

**Some Initial Resources**  
**Toward Correcting the Knight-Whidden Narrative**  
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For many years George Knight, Woodrow Whidden, and others have published and taught a viewpoint on Adventist history which has become the institutionally accepted view. Some have come to call this the Knight-Whidden Narrative, or the KWN. However, there is evidence that this viewpoint, which in some respects unfairly denigrates EJ Waggoner, AT Jones, and certain aspects of the 1888 Message needs to be carefully reviewed. The following are footnote entries in Ron Duffield's books *The Return of the Latter Rain*, vol. 1 (RLR1) and *Wounded in the House of His Friends* (Wounded) wherein Duffield refers to representations made by George Knight and other parties attacking AT Jones or making certain representations about the 1888 message. Several of Knight's points may be biased and in error. The references below may facilitate reexamination.

RLR1 pp 9-12 How KWN relates to key Adventist theological concepts. In contrast, the LGT view is described on pp 12-14.

RLR1 fn 39 p 82 GK condemn ATJ EJW

RLR1 fn 43 pp. 101-103 Reliability of books by GK questioned by RD

RLR1 fn 3 p 121

RLR1 fn 12 pp 122-123 RD warns about GK

RLR1 fn 36 pp. 125-128

RLR1 fn 41 pp 128-130 RD warns about approach of WW and GK

RLR1 fn 58 p 133-134

RLR1 fn 64 pp 159-161

RLR1 fn 67 pp 161-162 GK using statement fragments out of context to discredit ATJ and EJW

RLR1 fn 6 pp 174-175 RA attacks ATJ and EJW completely using GK excerpts

RLR1 fn 18 p 176

RLR1 fn 20 p 176

RLR1 fn 22 p 176

RLR1 fn 42 p 177

RLR1 p 197, 200

RLR1 fn 2 p 212 Original sin. WW and GK

RLR1 fn 8 p p 238-239

RLR1 fn 10 pp 239-241 WW GK

RLR1 fn 18 pp 242-244

RLR1 fn 31 pp 250-251

RLR1 fn 39 p 252

RLR1 fn 7 p 269

RLR1 fn 15 pp 270-272 GK ridicules ATJ, “[S]ome today seek every possible occasion to criticize both Jones and Waggoner, rewriting history, if necessary, to do so.”

RLR1 fn 5 p 302 GK mislabels US ??

RLR1 fn 43 p 304 GK

RLR1 fn 44 pp 304-305 RD accuses WW of going to great lengths to misrepresent EJW, GK of misrepresenting history, and of promoting Ford theology

RLR1 fn 45 pp 305-308 WW supporting Ford theology

RLR1 fn 52 p 309 GK misquotes to attack EJW

RLR1 fn 75 p 311 WW and GK

RLR1 fn 79 pp 313-314 WW forcing history through KWN

RLR1 fn 82 pp 314-316 RD again points out how so many authors base their attacks on ATJ and EJW on writings of GK

RLR1 fn 23 pp 356-357

RLR1 fn 32 pp 357-359 note on 359 four Ford errors LM

RLR1 fn 33 p 385

RLR1 fn 45 p 389

RLR1 fn 46 pp 389-390 GK assertions wrong

RLR1 fn 60 p 416 GK drawing his positions from Dan Jones

RLR1 fn 24 p 435 GK misuse EGW diary entry

RLR1 fn 69 pp 468-469 RD quotes GK: "I was doing my very best to demonstrate that Jones was aberrant from beginning to end."

Wounded fn 10 p 18 "Although Whidden's observations here are worthwhile, much of the rest of his biography of E. J. Waggoner follows the same questionable editorial approach as George Knight's biography of A. T. Jones. One could possibly conclude that both writers have been more interested in promoting their own Evangelical theology than in being honest with our Adventist history."

Wounded fn 5 p 27-29 pp 68-69 GK

Wounded fn 30 pp 51-52 GKs tainted interpretation

Wounded fn 40 p 58 GK claims EGW agreed with ATJ and EJWs concept of righteousness by faith which GK holds is same as the Evangelicals

Wounded fn 29 p 68-69 GK attacks ATJ

Wounded fn 5 pp 74-76 RD warns about GKs "far-fetched claims." "Once again, Knight's accusations are not only unfounded but also appear dishonest and misleading." "Apparently the authoritatively inspired Ellen White saw something in Jones' 1893 and 1897 sermons that the evidently prejudiced George Knight does not."

Wounded fn 10 p 78

Wounded fn 40 p 89

Wounded fn 51 p 94 "Ellen White had declared that the confused ideas on the teaching of righteousness by faith were the result of those opposing the 1888 message. Furthermore, she also stated that Jesus, through His delegated messengers (Jones and Waggoner, etc.), was standing at the door with the true remedies for the church. Now, 125 years later, modern Adventist historians such as Desmond Ford, Burt Haloviak, George Knight, and Woodrow Whidden inform us that it was in fact Jones and Waggoner who brought the message of confusion into the church, beginning as early as the year 1889."

Wounded fn 52 p 95 The "personal Evangelical theological agenda" of "some modern Adventist historians."

Wounded fn 24 p 118

Wounded fn 7 pp 138-140 RD dissects and exposes GKs unethical attempt to link ATJ with fanaticism

Wounded fn 26 p 152

Wounded fn 8 p 159 GK spins EGW letter supporting ATJ but "Not one valid example can be given supporting Knight's suppositious claim."

Wounded fn 15 pp 164-165 GK decades of criticism of Jones regardless of historical evidence

Wounded fn 22 p 168

Wounded fn 32 p 172

Wounded fn 12 pp 195-196 GK distorts details about Anna Rice to discredit ATJ. Duffield documents GK's changing wording, and concludes, "What license has George Knight for such apparent dishonesty and his rewriting of Adventist history?"

Wounded fn 15 p 197

Wounded fn 20 pp 199-200 GK "misrepresents the facts and the sequence of events..."

Wounded fn 21 pp 200-201 GK tries to establish false point as a fact several times in AUFG1888. GK "exaggerated revisions of Adventist history."

Wounded fn 31 pp 203-204 Bill Knott misrepresentations ATJ

Wounded fn 35 p 205 GK attacks on ATJ

Wounded fn 49 p 211 GK misrepresentations 1892-1893 revival

Wounded fn 11 p 235 Same

Wounded fn 3 p 243

Wounded fn 15 p 250