

ABSTRACT

The aim of this thesis is to approximate and specify currently very fast growing eschatological Christian movement Seventh-day Adventist Church. First, the history of this religious community is outlined, both at the place of origin, i.e. in the USA, and in the territory of our state, where it is currently one of the most active churches in mission and preaching. Partial attention is then paid to the central circumstances and key figures behind the founding of this community – especially the Baptist preacher William Miller, who gave the initial impetus to the founding of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, or the personality of Ellen White, who was known for her extraordinary visionary abilities.

The central part of the work is the characterization and definition of the basic features of Seventh-Day Adventism – namely, the basic dogmas and beliefs, in comparison with the most widespread Christian denominations (particularly the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches). In this sense, they are taken into account, comparatively against Adventism, especially the dogmatics of the first ecumenical councils.

In the last part of the work, the author takes into account social or anthropological problems and questions related to this movement – for example, the question of a healthy lifestyle (which makes the spirituality of Seventh Day Adventism very specific), marriage, family or homosexuality. This different sexual orientation is, among other things, still a nowadays topic and, to some extent, controversial theme in the Christian faith, which raises disagreements especially between churches and the general public.

A thesis entitled Seventh-day Adventists as a religious phenomenon uses a comparative method in a religionistic framework – the author of this thesis follows Seventh-day Adventism in a purely objective, descriptive way, does not actively use the contents of the faith and does not aim to give a complex theological interpretation or to interpret religious questions.

The author used the Bible as the source of this work, as the sacred book of all Christians, but also primary and secondary sources relating to the Church of Adventism on the seventh day

KEYWORDS

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