

SDA Fundamental Belief 18 Changed in 2015

WAS (before 2015):

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White . **As the Lord's messenger, her writings are a continuing and authoritative source of truth** which provide for the church comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. ([Joel 2:28, 29](#); [Acts 2:14-21](#); [Heb. 1:1-3](#); [Rev. 12:17](#); [19:10](#).)

Source: <http://ssnet.org/about-us/fundamental-beliefs-seventh-day-adventists/gift-of-prophecy-fundamental-belief/>

IS (since 2015):

The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White. **Her writings speak with prophetic authority and** provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. ([Num. 12:6](#); [2 Chron. 20:20](#); [Amos 3:7](#); [Joel 2:28, 29](#); [Acts 2:14-21](#); [2 Tim. 3:16, 17](#); [Heb. 1:1-3](#); [Rev. 12:17](#); [19:10](#); [22:8, 9](#).)

Source: <https://www.adventist.org/en/beliefs/church/the-gift-of-prophecy/>

Note that, prior to 2015, Ellen was considered to be “**the Lord's Messenger**” and her writings were considered to be “**a continuing and authoritative source of truth.**” However, at the 2015 General Conference session, both of those statements were removed and replaced with, : “**Her writings speak with prophetic authority.**”

In other words, while retaining her '**prophetic authority**', she is **no longer considered to be 'the Lord's Messenger'**, [as she herself claimed](#) and her non-prophetic writings are **no longer considered to be an 'authoritative source of truth'**.
