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

Heritage Foundation Report Calls for UNIFORM SUNDAY LAWS

By Michael Peabody, Adventist Today, January 15, 2026



On **January 8, 2026**, the Heritage Foundation released "Saving America by Saving the Family" (SASF), a comprehensive policy agenda authored by Roger Severino, Jay

W. Richards, and others. Framed as a "culture-wide Manhattan Project" (Pg. 6), the report aims to **avert a demographic collapse before** the nation's 250th anniversary. Among its most controversial proposals is a **call for the restoration of "blue laws" to establish a "uniform day of rest" on Sundays**. Relying on the 1961 Supreme Court case *McGowan v. Maryland*, the authors argue that a synchronized community pause is necessary to combat "spiritual homelessness" (Pg. 38). This proposal explicitly prioritizes "uniformity" (Pg. 38) over flexibility, creating a potential legal conflict for Jewish and Seventh-day Adventist communities who observe a Saturday Sabbath.

The following analysis focuses on what is within the text of the original paper itself and does not draw from external information. There will be additional analysis in the near future about the subject, but to be fair to the authors of the paper, this is intended to be reviewed in the context in which the Heritage Foundation issued the proposal.

Is this a Return to Blue Laws? Yes, the Heritage Foundation's January 2026 report explicitly proposes that states and local communities restore "blue laws" to **limit commercial activity on Sundays**. The authors argue that a "uniform day of rest" (Pg. 38) is constitutionally valid and socially necessary to restore family life. While the report praises the family structures of minority faiths such as Orthodox Jews, its specific policy recommendation relies on legal precedent that permits the state to designate Sunday as the common day of rest because "the majority of people who take a day of rest for religious reasons do so on Sundays" (Pg. 38).

Why was this report issued now? The report is **framed as an urgent intervention** as the United States approaches its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026. **The crisis:** The authors argue that the "natural family has ceased to be a central organizing reality" (Pg. 12) and that the nation faces a "population bust" (Pg. 14). **The goal:** The report aims to be "A Foundation for the Next 250 Years" (title page), asserting that "when a nation fails to preserve the family, the state soon fails to preserve itself" (Pg. 1).

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MAY 17— A CALL TO GATHER THE NATION TO PRAY on SUNDAY

By Samyarup Chowdhury, ussanews.com/2026/02/25/maga-reacts

President Trump's call to "rededicate America as one nation under God" has drawn enthusiastic praise from prominent MAGA figures. Trump's statement signals a renewed push to place public prayer and religious identity at the center of his political message ahead of a major national gathering in May. Speaking at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., Trump announced plans for a nationwide religious event scheduled for **[SUNDAY]** May 17. He said Americans from across the country would **gather to pray, give thanks and symbolically recommit the nation to faith [on Sunday]**. "We're going to rededicate America as **one nation under God**," Trump told attendees.



MAGA figures applaud the plan. Trump's announcement was quickly amplified online by influential conservative figures. Commentator Gunther Eagleman told his 1.6 million followers on X that "God is Good," while right-wing influencer Nick Sortor wrote that "America is a Christian nation." Other pro-Trump accounts echoed the sentiment, framing the event as a declaration of national identity. An account called MAGA Voice wrote that Trump "stuns America" by announcing the rededication, adding, **"CHRIST IS KING."** Conservative podcaster Eric Daugherty shared a video of the remarks with the caption, "JUST IN: President Trump announces that on May 17, we will re-dedicate America as **'ONE NATION UNDER GOD.'**"

The May 17 gathering is part of Trump's Freedom 250 initiative, organized with the National Park Foundation, marking the 250th anniversary of American independence. Promotional materials for the event invite participants to give thanks for "250 years of His Providence for the United States" and to pray for the country's future. "In speech, song and storytelling, we will bear witness to the extraordinary story of how God has powerfully and wondrously shaped the United States of America — remembering the people, sacrifices and defining moments in which God has powerfully manifested Himself in our history," an advertisement for the event reads.

While Trump did not explain why May 17 was selected, the date carries historical significance. Before the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress proclaimed May 17 **[a Friday]**, 1776, as a day of fasting and prayer throughout the colonies, according to the Library of Congress. THE END

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Cont. from pg. 1, Col. 1, “Uniform Sunday Law...”

The authors: The report was produced by the DeVos Center for Human Flourishing, with lead authors including Roger Severino and Jay W. Richards (Pg. 1).

What is the specific “Uniform Day of Rest” proposal? The report explicitly advocates for laws that limit commerce to create a shared community pause.

The justification: The authors argue that “blue laws” provide “temporal boundaries” that allow for “religious observance, family gatherings, outdoor activities, and rest” (Pg. 38).

The legal argument: The report cites *McGowan v. Maryland* (1961), noting that the Supreme Court upheld Sunday closing laws because they serve a secular purpose and “can accommodate the fact that the majority of people who take a day of rest for religious reasons do so on Sundays” (Pg. 38).

Combating isolation: The authors contend that “restoring a common rhythm of rest and reflection” is necessary to “reverse the trend toward ‘spiritual homelessness’” (Pg. 38).

Does the plan allow for other days of rest? It doesn’t mention other days of rest. The text rejects the “on-demand culture” (Pg. 39) in favor of synchronization.

Rejection of flexibility: The report argues that a “uniform” day is required for communities to “cohere” (Pg. 38). It does not suggest allowing businesses to choose their own closing day.

Legal reservoir: The authors view the 28 states where some form of blue laws still exist as a “legal reservoir” (Pg. 38) that should be protected and expanded.

Future communities: The report advises that “Where new, planned communities or transitioning communities form, they should consider adding rest days as part of their master plans” (Pg. 39).

How does this impact different religious groups? The proposal creates a distinct advantage for Sunday observers while potentially burdening Saturday observers.

Latter-day Saints (Sunday Observers): The report praises “enclaves of Latter-day Saints” for their “cultural norms” that “support families” (Pg. 27). Since they observe Sunday, a civil closing law would reinforce their existing religious practice without economic penalty.

Orthodox Jews & Adventists (Saturday Observers): The report also praises “Orthodox Jews” for maintaining strong family structures (Pg. 27). (Note: the Sunday law proposal creates a “two-day” conflict. These groups must close Saturday for religious reasons. If forced to close Sunday for civil uniformity reasons, they lose a second day of revenue, putting them at a competitive disadvantage against Sunday-observing businesses that only close once.)

What are the economic and cultural arguments used? The authors anticipate economic objections and counter them with examples of successful businesses that close on Sundays.

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Chick-fil-A: The report cites the fast-food chain, noting it “closes its restaurants on Sundays for the benefit of its workers and their families” (Pg. 39).



Existing closures: It points out that “the U.S. Postal Service does not deliver regular mail on Sundays” and “most banks are closed on Sundays” (Pg. 39).

Online shopping: The authors argue that “With the advent of on-demand delivery, shopping can be shifted easily and conveniently to other days of the week” (Pg. 38), reducing the need for physical retail on Sundays.

Public awareness: Beyond laws, the report suggests Health & Human Services launch campaigns with messages like “Give her a ring before she gives you a baby” (Pg. 102).

What’s Next? The Heritage Foundation describes this effort as a “culture-wide Manhattan Project” (Pg. 6). Expect this report to serve as the legislative template for the 119th Congress. The “uniform day of rest” proposal is likely to face immediate legal scrutiny, with opponents challenging the “secular” justification used in *McGowan* given the report’s explicit goal of fostering “religious observance” (Pg. 38).

Legal & Cultural Analysis: The Heritage Foundation’s reliance on *McGowan v. Maryland* (Pg. 38) is a strategic attempt to revive a pre-secular legal standard. In 1961, the Supreme Court permitted Sunday laws by accepting the premise that they were labor regulations, not religious mandates. However, the text of this 2026 report may undermine that defense. By explicitly linking the laws to curing “spiritual homelessness” (Pg. 38) and encouraging “religious observance” (Pg. 38), the authors provide evidence that the *purpose* of the law is indeed religious.

This creates a tension between the report’s stated support for religious freedom and its specific policy prescriptions. While the authors argue that government must “protect and accommodate religious practice” (Pg. 37), their “uniform” Sunday proposal accommodates the majority (Pg. 38) while potentially burdening the minority. Saturday Sabbatarians (Jews and Adventists) have historically argued that uniform Sunday laws act as a tax on their faith. If enacted, this policy would likely force a new Supreme Court test case on whether “majoritarian accommodation” violates the Free Exercise Clause in a pluralistic society.

[EDITORS: [Sunday (and Saturday) are already days that are uniformly free from work. If work on that day impacts someone’s beliefs, the employer is required to make adjustments to allow for religious freedom. Thus, there is no reason for this law, except to make an outward show that this is a Christian nation that exalts a child of the papacy above the law of God. This unconstitutional law favors one religion above another. Muslims, Jews, Adventists and others would be negatively impacted. The law is gentle now, but will be strengthened later, **when judgments fall on this nation for disobedience to the fourth commandment.]**

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SDA MEMBERS ASK UNITED NATIONS TO TERMINATE SDA NGO STATUS

From: www.faithfuladventist.org

[EDITORS: In the Second Angel's Message of Rev. 14:8, and 18:4, God calls His people out of corporate sin of fallen church systems for two reasons: 1) "Lest ye be **partakers of her sins,**" and 2) "**that ye receive not of her plagues.**"

Since 1985, the General Conference of SDA located in Silver Spring, MD has affiliated itself with the United Nations when it quietly gained official NGO status. Recently a number of SDA members found out about this, and realized that it was a form of union between church and state, and that U.N. goals, opposed to the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, were being broadcast to the world and to SDA church members through the General Conference's official statements.

Rather than heeding God's call in the Second Angel's Message to remove their membership from the rogue General Conference of SDA located in Silver Spring, MD, and **thus be free from partaking of the sins** of the General Conference, certain SDA members took it upon themselves to write to the United Nations on their own volition asking the United Nations to terminate the relationship. A portion of their letter is below:]

An Open Letter to the United Nations and to the Citizens of the World — **A request to terminate any alliance of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the United Nations**, a solemn warning and appeal.

Date: January 9, 2026

To: His Excellency Mr. António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations United Nations Headquarters New York, NY 10017, USA And to the People of the World.

From: Faithful Members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church

Your Excellency and Citizens of the World,

As faithful members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church from different countries of the world, we write with a repentant heart, unwavering conviction, and sincere hope. We respectfully **request the immediate termination of any alliance between the United Nations (UN)** and its associated agencies, offices, and bilateral institutions, and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC) and GC related religious liberty associations such as the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) and, its sister organizations such as the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty (AIDLR). Furthermore, **we request an orderly withdrawal** of all GC related entities, such as the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and we request all existing partner contracts be completed within the year and no new partner contracts be formed.

Our objective is complete severance of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its related entities from the UN and its associated agencies, offices, and bilateral institutions.

Like the highest administrative body of many other Christian denominations, the GC has

—*Cont. from Pg. 1, Col. 2, "Missed UN Sunday Law?"*

held NGO consultative status with the United Nations for decades. **This status, obtained in 1985 without the knowledge or consent of the worldwide Church membership, is invalid.** We recognize that the current GC leadership did not obtain this status; yet they are fully aware of the ongoing partnership and have received repeated appeals for its reconsideration. Concerns have been raised by individuals, churches, and even delegates at the quinquennial General Conference Sessions, but the GC have consistently not engaged in any discussion with the larger Church body on this issue. Most members remained unaware of this affiliation or its implications until the COVID-19 pandemic, when the GC and its associated institutions were unwilling to officially endorse the religious liberty claims of members and employees.

...The Church, commissioned to influence the world, has been coopted by the world through the UN. This does not mean that the Church, which is its membership, is in alignment with the UN; nor does it imply that the GC's current consultative status with the UN is compatible with the Church's beliefs. **The Church requires an internal reformation**, wholly independent of the UN, to return to full harmony with the Word of God.

...The Bible identifies the body of faithful Christians as the priesthood of all believers, a structure which rejects any hierarchy that binds the conscience, as Christ is the head of the Church and each believer. This Biblical form of governance for God's true people contradicts UN Resolution 1996/31, which requires affiliated NGOs to exercise centralized authority over their members. As Bible-believing Christians, Seventh-day Adventists have been admonished by God to "make no league with the inhabitants of this land." **Two cannot walk together, "except they be agreed," and to be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God.** We do not wish to impose our particular beliefs on any other group, but the Bible makes it clear that if we unite with others of different faiths, "their gods shall be a snare unto" us. **Moreover, the Bible plainly teaches that when the world confederates together, it is "against the Lord," and they will be "broken in pieces;"** their "counsel...shall come to nought." God's final judgments will soon fall upon this Earth, and it is the duty of Bible-believing Seventh-day Adventists to call sincere seekers of Biblical truth to "come out of" the confederation with the world and false teaching, that they may be true Christians and "be not partakers of her sins" and "receive not of her plagues." The UN ought to reject the alliance with the Church. The GC leadership's alignment with UN instruments and activities, revealed through numerous official statements and policies, subverts clear Biblical doctrine. As Bible-faithful Seventh-day Adventists, we reject the presumed authority, propriety, and theological legitimacy claimed by the GC in its continued allegiance with and submission to the UN. The establishment of the alliance by the GC with the UN is ultra vires, that is, beyond lawful authority. The true authority of the Church is founded in Christ and the Bible. No Church member can endorse or participate in a

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relationship concealed from public review, while key documents between the GC leadership and the UN remain undisclosed. Such secrecy violates the transparency required for conscience, truth and consent. The partnership with the GC undermines the UN’s integrity, for the Church’s members have not agreed to support nor share its aims. The primary purpose for the creation of the GC was to “promote the evangelistic outreach of the church.” The GC and ADRA have wrongfully used their allegiance with the UN to attempt to further the goals of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is imperative at this final hour of earth’s history that nothing impedes the Church from sharing God’s final proclamation of the everlasting gospel and His final warning messages to the world as revealed in the Three Angels’ Messages of Rev. 14:6–13. This includes sharing the gospel with citizens of UN member states, ...which may be contrary to UN statements on proselytization and which may arouse religious persecution and civil unrest among those opposed to the gospel.

The UN should not desire association with a body of believers whose mission is at variance with its goals. Therefore, we appeal to you, Mr. Secretary-General, **to terminate immediately the NGO consultative status of the GC** with the UN and its associated agencies, offices, and bilateral institutions. **The continued allegiance to the UN violates the Biblical principle of separation between Church and State....**

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A CALL TO RECONSECRATE, REORGANIZE, AND ADVANCE

From Ellen White, 13MR 201.

Never should the mind of **one man** or the minds of a few men be regarded as sufficient in wisdom and power to control the work and say what plans shall be followed. The burden of the work in this broad field should not rest upon two or three men. Over and over again men have said, “**The voice of the conference is the voice of God**; therefore everything must be referred to the conference. The conference must permit or restrict in the various lines of work.” As the matter has been presented to me, **there is a narrow compass, and within this narrow compass, all the entrances to which are locked, are those who would like to exercise kingly power.** But the work carried on all over the field demands an entirely different course of action. **There is need of the laying of a foundation different from the foundation which has been laid in the past.**

We have heard much about everything moving in the regular lines. When we see that the “regular lines” are purified and refined, that they bear the mold of the God of heaven, then it will be time to endorse these lines. But when we see that message after message given by God has been received and accepted, yet no change has been made, we know that new power must be brought into the regular lines. **The management of the regular lines must be entirely changed,** newly organized. There must be a committee, not composed of half a dozen men, but of representatives from all lines of our work, from our

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publishing houses, from our educational institutions, and from our sanitariums, which have life in them... We need to study what John has written about the love of God. This love has not been cultivated, and when it is not cultivated, the opposite attribute is developed. ...Those who have practiced sharp dealings have flattered themselves that they are keen businessmen, but they have been losing instead of gaining, and unless they change, their light will be removed.

God means what He says. He calls for a change. The same things are being repeated, the same ideas followed, the same committees appointed. In a small section **a king reigns**, and all others are secondary, when there are other men who are better able to do the work, because they have not been working on narrow plans.

...If you will melt under the tenderness of God, breaking your hearts before Him and placing yourselves where you will not mislead, you will see that He hates selfishness. When you bring selfishness into the management of His cause, it makes the crime one-hundred-fold greater. It makes God ashamed of you.

You are to be representatives of Jesus Christ, representatives of His character. You are to show that you are carrying out the living principles of heaven in every line of action. God will not accept your **common fire**. He wants you to use the **sacred fire** which He has kindled on the divine altar. It is His desire that this fire shall consume all commonness, all selfishness, all cheapness. These things must be purged from the men who are **helping to prepare a people to stand in the last great conflict**, which is just upon us. Self must be hid in Christ. When this is done, Christ will appear. Christ will be seen as the great Worker. God desires the committees which have been handling the same things for so long, to be relieved of their command. They should have a chance for life, to see if they cannot get out of the rut into which they have fallen. I have no hope that they will do this without a thorough change, because the Spirit of God has been working with them yet the wrong, unreformed, is still there.

The Lord desires His Holy Spirit to come into this meeting. He declares that every vestige of sharpness in dealing must be removed, for He hates it. **No sharpness** is to be exercised toward His servants who are working for Him, bringing the tithe into the treasure that His cause may be sustained. God’s treasury is to be supplied by the tithe, which is to be regarded as a sacred fund....

A change must be made. Let them have an opportunity to get out into the field and see what it means to wrestle for the cause as some of God’s servants have wrestled. Let them see what it means to build up the work, what it means to establish something out of nothing.... **There are to be no kings in our work**, no man who will put out his hand and say to God’s workmen, “You cannot go there; we will not support you if you go there.” “We!” What have they to do with the supporting? Is the means of support theirs? The money comes from the people. ...Go to the people and tell them their necessity. They are to draw from the people means to build up the work in the field where they are.

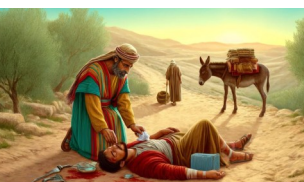
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400 RELIGIOUS LEADERS PROTEST GOVERNMENT CRUELTY

By Jack Jenkins, RNS, 2/16/2026. See acalltochristians.org,

A group of nearly 400 prominent Christian leaders called President Donald Trump's administration "**cruel and oppressive**" and accused the government of being corrupted by an **aberrant form of Christianity**, in a (Feb. 18) statement. The statement has a list of signers that includes a mix of denominational leaders, seminary presidents, scholars and leaders of prominent congregations. In it, they urged fellow faithful to commit to "greater acts of courage to resist." "We are facing a cruel and oppressive government; citizens and immigrants being demonized, disappeared, and even killed; the erosion of hard-won rights and freedoms; and a calculated effort to reverse America's growing racial and ethnic diversity—all of which are **pushing us toward authoritarian and imperial rule**," reads the letter, which organizers said was spearheaded by a group of Christian leaders who have been meeting regularly to discuss how to respond to the administration.

The document raises concerns about "an endangered democracy and the rise of tyranny" and warns of a crisis born out of a "Christian faith corrupted by the heretical ideology of white Christian nationalism, and a church that has often failed to equip its members to model Jesus's teachings and fulfill its prophetic calling as a humanitarian, compassionate, and moral compass for society." "We call on all Christians to join us in greater acts of courage to resist the injustices and anti-democratic danger sweeping across the nation," the letter reads. **[We are now in a time when the government is the religion of 'Christian nationalist' leaders in government. Jesus said, They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.] John 16:3.]**



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CHRIST NOT TO BE AN EARTHLY KING

When Christ forbade the people to declare Him king, He knew that **a turning point** in His history was reached. Multitudes who desired to exalt Him to the throne today would turn from Him tomorrow. The disappointment of their selfish ambition would turn their love to hatred, and their praise to curses. Yet knowing this, He took no measures to avert the crisis. From the first He had held out to His followers no hope of earthly rewards. ... If men could have had the world with Christ, multitudes would have proffered Him their allegiance; but such service He could not accept. Of those now connected with Him there **were many who had been attracted by the hope of a worldly kingdom**. Desire of Ages, 383.

Reasoning from prophecy, Christ gave His disciples a correct idea of what He was to be in humanity. Their expectation of a Messiah who was to take His throne and kingly power in accordance with the desires of men had been misleading. It would interfere with a correct apprehension of His descent from the highest to the lowest position that could be occupied.

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Christ desired that the ideas —*Cont. from Previous Column* of His disciples might be pure and true in every specification. They must understand as far as possible in regard to **the cup of suffering** that had been apportioned to Him. He showed them that the awful conflict which they could not yet comprehend was the fulfillment of the **covenant made before the foundation of the world was laid**. Christ must die, as every transgressor of the law must die if he continues in sin. All this was to be, but it was not to end in defeat, but in glorious, eternal victory. Jesus told them that every effort must be made to save the world from sin. His followers must live as He lived, and work as He worked, with intense, persevering effort." Desire of Ages, 799.

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Early in February, 2026, two of my colleagues, Br. Patrick Jones on the left, and Br. Garth Smith in the middle, joined me on the panel to talk about current events and prophecy. We covered the resurrections from the dead and other timely doctrines, but focused on the Uniform Sunday Rest law that was being promoted by the Heritage Foundation, the same entity that produced the 2025 Project that is being closely followed by the government today. The prophecies in Rev. 13 and the Three Angels Messages of Revelation 14:6 to 12 were closely covered. We are on the verge of these becoming a full reality. In order to **stand** on the firm platform of the 3 Angels Messages, it is necessary to heed the principle of **the call of God** in the 2nd Angel's Message to **come out** of any church system that is in **corporate sin**—where the system itself is violating God's law. For instance, **Sunday keeping violates the 4th commandment, and Trinity worship violates the first**. Those who do not heed the message will be partakers of her (the church system's) sins, and will receive of her plagues. God bless you to be faithful to Him, that He will be a Father unto you, and that ye shall be **His sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18.

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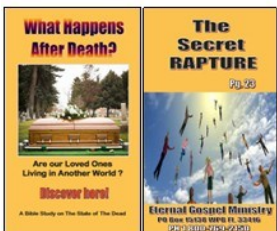
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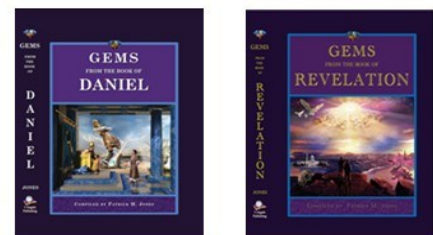
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*“O that there were such an **heart** in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments **always**, that it might be **well** with them, and with their children **for ever!**” Deuteronomy 5:29*

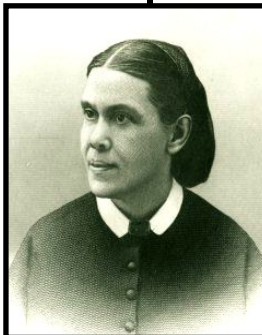
THE WORK OF A FALSE PROPHET

By Ellen White, 4 Testimonies, 185

Those who seek to cloak sin, and make it appear less aggravated to the mind of the offender, are doing the work of the false prophets, and may expect the retributive wrath of God to follow such a course. The Lord will never accommodate his ways to the wishes of corrupt men. The false prophet condemned Jeremiah for afflicting the people with his severe denunciations; and he sought to reassure them by promising them prosperity, thinking that the poor people should not be continually reminded of their sins and threatened with punishment. This course strengthened the people to resist the true prophet's counsel, and intensified their enmity toward him.

God has no sympathy with the evil-doer. He gives no one liberty to gloss over the sins of his people, nor to cry, “Peace! peace!” when he has declared that there shall be no peace for the wicked. Those who stir up rebellion against the servants whom God sends to deliver his messages, are rebelling against the word of the Lord.

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A FALSE PROPHET IN OUR MIDST?

By Ellen White, 5 Testimonies, 77.

God commanded Elijah to anoint the cruel and deceitful Hazael king over Syria, that he might be a scourge to idolatrous Israel. Who knows whether God will not give you up to the deceptions you love? Who knows but that the preachers who are faithful, firm, and true may be the last who shall offer the gospel of peace to our unthankful churches? It may be that the destroyers are already training under the hand of Satan and only wait the departure of a few more standard-bearers to take their places, and with the voice of the false prophet cry, “Peace, peace,” when the Lord hath not spoken peace. I seldom weep, but now I find my eyes blinded with tears; they are falling upon my paper as I write. It may be that ere long all prophesying among us will be at an end, and the voice which has stirred the people may no longer disturb their carnal slumbers. When God shall work His strange work on the earth, when holy hands bear the ark no longer, woe will be upon the people.

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THE COMING GAMBLING TSUNAMI

By Richard D. Land, The Christian Post, February 13, 2026



impact on young people (especially young men).

...A front-page article in USA TODAY, titled “Kids Delve Into Sports Betting” by Nick Penzenstadler, proclaims the distressing news that more than one-third of adolescent boys have participated in the last 12 months in gambling through legal outlets (30% of 11- to 13-year-olds and 41% of 14- to 17-year-olds). Most of these youngsters bet on legalized sports books....

The top two predictors of adult problem gambling are: you have a parent with a gambling problem and starting at a young age. These gambling facts serve as a harbinger of a tidal wave of financial and personal heartbreak for multiple thousands of young men who will have their financial and often their personal futures destroyed or seriously diminished by gambling addiction.

A Message from World Vision: Since the U.S. Supreme Court's extremely unwise decision to legalize sports wagering in 2018, the national appetite for —Continue next column

online gambling has metastasized. It is estimated that Americans wagered \$1.7 billion in legal wagers on Super Bowl 60. Unfortunately, 31 of the 50 states and the District of Columbia have legalized online sports betting....In essence, as a nation of adults, we are allowing our children and adolescents to be bombarded by very attractive advertising enticements to sports gaming, and they will see it as integral to the sports experience.

Knowing the extremely deleterious impact of legalized sports gambling, why does the adult community continue to condone and often encourage it? The answer is money. Let us all understand some basic things about gambling. First, it is a zero-sum game. In order to win, someone else has to lose. **Gambling produces no wealth or product. It is really a violation of “Thou shalt not steal.”** If you win, you are taking the money from other people. It also may be a violation, depending on your state of mind, of “Thou shalt not covet.” Furthermore, God ordained civil government to punish evildoers and to reward those who do that which is right (Romans 13). With legalized online betting, **the state governments are making out like bandits.** ...Actually, legalized sports betting makes the civil government into a “bookie,” promoting what amounts to a socially harmful activity for its “cut of the action.”

And finally, this coming avalanche of addiction will sooner or later undermine and corrupt the integrity of athletic contests. As athletes become indebted themselves, some of them will inevitably succumb to the temptations to throw games or beat the point spread, and the integrity of the game — be it baseball, football, soccer or basketball, etc. — will be compromised in ways that will be difficult, if not impossible, to undo.

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