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Re: Request for Use of Ellen G.
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My dear Brother

I humbly apologize for this very late reply to your letter written late in 1977. First of all, let me say that I am delighted that the trip I made to Africa in 1959-60 was helpful to you and that it has been productive ever since. Thank the Lord for this.

Now you indicate that you intend to use Sister White's writings in your own publications. Naturally this would be very fine, and I am so pleased that you intend to do this, and I appreciate very much that you have written for permission.

Naturally I do not have much information about you, Brother Chetty, but I assume you are a faithful Seventh-day Adventist and that you are a regular member of the church.

You indicate that you have private publications. I suppose these are of an inspirational character, rather than a doctrinal character. Perhaps you might send to me one of your publications in which you have quoted from Sister White. It is so important that when her writings are used as a reference that we do not use them to build up a special theory of our own, but that we use her writings in order to advance teachings that she herself initiates clearly.

The foregoing is particularly true in the area of the fulfillment of prophecy.

Most of her books are in public domain and may be used by anyone, but it is certainly ethical for you to write for permission, and I greatly appreciate it. I would take this to indicate that you must certainly be a most reliable, dedicated Adventist; and I want you to know that I appreciate the fact that you have written in this regard.

Be sure if you use Ellen G. White's writings that you do so in a way that creates a love and a thirst for God and for the truth and for unity, and not division in the church. Naturally you will want to counsel with the conference brethren about your use of Ellen G. White's writings in your publications. I am sure the brethren will be pleased that you do this.

Faithfully your brother,

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