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# Ellen G. White's Prophecy According to Catholic Church View

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## Abstract

The term "sect" is familiar to all religious communities. This term is known not only in Islam but also in Christianity, namely Advent (Seventh-day Adventist Church). A church that keeps the Sabbath day holy was pioneered by a woman named Ellen G. White. Its doctrine and teachings are believed to be a vision from God in conflict with his prophecies, because the prophecies taught contradict the doctrine of the Catholic papacy. This research is library research (library research), using several methods including descriptive methods and critical analysis methods. This study found that Ellen G. White's prophecy is a vision from God according to Adventists. But not so with Catholics, they are aggressively looking for evidence and accusing Ellen White of being a false prophet. His claims about visions begin with great experiences in childhood. Conjecture after conjecture emerged from various sects, including the Catholic Church. Some scientists claim that his vision was a mistake because of the suffering he experienced. Finally, this research can contribute to further discussion, so that it can be used to explore the importance of understanding the prophecies of Allah's messengers to stay away from wrong thinking.

**Keywords:** Ellen G. White, Prophecy, Women Leadership, Biblical test, Catholic Church.

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## Abstrak

Istilah “sekte” sudah tidak asing lagi bagi seluruh umat beragama. Istilah ini dikenal tidak hanya di agama Islam saja melainkan Kristen juga yakni Advent (Gereja Advent Hari Ketujuh). Sebuah gereja yang meng kuduskan hari Sabat yang dipelopori oleh seorang wanita bernama Ellen G. White. Doktrin dan ajarannya dipercaya merupakan sebuah penglihatan dari Tuhan dengan konflik akan nubuatnya, pasalnya nubuat yang diajarkan bertentangan dengan doktrin kepausan Katolik. Penelitian ini bersifat penelitian pustaka (library reseach), menggunakan beberapa metode diantaranya metode deskriptif, dan metode analisis kritis. Studi ini memperoleh hasil, bahwa nubuat Ellen G. White merupakan penglihatan dari Tuhan menurut Advent. Namun tidak demikian dengan umat Katolik, mereka gencar mencari bukti dan menuduh Ellen White sebagai nabi palsu. Klaimnya sendiri tentang penglihatan dimulai dari pengalaman hebat di masa kanak-kanak. Dugaan demi dugaan pun muncul dari berbagai aliran, termasuk Gereja Katolik. Beberapa ilmuwan mengungkapkan bahwa penglihatannya merupakan sebuah kesalahan karena penderitaan yang dialaminya. Akhirnya, penelitian ini dapat memberikan kontribusi untuk diskusi lebih lanjut, hingga dapat digunakan untuk mengeksplorasi pentingnya memahami nubuat-nubuat utusan Allah agar terjauh dari pemikiran yang salah.

**Kata Kunci:** Ellen G. White, Nubuat, Kepemimpinan Wanita, Uji Penginjilan, Gereja Katolik.

## Introduction

The Prophets are the best man chosen in which God gives His favors to carry out His message. They are elected as the intermediary between His Divine speech and His people; as they have been revealed with special instruction and knowledge to guide mankind to the right path.<sup>1</sup> In other words, mankind is led by a prophet with all the grace given by God -prophecy-. Through prophecy, Prophet escorts communities as they possibly predicted about the future events; following God’s revelation.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, the prophecy possessed by one was able to make him claim themselves as the true messenger of God.

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<sup>1</sup> R. Hutabarat M. Div., *Pengantar Roh Nubuat*, (Bandung: Indonesia Publishing House, 1997), 21.

<sup>2</sup> Djohan Gunawan, *Roh Inspirasi Anda Agar Hidup & Usaha Lebih Sukses*, (Jakarta: Elex Media Komputindo, 2014), 84

Reflecting prophecy, there are majestic events that are often considered impossible to be obtained in the current modern society. Prophecy, as it is believed to be a special ability owned by a Prophet as a gift from God, we are not going to meet one of them nowadays. As the era of Prophets has ended, if there is anyone who claimed that they just received revelation from God, it is understandable to say that this one is insane, or even saying this guy has committed heresy. The revelation asserted, moreover, accused as a fake revelation which derived not from God but Evil.<sup>3</sup> Eventually, there are false prophets who came to surfaces, claimed themselves have received the Prophecies.<sup>4</sup>

In accordance with the emergence of the phenomenon, we are introduced to Ellen G. White, a prophet from the sect of Seventh-day teachings of Christianity. She was claimed as the prophetess and considered as the greatest female leader of the Adventist sect for having a special prophecy for her congregation. This is on account of that Ellen has had a vision that not experienced by other previous Adventist leaders; resulted from a major incident in her past. Her health got worsened every year until when she was 17 years old, she experienced a 'prophecy' from an image of the future. A Vision.

As one of the well-known doctrine, there are certainly pros and cons addressed to this issue. The Catholic Church's beliefs, for instance. They accused Ellen G. White has arraigned Catholics led by 'animal horns' or demons. In other words, Adventism alleged that the doctrine of Catholicism is false. Another denunciation is that Adventism believes that The Catholic Church has changed the law of Sabbath sanctification which includes the 10 laws of God became Sunday. It is by consequence that the Catholic Church has allied themselves with Satan for having changed the law of God.<sup>5</sup> The enormous dispute took place later involving Papal strong doctrine in Catholicism and the Ellen G. White's doctrine in Seventh-day Adventists. This article will examine the origins of Ellen's prophecy, how her prophetic was tested by Bible and how the Catholic Church views on the matter.

## THE BIOGRAPHY OF ELLEN G. WHITE

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<sup>3</sup> Gilbert Lumoindong, *Nabi Palsu Menghadapi Serigala Buas Berulu Domba*, (Bethlehem: Bethlehem Publisher, 2013), 3

<sup>4</sup> Ellen G. White, *Kemenangan Akhir*, (Bandung: Indonesia Publishing House, 2011),

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 386

<sup>6</sup> Ellen Gould Harmon White was born on November 26, 1827, in Gorham, Maine, United States.<sup>6</sup> Her parents are Robert and Eunice Harmon, her middle name came from her father's name, Robert Harmon. In the Harmon family, she is the seventh of eight children accompanied by her twin sister, Elizabeth.<sup>7</sup> At the age of nine, the Harmon family moved from Gorham to Portland and begin for the new life.

It was a catastrophic time when Ellen and her twin sister returned from their school. It was just when they crossed the streets of Portland, Ellen hit a rock on her nose until she fell on the ground. She went into a coma for 3 weeks afterward.<sup>8</sup> Her health condition came worsened every year until eventually, this tragedy will change her future life forever.

When he was 12, it was a great and intelligent preacher named William Miller who came to give his first speech in Portland. In that sermon, Miller told people that Jesus will come both times in around 1843 and 1844.<sup>9</sup> At the time, Miller received a great response because her message got more and more spread across the city. He achieved his triumph.

In 1844 August was the year of <sup>24</sup> the second coming of Jesus. Based on the 2300 day prophecy in Daniel 8:14,<sup>10</sup> Miller predicts the coming of Jesus at that time asserted. But even after October 22, 1844, has been passed, it was nothing happened. The Millerites feel disappointed about this and go back to the day as it is. What happened later was called the "Great Disappointment".<sup>11</sup> Due to this, some of them are still believing and not, but Ellen White feels that this is still tolerable and believes that someday Jesus will come for a second time. Hence, she continues the prophecy and pass it on even though she does not know when it will be.

## Prophecy

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<sup>6</sup> Ellen G. White, *Testimonies of the Church Vol 1*, (Lighthouse Publishing, 1998), 7

<sup>7</sup> Ellen White's twin brother, Elizabeth was born on November 26, 1827. Often called "Lizzie" is the youngest of the eight brothers Eunice and Robert's couple. See on: Warta Majalah Masehi Advent Hari Ketujuh, *Adventist World*, 1 2015, 22

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.whiteestate.org>\_Ellen White's Head Injury, accessed at March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 14.45 p.m.

<sup>9</sup> The Adventist Review (ISSN 0161-1119) is published every Thursday, (America: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1983), 4

<sup>10</sup> Daniel 8:14, "Up to two thousand and three hundred evening and morning, and then the sanctuary will be restored under normal circumstances".

<sup>11</sup> Walter R. Martin, *The truth About Seventh day Adventism*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1960), 29

In Greek, The Prophet is to be called Navi; means as a person who called by God<sup>12</sup> The prophet's words are prophecy,<sup>13</sup> it was a duty to be conveyed to communities.<sup>14</sup> This obligation is supported by several competencies related to prophethood such as prophetic forms, prophetic instructions, the way of God's message to humanity.

The first is the forms of prophecy service. In the way of prophetic forms, it is clear that the prophet's ability to convey prophecy is wisdom with the ability of vision or foresight to create the right and true path to the service of prophecy. Second, The Prophet's instruction. Prophet's instruction existed Bible has recorded several types of messages that the prophet obtained, some of which are, prophecy, condemnation, history, and guidance.<sup>15</sup> Third, the way God's message reaches people. God calls people with various backgrounds as His mouthpieces, the methods are different too. There are three basic methods of delivering the message through the prophet. Directed, written and parable.<sup>16</sup> Thus all three have explained the meaning of prophecy widely.

## **Spirit of Prophecy in the Seventh-day Adventist Church**

On the Seventh-day of Adventist Church, the gift of prophecy is greatly spread by the hand of Ellen White. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, when Ellen White delivered her message, her prophecies received fierce criticism.<sup>17</sup> However, after passing the Biblical test, she can finally continue her ministry for 70 years; as it is told that it was aid from the Holy Spirit. Since he was 17 years old in the year 1844 to 1915 years of her death, she delivered a message as a Messenger of God and get approximately 2000.<sup>18</sup> During that time, she has lived in America, Europe, and Australia by providing guidance and opening up new working areas to expand Adventist teachings.

The prophecy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has predicted a great dispute between good and evil, as it is forecasted will occur on the last day of life on earth. Satanic anger has manifested the congregation of Christ, making them hostile to Christ confronting

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<sup>12</sup> Perjanjian Lama 2, 183

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, 183

<sup>14</sup> Afred Suci, *Nubuat Petaka Akhir Zaman*, (Jakarta: Wahyu Qolbu, cet. 1, 2017), 9

<sup>15</sup> R. Hutabarat, *Pengaruh Roh Nubuat...*, 31

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 25

<sup>17</sup> [www.ellenwhiteanswer.org](http://www.ellenwhiteanswer.org)\_accessed on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 19:52 p.m

<sup>18</sup> R. Hutabarat, *Pengantar Roh Nubuat...*, 40

the principle of God's law.<sup>19</sup> Satan commits fraud in many ways, in an error is made as if it were the truth. This deception as well as human law has replaced God's law. The human perception of the Creator altered, causing a man to manipulate their laws contrasting with God.<sup>20</sup>

## Ellen G. White Experiences Related to Bible

For seventy years Ellen G. White has been spreading the message by writing down the important things God revealed to her.<sup>21</sup> Advice for the sake of important advice taught in the Adventist church, both in the form of a guide, married life, and congregation. After comprehending the works of Ellen G. White, present-day Adventist leaders made their effort to account for the authenticity of Ellen G. White's prophecy. They undertook a number of tests to test the authenticity of her prophecy, including;

First, the message is in accordance with the law of God and the testimony of the Prophets in the verse of Isaiah 8:20.<sup>22</sup> According to the Adventist congregation, her writings always elevated God's law and guide men and women to the Bible.<sup>23</sup> It is proved by the keeping of the Sabbath law which is still sanctified by Adventist, as in Exodus 2: 2-3; it explained that God created the heavens and the earth for six days and in the seventh day, He quitted out from the work and rested.<sup>24</sup> This has been instructed by Ellen G. White in a mandate of three angels one of whom taught to uphold the Sabbath. Despite the fact that many Sabbath-haters are trying to find a reason to be able to change the law.

Secondly, Her prophecy was fulfilled in Jeremiah 28: 9.<sup>25</sup> According to Adventists, Ellen's writings predict a lot about the future. As She refuted Global Communities that it will no more war after 1890. According to this, Ellen G. White wrote:

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<sup>19</sup> Herbert E. Douglass, *The Prophetic Ministry of Ellen G. White*, (Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1998), 7

<sup>20</sup> Ellen G. White, *Kemenangan Akhir...*, 11

<sup>21</sup> R. Hutabarat, *PengantarRohNubuat...*, 8

<sup>22</sup> Isaiah 8:20, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

<sup>23</sup> R. Hutabarat, *PengantarRohNubuat...*, 83

<sup>24</sup> Yonki Karman, *Bunga Rampai Teologi Perjanjian Lama: Dari Kanon Sampai Do'a*, (Jakarta: Gunung Mulia, 2007), 34

<sup>25</sup> Jeremiah 28:9, "But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true."

Tornado is coming, and we must be ready for its ferocity. We will see difficulties everywhere. Thousands of ships will be drowned to the sea floor. The fleet will be drowned, and millions of human lives will be sacrificed.<sup>26</sup>

Referring to the quotation, Ellen has foretold that there will be such a terrible disaster in this world. It was true that allegations until there was World War I and II in the period 1914-1945.<sup>27</sup> Therefore, Ellen's prophecy has been fulfilled in those times. Ellen G. White also included a prophecy concerning the preservation of the body as God's temple.<sup>28</sup> To keep what God has entrusted to us, must keep it as good as possible. For instance, consuming meat: "Many die of disease caused wholly by meat-eating, yet the world does not seem to be the wiser."<sup>29</sup> Taken from Ellen White's predictions each year are increasingly culminating, because of her prophecy was fulfilled. A restaurant in England has made a fatal mistake because the eggs and meat consumed contain tapeworms. It is related to the rise of Mad Cow Disease due to the spread of Salmonella bacteria that resulted in the stock of cattle closed. As a result, the supply of raw eggs in the restaurant was limited by the government.<sup>30</sup> The fulfillment of her prophecies, lead to the increase of more believers.<sup>31</sup>

Ellen G. White also interpreted about the fruit production following Matthew 7:20.<sup>32</sup> In the New Testament, it is understood that the fruit emerging from the tree will reveal the nature of the prophetic. The verse, was considered as an allusion to the appearance of false prophets. The Adventist view of Ellen's prophethood is a considerable interpretation, proving that her prophecy is not limited to certain areas but health, education, family life, and much more.<sup>33</sup> Understanding Ellen's position as an important factor advocates the establishment of the Adventist Church in its development as a Protestant missionary.<sup>34</sup>

<sup>26</sup> Ellen G. White, *Berbagai Amanat kepada Orang-Orang Muda*, (Ellen G. White Estate, 2014), 96

<sup>27</sup> Gamal Komandako, *Ensiklopedia Pelajar dan Umum*, (Jakarta: Pustaka Widyatama, 2010), 608

<sup>28</sup> R. Hutabarat, *Pengantar Roh Nubuat*, 84

<sup>29</sup> Ellen G. White, *Spiritual Gifts Vol. 4a*, (Washington D.C: Ellen White Estate, 1949), 147

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.amazingdiscoveries.org>, accessed at March 31st 2018, 19:35 p.m  
<sup>31</sup> Adventist Current Magazine "The significance of Ellen White's Head Injury", June 1985, 20

<sup>32</sup> Matthew 7:20, "Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

<sup>33</sup> Ellen G. White, *Pendidikan*, (Jakarta: Indonesia Publishing House), 149-175

<sup>34</sup> R. Hutabarat, *Pengantar Roh Nubuat*..., 86



From that mentioned Biblical test, Adventists believed that Ellen is indeed worthy of being called a prophet, even though she did not recognize herself as a prophet claimed. Thus, Ellen G. White has fulfilled all four Bibles standards then called by the true servant of God by her followers.

## The Catholic Church view of the prophecy of Ellen G. White

For a long time Adventists claimed that there would be a government under the horns of animals, they were the great Catholic churches. While the Catholics themselves rejected the accusations and called themselves as native and universal churches. They believed that what they hold today is the fruit of the true and true teaching of the gospel under the guidance of the bishops who are believed. Reviewing this, there are several important points;

### a. Concerning Ellen G. White's vision of the Sabbath

It began with Ellen White testimony of the importance of keeping the four Sabbath laws as she said;

1 In the holiest I saw an ark ... in the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them and I saw the ten commandments written on them with the finger of God. 1 The holy Sabbath looked glorious—a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath was not nailed to the cross.<sup>35</sup>

1 The intention of the Sabbath is not nailed to the cross in the New Testament interpretation that should be done with the completion of the crucifixion; as it is finished the world's case, so there is no need to celebrate the Sabbath.<sup>36</sup> But the quotation implied that Ellen had seen a vision of the glory of the Sabbath, and meant that Jesus had glorified the day.

The declaration of the Sabbath was also revealed in his vision of heaven. Ellen G. White claimed that she has seen heaven, as she saw there that the Sabbath is not fixed on the cross, but should be celebrated as a glorious day. Instead, it refers to Bible Colossians 2: 14-16.<sup>37</sup> While Paul explained that

4 Foy E. Wallace, *God's Prophetic Word*, (Texas: Foy E. Wallace, JR., Publications, 1945), 310

18 Charles Pfeiffer and Everett Harrison, *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, (Malang: Gandum Mas, cet. Ke-4, 2013), 1051

37 Colossians 2:14-16, "Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public

the Sabbath has been mentioned in the Bible as a celebration that cannot be celebrated again.<sup>38</sup> From the previous Ellen G. White's statement, there is no Sabbath sentence in the nails on the cross, but in verse Colossians 2: 14-16 Paul said that in the Bible, the Sabbath was nailed to the cross.<sup>39</sup> Therefore, the reason Ellen received a vision of heaven but did not see what the Bible verse said so as to produce a contradiction between her vision and the Bible verse. Then this underpins the Catholic view on her vision is not as accurate as of the Bible verse.

#### b. The Conflicts of Erwin and Canright

D.M. Canright is an advocate of Adventist preaching. For 28 years, He has studied the errors that existed within the Adventist doctrine. On his way of expressing their faults, he has been at odds with Erwin a leader of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference.<sup>40</sup> Often they meet to solve a complicated case between Adventists and critics like Canright.

Related to Ellen's claim of vision is a revelation from God,<sup>41</sup> Erwin agreed on the subject while Canright rejected it.<sup>42</sup> Erwin openly said that "believe as we believe, if the Spirit of Prophecy (Ellen White) is the only one worthy to understand the basic foundation of the Bible."<sup>43</sup> Therefore, Ellen's followers have fully admitted that her writings as the basic foundation to help understand the Bible with authority as an Adventist prophet. But the contrary, to the Roman Catholic church, they donot dare

<sup>3</sup> spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths,"

<sup>38</sup> Referring to the previous verse explains that the Sabbath observance according to the Apostle Paul has contradicted the Bible. Because the Sabbath is a celebration celebrated after Jesus' death by slaughtering a lamb to represent Jesus. While Paul says that on that day Jesus died on the cross, and Jesus here is substance. Until it does not need to be celebrated in such a way, in the name of the Lord Jesus and all his rituals.

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<sup>39</sup> Only the Sabbath looked glorious and Ellen saw it was not nailed to the cross. But in colossians 2:14-16, Paul said that God abolished the law, nailing <sup>23</sup> to the cross, and added, let no man therefore judge you in meet, or in drink, etc. See on: *Tafsir Alkitab Perjanjian Lama*

<sup>40</sup> General Conference of Seventh-day Adventism is denomination of Christian churches in North America, with mission works and partnership in countries worldwide. Born out of the "Adventist Movement" of the 1800s. www.adventchristiangeneralconference.\_accessed on April 26, 2018, 21:48 p.m

<sup>41</sup> Anthony Hoekma, *Seventh-day Adventist*, (U.S.A: Eerdmans Publishing, 1963), 25

<sup>42</sup> Adventist Currents Magazine "The Significance of Ellen White's Head Injury" , June 1985, 20

<sup>43</sup> Foy E. Wallace, *God's Prophetic Word*,...309

to claim the true interpretation of the Bible for the laity.<sup>44</sup> Adventists, on the other hand with the prophetess authority of Ellen White boldly proclaimed the claim. That is the Catholic Church's response to the claim of Ellen's prophetic position in Adventist.

### c. Sabbath Changes over to Sunday

The sign of the Catholic Church's power is the transition of the Sabbath to Sunday. In such a way preserving this Holy Day, Catholic Church renounced an authority to set a holiday and commanded who did not follow this rule under sin.<sup>45</sup> Gradually, they invite all Christians around the world to sanctify Sunday.

According to the Adventist account, the Papacy is the mark of the beast as it is written in Revelation 13.<sup>46</sup> Referring to that verse, the mark of the beast that appears is one of the three angels' messages.<sup>47</sup> The Adventists consider the message of the three angels to be fulfilled and insist on the promise of God to the remnant and true people in keeping the law of God.

The interpretation of Ellen G. White in her understanding of the Bible reaps a lot, as a Catholic is not the standard of the actual biblical interpretation, but she has abused the biblical texts.<sup>48</sup> Referring to the letter of Hebrew 7:12<sup>49</sup> and Matthew 5:18<sup>50</sup> explained that the law was abrogated, which means that the four Sabbaths have gone too.<sup>51</sup> Both verses meant that the law has changed; Sabbath sanctification has modified from the Old Testament teachings fulfilled by the New Testament.

## The Prophetess of Ellen G. White in Catholic Church View

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<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, 309

<sup>45</sup> Henry Tuberville, *An Abridgment of Christian Doctrine*, (New York : Published by John Doyle, 1833), 58

<sup>46</sup> It is called the mark of the beast because they do not obey the fourth law of God (the Sabbath). Ellen G. White, *Kemenangan Akhir...*, 386

<sup>47</sup> The three angels' messages; first, the eternal gospel appeals to obedience to God. the second is the collapse of Babylon, the third about the judgment of all who have worshiped the beast and his image. Charles Pfeiffer and Everett Harrison, *The Wycliffe Bible...*, 1457

<sup>48</sup> J. Verkuyl, *Gereja dan Bidat*, (Jakarta: Badan Penerbit Kristen, 1966), 94

<sup>49</sup> Hebrew 7:12, "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law."

<sup>50</sup> Matthew 5:18, "For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished."

<sup>51</sup> Charles Pfeiffer, *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary...*, 43

According to the Catholic, Ellen G. White's position as an Adventist prophet is wrong. It is on account of because Adventists officially considered Ellen G. White inspired by the word of God and makes her writing equal to Him. The following important quote will explain;

We believe that Ellen White was inspired by the holy spirit and that her writings, the product of that inspiration, are applicable and wise, especially to Seventh-day Adventists ... we do not believe that the quality or extent of inspiration in Ellen White's writings is different of the scriptures.

Referring to the last statement, the quality or level of inspiration in Ellen White's writings is judged as the same and was taken from the Bible. The claim of a textual difference with scripture is one that Ellen does not believe, Adventists argue.<sup>52</sup> This has been quoted directly in 28 Adventist Fundamental Beliefs number 18.<sup>53</sup> Accordingly, it adds more Catholic confidence to Adventist mistakes. They consider her prophecy is an inspiration from God that will not be blamed for.

The Catholic Church's repudiation to White was also about her woman's leadership in Catholicism. As such, Ellen G. White's position as a prophetess in Adventist teachings has violated the Bible teachings. As it is written in 1 Timothy 2: 12-14,<sup>54</sup> Paul says that women should not exceed male power. In the New Testament, we also find that it is clear that women should not occupy the positions of leaders or teachers in the Church. Similarly, Paul quoted the order of creation (Adam) to establish the nature of male leadership, so even though Adam is also guilty when both were expelled from Heaven, but he was not as ethereal as Eve. So as Paul explains that man's nature is superior to women in leadership and power.<sup>55</sup> Moreover, Paul considered Ellen G. White to have violated three things in her church that she was not subdued, silent, and has robbed the power.<sup>56</sup> Thus, according to Paul, Ellen G. White had broken the Bible and disobeyed it by claiming herself as a Prophet.

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<sup>25</sup> 28 *Fundamental Beliefs*, from Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2015, 6

<sup>53</sup> Stephen Korsman, *Catholic discussion of Seventh-day Adventism*, 2016, p. 198

<sup>54</sup> 1 Timothy 2: 12-14, I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

<sup>55</sup> Ed. Charles Pfeiffer and Everret F. Harrison, *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary...*,

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<sup>4</sup> Foy E. Wallace, *God's Prophetic Word*, (Oklahoma City: Foy E. Wallace Publications, 1945), 311-312

## The Characteristic of Sect in the Catholic Church

All Christians are ruled under the New Testament. If Adventists, preached by Ellen G. White, believed in that they have to obey the previous Old Testament law of the Sabbath, they were not going to be considered as a 'Bible-based Christian', but an Antichrist sect. As such, it was what happened to Adventists, when Catholics attacked them with the same charge, insisted that they were the anti-Christ.<sup>57</sup> As Ellen accused them (Catholics) as a church led by a demon or an Antichrist.

At the same time, Catholics have assumed some views about the characteristics of the teachings of sects including; First, Sect used psychological coercion to recruit, indoctrinate, and retain members. Secondly, Sect formed an elitist totalitarian society. Third, the leader of the congregation has appointed the leader -which in the case of Adventists is Ellen G. White- is to be recognized, dogmatic,<sup>58</sup> messianic,<sup>59</sup> irresponsible, and charismatic. Fourth, they believe that they have every right to recruit people. Fifth, the wealth own by a leader does not benefit Sectmembers or society.<sup>60</sup> Based on the five characteristics of the sect, we are able to observe several points to be considered so, as the first and second point, the Adventists declared themselves to be true churches or true believers. Furthermore, the second point also shows that the Adventist leader, Ellen G. White has acknowledged herself as a prophet to the point of her fake allegations were ignored by her congregation.<sup>61</sup>

The repudiation that supports the fourth point is the discovery of a proof of the the embezzlement in the Adventist church.<sup>62</sup> It is known that the corruption is a bit detrimental to the church, but in fact, some members do not know anything.

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<sup>57</sup> Stephen Korsman, *Catholic discussion of Seventh-day Adventism...*, 109

<sup>58</sup> Dogmatism is one of many possible reactions to skepticism or the selection of some set of propositions. Simon Blackburn, *Kamu Filsafat*, (Yogyakarta: Pustaka Pelajar), 253

<sup>59</sup> Messianism is a fad awaits the coming of a "messiah" who will save the human race and bring justice to the inhabitants of the earth. The article from Nurkholis Majid "Mesianisme dalam Islam dan Permasalahannya", KKA-89, Jakarta, Agustus 1994.

<sup>60</sup> 'The end justifies the way' means the interpretation of an inaccurate Adventist according to Catholicism because it has gone beyond the Bible. Stephen Korsman, *Catholic discussion of Seventh-day Adventism...*, 202

<sup>61</sup> Yanto Lukas, *Eskatologi Masehi Advent Hari Ketujuh*, (Bandung: Indonesia Publishing House), 113

Their fifth point has began, but they still ignore it. However, the final opinion explains that Adventists are not sects, but they meet some of the criteria that can be so named regarding leadership, special knowledge, and group's doctrine. The Adventist has officially been classified as a sect, and this is supported by many different teachings and various contradictions with the flow.<sup>63</sup> It thus strengthens the Catholic view of the dark doctrine of Ellen White in the Adventist church.

## **The Idea of Non-Adventist about Ellen G. White's injury**

Allegations about Ellen White's disease 'temporal lobe epilepsy'<sup>64</sup> brought a lot of negative opinions from some medical communities. Some of them are Charles Willis, a former Seventh-day Adventist member. According to him, the Temporal Lobe The epilepsy of Ellen G. White is a fatal disease that damages the brain. The brain damage that occurs makes her receive many live records that seem to be seen as a sight. According to the medics, patients will experience seizures within 30 minutes in a row and a difficult respiratory system.<sup>65</sup> Charles D. Willis asserted that the vision received is only the effect of a brain disorder suffered, and not of God's vision or anything related to the revelation. The evidence has been clarified by his statement that Afterward, White was rushed to the Neuropsychiatric Clinic for diagnosis and treatment.<sup>66</sup> The chart described the illness suffered by Ellen G. White and the accepted vision is not from God, but a brain blow due to a hard rock on her head resulting in a coma for 3 weeks in her young age. Starting from her eyesight at some places above, the medical has determined that what happened is a symptom of brain disease.

## **Conclusion**

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<sup>62</sup> Embezzlement occurred in 1970, see on: Kerry B. Wynne, William H. Hohmann, Robert K. Sanders, *Lying for God*, (Amazing Lies Publication, 2011), 175

<sup>63</sup> Stephen Korsman, *Catholic discussion of Seventh-day Adventism...*, 203

<sup>64</sup> Temporal Lobe Epilepsy is a severe injury due to a violent impact on the skeleton of the head and radiates up to the brain. These sufferers often experience symptoms of seizures continuously for 30 minutes without awareness during the event. Roy Meadow and Simon Newel, *Lecture Notes Pediatrika*, (Jakarta: Erlangga Medical Series, 2002), 115

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, 115

<sup>66</sup> Robert K. Sanders editor and founder of "Truth or Fables Exposing Seventh-day Adventist Fables", 2016

Ellen G. White in the Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist church is considered as prophetess who has authority in contributing doctrine to her congregation. The prophecies pioneered by her were able to hypnotize many congregations, because they believed in the vision of Ellen of God. But, this all it's just kind of contrary, according to the Catholic church's view. As a prophetess, Ellen is considered a false prophet, because some of her probes proved unfulfilled.

The position as a prophetess, in the view of the Catholic Church has violated the rules of Scripture, because the role of women in Catholicism is not required to be a leader. This has added a negative view of herself, with some predictive errors she had done, make the Catholic Church convert her into a false prophet. Which is then supported by Non-Adventists who say that her prophecy was too extreme and false, especially the prophecy about food. With all the accusations that refer to Ellen, many of them say that these are all the results of epilepsy symptoms that have been derived since childhood.

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