



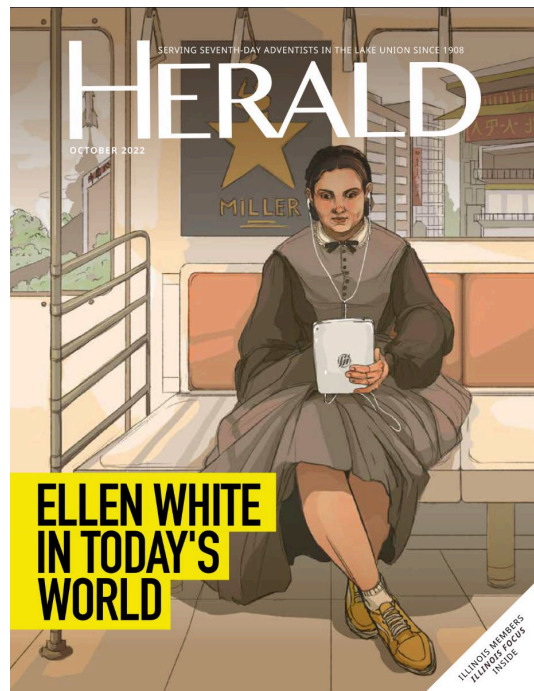
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This month's issue features Ellen White's role in today's world.

About the Cover (Artist: Linda DeYoung of Rockford, Illinois)

Matt Lucio, pastor of the Peoria Church and “Adventist History” podcast host, commissioned the artwork.

“My goal in commissioning this was to situate Ellen White in a context which we have a difficult time imagining. Many Adventists are good at visualizing themselves in her world, but what would it look like if she entered our world as she is? There are some updates, of course: her shoes are more modern, as is the hemline of her period dress. I think this forces us to think about what Ellen might embrace and what might she retain if she were alive today. She is on a train with an iPad in Asia (a place she never visited) with a SpaceX Starship launching in the background.

“The point of this unusual setting is to provoke reflection on how we relate to Ellen across time. To travel across time is to change. And yet we are sometimes surprised at how little things change over time.”

Treasuring the Gift

The other day I came across an *USA Today* headline which read,

my suggestion. I was reminded many decades ago, after reading frequent reports of meat contamination, I decided to give up eating meat. Yes, E. coli is not only linked to meat but this, in addition to reports of the mistreatment of livestock, were more than enough.

Imagine my surprise many years later when I joined the Adventist Church and was introduced to a then unfamiliar name, Ellen White, who I learned had counseled in 1905 about the dangers of consuming flesh (Ministry of Healing, chapter 24). She also had the insight to warn of the hazards of smoking tobacco, long before science made the same call.

Her health predictions piqued my interest. How could she have had such foresight? Yet, it was her obvious passion and love for Jesus which were most evident. She had an authentic walk with God—and it wasn’t just in her public ministry. Notice what she said in private. In an 1891 letter to her unbelieving twin sister, Elizabeth (“Lizzie”), she pleaded:

“Do you not believe He is your Saviour—that He has evidenced His love for you in giving His own precious life that you might be saved? All that is required of you is to take Jesus as your own precious Saviour. . .

“You must accept of Jesus. He longs to give you His peace and the light of His countenance. Lizzie, my heart longs to see you trusting in Jesus, for He can give you His grace to bear all your acute sufferings. He loves you. He wants to save you.” May our lives be a powerful witness of Christ’s saving power as we continue to cherish the Spirit of Prophecy, which is the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 19:10).

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FEATURED STORIES



Reading Ellen White’s writings like a contemporary

A few years ago, as I was discussing with a group of students the theme of God’s love in the writings of Ellen G. White (1827-1915), one student replied, “I hear what you’re all saying but, honestly, I have a hard time seeing this theme

there.”

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Should we use Ellen White’s writings to interpret the Bible?

Sometimes what inspires a person may come as a surprise—a conversation with a stranger, a turn down the wrong bike path, or a quiet moment in the middle of the woods.

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