

Register of the

# Fernand Fisel Papers

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### Scope and Content

Fernand Fisel, born July 21, 1924, was a Jewish French-born citizen, a Holocaust survivor, who came to the United States as a refugee after World War II. He became a naturalized citizen in 1956. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion from Atlantic Union College in 1949 and his Master's degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, the following year. He continued studying and researching throughout his entire lifetime, finally writing the manuscript for a book.

He taught French at Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia prior to settling at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in 1964. There he taught French and became one of the founders of IUP's Critical Language Program, often tutoring students in Hebrew, until his retirement in 1991. While at IUP and for years after his retirement, Fisel sang in the IUP Chorale, also during his tenure at the university, Fernand became an avid runner, a hobby he enjoyed for the next 20 plus years, continuing his fitness training right up until his passing. He was a sought-after translator of printed material who continued to do work for the translation center at IUP after retiring. He was awarded Professor Emeritus status subsequent to retirement from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

He was a long-time member of and cantor for the Beth Israel Synagogue. Even after his retirement, he was extremely active in teaching classic Hebrew, training children for their bar and bat mitzvahs, and teaching biblical Hebrew to adult students on a pro bono basis.

As the years went by Fisel became disillusioned with the Seventh-day Adventist faith. It is not known if collecting documents which question the Church led to his disillusionment or if he was disillusioned so he collected critical documents. Fisel died on November 3, 2010.

This collection is made up articles and documents that Fisel found interesting. The general focus of this collection is on the subjects of Adventist theology and beliefs with a bent towards those who disagree with the mainline denominational views.

### Arrangement

The collection is divided into letters, writings, and topical files Fisel gathered through his years of research.

### Provenance

The collection was originally given to the Presbyterian Theological Seminary who then sent it on to Andrews University. It arrived in the Center for Adventist Research in August 2012.

### Use

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### I. Correspondence

Fernand Fisel

Bx 1 Fld 1 Letters to Fernand Fisel from 1984 - 2006 (7 letters)

Other letters Fisel collected

Bx 1 Fld 2 Letters from 1844 - 1894 (67 letters)

Bx 1 Fld 3 Letters from 1906 - 1988 (42 letters)

### II. Writings

#### Writings by Fernand Fisel

Bx 1 Fld 4 *A New Interpretation of Daniel 8:8-9: For Seventh-Day Adventists?*

Bx 1 Fld 5 *Edson's Cornfield "Vision" Frisson or Figment? (2 copies)*

Bx 1 Fld 6 *Seventh-Day Adventist Perception of Hebrew Sacrifice (2 copies)*

Bx 1 Fld 7 *The Day Dawn and the Sanctuary Doctrine (2 copies)*

Bx 1 Fld 8 *The Vision in the Cornfield: History and Apologetics?*

#### Writings By Others

Bx 1 Fld 9 Bass, Harold G. "The Wrong and Right Use of the Bible." no date

Bx 1 Fld 10 Bates, Joseph. "A Seal of the Living God." 1849 (exerts from pgs 15-24)

Bx 1 Fld 11 Chipps, Charles. "Omicron (A Greek Letter Often Confused with Omega)." no date

Bx 1 Fld 12 Corson, Ron. "Could the Scapegoat Really Be Christ." no date

Bx 1 Fld 13 Cottrell, Raymond F. "Our Present Crisis: Reaction to a Decade of Obscurantism." no date

Bx 1 Fld 14 Feyerabend, Henry. "Who is Michael?" 1988

Bx 1 Fld 15 Froom, LeRoy Edwin. "Historical Setting and Background of the Term "Daily"." Sep. 1, 1940

Bx 1 Fld 16 Froom, LeRoy Edwin. "Kings in the Making in Personal

- Touch with the Invisible Creator." Aug 4, 1940
- Bx 1 Fld 17 Gladson, Jerry A. "A Sabbath in Christian Life: A Reconsideration." Jul/Aug 1996
- Bx 1 Fld 18 Goodner, J. B. "Reviewing the Review." Oct.-Nov. 1984
- Bx 1 Fld 19 Hackleman, Douglas. "Oxymorons and Kindly Cover-Ups." no date
- Bx 2 Fld 1 Johnson, Carrie. "I was Canrights Secretary." 1889 (exert of foreword, ch. 1-5, 7)
- Bx 2 Fld 2 Johnson Clarke, Lelia A. "Sullivan and Sorrento: Since 1760." 1953
- Bx 2 Fld 3 Korsman, Stephen. "Seventh Day Adventist Distort History to Fit in with their Lies about Catholic Church." Sep 14, 1998
- Bx 2 Fld 4 Mazzaferri, Fred. "One Furnace Too Many Ellen White's Library Self-sourcing in her Soteriology of the pre-Advent Times of Trouble –a Brief Appraisal." Dec 2000
- Bx 2 Fld 5 Mazzaferri, Fred. "An Open Letter to the Volunteer Apologists at the Website: www.Ellen-White.com." Jan 2001
- Bx 2 Fld 6 Mazzaferri, Fred. "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan: Just how Biblical is Ellen White's Major Integrating Theme?" Jan 2001
- Bx 2 Fld 7 Mazzaferri, Fred. "The Seventy "Weeks" of Dan. 9:24-27: a Solid Foundation for Seventh-day Adventism's Crucial Year-day Principle?" Jun 2001
- Bx 2 Fld 8 Mazzaferri, Fred. ""Signs of the Times" – How Biblical is Seventh-day Adventism's Historicist interpretation of Jesus' Olivet Discourse?" Apr 2001
- Bx 2 Fld 9 Metz, Fred C. *The Scapegoat Brochure*. May 1967
- Bx 2 Fld 10 Moll, Dr. Albert. "Hypnotism." no date
- Bx 2 Fld 11 Mote, Donald E. "Hanukkah, Christmas Observance Coincide." no date; "Supplement to the "Hanukkah Tract"." Mar 10, 1979
- Bx 2 Fld 12 Mote, Donald E. "The Ballenger Papers." no date
- Bx 2 Fld 13 No author. "Advenist History and the Crisis of Belief." no date (2 copies)
- Bx 2 Fld 14 No author. "Some Background on the "Lindsley Letters". no date
- Bx 2 Fld 15 No author. "The Origin of the "Little Horn," (Daniel 8:9) Revisited." no date
- Bx 2 Fld 16 No author. "From One of the Four Winds of Heaven Came Forth a Little Horn!!!" no date
- Bx 2 Fld 17 No author. "Second Advent Way Marks and High Heaps." 1847
- Bx 2 Fld 18 Numbers, Dr. Ronald L. "Prophets of Health." May 29, 1976
- Bx 2 Fld 19 Olson, W. H. "Ellen G. White vs. Competitive Sports." no date
- Bx 2 Fld 20 Pahl, Larry. "Investigating the Investigative Judgment: An Analysis of the "Investigative Doctrine" Held by Many Seventh-Day Adventists." Dec. 1992 (part 1-6)
- Bx 2 Fld 21 Robinson, D. E. "Seventh-day Adventist and the Reform of

- Dress.” no date
- Bx 2 Fld 22 Rodriguez, Angel Manuel. “Response To: ‘The Investigative Judgement: A Bible Based Doctrine?’” *The Watchtower*.” Jul 15, 1997
- Bx 2 Fld 23 Shea, William H. “The Significance and Function of Tōn Hagiōn in Hebrews 8-10.” no date
- Bx 2 Fld 24 Snide, Harold E. “The Development of My Ideas Concerning the Divine Inspriation of Mrs. E. G. White” (Part 1)
- Bx 2 Fld 25 Snide, Harold E. “The Development of My Ideas Concerning the Divine Inspriation of Mrs. E. G. White” (Part 2) (2 copies)
- Bx 2 Fld 26 Snide, Harold E. “Suggestions on Daniel Eight.” no date (2 copies)
- Bx 2 Fld 27 Snide, Harold E. “Suggestions on Daniel Nine.” no date (2 copies)
- Bx 2 Fld 28 Snide, Harold E. “Some Thoughts on Reading January-February, 1949, *Gathering Call*.” no date
- Bx 2 Fld 29 Snide, Harold E. “Suggestions for the Study of the Old Adventist Reprints.” no date
- Bx 2 Fld 30 Snide, Harold E. “Some Thoughts on the Source of the Language Epistle to the Hebrews.” no date
- Bx 2 Fld 31 Spalding, Arthur Whitefield. *Captains of the Host; Origin and History of Seventh-day Adventists*. 1949, 1961
- Bx 2 Fld 32 Veltman, Fred. “The Desire of Ages Project: the data.” Oct. 1990
- Bx 2 Fld 33 White, Arthur L. “Spirit of Prophecy Teachings Regarding the Discontinuance of the Use of Dairy Products.” no date
- Bx 2 Fld 34 White, W. C. “Eating of Cheese.” no date

### Articles From Various Publications

- Bx 2 Fld 35 *Advent Harbinger/ The Bible Advocate* (4 articles)
- Bx 2 Fld 36 *AToday* (2 articles)
- Bx 2 Fld 37 Biblical Research Institute (4 articles)
- Bx 2 Fld 38 Christian Resource Center (7 articles)
- Bx 2 Fld 39 *Good News Unlimited* (14 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 1 Lookout Official Web Magazine (4 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 2 *Review and Herald* 1850 (11 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 3 Scholarly articles by SDA Theologians on Genesis 1-11
- Bx 3 Fld 4 *Signs of the Times* (1 article)
- Bx 3 Fld 5 *The Jubilee Standard* 1845 (2 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 6 The Daily Messenger (1 article)
- Bx 3 Fld 7 The *Day Dawn* 1847 (9 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 8 *The Day Star* 1845 (2 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 9 *The Hope of Israel* (1 article)
- Bx 3 Fld 10 *The Present Truth* (1 article)
- Bx 3 Fld 11 *The Prophetic Faith of our Fathers* (4 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 12 *The Voice of Truth and Glad Tidings* 1845 (5 articles)

- Bx 3 Fld 13 *The Word's Crisis and Second Advent Messenger* (6 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 14 *Truth or Fables* (8 articles)
- Bx 3 Fld 15 Various newspaper articles from 1845 - 1982 (15 articles)

### III. Topical Files

#### Appendix

- Bx 3 Fld 16 Various appendixes collected

#### *Day Dawn/Day Star*

- Bx 3 Fld 17 Information/Research pertaining to Day Dawn

#### Ellen G. White

- Bx 3 Fld 18 Information/Research pertaining to Ellen G. White
- Bx 3 Fld 19 Information pertaining to visions
- Bx 3 Fld 20 White's Writings
- Bx 3 Fld 21 Information against Ellen G. White
- Bx 3 Fld 22 Excerpts from the book "Messenger of the Lord, by Herbert E. Douglass

#### Manuscript Release

- Bx 3 Fld 23 Various Manuscript releases (17 manuscripts)

#### William Foy vs. Ellen G. White

- Bx 3 Fld 24 Information concerning the visions of Foy and White
- Bx 3 Fld 25 Information pertaining to Foy
- Bx 3 Fld 26 Information about Foy's visions

#### O. R. L. Crosier

- Bx 3 Fld 27 Information concerning Crosier

### IV. Miscellaneous Material

[Documents that do not fall in the general scoop of the collection]

- Bx 4 Fld 1 A Bill from the Library of Congress, Vol. 35 (District of Maine)
- Bx 4 Fld 2 Adventist Current & Letter
- Bx 4 Fld 3 *Accent on AUC*
- Bx 4 Fld 4 Data Concerning Hiram Edson
- Bx 4 Fld 5 Documents in French
- Bx 4 Fld 6 Excerpts from book "History of the Second Advent Message" page 585, Isaac C. Wellcome

- Bx 4 Fld 7 *Free Inquiry*, Vol. 4, No. 4, Fall 1984
- Bx 4 Fld 8 Gospel Papers (list of books to that can be purchased through Gospel Papers)
- Bx 4 Fld 9 Healdsburg Enterprise (Newspaper Reports)
  - Bx 4 Fld 10 Information pertaining to Eli Curtiss
  - Bx 4 Fld 11 Information pertaining to “The John Ankerberg Show”
  - Bx 4 Fld 12 Letter to *Adventist Current* subscribers from Douglas Hackleman, no date
  - Bx 4 Fld 13 Letter to Doug from unknown sender, no date
  - Bx 4 Fld 14 Letters with no dates
  - Bx 4 Fld 15 No author. “A Review of a Review”, no date
  - Bx 4 Fld 16 No author. “Judge by the Gospel.” no date
  - Bx 4 Fld 17 “*The GC Newsletter*” March 1981
  - Bx 4 Fld 18 “The Extra!: The Girdle of Truth and Advent Review” Jan 20, 1848
  - Bx 4 Fld 19 Partial Bibliography of the Writings of the Boston Minister Mark
  - Bx 4 Fld 20 *The Farely - Fúrmlí Interview*
  - Bx 4 Fld 21 Various Articles pertaining to the Seventh-day Adventist Church
  - Bx 4 Fld 22 Verdict Report Supplement
  - Bx 4 Fld 23 1981: Smoot Bans Van Rooyen from - Claims Van Rooyen “Hurts Image” of Andrews University

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