

Fortin, Denis and Jerry Moon. *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia*. Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2013. 1,465 pp. Hardcover. \$69.99.

The editors of this important reference work, Denis Fortin and Jerry Moon, are both renowned experts on the life and influence of Ellen G. White. Fortin served as dean at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and since 1995 teaches, together with Moon, a course about issues in the study of Ellen White. Moon has written his Ph.D. dissertation about the relationship between Ellen G. White and W. C. White, her son. He currently serves as chair of the Church History Department. This work of 1,465 pages is not theirs alone but has been written by more than 180 contributors from all over the world.

The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia contains general articles on the life written work and theology of Ellen White. Included are a biography by Jerry Moon and Denis Kaiser; a chronology by Robert W. Olsen and Roger W. Coon; an article on her writings by George R. Knight; an essay on publications on Ellen White, friendly as well as critical, by Merlin D. Burt; an article on some of Ellen Whites more controversial statements in the area of science by Jud Lake and Jerry Moon; and an article on her theology by Denis Fortin.

The general articles are followed by a biographical section in which every person of importance in her life, as well as everyone she has written to, is listed with short descriptions. In combination with Appendix C, in which every recipient of her letters is listed in chronological order, the reader is able to quickly find background information on letters and manuscripts.

The topical section contains hundreds of articles pertaining to topics she spoke about, visions she received, institutions she wrote about, and events she was a part of. In this part, *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* provides well balanced resources about topics well known and often discussed, such as cheese and sports, but also descriptions of her less-prominent journeys to places such as Norway and New Zealand. Obviously, statements such as her being no prophet but a mere messenger, or the development and abandonment of the shut-door doctrine, are included and discussed at some length, not only relying on Ellen Whites own writing, but taking into account many other sources from the time in question. Her views on, and the development of, teachings such as righteousness by faith or prophetic interpretation are presented by experts in the field.

The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia is indeed a book that should not be missing on the shelf of any informed Adventist or anyone who is interested in studying Adventism or the life of Ellen White. The price of \$69.99 can really be regarded as a bargain, given the information, the degree of organization, and the international effort put into this undoubtedly most comprehensive work ever written on Ellen G. White.

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