

“Did Ellen G. White LOVE the Apocrypha?” was posted on the Arthur and Teresa Beem YouTube channel on 2/14/24. A “distinguished Seventh-day Adventist scholar, Matthew Korpman” discussed “the recent bombshell discovery that the White Estate kept hidden” that is alleged to show that the Apocrypha is “God’s Holy Word and should be bound upon the believer’s hearts.”

The first quotation that’s supposed to prove this is posted at 0:00.

“I then saw the Word of God pure and unadulterated, and that we must answer for the way we received the truth proclaimed from that Word. I saw that it had been a hammer to break the flinty heart in pieces and a fire to consume the dross and tin, that the heart might be pure and hold. **I saw that the Apocrypha was the hidden book, and that the wise of these last days should understand it.** I saw that the Bible was the standard book, that will judge us at the last day.

Manuscript 4, 1850.”

I don’t have that manuscript available so I’m going entirely by what was posted for my commentary. I doubt the original had any underlined bold print in it. That said, the quotation does NOT say the Apocrypha is part of the Bible and, in fact, by distinguishing between “hidden book” and “standard book” it’s clear that they are separate books. Saying the Apocrypha should be understood does not mean it should be believed.

Some make much of the fact that early King James Version Bibles contained the Apocrypha. What many probably don’t know, is that on every page of the first edition of the King James Version, the word Apocrypha appears at the top of every page of the Apocryphal books and the Apocryphal books are by themselves between the Old and New Testaments. According to Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language, “Apocrypha” means “books whose authors are not known; whose authenticity, as inspired writings, is not admitted, and which are therefore not considered a part of the sacred canon of scripture.”

At 0:15 Matthew says, “The, I don’t think we have any evidence, ah, to my knowledge, I don’t think we have evidence, that any of the Bibles that Ellen White ever owned didn’t include it.” He then said Ellen White called the Apocrypha the Word of God. Thus far, nothing he has quoted has called the Apocrypha the Word of God.

At 0:34 another quotation is posted, allegedly from Manuscript 5, 1849.

“Those that shall despitefully tread [treat?] that remnant would think that they are doing God service. Why? Because they are led captive by Satan at his will.”

More, allegedly from Manuscript 5, 1849, is posted at 0:52.

“Thy word, thy word, thy word, a part of it is burned unadulterated, a part of [it.] the hidden book, a part of it is burned (the apocrypha).”

I don't believe that is anything Sister White wrote but is rather what someone said she said while in vision. In any case, if the Apocrypha is burned, that is certainly not a recommendation to believe it.

At 1:04 there is more quoted that's allegedly from Manuscript 5, 1849. Here is that quotation as it appears.

“it carefully, Snares will beset on every side, take the strait truth bind it to the heart (3 times) let everything be cast out.”

The underlining was in red and I didn't have a way to do that while leaving the letters black. In any case, nothing so far has proven that Ellen G. White ever taught that the Apocrypha should be believed.

You used to be able to find the video here: https://youtu.be/jik5jB3JHt4?si=lgyOmtwGrB_CGJ6k. When I looked for it on 11/19/25 it had been made a private video.

As of 2/17/24 the LinkedIn page for the Yale Divinity School says Matthew Korpman is an adjunct professor of Religion at La Sierra University. La Sierra University is not a place where wise Seventh-day Adventist parents should send their kids.

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