

Christian Service

AND THE GREAT FINAL TEST

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—*Ellen G. White 1888 Materials*, 1710

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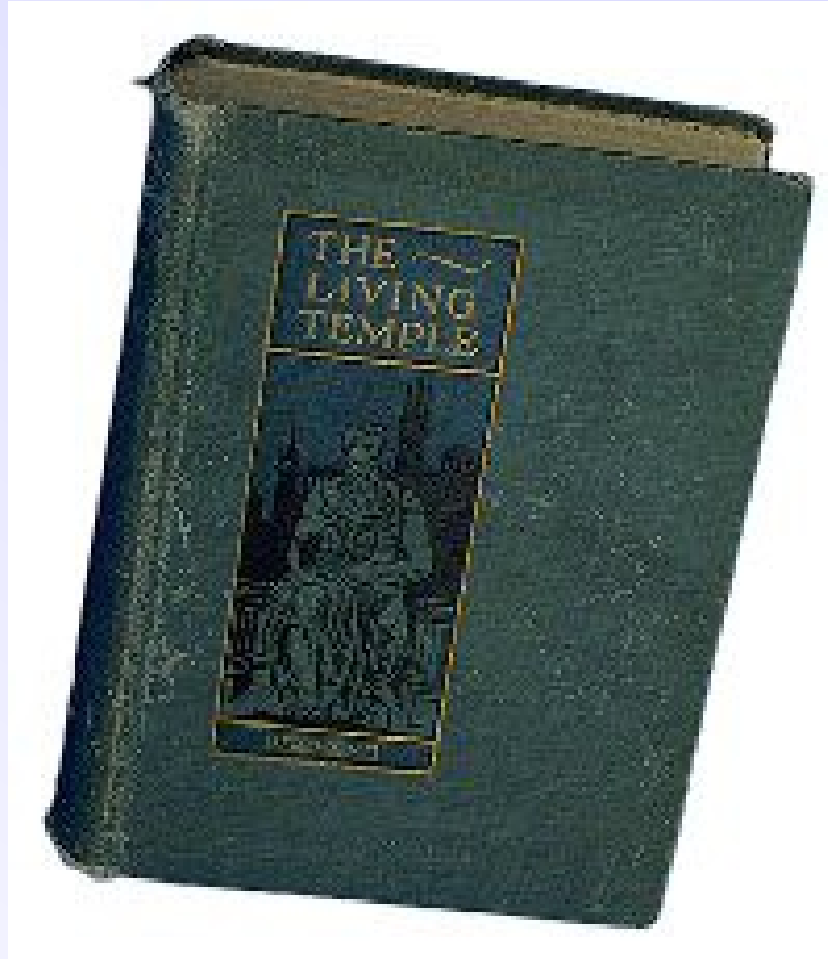
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—*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 5, 33

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Reaction

“To me it seems passing strange that some who have been long in the work of God cannot discern the character of the teaching in *Living Temple* in regard to God.”

—*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 11, 314

“I thought that [the problems in *Living Temple*] would surely be discerned, and that it would not be necessary for me to say anything about it. But since the claim has been made that the teachings of this book can be sustained by statements from my writings, I am compelled to speak in denial of this claim.”

—*Review and Herald*, October 22, 1903

Alpha

“I was instructed that certain sentiments in *Living Temple* were the Alpha of a long list of deceptive theories.”

—*Sermons and Talks*, vol. 1, 343

Alpha

“We need not the mysticism that is in this book [*The Living Temple*]. Those who entertain these sophistries will soon find themselves in a position where the enemy can talk with them, and lead them away from God.”

—*Review and Herald*, October 22, 1903

Alpha... Omega

“Be not deceived; many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We have now before us the alpha of this danger. The omega will be of a most startling nature....

“In the book *Living Temple* there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given....

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“Living Temple contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people.”

—Selected Messages, Book One, 197–203

“The Living Temple contains the alpha of a train of heresies.”

—Manuscript Releases, vol. 11, 316

OPERATION ICEBERG

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An iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg is above the water, and the submerged part is much larger. The submerged part has two glowing orange eyes. The word "OMEGA" is written in large, glowing white letters across the submerged part of the iceberg.

ΩMEGA

EMERGING:

(Exposing the Emerging Church movement
in Seventh-day Adventism)



"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them" (Eph 5:11, ESV).

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The Alpha

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result?”

The Alpha

“The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.



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A Warning

“As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavorable positions. For their own sake, they should, while they have the opportunity, become intelligent in regard to disease, its causes, prevention, and cure. All those who do this will find a field of labor anywhere. There will be suffering ones, plenty of them, who will need help, not only among those of our own faith, but largely among those who know not the truth.”

—Counsels on Health, 506

The Answer

“Unless there are those who will devise means of turning to account the time, strength, and brains of the church members, there will be a great work left undone that ought to be done. Haphazard work will not answer. We want men in the church who have ability to develop in the line of organizing and giving practical work to young men and women in the line of relieving the wants of humanity, and working for the salvation of the souls of men, women, youth, and children.”

—*Welfare Ministry*, 105

The Answer

“Because so little effort has been made to engage young men and women in the missionary work which must be done to bring the gospel invitation to all, there is but one worker where there should be a hundred. The indifference which is manifested for suffering humanity is charged against churches and families and individuals.”

—Review and Herald, March 1, 1898

The Answer

“The light God has given on health reform is for our salvation and the salvation of the world.”

—Testimonies, vol. 7, 136

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