TIME: Tuesdays, 3:30-6:20 p.m., beginning January 18, 2000

LOCATION: Seminary Hall, Room 130

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COURSE OBJECTIVES
1. To acquaint students with major events, themes, and developmental stages in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist church.
2. To show the relevance of Seventh-day Adventist history to contemporary issues in the church, and provide students with interpretive tools for understanding current issues in the church.
3. To introduce students to primary source materials in Seventh-day Adventist history.
4. To cultivate an awareness of the factors that contribute to spiritual renewal or spiritual decline, both in personal and corporate life.
5. To facilitate the integration of course content with the student's personal faith, belief system, and life experience.

TEXTBOOKS:


COURSE REQUIREMENTS
A. Summary
1. Two examinations will be given, a mid-term and a final. Each will cover: class lectures, events and boldface dates from the Date List, and specified and/or general knowledge items from Light Bearers.
2. Each student will spend a minimum of 36 hours outside of class in reading textbooks and other sources as detailed below.

B. Evaluation
1. Schedule of Assignments Due Dates Approximate points
   Reading report, 20 hours Feb. 22, 2000 20
   Mid-term exam Feb. 22, 2000 50
   Reading report, 21-40 hours Mar. 14-16 20
   Battle Creek, Historic Adventist Village 10
Final Exam Mar. 14-16 50

TOTAL 150

2. Grading will be based on the following scale (in % of points possible):

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3. Other factors that may affect grading: late papers or unexcused absences.
   a. Late work caused by illness should be verified by a note from the campus health center. Major emergencies unrelated to illness should be discussed with the instructor before the due date of the assignment.
   b. Any student unable to be present for an examination because of illness or any other emergency should notify the professor in advance. If no advance arrangements are made, the grade for the exam may be lowered.
   c. Seminary attendance policy allows no more than 3 absences per quarter for a 3-hour class.

C. Reading report. The requirement is 40 hours of clock time spent in reading (textbooks and other secondary and primary sources as detailed below), reviewing class lecture notes, exam preparation, or a group project. Studying together is encouraged and recommended, provided there is a conscientious effort to distinguish between time on-task, which is reportable, and time off-task, which is not reportable. Standard: a reportable hour must include at least 50 minutes “on task.” In other words, an hour of study may include up to, but not more than, 10 minutes of exercise, social chatting, or other breaks.

Method of reporting. The reading report should be kept up to date in diary fashion as study occurs, not reconstructed later from possibly faulty memory. It should include the student's name at the top of the sheet and an itemized account of how study time was spent, as follows:

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Total hours 5.5

At the bottom of the sheet, give the total number of hours, and (for the second report) the cumulative total of hours for the quarter. The first 20 hours will be due at the time of the mid-term exam, and the remainder at the time of the final exam. Partial credit will be given for partial completion of the assignment or for late reports not due to recognized emergencies.

D. Some materials especially recommended:

1. R. W. Schwarz, *Light Bearers to the Remnant*, is the main supplementary resource for examinable names and terms from the Date List or the Lecture Outline. Two methods of use may be particularly valuable: reading of selected chapters to the extent that time permits (story
method), and use of the index to locate passages on specific issues (reference method). **Each student will read at least 10 hours in Light Bearers.**

2. Ellen G. White’s *The Great Controversy* is highly recommended. Especially pertinent to this class are chapters 22-28 and 35-38.

3. Arthur L. White’s 6-volume biography of *Ellen G. White* (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald, 1981-1986) is the best single source available for placing Ellen White’s writings in their historical context. Highly recommended for every SDA minister’s library.

4. Databases. Two major CD-ROM databases of early Adventist primary sources are found in the James White Library—-the Ellen G. White (EGW) and the Advent Pioneer Library (APL). Three advantages of using the electronic media are that (1) it saves wear and tear on the ancient originals; (2) documents are instantly accessible without having to be retrieved by research assistants; and (3) documents can be quickly printed without subjecting the originals to the photocopier. Microform documents offer a compromise between the speed of the electronic media and the "authenticity" of the originals. Students are encouraged to use electronic or film versions of the originals whenever possible, but especially when the originals are in poor condition. Each student may include in reading:
   a. Time spent reading or "browsing" on the APL.
   b. Time spent reading or "browsing" on the EGW CD-ROM.

5. Periodicals. **Each student will read a minimum of 2 hours total in the following:**
   Millerite periodicals (especially recommended: *Signs of the Times*, Aug., 1, 1840, *Midnight Cry* or *Advent Herald*, August to October, 1844).
   *Review and Herald*, 1850-1903.
   *Youth's Instructor*, 1852-1940.
   *Signs of the Times*, 1886-1891.

6. Other Early Primary Sources
   Documents of major significance, with insightful explanatory introductions.
   Miller, William, any works
   Litch, Josiah, any works

7. More recent sources.
   Baker, Delbert W. *The Dynamics of Communication and African-American progress in the


A collection of historical documents, articles, and visuals on selected topics relevant to the Black SDA work.


8. Videos.

The Midnight Cry: William Miller and the End of the World
Keepers of the Flame (8 half-hour programs)
Three Angels Over Battle Creek

9. Other sources or projects may be included by approval of the instructor.
Millerite Adventism

1816-1818  William Miller studies the Bible and Cruden's Concordance.

1818  Miller concludes that "in about twenty-five years the affairs of our present state would be wound up."

1831  Miller begins to preach.

1833  Falling of the stars.

1842  William Ellis Foy, a Millerite preacher of African-American descent, receives the first of four visions relating to the Advent movement. He faithfully carries out his commission.


Doctrinal Formation (Sabbath-keeping, sanctuary-believing, Adventism)

Oct. 23, 1844  Hiram Edson's insight in the cornfield.

Dec. 1844  Ellen Harmon's first vision.

Apr. 6, 1846  Ellen Harmon, "To the Remnant Scattered Abroad." Broadside; 250 copies; first "denominational publication."

1848-50  Doctrinal conferences (one in 1847, seven in 1848, six in 1849, ten (?) in 1850).

Nov. 1848  "Seal of God" and "Print a Little Paper" vision(s), at Dorchester, Mass., study conference.

July 1849-Nov. 1850  The Present Truth published.

Sept. 1850  The Advent Review begun. [Note that it overlaps the Present Truth.] Name was changed in November to The Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald.

1851  First ordination: Washington Morse
Aug. 1852   James White launches the **Youth's Instructor**. Headquarters settled at Rochester, NY.

1854   First Tent Evangelism
1855   **Review** office moved to Battle Creek.

Nov. 1855   "Sunset to sunset" decision.

1856   "Laodicean message" of Revelation 3, first applied to SDAs.

Dec. 1856   "Dash to Waukon" (Iowa) to recall J. N. Loughborough and J. N. Andrews to ministry.

1858   "Great Controversy" vision, Lovett's Grove [now in Bowling Green], Ohio.

1859   "Systematic benevolence on the tithing principle" adopted at a general meeting of Sabbath keepers in Battle Creek.

1861-1865   United States Civil War.

**Development of Church Organization**

1860   Name "Seventh-day Adventist" adopted, in order to legally incorporate the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association in Battle Creek.

1861   Local churches formally organized.


1863   General Conference organized on May 21. Twenty delegates present from six conferences. John Byington is elected president, with executive committee of three.

1863   "Comprehensive Health Reform" vision on June 5, in home of A. Hilliard, Otsego, Michigan. (This was a Friday night. The date is sometimes given as June 6.)

1864   M. B. Czechowski sails for Europe. By 1867 he would organize a company of Sabbath keepers in Tramelan, Switzerland.

1865   "Health Institution" vision on Dec. 25 [God's Christmas present].

1868   Camp meeting, Wright, Michigan.

1871   E. B. Lane becomes the first SDA minister to preach in the American South.

1872   Joseph Bates dies at the age of 80.

1872   G. H. Bell's school in Battle Creek, officially adopted by the denomination.
1874  June 4, Signs of the Times launched in California. The Pacific Press would be dedicated the next year in Oakland, California.

1874  September 15, J. N. Andrews sails for Europe.

1874  Battle Creek College opens (building would be dedicated in Jan. 1875).

1878-1895  Sunday law persecution (17 years).

1881  James White dies at the age of 60.

1882-1883  Battle Creek College closes for a year.

1885-1887  Ellen White in Europe.

1886  The American Sentinel begins publication; became Liberty in 1906.

1887  D. M. Canright leaves the denomination.

**Crisis and Reorganization**

1888  General Conference at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Studies on law and righteousness stir the denomination. W. C. White, acting GC president, divides North America into "districts."

1889  C. M. Kinney, first Black minister ordained by SDAs.

1891-1900  E. G. White in Australia

1894  Edson White and Will Palmer begin evangelizing Southern Blacks via the steamboat, Morning Star.

1895-1910  American Medical Missionary College, Chicago, J. H. Kellogg, director.

1894  Australasian Union (the first union conference) organized. Departmentalized in 1897, it became the pattern for GC reorganization in 1901.

1896  Oakwood Industrial School opens. It would become a senior college in 1943.

1901  Reorganization of General Conference (began April 1 in Battle Creek). BC College moves to Berrien Springs and reopens as Emmanuel Missionary College.

1902-1907  Kellogg Crisis

1903  GC session in Oakland, California votes to move headquarters from Battle Creek.

1904  May 18-25, "Berrien Springs Meeting" [of the Lake Union Conference].
      Summer, E. A. Sutherland and P. T. Magan found the school that became Madison College.
      Autumn, Drs. David and Mary Paulson found Hinsdale Sanitarium.

1905  Loma Linda property purchased, School of Nursing organized.

1907  Young People’s Missionary Volunteer (MV) department organized.
      Dr. J. H. Kellogg disfellowshipped.

1910  College of Medical Evangelists opens at Loma Linda, chartered to grant M.D.

1913  Divisions of the General Conference organized.

The World Church in the Twentieth Century

1914-1918  World War I

1915  Death of Ellen G. White, July 16.

1919  Bible Conference, Washington, DC.

1922  Ministerial Association formed, A. G. Daniells, secretary.

1923  Ministry magazine, L. E. Froom, editor

1929-1939  The Great Depression

1930s  Accreditation of North American colleges.

1934-1936  Advanced Bible School, summers only, at PUC, forerunner of Seminary

1937-1960  Seminary established at Washington, DC, became Potomac University

1939-1945  World War II

1944  Regional Conferences voted (first seven organized 1945-1947)

1952  Bible Conference, Sligo Church, Washington, DC (Our Firm Foundation)

1957  Publication of Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine (QOD).
1960 Emmanuel Missionary College plus Potomac University becomes Andrews University.
1962 College of Medical Evangelists becomes Loma Linda University.
1968 Finland and the Northern European Division request counsel on ordaining women
1970 *Insight* replaced *Youth’s Instructor* (founded 1852)
1974 NAD Bible Conferences
1975 GC Spring Meeting authorized ordination of women as local elders
1980 Glacier View Consultation examines Desmond Ford’s theology and prophetic interpretation
    Dallas GC session approves statement of 27 Fundamental Beliefs
    Walter Rea published allegations about Ellen White’s literary borrowing
1985 Vienna, Austria, GC session, first outside USA.
1990 Indianapolis GC session, denied full ministerial ordination to women, but authorized women ordained as local elders to perform all the functions of an ordained minister.
1995 Utrecht, Netherlands, GC Session. (1) Voted to deny the NAD motion to allow each division to decide for itself whether or not to ordain women to the ministry. (2) Voted the most far-reaching restructuring of GC governance structure and GC session representation since 1901.
2000 Toronto, Canada, GC session. First session under new rules of representation.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS**

1863-1865 John Byington 1922-1930 W. A. Spicer
1865-1867 James White 1930-1936 C. H. Watson
1867-1869 J. N. Andrews 1936-1950 J. L. McElhany
1869-1871 James White 1950-1954 W. H. Branson
1874-1880 James White 1966-1979* R. H. Pierson
1880-1888 G. I. Butler 1979-1990 N. C. Wilson
1897-1901 G. A. Irwin 1999- Jan Paulsen
**1901-1922** A. G. Daniells
*Resigned for health reasons.