsychobio.com) - see: [more.../articles](http://more.../articles)), on my Facebook page, and sending it to Christian Scholars Forum, SDAQ&A, and other interested parties. If *Spectrum* had any interest at all in fairness, I would expect it to provide a link from its website, but I am not holding my breath. If you as a reader would like to see my response, go to the above website, email me at [sdailycc@gmail.com](mailto:sdailycc@gmail.com), or message me on Facebook messenger. I find it very sad that *Spectrum*, which was once seen as the forum for honest debate about controversial issues relating to the Adventist Church, has degenerated to the point where you are not only unwilling to publish all

sides of important issues, but deliberately deny even a fair response to someone who is unfairly attacked. I encourage the reader to join in the daily discussions on my Facebook page, which actually allow all sides to present their views without censorship.

Sincerely, Steve Daily, PhD

