

Ellen G. White Estate

MY JOURNEY TO LIFE

# INTRODUCTION

*Are you ready for a fresh start?*



## ***My Journey to Life, Introduction***

### **Are you ready to transform your life?**

Have you ever pondered the deeper meaning of life, our place in the universe, or God's purpose for you? The Bible, as God's inspired word, holds the answers to these profound mysteries, offering insight for your journey from now to eternity. Join us as we explore the timeless wisdom found within its inspired pages.

### **Where do you begin?**

Our comprehensive Bible study guides offer a **structured and engaging** way to delve into the Bible's mysteries, prophecies, and counsels. Imagine:

- **Unveiling the secrets of creation:** Explore the awe-inspiring story of creation and humanity's purpose as envisioned by God.
- **Discovering God's plan for salvation:** Gain a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ's sacrifice and the path to eternal life.
- **Finding hope and direction:** Navigate the complexities of modern life with the Bible's timeless wisdom and principles.
- **Building a personal relationship with God:** Let the Bible guide you toward a closer, more fulfilling connection with the Divine.

### ***My Journey to Life* study guides is designed for everyone.**

- **Newcomers to the Bible:** Start your journey with clear, foundational teachings.
- **Seasoned learners:** Deepen your understanding with insightful commentary and thought-provoking questions.
- **Individuals or groups:** Find a learning format that best suits you, whether for personal reflection or group discussion.

**More than just information, the Bible offers you complete transformation.** By delving into its wisdom, we promise you will gain a renewed sense of purpose, direction, and hope.

### **What to Expect:**

- **28 Fundamental Beliefs:** We'll delve into each of the core tenets that guide the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- **Start with the Basics:** Each guide opens with a clear statement of the belief for easy understanding.
- **Go Beyond:** Twelve thought-provoking questions guide you through each lesson to encourage you to explore the topic on a deeper level.
- **Find Answers:** Concise answers to each question will provide initial insights.
- **Strengthen Your Faith:** Explore relevant Bible passages that support the belief.

- **Gain Further Understanding:** Gain additional wisdom from Ellen White's\* writings on the subject.
- **Keep Learning:** Each guide concludes with a link for further reading, should you wish to explore even deeper.

**Ready to begin your exploration? Here's a brief synopsis of each biblical Belief. Start at the beginning or pick any topic!**

1. **Have You Ever Wondered:** How does the Bible speak to you? Explore the power of scripture as a direct line to God. (Word of God)
2. **Unconditional Love and Forgiveness:** Find peace in the knowledge that your sins can be forgiven. (Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus)
3. **True Freedom--A Life Unbound:** Break free from limitations and addictions. Explore the Bible's path to true freedom and happiness. (Salvation)
4. **Our Advocate and Judge:** Explore the dual role of Jesus as our advocate and judge, offering both comfort and accountability. (Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary)
5. **Finding Rest and Renewal:** Explore the importance of Sabbath rest and how it can lead to deeper connection with God and loved ones. (The Sabbath)
6. **The Promise of His Return:** Discover the hope-filled message of Jesus' second coming, the renewal of all things, and what this means for you. (Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming)
7. **Beyond the Veil: A Glimpse into Eternity:** Explore the concept of death as a temporary sleep and the promise of life beyond. (Death and Resurrection)
8. **The Mystery of the Trinity Unveiled:** Discover the fascinating concept of one God existing as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (The Godhead)
9. **God, Our Eternal Father:** Uncover the depth of God's love and the promise of an everlasting relationship. (God, the Father)
10. **Freedom Through Sacrifice:** Explore the life-changing message of Jesus' death and resurrection, and how you can live forever. (God, the Son)
11. **The Holy Spirit: Your Guide and Comforter:** Uncover the powerful role of the Holy Spirit in your life, offering comfort, guidance, and protection. (God, the Holy Spirit)
12. **Creation: Unveiling the Mystery:** Explore the story of creation in the Bible and delve into the wonders of God's design. (Creation)
13. **You Are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made:** Discover your unique value and purpose as a masterpiece of God's creation. (Nature of Humanity)
14. **The Importance of Family:** Uncover God's design for the family unit and its role in building a strong foundation for society. (Marriage and the Family)
15. **Good vs. Evil:** Explore the ongoing struggle between good and evil in the world, and within yourself. (The Great Controversy)
16. **A Fresh Start is Always Possible:** Explore the power of God's forgiveness and the chance for a new beginning. (Baptism)
17. **Hope in the Face of Darkness:** Uncover the message of God's victory over evil and suffering, offering hope for you today and for your future. (Growing in Christ)

18. **Empowered by Faith:** Discover the strength God provides to live according to His will. (The Law of God)
19. **Living a Life of Value:** Explore the timeless wisdom of God's moral principles that guide us towards a fulfilling and ethical life. (Christian Behavior/Lifestyle)
20. **Unleashing Your Potential:** Discover how your unique gifts and talents can be used to serve God and make a difference. (Spiritual Gifts and Ministries)
21. **Hearing God's Voice Today:** Explore the concept of prophecy and how God continues to speak to His people. (The Gift of Prophecy)
22. **Living a Life of Purpose:** Explore God's commandments as a guide for living a life with meaning and fulfillment. (The Remnant and Its Mission)
23. **Belonging to Something Bigger:** Discover the welcoming community of faith and the joy of belonging to God's family. (The Church)
24. **Good Stewards of Creation:** Discover God's plan for how we are to care for the world He has entrusted to us. (Stewardship)
25. **A Place for You:** Discover the welcoming embrace of God's community and the joy of finding unity within it. (Unity in the Body of Christ)
26. **Celebrating Our Faith Together:** Uncover the significance of Communion, a powerful symbol of Christ's sacrifice and our commitment to serving others. (The Lord's Supper)
27. **A World Without Suffering:** Discover the hope for a future free from pain, suffering, and death, as promised by God. (Millenium and the End of Sin)
28. **Forever Home: Living with God:** Explore the joy of eternal life and the promise of dwelling with God in a perfect new world. (The New Earth)

### **\*Who was Ellen White?**

Imagine a woman in the 1800s, facing limited education due to illness, who becomes a leading voice in a new religious movement and a best-selling author – translated into over 160 languages! That's Ellen G. White, a key figure in establishing the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a global denomination with over 20 million members today.

White's life wasn't easy. A near-fatal injury as a child left her with lasting effects. Yet, at 17, she began receiving supernatural visions that focused on the importance of Jesus and the ongoing struggle between good and evil. White became a compelling speaker, captivating audiences of up to 20,000, even without amplification!

Driven by her faith and the call of God, White penned prolifically. Despite her lack of formal education, she addressed topics like health, equality, faith, relationships, ecology, education, and evangelism. Her writings, emphasizing God's love, resonate deeply. Though she never attended college, she authored thousands of articles and over 50 books. She is the most-translated American author of all time, and her works continue to inspire millions, even beyond

the Adventist community. The Smithsonian Institution recognizes Ellen White as one of the 100 Most Significant Americans of All Time.

One of her most notable contributions is the "The Conflict of the Ages" series. This five-volume work explores the grand narrative of the Bible, from war in heaven to creation's dawn, to the fall of man, to the complete triumph of Christ over Satan, ending with a peek into eternity. It's a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes of major biblical events. This 5-book series consists of the following titles: Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, The Desire of Ages, The Acts of the Apostles, The Great Controversy. These 5 books are available online for free by visiting: <https://conflictoftheages.pub>

White's influence extends beyond literature. The Seventh-day Adventist church emphasizes health and education principles she advocated and has established a vast network of schools, publishing houses and hospitals based on her ideas and visionary leadership.

So why is Ellen White relevant today? Because in a world often divided, her message of God's love and the final victory of Light over darkness offers comfort and hope uniting people in their love for God. Her writings on practical Christian living provide timeless guidance on life, always pointing to the Bible as the ultimate revelation of God for today. As a self-educated woman who achieved remarkable things, White's story is an inspiration to anyone facing challenges. Ellen White's writings continue to provide on-going relevance for every generation and culture. She is the lesser light always pointing to the greater light found in Scripture. The White Estate upholds the importance of the Bible and supports the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church in spreading the gospel to the world.

Based on all 28 of the Seventh-day Adventist church's Fundamental Beliefs, a set of study aids has been developed by the Ellen G. White Estate. Each of the lesson is based on the Bible and is intended to help develop a strong belief in Scripture. Every lesson will help you establish a loving, trustworthy relationship with your heavenly Father and prepare your journey to a brand-new, joyful, and healthy life.

The structure of each lesson is predefined. The statement of belief is given in the first section, followed by 12 questions that will assist you understanding what the Bible says on the topic. Each question is divided into three sections. An opening paragraph outlines the topic being investigated. The second part takes you through multiple scriptural citations in the Bible Discover section. This is done to allow the Bible to answer the question itself. The final further readings section includes one or two quotes from Ellen White's works that reinforces the Biblical passages. All 28 My Journey to Life Bible studies employ the same approach of utilizing scripture to provide context for each declaration of belief and supplementary material from Ellen White's books to uplift Scripture. Start your journey to life by completing all 28 steps of the interactive Bible studies online at [egwritings.org](http://egwritings.org).

**Begin now *My Journey to Life*, Bible Study Lessons** online by visiting: <https://egwritings.org/allCollection/en/1340>

**Further Reading**

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