

“Omega Emerging: Adventism’s Emergence – Alexa Hernandez” was posted on YouTube on 1/13/15 by Belem Juda which has a whole 113 subscribers. In the five years since this was posted it has only accumulated 6,288 views and it deserves more. It is one of the presentations of Operation Iceberg which was a symposium on the emerging church held at the Sacramento Central Church in October 17 and 18 of 2014.

At 16:42 you start discussing Denis Fortin who was, and probably still is, a proponent of spiritual formation. When “spiritual formation” was exposed for what it was, a mystical exercise, he wished to change the name to “biblical spirituality.”

As of 8/10/20 Denis Fortin is apparently alive, doing very well and still teaching at Andrews University. He has held various offices there including director of the Master of Divinity program, associate dean, chair of the Department of Theology and Christian Philosophy and dean. He provided commentary for an Andrews University Press edition of *Steps to Christ* published in 2017. He was the principal contributor to the “Oneness in Christ” *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* for the last quarter of 2018.

The *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* for the last quarter of 2020 is titled “Education.” This *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* has for its principal contributors, presidents of various Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher learning. Ironically, on page 108 of the “Teachers Comments” section it says, “Many are bewildered as to why they should send their children through to higher Adventist education when they already have the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White, and the Holy Spirit at their disposal. Why not save the thousands of dollars and perhaps do an evangelistic Bible study course through the mail?”

I would suggest you peruse the resumes of some of the professors at Seventh-day Adventist centers of higher education and see how many of them got degrees from nonadventist universities. Denis Fortin, for example, got his PhD from the Université Laval in Quebec. The Université Laval was started by François de Laval, the first Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec, and still trains Roman Catholic priests.

So parents should pay for higher education at a Seventh-day Adventist university while said universities hire professors trained in nonadventist institutions? Just a little hypocrisy there. You can read more about the 2020 fourth quarter edition of the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* at:

SabbathSchoolGuide.com

I also went through the entire *Steps to Christ* with Denis Fortin footnotes and compared it to an old version of *Steps to Christ*. There was not much material change in the text of *Steps to Christ* but some of the footnotes were of concern. You can read my review on this *Steps to Christ* at:

SatanIsDead.com

or

AdventistsToday.com

Around 1:01:36 you recommend what Seventh-day Adventists should do to correct the discussed problems. You say, “we must pray earnestly for our church.” I agree but remember the incident of Achan and Ai? You can read about it in Joshua 7. After the defeat of Israel, Joshua was on his face praying earnestly “And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.” There is a time to pray earnestly and a time to do something even if all don’t consider it polite.

You also say, “we must write to our local conference leaders pleading that they must do something about the mystical teachings.” I agree. I never wrote to them about the mystical teachings but did write to the General Conference, the President of the Ohio Conference and some Seventh-day Adventist ministers about just as serious an issue; i.e., the use of fake bibles; even Roman Catholic Bibles, by our ministers and in Seventh-day Adventist publications. Some of my communications were kind and some were, shall we say, direct and to the point. Neither approach worked.

There is a book titled *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young that was exposed a few years ago as a book promoting mystical teachings. It had been required reading in some Seventh-day Adventist universities but after its exposure was taken off the agenda. I looked for it in several Seventh-day Adventist university bookstores and didn’t find it but guess what? As of 8/8/20 a book by Sarah Young titled *Jesus Calling for Graduates* is being sold at the Southern Adventist University Bookstore.

From the Introduction to *Jesus Calling*:

“During that same year I began reading *God Calling*, a devotional book written by two anonymous ‘listeners.’ These women practiced waiting quietly in God’s Presence, pencils and paper in hand, recording the messages they received from Him.” *Jesus Calling* page XI.

From the Introduction to *Jesus Calling for Graduates*.

“The following year, I began to wonder if I could change my prayer times from monologue to dialogue. I had been writing in prayer journals for many years, but this was one-way communication: I did all the talking. Increasingly, I wanted to hear what God might want to communicate to me on a given day. I decided to ‘listen’ with pen in hand, writing down whatever I ‘heard’ in my mind.” *Jesus Calling for Graduates* page xvi.

It's time we got off our faces.

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