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People of Providence (12th QuoteBook)

What is it about African Americans that gives them incredible resilience and talent? What is the secret of their passion, insight and love of life? A mere 25 generations ago, the ancestors of modern-day African Americans were in cruel chains of slavery. Yet today blacks excel in every area of society, including the White House! In spite of the ravages of slavery, the setbacks of Reconstruction, the dark decades of Jim Crow and institutional racism, still they rise.

The factors behind African American progress are the topics of research and speculation. In this twelfth volume of the QuoteBook Series, People of Providence, Ellen G. White—author, pioneer, leader and one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist movement—sheds priceless insights on the source of the African American’s power: God! It was, and still is God’s love, deliverance and providence that undergird the faith and fortitude of the black saga. Artfully Ellen White affirms challenges and examines the dimensions of the black race from a spiritual perspective.

Regardless of your ethnicity, as you read these powerful words you will be inspired to reach your God-given potential.
THREE KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING BLACK SDA HISTORY
-The Beginning to 1940-

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Oakwood University, June 16, 2010
Presenter: Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.
AIM: Education, Excellence, Eternity
MOTTO: Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve

MISSION STATEMENT
Oakwood University, a historically Black Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher learning, provides quality Christian education that emphasizes academic excellence; promotes harmonious development of the mind, body, and spirit; and prepares leaders in service to God and humanity.
The Presence of History

Legacy of Service

Adell Warren (1920-1988)
Business Manager of Oakwood College for 29 years. Founder of the “Committee of 100.” Made significant contributions to the financial solvency of Oakwood College.

Eva Beatrice Dykes (1893-1996)
First African-American female to meet requirements for a doctorate degree in the United States. She served Oakwood College in the English Department from 1944 to 1975.

Anna Knight (1874-1972)
First woman of color to serve as a missionary to India. She was a pioneer, educator, advocate, writer, mission worker, and church leader. She taught and inspired the students of Oakwood College.

Eric C. Ward (1924-2004)
Served 40 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church as pastor, evangelist, teacher, administrator, organizer, and builder. He was the driving force behind the construction of the Oakwood College Church.
Three KEYS to Understand . . .

♦ First: PROVIDENCE
  – God Delivers a People from Bondage

♦ Second: DELIVERANCE
  – A New Movement and a Liberated People

♦ Third: EDUCATION
  – The Plan, People, Place

♦ Progress Today
For Further Study on SDA Black History

2. *Righteous Rebel* (1990), Walter Fordham
4. *We Have Tomorrow* (1988), Louis Reynolds
7. *Angels in Ebony* (1975), Jacob Justiss
9. *Crucial Moments in Adventist History*, Benjamin Baker
10. *People of Providence*, Delbert, Susan, Benjamin Baker
FIRST KEY: Providence
Divine Providence-Psalm 33:10-12

10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance. (NKJV)
OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
FOUNDED 1896
Nations and Providence

- In the annals of human history, the growth of nations, the rise and fall of empires, appear as if dependent on the will and prowess of man; the shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambition, or caprice. But in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, above, behind, and through all the play and counterplay of human interest and power and passions, the agencies of the All-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will. PK 499
PROVIDENCE
Black SDA History:
Four Pillars

1. God loves, cares for the Oppressed, i.e., People of Color
2. God Became Personally Involved Oppressed People
3. God Provided Resources and Events to Accomplish His Desired End
4. God is Still Providing Direction...
Israel/African American Parallel

♦ “Those who study the history of the Israelites should also consider the history of the slaves in America . . . .” (SW 42, 41)

♦ “The Hebrew nation is not the only nation that has been in cruel bondage, and whose groaning have come to the ears of the Lord of hosts. The Lord God of Israel has looked upon the vast number of human beings who were held in slavery in the United States of America.”

♦ “God spoke concerning the captivity of the colored people as verily as He did concerning the Hebrew captives, and said: ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people . . . , and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them.’ The Lord wrought in freeing the Southern slaves; but He designed to work still further for them as He did for the children of Israel, whom He took forth to educate, to refine, and ennoble.”
SECOND KEY: Deliverance
The Seventh-day Adventist Church began forming in the 1840s but officially formed and adopted the name Seventh-day Adventist in the middle 1860s.
Key People Who Influenced SDAs and Black Adventism . . .

William Miller 1782-1849
Joseph Bates 1792-1872
Hiram Edson 1806-1882
Sojourner Truth 1797-1883
James White 1821-1881
Ellen White 1827-1915
William Foy’s Visions: 
VICTORY January 18, 1842

♦ Place of reception:
- Southark Street, Boston, while meeting with the 12th Street Baptist Church, George Black, Pastor.

♦ Focus:
- The vision was about glory and reward to come.
- It also warned the early Advent believers to be faithful regardless of circumstances.
- It showed the early Advent movement traveling to the new earth.
Ellen Harmon Hears Foy

- In 1842, Ellen Gould Harmon (White), a teenager, and her father, Robert Harmon, heard Foy speak at Portland, Maine, during his several trips to that area.
Hazen Foss’ Vision

- The vision depicts the travel of the Advent people and Foss was clearly instructed to deliver what the message said to others.

- Unlike Foy, he declined to relate what he was shown.
The SDA Movement Begins

- In December, 1844, Ellen White received her first revelation for the Advent believers
- Thus began Ellen White’s 70 year ministry to the SDA Church.
Ellen White and Foy

♦ Ellen White met and conversed with Foy in 1845.
♦ Later that evening, Foy heard her relate what she had seen.
♦ When Foy heard her relate her experience, he jumped for joy and exclaimed, “it is just what I’ve seen.”
♦ Ellen White later spoke of how Foy had a “genuine experience” As to what become of Foy, she said, “I do not know what became of him.”
William Foy Dies, November 9, 1893

Facts

- Lived until 75
- Faithfully was a Pastor in the Maine area
- Preached 2nd Advent (till death)
- Buried-Birch Tree Cemetery

Frontal view of the Birch Tree Cemetery. The Foy marker is in the rear to the far right.
Foy’s epitaph reads:

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life.”

2 Timothy 4:7
A Liberated People

Black people are liberated in 1865 during the very year that the Seventh-day Adventist Church was formally organized and named.
Providence, Slavery, and Freedom

♦ Providential events . . .

... William Foy receives visions prior to Hazen Foss and Ellen White.

... Blacks revolt against the system of slavery.

... William Lloyd Garrison started official antislavery movement.

... David Walker published his famous *Appeal* against slavery.

... Dred Scott sues for his freedom in the 1850s.
United States and the Slavery Conflict

Solution: Divide territory into two sections: northern with no slavery, southern with slavery.

The Missouri Compromise
Dred Scott, Oakwood College, and the Civil War

**Time Line**

- **1800**: Dred Scott born
- **1811**: Dred Scott, a slave, lives in Huntsville, AL on the property where Oakwood College now is
- **1820**: Missouri Compromise
- **1834**: Emerson and Scott live in Illinois
- **1836**: Emerson and Scott live in Wisconsin Territory
- **1837**: Emerson dies
- **1843**: Scott sues Eliza Emerson for his freedom
- **1846**: Scott wins; Emerson appeals
- **1850**: Missouri’s highest court rules Scott a slave
- **1852**: Scott appeals to U.S. Supreme Court
- **1854**: *February 11*: Case begins in Supreme Court
- **1856**: *September 17*: Dred Scott dies
- **1857**: Congress bans slavery from territories
- **1858**: Emancipation Proclamation frees slaves
- **1861**: Civil War
- **1862**: Civil War
- **1863**: Emancipation Proclamation frees slaves
- **1865**: Emancipation Proclamation frees slaves
1860s

Civil War (1861-65): “the irrepressible conflict”
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THIRD KEY: Education
THE PLAN: Mission to Black America
MORNING STAR
(Moving Headquarters of the Black Work)
Southern Missionary Society: 1895-1901
Secret of Success

♦ *Gospel Herald*, December, 1899
(Printed aboard the *Morning Star*)

James Edson White: “We have ever regarded instruction coming from this source (Spirit of Prophecy) as the very highest authority. The instructions have been plain and explicit, and when followed, success has ever attended this work.”
THE PEOPLE: Three Change Agents
THE PLACE: Oakwood University
The Training Center
OAKWOOD

1 MILE EAST
BLACKSMITHING
WAGON MAKING
JOB PRINTING
CARPET WEAVING
RUGS MADE
DRESSMAKING
SHOE REPAIRING
LUMBER SAWS
SHINGLES MADE
CHARGES MODERATE

Oakwood Manual Training School Campus

In regard to this school here at Huntsville, I wish to say that for the past two or three years I have been receiving instruction regarding it--what it should be and what those who come here as students are to become. All that is done by those connected with this school, whether they be white or black, is to be done with the realization that this is the Lord's institution...This is the Lord's land, and it is to bear fruit to his glory. Those who attend this school are to be taught in right lines, on the farm or in the school-room. They are to be taught how to live in close connection with God.

*Ellen G. White*
Morning Star House (1898): Where Ellen White Stayed When On Campus
17 Markers On Campus Identifying Historical Sites

The Presence of History!

SLAVE CEMETERY
1800s

This cemetery site was used as a burial ground for slaves who lived on both the Peter Blow and Job Key plantations from 1811 to 1855. Dred Scott's first wife and their two children are believed to have been buried here. The cemetery continued to be used through the early 1900s.

KING SPEECH SITE
1962

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., (left image) delivered his 'I Have a Dream' speech in 1963, 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation. The site is marked as the location of the famous speech. The memorial is in Montgomery, Alabama, where Dr. King, led the Civil Rights Movement.
Progress Today
REGIONAL STATISTICS

♦ Membership
  – Approximately 300,000 members (83% of members are located in Regional or Black Administered Conferences)

♦ Tithe
  – Representing the 2nd largest tithe base in Adventism

♦ Ministry
  – Nine Black administered Regional (Black) Conferences (four entities-Calif & Bermuda), five Regionally supported ministries (e.g. OC, BOL, MM, RV, PF)

♦ Governance
  – Regional President’s Council and the Black Caucus of SDA Administrators (the Regional Ministries Office, headquarters for the Regional work, is located at OU)
A Promise Kept—Snow from the NP
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♦ (Progress Today)
LOCATION OF CEMETERIES
SOUTH OF THE B&T COMPLEX OFF WYNN DRIVE
To God be the glory!

Monument to Service
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