LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE THREATEND

"Ye should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints" Jude 3.

Chaos & Natural Disasters are Coming Upon the Earth, which will Result in A National Sunday Law [worship] = The Mark of the Beast



ARTICLE IN ST. LOUIS NEWSPAPER!

We published the following article "Liberty of Conscience Threatened" in the **St. Louis Post Dispatch.** during the recent General Conference Session! They placed it in the very first section of the paper! Even though the General Conference made an agreement with apostate Protestant leaders in the 1955-56 Martin & Barnhouse meetings that they would not preach the Third Angel's Message as given to our SDA pioneers, we did our duty to preach it through the printed page, and offer the book, the Great Controversy to any who would request it.

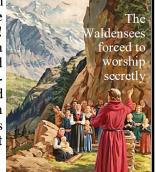
"Men will misrepresent the doctrines we believe and teach us Bible truth, and it is necessary that wise plans should be laid to secure the privilege of inserting articles into the secular papers; for this will be a means of awakening souls to see the truth. God will raise up men who will be qualified to sow beside all waters. God has given great light upon important truths, and it must come to the world." Evangelism, p. 129.

FACT: Did you know that in the 1990 General Conference in Indianapolis, IN, that SDA B.B. Beach introduced Father Murphy, representing the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, who said, "I convey to you the greetings and prayerful best wishes from the ...Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and from the archbishop of Indianapolis, promising and assuring you that prayers are being offered within our community for the blessed success of this General Conference. ...For it is the desire of the Saviour Himself that His disciples might all be one so that the world may believe." Reported in the Ninth Business Meeting, July 10, 1990, Review and Herald.

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE THREATENED

ur founding fathers separated church and state for a reason: to protect the state as well as to protect the church! They knew that the experiment of a church/state government had been tried during the Dark Ages with horrific results. So in their wisdom, they separated church and state and gave every citizen liberty of conscience. This is what has made our nation great!—A nation without

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a king and a church with-—Cont. from Previous Column out a pope! But our wall of separation between church and state is crumbling. Ignoring the lessons of history, Apostate Protestantism (Christian

Nationalism) is, state by state, dismantling that wall in order to make this nation a Christian state. The Bible predicts this will happen nationally. In Rev. 13:11-17 a nation (the USA—depicted as an animal like the buffalo) will make an "image of the Beast" (the Roman Catholic church/state system). When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrines as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, **then Protestant America** will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy—the image of the Beast—found in Revelation 13, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. God's hand of protection will be removed and chaos and natural disasters will be result.

The Bible strongly warns against church/state WORSHIP that will result in a law, contrary to one of the ten commandments—the enforcement of Sunday worship. This will be directly contrary to God's command to rest and worship on **the seventh-day** of the week, Saturday. God sanctified and made holy the seventh day of the week after He created the world in six days and rested on the seventh (Exodus 20:8-11). When the United States enacts such a law enforcing worship on the first day, directly contrary to God's command, then, obedience to that man-made law will constitute "the mark of the beast" (Dan. 7:25; Rev. 13:14-17; 14:7, 9-12.)

WHO IS THE BEAST, THE DRAGON, AND THE WOMAN?

In the Bible, the church is represented by a woman (Jer. 6:1,2; Eph. 5:24-27). A pure church is represented by a pure woman that is persecuted because she (the church) KEEPS THE COMMAND-MENTS OF GOD AND HAS THE FAITH OF JESUS (Rev. 12:6, 13-14, 17; 14:12). In the same book, another woman represents a church that is impure, rich, worldly, arrogant,



and persecuting. This woman is not of Christ. Using the BIBLE, let's analyze some of her characteristics:

Characteristic 1) This woman (church) has relationships with the political leaders (kings) of the world. Rev.17:1,2. The church should be married to Christ, but it is united to the kings of the earth instead, which is spiritual fornication.

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Characteristic 2) This church also gives her intoxicating "wine" (false doctrines) to "the **inhabitants** of the earth," and to "the **kings** of the earth." (Rev.17:2, 5.) For example, most everyone believes the unbiblical doctrines of an eternally burning hell, and Sunday keeping. (See

Malachi 2:1-3; and Luke 23:50-24:1.) These and other false doctrines, like wine, dull the senses and confuse the mind. Friends, there is NOT ONE Bible text (from Genesis to Revelation) that supports Sunday as "the Lord's Day" or the "Sabbath" day!

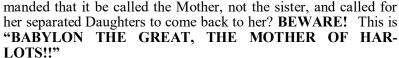
Characteristic 3) The dragon gave the woman power. Who is the Dragon? He is the DEVIL, even SATAN. Rev. 12:9, 13:1, 2. But the devil uses human organizations through which to work. He used Pagan Rome to try to devour the man-child as soon as it was born. The Bible tells us that it was Pagan Rome that gave its "power, its seat (throne), and great authority" to the Beast (a church/state system) of Rev. 13. What woman (church) sits in Rome? Papal Rome.

Characteristic 4) ABOMINATIONS & BLASPHEMY: 1-Claims Power to Forgives Sins (Mark 2:7); and 2—Claims to be Vicar of

the Son of God (John 10:33). 3—Claims to be infallible! (1 John 1:8).

Characteristic 5) The attire for the leaders of this church: "PURPLE and SCARLET" along with "A Golden Cup in her hand." Rev. 17:4.

Characteristic 6) It is a "Mother" church! Rev. 17:5. Pope Benedict de-



Characteristic 7) This woman, described as being "drunken with the blood of the saints," has murdered the true followers of Christ, who "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation: 17:6; Rev. 12:17. Friends, let us not forget the infamous "Great Inquisition" when the mangled forms of millions of martyrs cried out for vengeance. (Rev. 6:10).

Characteristic 8) This woman would have power for 42 months, or 1260 days (Rev. 12:6, 14; 13:5). In prophecy a day = a year. This woman would "make war with the saints" for 1260 years of time—from 538 AD to 1798 AD, when it suffered a "deadly wound" and its civil power was taken away by Revolutionary France.

WHY NOT TALK TO GOD ABOUT THE SABBATH?

Q.: Tell me, Lord do you have a special day of rest for me? or is everyday alike? Ans.: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." Ex. 20. "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." Rev. 1:10. Luke 4:16-18.

Q.: But which day is the Lord's Day? Which day are you Lord of? Ans.: "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath day." Mark 2:28; Isa.58:13.

Q.: Which day is the Sabbath day?

Ans.: "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Fourth Commandment—Ex. 20.8. Everyone knows that Sunday was the resurrection day, the first day of the week. Mark 16: 1-6. Thus it is evident that the Sabbath is Saturday, the day before Sunday. See Matt 5:17,18. "The Sabbath was made for man" 2500 years before the existence of a Jew! Mark 2:27; Gen. 2: 1-2. Notice that Luke, a Gentile, and not a Jew, wrote 37 years AFTER the resurrection of Christ, that the seventh- day Sabbath was still a "commandment of God!"

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Luke 23:54-56. Like also records **84 Sabbaths** on which the Apostle Paul held religious services. Acts. 13:43-44; Acts 17:2; Acts 18-4. Saturday night?—1 Acts 20:7. Sunday?—0. "WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD rather than men." Acts 5:29.

Q.: But, surely the millions of people who keep Sunday can't be wrong, can they?

Ans.: "All the world wondered after the Beast." Rev. 13:3. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat: ...Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13,14. "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mt. 15:9. "He that saith, I know Him, and keeps **not his commandments**, is a liar, and the truth is **not** in him." I JOHN 2:4.

Q.: But isn't it sufficient that I love the Lord and live by the law of love?

Ans.: He that "keeps the whole law, and yet offend in ONE point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10. The law that the Bible refers to in this verse is the law of the TEN COMMANDMENTS, which were written by God's finger. James 2:8-11; Matt 5:17-17; Exodus 31:18; Deut. 10:14. Jesus was in the Spirit on the Sabbath day! Luke 4:16-18. "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Matt 7:21; "I delight to do Thy will, O God. Yea, Thy law is in my heart." Psalm 40:8; I John 5:3. "BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.



Note: According to Colossians 2:14-17, the seven ceremonial Sabbaths associated with the seven Jewish feast days (Leviticus 23) were nailed to (or, abolished at) the cross. They were

"shadows of things to come" and could fall on any day of the week. But the 7th-day Sabbath, the moral Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment, was instituted in the Garden of Eden for all mankind and will be kept in heaven! Isaiah 56:1-7; 66:22, 23.

"FIRST DAY" BIBLE TEXTS

Millions of conscientious Christians attend church every Sunday, the first day of the week, but they have never seen the command by God for them to do so.

There are only **eight** texts in the New Testament that mention the first day of the week. Carefully read six: Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:2, 9-12; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1; John 20:19. They tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples later on the resurrection day, and that **the reason** they were assembled was for "**fear** of the Jews." The **seventh** text is Acts 20;7, 8: "Upon the first day of the week **[Saturday night]**, when the disciples came together to break the bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow, and continued his speech until midnight."

The last text (#8) that mentions the first day of the week is in I Corinthians 16:1-2. Paul requested each person to "lay by him in store" on the first day of the week—the best time for people to set some money aside in their homes for an offering to the poor Christians in Jerusalem —Continued on page 4, Col. 1 top

—Cont. from p. 3, Col. 2—"Liberty of Conscience Threatened." who needed help. Then it would be ready when he would come later to take it to them. There's nothing in the text about a church service, but Paul requested this so "that there be no gathering when I come." I Cor. 16:2. Thus, there is NO command to worship God on Sunday!!

"CATHOLICISM SPEAKS, HER MARK"

"Sunday is a Catholic Institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on catholic principles.... From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first." <u>The Catholic Press</u>, Sydney, Australia, August, 1990.

"Most Christians assume that Sunday is the biblically approved day of worship. The Catholic Church protests that it transferred Christian worship from the biblical Sabbath (Saturday) to Sunday, and that to try to argue that the change was made in the Bible is both dishonest and a denial of Catholic authority. If Protestantism wants to base its teachings only on the Bible, it should worship on Saturday."—Rome's Challenge immaculateheart.com/maryonline, Dec 2003.

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act...,And the act is a <u>MARK</u> of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things." <u>H.E. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.</u> "Sunday is our <u>MARK</u> of authority. The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of the Sabbath observance is proof of that fact. (Emphasis Supplied) - *The Catholic Record, London, Ontario, Sept. 1, 1923.*

THE LAST WARNING OF LOVE IS FROM GOD

"And I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel (overcoming sin by faith in Jesus) to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice: Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of His (pre-Advent) judgment is come. And worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters (on His 7th-day Sabbath).

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon [the Mother and her daughters] is fallen, is fallen, that great city because she made all nations drink of the wine (false doctrines and traditions) of the wrath of her fornication (union of the church with the state).

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast (Mother Church) and his image (union of church & state in fallen America), and receive his (enforced national Sunday worship) in his forehead (deceived) or in his hand (knowingly), the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation. And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the Mark (enforced SUNDAY WORSHIP under a National Sunday Law) of his name. Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God (including WORSHIP on the seventh-day Sabbath—or Saturday) and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14: 6-12:

" COME OUT OF HER (BABYLON) MY PEOPLE"

Revelation 18: 1-8: "And after these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great power (*everlasting gospel*), and the earth was lightened with his glory

(Christ's character in His people). And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying Babylon the great (the fallen church systems) is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird! For all nations have drunk of the wine wrath of her fornication, and the kings (NATIONS, LEADERS) of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven saying, COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, AND that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. ... Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine. And she shall be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." May the lord bless you and "prepare to meet thy God"

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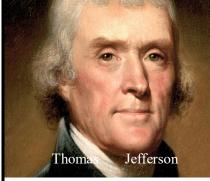
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SEPARATION OF CHRISTIANITY & STATE

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n Virginia was begun the Protest and the contest for Religious Liberty in this land. There the Church of England was the form of the religious establishment. All the people were taxed to support the preachers and to build the meeting-houses of that denomination. The will of that church

was a part of the law of the State, to which all must conform or pay harassing and heavy fines.

No sooner had the Declaration of Independence been made than the Baptists, the Quakers, and the Presbyterians of the Presbytery of Hanover, in Virginia, presented to the General Assembly a Memorial pleading for Religious Liberty. They said in substance: We have declared ourselves free and independent of the government of England. Now let us also be free and independent of the church of England.

Their plea was heard. And after two months of what **Jefferson** said was the **severest contest** in which he was ever engaged, the cause of freedom prevailed. **Dec. 6, 1776**, by a legislature "of which the majority were Protestant Episcopalians," a law was enacted repealing all the laws and penalties prejudicial to dissenters, releasing them from any further compulsory contributions to the Episcopal

Church, and discontinuing all State support to the clergy after **Jan.** 1, 1777. —*Continue to page 5, col. 1 top*

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The <u>church</u> was disestablished. Virginia was free!

 Yet the contest for Religious Liberty was not ended. Immediately there was a combine of all the denominations in Virginia, except the Presbyterians, the Baptists, and the Quakers, to secure the establishment of "the Christian religion" by law. In the very Assembly that had disestablished the Episcopal Church, there was made a motion to levy a general tax for the support of "teachers of the Christian religion." The matter was postponed to the consideration of "a future Assembly." To the next Assembly petitions were sent by the Episcopalians and the Methodists, pleading for a law levying a general tax for the support of "teachers of the Christian religion."

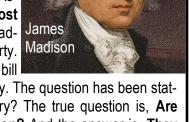
These petitions and associated efforts were vigorously **opposed by** the Presbyterians in their original memorial renewed with additions; by "the strenuous efforts of the Baptists"; and by the loyal strength of the Quakers. In 1779 the bill for the general assessment for the support of teachers of "the Christian religion" was defeated, though it had been carried to the third reading.

Then Jefferson prepared ... a document entitled "An Act for Establishing Religious Freedom," and proposed that it be adopted by the General Assembly "as a part of the Revised Code" of Virginia. This proposed law was submitted to "the whole people of Virginia" for their "deliberate reflection," before the vote should be taken upon it in the Assembly. This was in 1779; and the war for independence had now become so all-absorbing that the movement for the establishment of "the Christian Religion" had to be suspended. And Jefferson's bill for "Establishing Religious Freedom" was before the whole people for such consideration as the times might allow.

 However, no sooner had peace come to the land than under the lead of "The Protestant Episcopal Church" the demand for established religion was again forced to the front. Petitions were presented to the General Assembly and a bill was framed, proposing a legal "provision for teachers of the **Christian** Religion." Patrick Henry was its patron; and "many others of the foremost

men" supported it.

Personally Jefferson was out of the country as minister to France. But his place on the ground, in the General Assembly and everywhere, was most worthily filled by Madison as the leader in the cause of Religious Liberty. Madison declared: "The assessment bill



exceeds the functions of civil authority. The question has been stated as if it were, Is religion necessary? The true question is, Are establishments necessary to religion? And the answer is, They corrupt religion."

 In spite of all opposition the bill was successfully carried to the third reading. It was certain to pass if it should come to the vote. Therefore the opposition fought for time. Using as a base the fact that the bill "Establishing Religious Freedom" had been submitted to "the whole people," and was —Continue to next column —Cont. from Previous Column

at that moment still before them, Madison and his associates moved that the bill "Establishing a Provision for Teachers of the Christian Religion" be likewise submitted to the whole people for their deliberate reflection.

This motion was so evidently just that it gained the majority and was carried. "Thus the people of Virginia had before them for their choice the bill of the revised code for `Establishing Religious Freedom,' and the plan of desponding churchmen for supporting religion by a general assessment."

"All the State... was alive with the discussion. Madison, in a Remonstrance addressed to the Legislature, embodied all that could be said against the compulsory maintenance of Christianity, and in behalf of religious freedom as a natural right, the glory of Christianity itself, the surest method of supporting religion, and the only way to produce harmony among its several sects." Washington cast his mighty influence in behalf of Religious Liberty. The outcome of the contest was that "when the Legislature of Virginia assembled, no person was willing to bring forward the Assessment Bill; and it was never heard of more. ... [Then] Madison selected for immediate action the one which related to Religious Freedom.

"The People of Virginia had held it under deliberation for six years. In December, 1785, it passed the House by a vote of nearly four to one. Attempts in the Senate for amendment produced only insignificant changes in the preamble, and on the 16th of January, **1786**, Virginia placed among its statutes the very words of the original draft by Jefferson, with the hope that they would endure forever:

" 'No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinion in matters of religion, and the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities. . . . The rights hereby asserted are of the natural rights of mankind, and if any act shall be hereafter passed to repeal the present or narrow its operation, such act will be an infringement of natural right'."

... Madison happily exclaimed,... "Thus in Virginia was extinguished forever the ambitious hope of making laws for the human mind."

Yet this grand result in Virginia did not end either the story or the campaign of Religious Liberty in this land. Before the campaign in Virginia had closed in that triumph of Religious Liberty, the first steps had been taken for the calling of a convention to consider the forming of a national government by and for the people of all the States. And out of that campaign of Religious Liberty which they had made triumphant in Virginia, Madison and Washington went directly into the campaign for the forming of a national government. And into the new campaign they carried with them and finally fixed in the National Constitution the very principles of Religious Liberty which they had carried to such a triumphant issue in Virginia. All that was said on this subject in the Constitution as originally --Go to page 6, Column 1 top.

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framed was the closing clause of Article VI:—"No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States." ... The insertion of that clause proved both that the subject had been considered and that it had been decided: and that it had been decided in the way of excluding religion

 entirely. Yet this did not satisfy the people. The discussion of the subject in Virginia had spread through all the other States, and had awakened there an interest that now found expression. When the Constitution was submitted to the people for ratification, objection was made everywhere that it did not fully secure Religious Liberty. Only negative expression was not enough.
 What was intended should be positively asserted.

Accordingly the ratification of the Constitution was with the distinct understanding that there should immediately be appended articles of the nature of a Bill of Rights. By the first Congress that ever met under the Constitution, this was done in the form of the first ten Amendments. And the **very first clause** of all is the one that positively assures the complete Religious Liberty that had all the time been intended: -- "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

 Yet even that did not quite finish the story. In 1797 there was made and signed by President Washington regularly "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate" according to the Constitution, a treaty in which it was declared –

"The government of the United States is <u>not in any sense</u> founded upon the Christian religion."

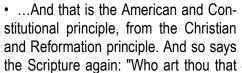
 \bullet And by the Fourteenth Amendment, this Religious Liberty is extended and guaranteed to all the people in all the States: for -

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

Such is the straight and plain story of The Fact of the establishment of **full and complete** Religious Liberty as a natural and constitutional right in this New Nation of the United States.

 The men who erected this noble temple of Religious Liberty, first made clear what they meant, and what is to be understood, by the word "Religion." They said: -- "Religion, or the duty which we owe to our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence, and is nowhere cognizable but at the tribunal of the universal Judge. ... To judge for ourselves, and to engage in the exercise of religion agreeably to the dictates of our own consciences, is an unalienable right, which, upon The Principles on which The Gospel was first propagated and The Reformation from Popery carried on, can never be transferred to another." Further they said: "In the event of a statute for the support of the Christian religion, are the courts of law to decide what is Christianity? and as a consequence to decide what is orthodoxy and what is heresy?" "Who does not see that the same authority which can establish Christianity, in exclusion of all other religions, may establish, with the same ease any particular sect of Christians, -Cont. to Next Column top. —Cont. from Previous Column

in exclusion of all other sects?" "It is impossible for the magistrate to adjudge the right of preference among the various sects that profess the Christian faith, without erecting a claim to infallibility which would lead us back to the Church of Rome."





judgest another man's servant? To his own Master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up; for God is able to make him stand." "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14: 4, 12. ...That is the American and Constitutional principle; for Washington said: "Every man who conducts himself as a good citizen is accountable alone to God for his religious faith; and should be protected in worshiping God according to the dictates of his conscience."

- Again Jesus said: "Render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matt. 22: 21. When that word was spoken, in all the "civilized" world Caesar and God, religion and the State, were held to be one and inseparable. But by that word Jesus split in two that heathen and Satanic thing....
- ...It is important especially to emphasize the fact and the truth that the American and Constitutional principle of Religious Liberty is the separation of the Christian religion and the State, the separation of Christianity and the State, and not merely the separation of Church and State.

...The sole question ...was as to whether "the Christian religion should have governmental recognition and support, or whether it should be excluded from all governmental support, connection, or recognition. In all the documents that are the essential features of the issue, there is not once found the phrase "Church and State".... Throughout, the phrases are "religion"—in the abstract, "the Christian religion," "Christianity," "the legal establishment of Christianity."

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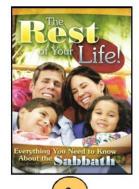
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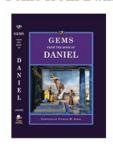
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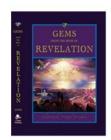
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"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments **always**, that it might be well with them, and with their children **for ever**!" Deuteronomy 5:29

RAISED TO NEW LIFE? OR SHOOT TO KILL?

From: wgrd.com/church-ar15-raffle-prize/



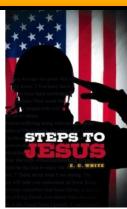
So a church hosting a raffle at its Fourth of July party isn't anything out of the ordinary. What was very out of the ordinary was the church's premier prize: an AR-15. On July 7th, New Chaptel church located in Grand Rapids hosted its yearly Fourth of July celebration dubbed 'Living in Freedom' which features carnival rides, games, food, and fun. One of those fun events is a free raffle with a variety of prizes including a trip to Great Wolf Lodge, bikes

for kids...and an AR-15 Rifle. The church claims that it is "scriptural for people of God to be armed", citing Luke 22:35-37. [Where Jesus enigmatically said, "It is enough." But they forget these more direct words to Peter: "Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" Matthew 26:52, 53.—EDITORS.] THE END

DECEPTIONS OF WAR

Whiskey in a Grenade; Jesus with Carnal Warfare?





"Intemperance dethrones reason; sensual indulgence, strife, and bloodshed follow. Satan delights war, for it

excites the worst passions of the soul and then sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood. It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another, for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God." Great Controversy, 589

ORIGINAL SDA POSITION ON WAR

Gen. Conf. Executive Committee of SDA, Aug. 2, 1864

o His Excellency, Austin Blair, Governor of the State of Michigan: We the undersigned, Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventhday Adventists, respectfully beg leave to present for your consideration the following statements.



The denomination of Christians calling themselves Seventh-day Adventists, taking the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, are unanimous in their views that its teachings are contrary to the spirit and practice of war; hence, they have ever been conscientiously opposed to bearing arms. If there is any portion of the Bible which we, as a people, can point to more than another as our creed, it is the law of ten commandments, which we regard as the supreme law, and each precept of which we take in its most obvious and literal import. The fourth of these commandments requires cessation of labor on the seventh day of the week, the sixth prohibits the taking of life, neither of which, in our view, could be observed while doing military duty. Our practice has uniformly been consistent with these principles. Hence, our people have not felt free to enlist into the service. In none of our denomination publications have we advocated or encouraged the practice of bearing arms; and, when drafted, rather than violate our principle, we have been content to pay, and assist each other in paying, the \$300 commutation money. And while that provision remained of universal application, we did not deem any public expression of our sentiments on this question called for. We would further represent that Seventh-day Adventists are rigidly antislavery, loyal to the government, and in sympathy with it against the rebellion. —Continue next column

But not having had a long exist- From left column belowence as a distinct people, and our organization having but recently been perfected, our sentiments are not yet extensively known. The change in the law renders it necessary that we take a more public stand in the matter. For this reason we now lay before Your Excellency the sentiments of Seventh-day Adventists, as a body, relative to bearing arms, trusting that you will feel no hesitation in endorsing our claim that, as a people, we come under the intent of the late action of Congress concerning those who are conscientiously opposed to bearing arms, and are entitled to the benefits of said laws.

John Byington, first President Of SDA Church, 1863-65



J. N. Loughborough Geo. W. Amadon, General Conference Executive Committee of Seventh-day Adventists, Battle Creek, Mich, Aug. 2, 1864

[EDITORS: John Byington voiced the united sentiment of the newly organized Seventh-day Adventist church that war was against the principles of Christianity. The SDA church was totally pacifist. May our young men & women prayerfully take this position.]

1865—SDA Resolution: We are "compelled to decline all participation in acts of war and bloodshed as being inconsistent with the duties enjoined upon us by our divine Master toward our enemies and toward all mankind." 1867—SDA Resolution: "Engaging in war is a direct violation of the teachings of our Saviour." 1868— **SDA Resolution**: "We cannot believe it to be right for the servants of Christ to take up arms to destroy the lives of their THE END fellow-men."