

In this statement Mr. Martin very distinctly expresses the hope that Christians will no longer regard the Seventh-day Adventists as dangerous non-Christian cultists, but that they will regard them as members of the Body of Christ and possessors of the faith that saves, and that they will extend the hand of fellowship to them.

In light of this new school of thought concerning Seventh-day Adventism, I have felt the need to write this thesis.

The purpose of this thesis is twofold. First, it is to show that this new school of thought concerning Seventh-day Adventism is indefensible. Second, it is to recommend a view of Seventh-day Adventism which is defensible.

The method which I will use in this thesis is simple. I will give a historical sketch of Seventh-day Adventism. I will then discuss the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventism which are vital to this thesis. I will document these doctrines with quotations from the Seventh-day Adventist writings which the officers of the General Conference of this denomination have endorsed as representative of their viewpoint, and I will refute them from the Word of God.

I pray that this thesis will help Christians to better understand Seventh-Day Adventism, and that it will help to clear up the confusion which exists concerning it.