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ELLEN WHITE AND HER FAMILY: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET

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ABSTRACT

Familial relationships play a great role in the emerging of the Seventh-Day Adventist church; in fact that the dynamic duo of Ellen White and James White played roles as to the growing of the church; The life of the prophet Ellen White has been much under scrutiny, as that oftentimes not only her prophetic gift is under question but also her family relationship and how she goes day to day not only as a daughter, wife or mother but perennially as also a grandmother. In looking through the scope of Ellen White's life there are several questions to be answered in her many familial roles: How did Ellen White interact with family members, did she interact differently as a prophet than she is as either a mother or daughter or as a twin sister, what are the possible struggles she has in her relationship with family members, and how does her being a prophet influences any part of her relationship with family members?

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