

**Table of Selected Ideas, Themes and Phrases**

**ML Andreasen, *The Sanctuary Service*, “The Last Generation” Chapter**

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	“The Last Generation”	Vindicate	Demonstrate	Necessary Depend	Court Terms	Sanctuary	Holy	Vic-Bible Verses and passages
0102		1	3	XMG			2	1 Ro 8:19
03						1	10	1 Th 5:23; He 12:14; 1 Th 4:3
<b>Forgiveness and Cleansing</b>								
04							1	2
0506								
0708			1	G			9	1 Co 1:2; 2 Co 1:1; He 3:1
0910	1		4	GGLG			1	7 Re 14:12
1112								He 11:37-38
13			2	GG		1		
<b>Rebellion in Heaven</b>								
14	2	2	1	G	1		1	Is 14:12-14
1516								John 8:44; Ez 28:2
1718								Re 12:7-9
19								
<b>Satan’s Demonstration</b>								
20			2	SS				
2122			3	SSS	1			
2324			3	SSS				
25								Ez 28:14
<b>Lucifer</b>								
26						6	1	Ez 28:12
2728								Re 14:18; 16:5; 7:2; Ez 28:12
2930							1	Ps 40:8
3132			2	XX				1 Re 12:17

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<b>God’s Demonstration</b>									
3334	1		1	G			3	1	Re 14:12
3536	2		2	GG	1				
3738	2		1	G					Ja 5:11; Job 1:5-6
<b>Job’s Test</b>									
3940									Job 1:6, 20-22
4142									Job 2:10
4344					1				Job 2:3
4546	1		1	G				1	
47	1	1							
<b>God’s Government on Trial</b>									
48									3
4950					2				7
5152	1		2	GG	2				
<b>The Last Generation</b>									
5354	2		2	GG				1	Re 13:15
5556			1	G		2	1		Ps 91
5758	1		1	G		2			
<b>The 144,000</b>									
5960	2	1	2	GG					Re 7:6-17; 14:4; EW 19; Re 7:15; 3:21
6162					1				John 1:4
6364									John 1:11; Is 43:10, 12
6566						4	2		Is 33:13-16
16		5	34	8	17	16	32	14	

**Court Terms, e.g.**

Case  
 Court  
 Evidence  
 Rules  
 Charges  
 Clear His name

**“Evidence” References**

G = 21 (God)  
 M = 1 (Man)  
 X = 3 (Christ, using X for Greek chi)  
 L = 1 (The last generation)  
 S = 8 (Satan)

**Holiness and Like Terms**

Holiness  
 Sanctify  
 Hagios  
 Holy  
 Sanctification

## Reflection

For forty years a certain class Adventist scholars has attacked ML Andreasen and “Last Generation Theology” (LGT) as an error and aberration. Andreasen’s chapter, “The Last Generation,” found in his book *The Sanctuary Service*, has been represented as teaching heretical views. Its critics are usually guilty of making ill-supported charges.

Some call the aberrant version of Adventism promoted by those attacking Andreasen’s work the “Knight-Whidden Narrative” (or “KWN”). (The writings of George Knight and Woodrow Whidden are the most widely distributed examples of this material.) KWN adherents advocate a denatured version of Adventism in which the significance of the sanctuary system and distinctive elements of present truth have no substantial bearing on the plan of salvation. If KWN proponents had their way, the message of the Adventist church would be reduced to a niche, boutique version of evangelicalism.

The above table reviews every paragraph of Andreasen’s chapter, revealing many important themes and ideas. Any fair review of Andreasen’s chapter should arise from facts rather than opinions. For example, in 34 references to what is being demonstrated in the great controversy between Christ and Satan, the overwhelming majority of references are to what God and Christ are doing. Just two references (occurring in paragraphs 1 and 10) more directly emphasize God’s demonstration through the last generation of Christians.

Another point of interest is the idea of vindication. According to Andreasen, God’s vindication of Himself is accomplished in part through the faithfulness of His saints. Their faithful response to His loving initiative, in the power He provides, while not atoning for sin, has part in vindicating His solution to the sin problem. But KWN polemicists have represented Andreasen’s viewpoints in the most uncharitable light. They represent Andreasen as teaching that the saints somehow vindicate God independently of God. Andreasen, consistently with Scripture, represents the faithful as acting cooperatively with God, yet not in any way earning their salvation.

The Knight-Whidden Narrative urges that the case for LGT is created by taking Ellen White statements out of context, and that it is not based on the Bible. In the chapter here analyzed, Andreasen makes a case using many dozens of explicit Bible verses. The chapter includes one reference to an Ellen White quote but it is tangential to his main argument.

KWN advocates have for years represented the sanctuary such that its significance is diminished. Features of Bible understanding including the seal of God and the close of probation have been minimized, if not erased. Andreasen, in contrast, makes a special point of looking at the Bible against the backdrop of the sanctuary understanding. In the introductory and closing paragraphs of his chapter, he unmistakably highlights the significance of the sanctuary. He emphasizes the theme of personal holiness.

Could it be that belief in the possibility of holiness and victory over sin is the root of opposition to “Last Generation Theology”?

**Last Generation Theology upholds the legitimacy of the Seventh-day Adventist understanding of the Bible sanctuary. It says “No” to diminishing the Bible truth entrusted to us, and seeks to lift high the banner of Jesus’ present truth.** All that it actually is, is undiminished Adventism, an Adventism that takes seriously the Bible teaching of the heavenly sanctuary and its kindred truths. 2019-09-07