

*Is it true Edw's  
writings prior to 1888  
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Another question in your letter that relates to the statement someone is said to have made is that Mrs. White's writings prior to 1888 could not be accepted. I am surprised that such a rumor should be circulated. I could not imagine who might have made such a statement for I have never known any of our ministers to draw any date line on Mrs. White's experience. She was called of God at the age of seventeen and the first vision was given to her in 1844 and she received revelations from God to within a few weeks of her death in mid 1915. While it is true that the Lord did not give all the light on every point at the outset and that Mrs. White did not have total knowledge on all subjects with the first vision of 1844, the later visions but developed and amplified the great truths on what light was given to her.

We can take what Sister White wrote in the early years and put it with what she wrote in the later years and we find one complementing the other. In fact I often tell my class at the Seminary that one of the strongest evidences that Ellen White was called to speak for God is found in the unity of her teachings over a period of seventy years. We must keep in mind that she herself could not remember everything that she had written and yet we do not find conflicts and contradictions.

I think that the one who has reported to you concerning the statement of this minister should give you the name of this minister and that we should have the privilege of following up this matter to learn exactly what was said. So many times things which are said are distorted and changed and twisted as they pass from one to another. I am glad you felt free to write to Brother Anderson about this. It may be that on his return to Washington he will want to write to you further for I will place a copy of my reply to you in his hands together with your letter to him.