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T H E P R E S I D E N T ' S P A G E



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One only has to go into the Internet to find a myriad of charges against the Adventist Church. Among them a hoary “It’s Babylon”—a charge Ellen White refuted more than 100 times. Then, of course, there are the heresies in pamphlets and books authored by this individual or that institution. Voices within the church urge it to move beyond its stale positions on the sanctuary and a literal historical interpretation of the first 11 chapters of Genesis. Still others challenge the personhood of the Holy Spirit and the deity of Christ. Others undermine the role of Ellen White.

However, an almost-10,000-strong voice within the church speaks for the many who believe in the church’s unique mission; upholds the sanctuary doctrine as a pillar of faith—one critical for truly understanding the currency of the investigative judgment—reads Genesis 1-11 as the author of the Pentateuch intended; upholds the unique Godhead divinity and relationship;

affirms the prophetic ministry of Ellen White, and, in brief, publicly endorses the 27 fundamental beliefs.

You’ve just read a description of the Adventist Theological Society’s credo (see our ad on page 54). Comprising a worldwide membership of theologians, professors of other academic disciplines, pastors, students, and church members of various professions, ATS exists to support the church in its worldwide mission.

Here’s a special invitation for you: Join us at our U.S. symposium in Denver, Colorado, November 16 and 17, at Denver South church. The theme—Creation and Prophecy. In fact, you won’t need to wait for November for answers to a few of the challenging scientific issues facing Adventists. Just read on! As for heresies and why they plague the church, I’ve given a voice from the past opportunity to speak again. Just turn the page!

The truths that constitute the Advent message make my heart burn! That’s why I’m a member of ATS. Just thought you’d like to know! □