THE ETERNAL GOSPEL "



Revelation 14: 6-12 O EVERY NATION, KINDRED, TONGUE AND PEOPLE"



GOD'S LOVE FOR MEN

Nature and revelation alike testify of God's love. Our Father in heaven is the source of life, of wisdom, and of joy. Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature. Think of their marvelous adaptation to the needs and happiness, not only of man, but of all living creatures. The sunshine and the rain, that gladden and refresh the earth, the hills and seas and plains, all speak to us of the Creator's love. It is God who supplies the daily needs of all His creatures. In the beautiful words of the psalmist—

"The eyes of all wait upon Thee; And Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, And satisfiest the desire of every living thing." Psalm 145:15, 16.

God made man perfectly holy and happy; and the fair earth, as it came from the Creator's hand, bore no blight of decay or shadow of the curse. It is transgression of God's law—the law of love—that has brought woe and death. Yet even amid the suffering that results from sin, God's love is revealed. It is written that God cursed the ground for man's sake. Genesis 3:17. The thorn and the thistle—the difficulties and trials that make his life one of toil and care—were appointed for his good as a part of the training needful in God's plan for his uplifting from the ruin and degradation that sin has wrought. The world, though fallen, is not all sorrow and misery. In nature itself are messages of hope and comfort. There are flowers upon the thistles, and the thorns are covered with roses.

"GOD IS LOVE" is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of springing grass. The lovely birds making the air vocal with their happy songs, the delicately tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air, the lofty trees of the forest with their rich foliage of living green—all testify to the tender, fatherly care of our God and to His desire to make His children happy.

The word of God reveals His character. He Himself has declared His infinite love and pity. When Moses prayed, "Show me Thy glory," the Lord answered, "I will make all My goodness pass before thee." Exodus 33:18, 19. This is His glory. The Lord passed before Moses, and proclaimed, "The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." Exodus 34:6, 7. He is "slow to anger, and of great kindness," "because He delighteth in mercy." Jonah 4:2; Micah 7:18.

The Son of God came from heaven to make manifest the Father. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1:18. "Neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." Matthew 11:27. When one of the disciples made the request, "Show us the Father," Jesus answered, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?" John 14:8, 9.

In describing His earthly mission, Jesus said, The Lord "hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18. This was His work. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by Satan. There were whole villages where there was not a moan of sickness in any house, for He had passed through them and healed all their sick. His work gave evidence of His divine anointing. Love, mercy, and compassion were revealed in every act of His life; His heart went out in tender sympathy to the children of men. He took man's nature, that He might reach man's wants. The poorest and humblest were not afraid to approach Him. Even little children were attracted to Him. They loved to climb upon His knees and gaze into the pensive face, benignant with love. peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. Behold Him in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, upon the cross! The spotless Son of God took upon Himself the burden of sin. He who had been one with God, felt in His soul the awful separation that sin makes between God and man. This wrung from His lips the anguished cry, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46. It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible enormity, of its separation of the soul from God—it was this that broke the heart of the Son of God.

But this great sacrifice was not made in order to create in the Father's heart a love for man, not to make Him willing to save. No, no! "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son." John 3:16. The Father loves us, not because of the great propitiation, but He provided the propitiation because He loves us. Christ was the medium through which He could pour out His infinite love upon a fallen world. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." 2 Corinthians 5:19. God suffered with His Son. In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, the heart of Infinite Love paid the price of our redemption.

Jesus said, "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again." John 10:17. That is, "My Father has so loved you that He even loves Me more for giving My life to redeem you. In becoming your Substitute and Surety, by surrendering My life, by taking your liabilities, your transgressions, I am endeared to My Father; for by My sacrifice, God can be just, and yet the Justifier of him who believeth in Jesus."

None but the Son of God could accomplish our redemption; for only He who was in the bosom of the Father could declare Him. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it manifest. Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to lost humanity.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son." He gave Him not only to live among men, to bear their sins, and die their sacrifice. He gave Him to the fallen race. Christ was to identify Himself with the interests and needs of humanity. He who was one with God has linked Himself with the children of men by ties that are never to be broken. Jesus is "not ashamed to call them brethren" (Hebrews 2:11); He is our Sacrifice, our Advocate, our Brother, bearing our human form before the Father's throne, and through eternal ages one with the race He has redeemed—the Son of man. And all this that man might be uplifted from the ruin and degradation of sin that he might reflect the love of God and share the joy of holiness.

The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us, should give us exalted conceptions of what we may become through Christ. As the inspired apostle John beheld the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race, he was filled with adoration and reverence; and, failing to find suitable language in which to express the greatness and tenderness of this love, he called upon the world to behold it. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1.

God permitted His beloved Son, full of grace and truth, to come from a world of indescribable glory, to a world marred and blighted with sin, darkened with the shadow of death and the curse. He permitted Him to leave the bosom of His love, the adoration of the angels, to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death. "The chastisement of our What a value this places upon man! Through transgression the sons of man become subjects of Satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ the sons of Adam may become the sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name "sons of God."

Such love is without a parallel. Children of the heavenly King! Precious promise! Theme for the most profound meditation! The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul and brings the mind into captivity to the will of God. The more we study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child.

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The Love of God

In what one word is the character of God expressed? "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8.

How great is God's love for the world? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

In what act has God's infinite love been manifested? "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9.

Upon how many does God bestow His blessings? "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:45.



In view of God's great love, what may we confidently expect? "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

How enduring is God's love for us? "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3.

Can anything separate the true child of God from the love of God? "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38, 39.

Unto whom will the saints forever attribute praise? "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, . . . to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Revelation 1:5, 6.

What is said of the tender compassion of God? "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." Psalm 86:15.

Why did Christ tell us to love our enemies? "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:44, 45.

The Fall of Man

When did sin and death enter the world? "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12.

With what words did God condemn Cain as a sinner? "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted ? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. . . . And he [God] said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth." Genesis 4:7–11.

What is sin declared to be? "Whosoever committeth sin transgressed also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4.

What precedes the manifestation of sin? "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin." James 1:15. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Romans 14:23.

The Results of Sin and The Need of a Savior

How does the Bible describe sin?

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." 1 John 3:4, 5.

What is the result of willful sin? "If we sin willfully after that we have received

the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." Hebrews 10:26–29.

What is the final result or fruit of sin? "And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15.

How can man escape this penalty? "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

To whom is this gift given? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

How is the gift received? "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

The Law of God

How did God proclaim His law to His people? "And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; ye only heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone." Deuter-onomy 4:12, 13, see also Nehemiah 9:13, 14, Exodus 20:1–17.

How comprehensive are these commandments? "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13.

What is the nature of God's law? "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. . . . For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." Romans 7:12–14.

What shows that the Ten Commandment Law, spoken and written

What additional curse came as the result of the first murder? "And the Lord said unto Cain,...And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength." Genesis 4:12.

How was the earth itself and its vegetation affected by Adam's sin? "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee." Genesis 3:17, 18.

What is the wage of sin? "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:17. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4.

at Mount Sinai, is the law of liberty for the Christian? "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:10–12.

Can one know God and not keep His commandments? "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4.

And how may we know that we love the brethren? "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." 1 John 5:2.

What is the love of God? "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." 1 John 5:3.

How did Christ treat His Father's commandments? "I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." John 15:10.

If one professes to abide in Christ, how ought he to walk? "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6.

the law? "Think not that I am come to deto destroy, but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17.

What did He teach concerning the stability of the law? "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:18.

How particular is God concerning Christian conduct? "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10-12.

The Law and the Gospel

What is the purpose of the law? "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20.

What is the gospel declared to be? "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Romans 1:16.

What promises does Christ give in the new covenant? "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant. ... For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts." Hebrews 8:6, 10.

Why is the carnal mind at enmity against God? "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Romans 8:7.

Can man of himself, unaided by Christ, keep the law? "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5, see also Romans 7:14–19.

Who did He say would enter the kingdom of heaven? "Not every one 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." Matthew 7:21

How will men be judged in relation to God's commandments? "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:19.

Is the believer expected to continue in sin after grace? "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid, How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Romans 6:1, 2.

THE LAW OF GOD

1.- Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

What did Jesus say of His attitude toward 2.- Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or stroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

> 3.– Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

> 4.- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, 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, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

> 5.-Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6.-Thou shalt not kill.

7.-Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8.-Thou shalt not steal.

9.-Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10.-Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

> This is the Law of God according to the Holy Scriptures. Exodus 20:2-17

This Law was changed by the "MAN of SIN" (Daniel 7:25), see page 26.

your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

What follows the signs of Christ's coming? "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:27.

Will talking of world peace create a false security? "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:3, 4.

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them...But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." I Thessalonians 5:2–4.

At His ascension, how was Christ's return promised? "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:10, 11.

Will the inhabitants of the earth, as a whole, be prepared to meet Him?

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." Revelation 1:7.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men . . . said to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." Revelation 6:15, 16.

Will Christ's coming be a time of reward? "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and

then he shall reward every man according to his works." Matthew 16:27. "And, behold, I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12.

To whom is salvation promised at Christ's appearing? "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

What influence has this hope on the life? "We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." l John 3:2, 3.

What scripture cuts off all hope of justification by works? "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20.

In what way are all believers in Jesus justified? "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Romans 3:24.

What spiritual interpretation did Christ give to the sixth and seventh commandments? "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:21, 22. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matthew 5:27, 28

Christ's Second Coming

What promise did Christ make concerning His coming? "Let not

When will Paul receive his crown? "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8.

Manner of Christ's Coming

At His ascension, how did the angels say Christ would come again? "When he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11.

How did Christ say He would come? "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels." Matthew 16:27.

"Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30.

What warning has Christ given concerning false views? "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not." Matthew 24:23–26.

How visible will His coming be? "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:27.

What takes place at the sound of the trumpet? "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

What separation will then take place? "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Matthew 25:31, 32.

What will He say to those on his right? "Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the king-dom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matthew 25:34.

What will He say to those on the left? "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matthew 25:41.

What will the Lord be to His people at this time? "The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel 3:16, see also Jeremiah 25:30, 31; Haggai 2:21; Hebrews 12:26; Psalm 91:5–10.

How does Paul speak of this coming? "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28.

What text definitely brings the millennium to view? "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them. . . . And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Revelation 20:4.

What becomes of the living wicked when Christ comes? "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot;...the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26–30.

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"They are spirits of devils, working miracles." Rev. 16:14

Where Are the Dead?

Do the dead know anything? "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing." Ecclesiastes 9:5.

Do they take any part in earthly things? "Also their love, and their hattred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:6.

When is the resurrection of the righteous to take place? "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." I Thessalonians 4:16.

What comes to all men as the result of the fall? "In Adam all die." 1 Corinthians 15:22, see also Romans 5:12.

How much do we do after we die? "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Whose voice raises the dead? "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which that all in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29.

In what words is the ultimate triumph over death and the grave expressed? "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55.

After whose body will these resurrected ones be fashioned? "We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." Philippians 3:20, 21.

Laws for a Healthier and Longer Life

"God has formed laws to govern every part of our constitutions, and these laws which He has placed in our being are divine, and for every transgression there is a fixed penalty, which sooner or later must be realized." It is just as much sin to violate the laws of our being as to break one of the **Ten Commandments**, for we cannot do either without breaking God's Law."

God's Law is written by His own finger upon every nerve, every muscle, every faculty which has been entrusted to man. God in His wisdom has established natural laws for the proper control of our dress, our appetites, and our passion and He requires of us obedience en every particular." "The transgression of physical law is transgression of God's law.

In the next page you will be able to find 8 principles for our physical well being.

The Word of God and our health:

What did the apostle John wish concerning Gaius? "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

Why should the health of the body be preserved? "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:20.

What is the body said to be? "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19.

What effect does cheerfulness have upon the health? "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Proverbs 17:22.

How did the Savior provide rest for His disciples? "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." Mark 6:31.

How are we exhorted to present our bodies to God? "I beseech

How does the Bible represent death? "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." 1 Thessalonians 4:13. See also 1 Corinthians 15:18, 20; John 11:11–14. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." Daniel 12:2, see also Ecclesiastes 3:20; 9:10.

Are the righteous dead in heaven praising God? "For David is not ascended into the heavens." Acts 2:34. "The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence." Psalm 115:17.

Do the dead know of God? "For in death there is no remembrance of thee." Psalm 6:5.

What does one in this condition know about his family? "His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them." Job 14:21.

What becomes of man's thoughts at death? "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalm 146:4.

you...that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." Romans 12:1.

What high purpose should control our habits of life? "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31.

What warning is given against leading others into intemperance? "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken." Habakkuk 2:15.

Can drunkards enter the kingdom? "Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, . . . nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionist, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10, see also Revelation 21:27.

What is one of the evil results of intemperance? "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." Proverbs 23:20, 21.

What was man's original diet? "And God said, Behold, I have given

you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." Genesis 1:29.



1— Fresh Air "And God called the firmament Heaven." Genesis 1:8. The most essential element to sustain life is oxygen; it is impossible to live without it. Fresh air invigorates the vital organs and aids the system in ridding itself of accumulated impurities. Fresh air also brings life to the skin and has a decided influence on the mind. Fresh air contains negative ions which help the immune system fight disease. The human being can live for a week without food, a few days without drinking water, but only a few minutes without air. It is a priceless element that God has placed in nature to be used freely by all living beings.

2 — Sunshine "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day." Genesis 1:16. Every living thing in our world is dependent on sunlight. Without sunlight nothing would live. The following discoveries show the benefits derived from the sun: It lowers blood sugar and blood pressure, it lowers cholesterol by converting it to Vitamin D, it utilizes calcium and phosphorus, it increases red blood cells, it increases white blood cells, it strengthens the immune system, it calms the nerves and increases adrenaline, it destroys germs on the skin, it reverses jaundice, it increases circulation, it helps eliminate pesticides and other chemicals from the system. Sunshine reduces up to 30% of the blood cholesterols and triglycerides, it promotes healing processes of certain conditions by exposing the affected part of the body to the sunlight. Open

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your windows at an appropriate time and it will help you keep your home free of germs that cause sickness.

The best hours for a sunbathe are: in the morning from 6-8 and in the afternoon from 4-6. Twenty minutes daily (10 minutes for the front and the back of your body) will be enough.

3 — **Temperance** "Out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is...'*good*' for food." Genesis 2:9. True temperance teaches us to dispense entirely with everything harmful, which include alcohol, tobacco, and illegal narcotics. Alcoholism has ruined many families, whether it is by abusive relationships, or the result of mangled cars and bodies on the highways, or even by the physical and emotional affects of the drinker.

A law passed by the United States Congress stated that the following message must appear on all cigarette packages: "Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health." Probably the most serious effect of smoking is the damage done to the lungs by carcinogens, cancer-causing substances that are produced when tobacco burns. People use drugs because they are either curious, they want to experience thrills, they are pressured by peers, they lack inner resources or have an empty life, or because drugs are easily available. However, many of these "occasional" users will become habitual users or junkies, whose entire lives revolve around the drug scene. These junkies believe that they cannot function apart from drugs and eventually the addict spends all his energies obtaining and using drugs, even committing crimes to do so. **6** — Water "And a river went out of Eden and watered the garden." Genesis 2:10. The body requires water constantly. Most of this water is recycled within the body itself. However, it must have a replacement of eight glasses of water per day. Cleansing of waste material is a daily task for the body, not only from its own wastes, but from the constant bombardment of germs and viruses, and in today's society, from chemicals and drugs. If the body is not thoroughly cleansed, it is forced to break down. Water is the universal dissolvent designed by the Creator as a healing agent. Is essential for the efficient circulation of the blood, conserves the body temperature and produces the fluids that lubricate the body.

7 — Nutrition "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed...and every tree in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (food)." Genesis 1:29. Proper nutrition is vital to good health. Food that is devitalized cannot supply the vitamins and minerals you lack. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we choose wisely the food that goes on our table. Vegetables and fruits

should make up the greater proportion of our meals, along with whole grains, beans, legumes, and seeds.

Our bodies are built up from the food we eat. There is a constant breaking down of the tissues of the body; every movement on every organ involves waste, and this waste is repaired from our food. Each organ of the body requires its share of nutrition. The brain must be supplied with its portion; the bones, muscles, and nerves demand theirs. It is a wonderful process that transforms the food into blood and uses this blood to build up the varied parts of the body. From our food, we will obtain all the elements essential for good health: vitamins, minerals, water, carbohydrates, protein, fats, and fiber.

The diet appointed man in the beginning did not include animal food. Not

till after the flood, when every green thing on the earth had been destroyed, did man receive permission to eat flesh, but not all kinds, just the clean ones. (You can see the list of clean and unclean animals in Leviticus 11).

Flesh was never the best food; but its use is now doubly objectionable, since disease in animals is so rapidly increasing. Those who use flesh as their food little know what they are eating. Often if they could see the animals when living and know the quality of the meat they eat, they would turn from it with loathing. People are continually eating flesh that is filled with tuberculosis and cancerous germs. The tissues of the swine swarm with parasites. Of the swine God said, "it is unclean unto you: ye shall no eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcass." (Deuteronomy 14:8). Bats, snakes, rabbits, camels, guinea pigs, mice, cats, dogs, horses, oysters, crabs, shrimps, etc, are in the list of unclean flesh. (check the full list in the book of Lev.)

Even though clean animals were permitted by the Lord after the flood we need to consider terrible illnesses that have fallen upon them (swine flu, bird flu, mad cows, etc) making it unsafe for us to continue with consumption of animals without it being a risk for our health. It is truly a blessing to know that God's original plan for our diet will always be the best for our well being.

8 — Trust in Divine Power "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,

4—**Rest** "He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made." Genesis 2:2. During a day of work and activity, toxins build up in our system which cannot immediately be thrown off. These toxins produce fatigue. Sleep gives the body time to expel wastes and to make repairs.

5 — Exercise "The Lord God put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." Genesis 2:15. Keeping in good physical health contributes to good mental health. Exercise can make a difference in the way you feel about yourself, in the way you face your problems, and in your general wellbeing. It relieves you of tension because the heart and other muscles are strengthened when they work harder. Your bones become stronger, your blood pressure goes down, your mood goes up, and you sleep better at night.

and lean not unto thine own understanding ...it shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones." Proverbs 3:5, 8. People are under stress when their emotions affect the way they feel physically. Stress affects us in a variety of ways. We may feel tired and unmotivated to do anything. We may feel fearful, weak, moody, or find it difficult to concentrate. Jesus taught us the we must learn to relax and trust in God (Matt. 6:25). "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

God is our Great Physician; "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 "If thou will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and will do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandment, and keep His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.





THE APOSTASY: AN ERA OF SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

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The apostle Paul, in his second letter to the Thessalonians, foretold the great apostasy which would result in the establishment of the papal power. He declared that the day of Christ should not come, "except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." [2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4, 7.] And furthermore, the apostle warns his brethren that "the mystery of iniquity doth already work." [2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4, 7.] Even at that early date he saw, creeping into the church, errors that would prepare the way for the development of the papacy.



Little by little, at first in stealth and silence, and then more openly as it increased in strength and gained control of the minds of men, the mystery of iniquity carried forward its deceptive and blasphemous work. Almost imperceptibly the customs of heathenism found their way into the Christian church. The spirit of compromise and conformity was restrained for a time by the fierce persecutions which the church endured under paganism. But as persecution ceased, and Christianity entered the courts and palaces of kings, she laid aside the humble sim-

Constantine

plicity of Christ and his apostles for the pomp and pride of pagan priests and rulers; and in place of the requirements of God, she substituted human theories and traditions. The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century, caused great rejoicing; and the world, cloaked with a form of righteousness, walked into the church. Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror. Her spirit controlled the church. Her doctrines, ceremonies, and superstitions were incorporated into the faith and worship of the professed followers of Christ.

This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of the "man of sin" foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan's power,-a monument of his efforts to seat himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will.

Satan once endeavored to form a compromise with Christ. He came to the Son of God in the wilderness of temptation, and, showing him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, offered to give all into his hands if he would but acknowledge the supremacy of the prince of darkness. Christ rebuked the presumptuous tempter, and forced him to depart. But Satan meets with greater success in presenting the same temptations to man. To secure worldly gains and honors, the church was led to seek the favor and support of the great men of earth, and having thus rejected Christ, she was induced to yield allegiance to the represenRomanists have persisted in bringing against Protestants the charge of heresy, and willful separation from the true church. But these accusations apply rather to themselves. They are the ones who laid down the banner of Christ, and departed from "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." [Jude 3.]

Satan well knew that the Holy Scriptures would enable men to discern his deceptions and withstand his power. It was by the Word that even the Saviour of the world had resisted his attacks. At every assault, Christ presented the shield of eternal truth, saying, "It is written." To every suggestion of the adversary, he opposed the wisdom and power of the Word. In order for Satan to maintain his sway over men, and establish the authority of the papal usurper, he must keep them in ignorance of the Scriptures. The Bible would exalt God, and place finite men in their true position; therefore its sacred truths must be concealed and suppressed. This logic was adopted by the Roman Church. For hundreds of years the circulation of the Bible was prohibited. The people were forbidden to read it or to have it in their houses, and unprincipled priests and prelates interpreted its teachings to sustain their pretensions. Thus the pope came to be almost universally acknowledged as the vicege-

rent of God on earth, endowed with authority over Church and State.

The detector of error having been removed, Satan worked according to his will. Prophecy had declared that the papacy was to "think to change times and laws." [Daniel 7:25.] This work it was not slow to attempt. To afford converts from heathenism a substitute for the worship of idols, and thus to promote their nominal acceptance of Christianity, the adoration of images and relics was gradually introduced into the Christian worship. The decree of a general council [Second Council of Nice, A.D. 787.] finally established this system of idolatry. To complete the sacrile-



gious work, Rome presumed to expunge from the law of God the second commandment, forbidding image worship, and to divide the tenth commandment, in order to preserve the number.

The spirit of concession to paganism opened the way for a still further



disregard of Heaven's authority. Satan tampered with the fourth commandment also, and essayed to set aside the ancient Sabbath, the day which God had blessed and sanctified, [Genesis 2:2, 3.] and in its stead to exalt the festival observed by the heathen as "the venerable day of the sun." This change was not at first attempted openly. In the first centuries the true Sabbath had been kept by all Christians. They were jealous for the honor of God, and, believing that his law is immutable, they zealously guarded the sacredness of its precepts. But with great subtlety, Satan worked through his agents to bring about his object. That the attention of the people might be called to the Sunday, it was made a festival in honor of the resurrection of Christ. Religious services were held upon it; yet it was regarded as a day of recreation, the Sabbath being still sacredly observed.

tative of Satan,—the bishop of Rome.

It is one of the leading doctrines of Romanism that the pope is the visible head of the universal church of Christ, invested with supreme authority over bishops and pastors in all parts of the world. More than this, the pope has arrogated the very titles of Deity. He styles himself "Lord God the Pope," assumes infallibility, and demands that all men pay him homage. Thus the same claim urged by Satan in the wilderness of temptation is still urged by him through the Church of Rome, and vast numbers are ready to yield him homage.

But those who fear and reverence God meet this Heaven-daring assumption as Christ met the solicitations of the wily foe: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." [Luke 4:8.] God has never given a hint in his Word that he has appointed any man to be the head of the church. The doctrine of papal supremacy is directly opposed to the teachings of the Scriptures. The pope can have no power over Christ's church except by usurpation.



The Vatican, the Imperial City

To prepare the way for the work which he designed to accomplish, Satan had led the Jews, before the advent of Christ, to load down the Sabbath with the most rigorous exactions, making its observance a burden. Now, taking advantage of the false light in which he had thus caused it to be regarded, he cast contempt upon it as a Jewish institution. While Christians continued to observe the Sunday as a joyous festival, he led them, in order to show their hatred of Judaism, to make the Sabbath a fast, a day of sadness and gloom.

In the early part of the fourth century, the emperor Constantine issued a decree making Sunday a public festival throughout the Roman Empire. **[See Appendix, note 1.]** The day of the sun was reverenced by his pagan subjects, and was honored by Christians; it was the emperor's policy to unite the conflicting interests of heathenism and Christianity. He was urged to do this by the bishops of the church, who, inspired by ambition, and thirst for power, perceived that if the same day was observed by both Christians and the heathen, it would promote the nominal acceptance of Christianity by pagans, and thus advance the power and glory of the church. But while Christians were gradually led to regard Sunday as possessing a degree of sacredness, they still held the true Sabbath as the holy of the Lord, and observed it in obedience to the fourth commandment.

The arch-deceiver had not completed his work. He was resolved to gather the Christian world under his banner, and to exercise his power through his vicegerent, the proud pontiff who claimed to be the representative of Christ. Through half-converted pagans, ambitious prelates, and world-loving churchmen, he accomplished his purpose. Vast councils were held, from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world. In nearly every council the Sabbath which God had instituted was pressed down a little lower, while the Sunday was correspondingly exalted. Thus the pagan festival came finally to be honored as a divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed.

The great apostate had succeeded in exalting himself "above all that is called God, or that is worshiped." [2 Thessalonians 2:4.] He had dared to change the only precept of the divine law that unmistakably points all mankind to the true and living God. In the fourth commandment, God is revealed as the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and is thereby distinguished from all false gods. It was as a memorial of the work of creation that the seventh day was sanctified as a rest-day for man. It was designed to keep the living God ever before the minds of men as the source of being and the object of reverence and worship. Satan strives to turn men from their allegiance to God, and from rendering obedience to his law; therefore he directs his efforts especially against that commandment which points to God as the Creator.

death by the rack, the fagot, or the headsman's ax. Now were fulfilled the words of Jesus, "Ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." [Luke 21:16, 17.] Persecution opened upon the faithful with greater fury than ever before, and the world became a vast battle-field. For hundreds of years the church of Christ found refuge in seclusion and obscurity. Thus says the prophet: "The woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three-score days." [Revelation 12:6.]

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The accession of the Roman Church to power marked the beginning of the Dark Ages. As her power increased, the darkness deepened. Faith was transferred from Christ, the true foundation, to the pope of Rome. Instead of trusting in the Son of God for forgiveness of sins and for eternal salvation, the people looked to the pope, and to the priests and prelates to whom he delegated authority. They were taught that the pope was their earthly mediator, and that none could approach God except through him, and, further, that he stood in the place of God to them, and was therefore to be implicitly obeyed. A deviation from his requirements was sufficient cause for the severest punishment to be visited upon the bodies and souls of the offenders. Thus the minds of the people were turned away from God to fallible, erring, and cruel men, nay more, to the prince of darkness himself, who exercised his power through them. Sin was disguised in a garb of sanctity. When the Scriptures are suppressed, and man comes to regard himself as supreme, we need look only for fraud, deception, and debasing iniquity. With the elevation of human laws and traditions, was manifest the corruption that ever results from setting aside the law of God.

Those were days of peril for the church of Christ. The faithful standardbearers were few indeed. Though the truth was not left without witnesses, yet at times it seemed that error and superstition would wholly prevail, and true religion would be banished from the earth. The gospel was lost sight of, but the forms of religion were multiplied, and the people were burdened with rigorous exactions.

They were taught not only to look to the pope as their mediator, but to trust to works of their own to atone for sin. Long pilgrimages, acts of penance, the worship of relics, the erection of churches, shrines, and altars, the payment of large sums to the church,—these and many similar acts were enjoined to appease the wrath of God or to secure his favor; as if God were like men, to be angered at trifles, or pacified by gifts or acts of penance!

Notwithstanding that vice prevailed, even among the leaders of the Romish Church, her influence seemed steadily to increase. About the close of the eighth century, papists put forth the claim that in the first ages of the church the bishops of Rome had possessed the same spiritual power which they now assumed. To establish this claim, some means must be employed to give it a show of authority; and this was readily suggested by the father of lies. Ancient writings were forged by monks. Decrees of councils before unheard of were discovered, establishing the universal supremacy of the pope from the earliest times. And a church that had rejected the truth, greedily accepted these deceptions.

Protestants now urge that the resurrection of Christ on Sunday made it the Christian Sabbath. But Scripture evidence is lacking. No such honor was given to the day by Christ or his apostles. The observance of Sunday as a Christian institution had its origin in that "mystery of lawlessness" [2 Thessalonians 2:7, Revised Version.] which, even in Paul's day, had begun its work. Where and when did the Lord adopt this child of the papacy? What valid reason can be given for a change which the Scriptures do not sanction?

In the sixth century the papacy had become firmly established. Its seat of **power was fixed in the imperial city,** and the bishop of Rome was declared to be the head over the entire church. Paganism had given place to the papacy. The dragon had given to the beast "his power, and his seat, and great authority." [Revelation 13:2; See Appendix, note 2.] And now began the 1260 years of papal oppression foretold in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. [Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-7.] Christians were forced to choose, either to yield their integrity and accept the papal ceremonies and worship, or to wear away their lives in dungeons or suffer

The few faithful builders upon the true foundation [1 Corinthians 3:10, 11.] were perplexed and hindered, as the rubbish of false doctrine obstructed the work. Like the builders upon the wall of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day, some were ready to say, "The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish, so that we are not able to build." [Nehemiah 4:10.] Wearied with the constant struggle against persecution, fraud, iniquity, and every other obstacle that Satan could devise to hinder their progress, some who had been faithful builders became disheartened; and for the sake of peace and security for their property and their lives they turned away from the true foundation. Others, undaunted by the opposition of their enemies, fearlessly declared, "Be

not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord, which is great and terrible; [Nehemiah 4:14.] and they proceeded with the work, every one with his sword girded by his side. [Ephesians 6:17.]

The same spirit of hatred and opposition to the truth has inspired the enemies of God in every age, and the same vigilance and fidelity have been required in his servants. The words of Christ to the first disciples are applicable to his followers to the close of time: "What I say unto you I say unto all, watch." [Mark 13:37.]



The darkness seemed to grow more dense. Image worship became more general. Candles were burned before images, and prayers were offered to them. The most absurd and superstitious customs prevailed. The minds of men were so completely controlled by superstition that reason itself seemed to have lost her sway. While priests and bishops were themselves pleasure-loving, sensual, and corrupt, it could only be expected that the people who looked to them for guidance would be sunken in ignorance and vice.

Another step in papal assumption was taken, when, in the eleventh century, Pope Gregory VII. proclaimed the perfection of the Romish Church. Among the propositions which he put forth, was one declaring that the church had never erred, nor would it ever err, according to the Scriptures. But the Scripture proofs did not accompany the assertion. The proud pontiff next claimed the power to depose emperors, and declared that no sentence which he pronounced could be reversed by any one, but that it was his prerogative to reverse the decisions of all others.



A striking illustration of the tyrannical character of this advocate of infallibility was given in his treatment of the German emperor, Henry IV. For presuming to disregard the pope's authority, this monarch was declared to be excommunicated and dethroned. Terrified by the desertion and threats of his own princes, who were encouraged in rebellion against him by the papal mandate, Henry felt the necessity of making his peace with Rome. In company with his wife and a faithful servant, he crossed the Alps in midwinter, that he might humble himself before the pope. Upon reaching the castle whither Gregory had withdrawn, he was conducted, without his guards, into an outer court, and there, in the severe cold of winter, with uncovered head and naked feet, and in a miserable dress, he awaited the pope's permission to come into his presence. Not until he had continued three days fasting and making confession, did the pontiff condescend to grant him pardon. Even then it was only upon condition that the emperor should await the sanction of the pope before resuming the insignia or exercising the power of royalty. And Gregory, elated with his triumph, boasted that it was his duty "to pull down the pride of kings."

The advancing centuries witnessed a constant increase of error in the doctrines put forth from Rome. Even before the establishment of the papacy, the teachings of heathen philosophers had received attention and exerted an influence in the church. Many who professed conversion still clung to the tenets of their pagan philosophy, and not only continued its study themselves, but urged it upon others as a means of extending their influence among the heathen. Serious errors were thus introduced into the Christian faith. Prominent among these was the belief in man's natural immortality and his consciousness in death. This doctrine laid the foundation upon which Rome established the invocation of saints and the adoration of the virgin Mary. From this sprung also the heresy of eternal torment for the finally impenitent, which was early incorporated into the papal faith.

Then the way was prepared for the introduction of still another invention of paganism, which Rome named purgatory, and employed to terrify the credulous and superstitious multitudes. By this heresy is affirmed the existence of a place of torment, in which the souls of such as have not merited eternal damnation are to suffer punishment for their sins, and from which, when freed from impurity, they are admitted to Heaven.

Still another fabrication was needed to enable Rome to profit by the fears and the vices of her adherents. This was supplied by the doctrine of indulgences. Full remission of sins, past, present, and future, and release from all the pains and penalties incurred, were promised to all who would enlist in the pontiff's wars to extend his temporal dominion, to punish his enemies, or to exterminate those who dared deny his spiritual supremacy. The people were also taught that by the payment of money to the church they might free themselves from sin, and also release the souls of their deceased friends who were confined in the tormenting flames. By such means did Rome fill her coffers, and sustain the magnificence, luxury, and vice of the pretended representatives of Him who had not where to lay his head.

The scriptural ordinance of the Lord's supper had been supplanted by the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass. Papist priests pretended, by their senseless mummery, to convert the simple bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Christ. With blasphemous presumption, they openly claimed the power of "creating God, the Creator of all things." All Christians were required, on pain of death, to avow their faith in this horrible, Heaven-insulting heresy. Multitudes who refused were given to the flames.

In the thirteenth century was established that most terrible of all the engines of the papacy,—the Inquisition. The prince of darkness wrought with the leaders of the papal hierarchy. In their secret councils, Satan and his angels controlled the minds of evil men, while unseen in the midst stood an angel of God, taking the fearful record of their iniquitous decrees, and writing the history of deeds too horrible to appear to human eyes. "Babylon the great" was "drunken with the blood of the saints." The mangled forms of millions of martyrs cried to God for vengeance upon that apostate power.

Popery had become the world's despot. Kings and emperors bowed to the decrees of the Roman pon-



Inquisition

How striking the contrast between the overbearing pride of this haughty pontiff and the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who represents himself as pleading at the door of the heart for admittance, that he may come in to bring pardon and peace, and who taught his disciples, "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." tiff. The destinies of men, both for time and for eternity, seemed under his control. For hundreds of years the doctrines of Rome had been extensively and implicitly received, its rites reverently performed, its festivals generally observed. Its clergy were honored and liberally sustained. Never since has the Roman Church attained to greater dignity, magnificence, or power.

The noontide of the papacy was the world's moral midnight. The Holy Scriptures were almost unknown,

not only to the people, but to the priests. Like the Pharisees of old, the papist leaders hated the light which would reveal their sins. God's law,



the standard of righteousness, having been removed, they exercised power without limit, and practiced vice without restraint. Fraud, avarice, and profligacy prevailed. Men shrank from no crime by which they could gain wealth or position. The palaces of popes and prelates were scenes of the vilest debauchery. Some of the reigning pontiffs were guilty of crimes so revolting that secular rulers endeavored to depose these dignitaries of the church as monsters too vile to be tolerated. For centuries Europe had made no progress in learning, arts, or civilization. A moral and intellectual paralysis had fallen upon Christendom.

The condition of the world under the Romish power presented a fearful and striking fulfillment of the words of the prophet Hosea: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee; ... seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." "There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." [Hosea 4:6, 1, 2.] Such were the results of banishing the Word of God.

Appendix

Note 1.

Constantine's Sunday law, issued A.D. 321, was as follows:

"Let all the judges and town people, and the occupation of all trades rest on the venerable day of the sun; but let those who are situated in the country, freely and at full liberty attend to the business of agriculture; because it often happens that no other day is so fit for sowing corn and planting vines; lest, the critical moment being let slip, men should lose the commodities granted by heaven."

Of this law, so high an authority as the "Encyclopedia Brittannica" plainly says: "It was Constantine the Great who first made a law for the proper observance of Sunday; and who, according to Eusebius, appointed that it should be regularly celebrated throughout the Roman empire. Before him, and even in his time, they observed the Jewish Sabbath, as well as Sunday." As to the degree of reverence with which Sunday was regarded, and the manner of its observance, Mosheim says that in consequence of the law enacted by Constantine, the first day of the week was "observed with greater solemnity than it had formerly been." [Eccl. Hist. Cent. 4, part 2, chap. 4, sec. 5.] Yet Constantine per-

mitted all kinds of agricultural labor to be performed on Sunday! Bishop Taylor declares that "the primitive Christians did all manner of works upon the Lord's day." [Duct. Dubitant., part 1, book 2, chap. 2, rule 6, sec. 59.] The same statement is made by Morer: "The day [Sunday] was not wholly kept in abstaining form common business; nor did they [Christians] any longer rest from their ordinary affairs (such was the necessity of those times) than during the divine service." [Dialogues on the Lord's Day, p. 233.] Says Cox:

"There is no evidence that either at this [the time of Constantine], or at a period much later, the observance was viewed as deriving any obligation from the fourth commandment; it seems to have been regarded as an institution corresponding in nature with Christmas, Good Friday, and other festivals of the church." [Cox's Sabbath Laws, p. 281.]

dragon. In the ninth verse of that chapter this symbol is explained as follows: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Undoubtedly the dragon primarily represents Satan. But Satan does not appear upon the earth in person; he works through agents. It was in the person of wicked men that he sought to destroy Jesus as soon as he was born. Wherever Satan has been able to control a government so fully that it would carry out his designs, that nation became, for the time, Satan's representative. This was the case with all the great heathen nations. For instance, see Ezekiel 28, where Satan is represented as actual king of Tyre. This was because he fully controlled that government. In the first centuries of the Christian era, Rome, of all the pagan nations, was Satan's chief agent in opposing the gospel, and was therefore represented by the dragon.

But there came a time when paganism in the Roman empire fell before the advancing form of Christianity. Then, as is stated on page 54, "paganism had given place to the papacy. The dragon had given to the beast 'his power, and his seat, and great authority." That is, Satan then began to work through the papacy, just as he had formerly worked through paganism. But the papacy is not represented by the dragon, because it is necessary to introduce another symbol in order to show the change in the form of the opposition to God. Previous to the rise of the papacy, all opposition to the law of God had been in the form of paganism,—God had been openly defied; but from that time the opposition was carried on under the guise of professed allegiance to him. The papacy, however, was no less the instrument of Satan than was pagan Rome; for all the power, the seat, and the great authority of the papacy, were given it by the dragon. And so, although the pope professes to be the vicegerent of Christ, he is, in reality, the vicegerent of Satan-he is antichrist.

The beast which is A symbol of the papacy is introduced in Revelation 13; And following it, in the same line of prophecy, "another beast" is seen "coming up," [Revelation 13:11-14.] Which exercises "all the power of the first beast before him," that is, in his sight. This other beast must therefore be a persecuting power also; and this is shown in that "it spake as a dragon." The papacy received all its power from Satan, and the two-horned beast exercises the same power; it also becomes the direct agent of Satan. And its Satanic character is further shown in that it enforces the worship of the image of the beast, by means of false mira-

> cles. "He doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do."

> The first persecuting power is represented by the dragon itself; in heathenism there was open alliance with Satan, and open defiance of God. In the second persecuting power, the dragon is masked; but the spirit of Satan actuates it,-the dragon supplies the motive power. In the third persecuting power, all traces of the dragon are absent, and a lamb-like beast appears; but when it speaks, its dragon voice betrays the Satanic power concealed under a fair exterior, and shows it to be of the same family as the two preceding powers. In all the opposition to



"Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There Christ and his pure religion, "that old ser-

Note 2. In the twelfth chapter of Revelation we have as a symbol a great red

I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries". Rev. 17:3

pent, called the devil, and Satan,"-"the god of this world,"-is the moving power; earthly persecuting powers are simply instruments in his hands.





THE IMPENDING CONFLICT

From the very beginning of the great controversy in Heaven, it has been Satan's purpose to overthrow the law of God. It was to accomplish this that he entered upon his rebellion against the Creator; and though he was cast out of Heaven, he has continued the same warfare upon the earth. To deceive men, and thus lead them to transgress God's law, is the object which he has steadfastly pursued. Whether this be accomplished by casting aside the law altogether, or by rejecting one of its precepts, the result will be ultimately the same. He that offends "in one point," manifests contempt for the whole law; his influence and example are on the side of transgression; he becomes "guilty of all." [James 2:10.]

In seeking to cast contempt upon the divine statutes, Satan has perverted the doctrines of the Bible, and errors have thus become incorporated into the faith of thousands who profess to believe the Scriptures. The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the longstanding controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering,—a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition.

The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work. God's holy Word, which has been handed down to us at such a cost of suffering and blood, is but little valued. The Bible is within the reach of all, but there are few who really accept it as the guide of life. Infidelity prevails to an alarming extent, not in the world merely, but in the church. Many have come to deny doctrines which are the very pillars of the Christian faith. The great facts of creation as presented by the inspired writers, the fall of man, the atonement, and the perpetuity of the law of God, are practically rejected, either wholly or in part, by a large share of the professedly Christian world. Thousands who pride themselves upon their wisdom and independence regard it an evidence of weakness to place implicit confidence in the Bible; they think it



a proof of superior talent and learning to cavil at the Scriptures, and to spiritualize and explain away their most important truths. Many ministers are teaching their people, and many professors and teachers are instructing their students, that the law of God has been changed or abrogated; and those who regard its requirements as still valid, to be literally obeyed, are thought to be deserving only of ridicule or contempt. Though in a different form, idolatry exists in the Christian world today as verily as it existed among ancient Israel in the days of Elijah. The god of many professedly wise men, of philosophers, poets, politicians, journalists,—the god of polished fashionable circles, of many colleges and universities, even of some theological institutions,—is little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phoenicia.

No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God's law is no longer binding upon men. Every nation has its laws, which command respect and obedience; no government could exist without them; and can it be conceived that the Creator of the heavens and the earth has no law to govern the beings he has made? Suppose that prominent ministers were publicly to teach that the statutes which govern their land and protect the rights of its citizens were not obligatory,—that they restricted the liberties of the people, and therefore ought not to be obeyed; how long would such men be tolerated in the pulpit? But is it a graver offense to disregard the laws of States and nations than to trample upon those divine precepts which are the foundation of all government?

It would be far more consistent for nations to abolish their statutes, and permit the people to do as they please, than for the Ruler of the universe to annul his law, and leave the world without a standard to condemn the guilty or justify the obedient. Would we know the result of making void the law of God? The experiment has been tried. Terrible were the scenes enacted in France when atheism became the controlling power. It was then demonstrated to the world that to throw off the restraints which God has imposed is to accept the rule of the cruelest of tyrants. When the standard of righteousness is set aside, the way is open for the prince of evil to establish his power in the earth.

Wherever the divine precepts are rejected, sin ceases to appear sinful, or righteousness desirable. Those who refuse to submit to the government of God are wholly unfitted to govern themselves. Through their pernicious teachings, the spirit of insubordination is implanted in the hearts of children and youth, who are naturally impatient of control; and a lawless, licentious state of society results. While scoffing at the credulity of those who obey the requirements of God, the multitudes eagerly accept the delusions of Satan. They give the rein to lust, and practice the sins which have called down judgments upon the heathen.

In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Lawgiver. It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. By misrepresenting the attributes of God, Satan leads men to conceive of him in a false character. With many, a philosophical idol is enthroned in the place of Jehovah; while the living God, as he is re-

vealed in his Word, in Christ, and in the works of creation, is worshiped by but few. Thousands deify nature, while they deny the God of nature. Those who teach the people to lightly regard the commandments of God, sow disobedience, to reap disobedience. Let the restraint imposed by the divine law be wholly cast aside, and human laws would soon be disregarded. Because God forbids dishonest practices, coveting, lying, and defrauding, men are ready to trample upon his statutes as a hindrance to their worldly prosperity; but the results of banishing these precepts would be such as they do not anticipate. If the law were not binding, why should any fear to transgress? Property would no longer be safe. Men would obtain their neighbor's possessions by violence; and the strongest would become richest. Life itself would not be respected. The marriage vow would no longer stand as a sacred bulwark to protect the family. He who had the power, would, if he desired, take his neighbor's wife by violence. The fifth commandment would be set aside with the fourth. Children would not shrink from taking the life of their parents, if by so doing they could obtain the desire of their corrupt hearts. The civilized world would become a horde of robbers and assassins; and peace, rest, and happiness would be banished from the earth.

Already the doctrine that men are released from obedience to God's rquirements has weakened the force of moral obligation, and opened the flood-gates of iniquity upon the world. Lawlessness, dissipation, and corruption are sweeping in upon us like an overwhelming tide. In the family, Satan is at work. His banner waves, even in professedly Christian households. There is envy, evil surmising, hypocrisy, estrangement, emulation, strife, betrayal of sacred trusts, indulgence of lust. The whole system of religious principles and doctrines, which should form the foundation and frame-work of social life, seems to be a tottering mass, ready to fall to ruin. The vilest of criminals, when thrown into prison for their offenses, are often made the recipients of gifts and attentions, as if they had attained an enviable distinction. Great publicity is given to their character and crimes. The press publishes the revolting details of vice, thus initiating others into the practice of fraud, robbery, and murder; and Satan exults in the success of his hellish schemes. The infatuation of vice, the wanton taking of life, the terrible increase of intemperance and iniquity of every order and degree, should arouse all who fear God, to inquire what can be done to stay the tide of evil.

Courts of justice are corrupt. Rulers are actuated by desire for gain, and love of sensual pleasure. Intemperance has beclouded the faculties of many, so that Satan has almost complete control of them. Jurists are perverted, bribed, deluded. Drunkenness and revelry, passion, envy, dishonesty of every sort, are represented among those who administer the laws. "Justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." [Isaiah 59:14.]

The iniquity and spiritual darkness that prevailed under the supremacy of Rome were the inevitable result of her suppression of the Scriptures; but where is to be found the cause of the widespread infidelity, the rejection of the law of God, and the consequent corruption, under the full blaze of gospel light in an age of religious freedom? Now that Satan can no longer keep the world under his control by withholding the Scriptures, he resorts to other means to accomplish the same object. To destroy faith in the Bible serves his purpose as well as to destroy the Bible itself. By introducing the belief that God's law is not binding, he as effectually leads men to transgress as if they were wholly ignorant of its precepts. And now, as in former ages, he has worked through the church to further his designs.

The religious organizations of the day have refused to listen to unpopular truths plainly brought to view in the Scriptures, and in combating them they have adopted interpretations and taken positions which have sown broadcast the seeds of skepticism. Clinging to the papal error of natural immortality and man's consciousness in death, they have rejected the only defense against the delusions of Spiritualism. The doctrine of eternal torment has led many to disbelieve the Bible. And as the claims of the fourth commandment are urged upon the people, it is found that the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is enjoined; and as the only way to free themselves from a duty which they are unwilling to perform, popular teachers declare that the law of God is no longer binding. Thus they cast away the law and the Sabbath together. As the work of Sabbath reform extends, this rejection of the divine law to avoid the claims of the fourth commandment will become well-nigh universal. The teachings of religious leaders have opened the door to infidelity, to Spiritualism, and to contempt for God's holy law, and upon these leaders rests a fearful responsibility for the iniquity that exists in the Christian world.

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian Sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movepromote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible, yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, his servants cannot unite with them. Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men.

Through the two great errors, the **immortality of the soul, and Sunday sacredness**, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. **The Protestants of the United States** will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss **to clasp hands with the Roman power**; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.

As Spiritualism more closely imitates the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. Through the agency of Spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power.

The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church-members love what the world loves, and are ready to join with them; and Satan determines to unite them in one body, and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of Spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world, and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.

Through Spiritualism, Satan appears as a benefactor of the race, healing the diseases of the people, and professing to present a new and more exalted system of religious faith; but at the same time he works as a destroyer. His temptations are leading multitudes to ruin. Intemperance dethrones reason; sensual indulgence, strife, and bloodshed follow. Satan delights in 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.

Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment. It is God that shields his creatures, and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. But the Christian world have shown contempt for the law of Jehovah; and the Lord will do just what he has declared that he would, he will withdraw his blessings from

ment, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to the earth, and remove his protecting care from those who are rebelling



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Tidal waves / Tsunami in Miyako, Japan



New York City's empty streets/ Covid-19



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against his law, and teaching and forcing others to do the same. Satan has control of all whom God does not especially guard. He will favor and prosper some, in order to further his own designs, and he will bring trouble upon others, and lead men to believe that it is God who is afflicting them.

While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hail-storms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away," "the haughty people ... do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." [Isaiah 24:4, 5.]

And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils. The class that have provoked the displeasure of Heaven will charge all their troubles upon those whose obedience to God's commandments is a perpetual reproof to transgressors. It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sundaysabbath, that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced, and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity. Thus the accusation urged of old against the servant of God will be repeated, and upon grounds equally well established. "And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim." [1 Kings 18:17, 18.] As the wrath of the people shall be excited by false charges, they will pursue a course toward God's ambassadors very similar to that which apostate Israel pursued toward Elijah.

Desolation/Bahamas, Hurricane Dorian

Riots

Satan's policy in this final conflict with God's people is the same that he employed in the opening of the great controversy in Heaven. He professed to be seeking to promote the stability of the divine government, while secretly bending every effort to secure its overthrow. And the very work which he was thus endeavoring to accomplish, he charged upon the loyal angels. The same policy of deception has marked the history of the Romish Church. It has professed to act as the vicegerent of Heaven, while seeking to exalt itself above God, and to change his law. Under the rule of Rome, those who suffered death for their fidelity to the gospel were denounced as evil-doers; they were declared to be in league with Satan; and every possible means was employed to cover them with reproach, to cause them to appear, in the eyes of the people, and even to themselves, as the vilest of criminals. So it will be now. While Satan seeks to destroy those who honor God's law he will cause them to be accused as law-breakers, as men who are dishonoring God, and bringing judgments upon the world.

God never forces the will or the conscience; but Satan's constant resortto gain control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce—is compulsion by cruelty. Through fear or force he endeavors to rule the conscience, and to secure homage to himself. To accomplish this, he works through both religious and secular authorities, moving them to the enforcement of human laws in defiance of the law of God. Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority. They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment-keepers will be misrepresented and condemned. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst construction will be put upon their motives.

The miracle-working power manifested through Spiritualism will exert its influence against those who choose to obey God rather than men. Communications from the spirits will declare that God has sent them to convince the rejecters of Sunday of their error, affirming that the laws of the land should be obeyed as the law of God. They will lament the great wickedness in the world, and second the testimony of religious teachers, that the degraded state of morals is caused by the desecration of Sunday. Great will be the indignation excited against all who refuse to accept their testimony.

As the Protestant churches reject the clear, scriptural arguments in defense of God's law, they will long to silence those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible. Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing, and acknowledge the claims of the papal Sabbath.

The dignitaries of church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." [Revelation 12:17.]

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE THREATENED

A NATIONAL SUNDAY (WORSHIP) LAW WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS THE <u>MARK</u> OF THE BEAST

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE THREATENED

Our wall of separation between church and state is still in place, but when the United States begins enacting laws violating this constitutional principle in order to support the popular doctrine of a FALSE SABBATH (Sunday), then, obedience to these COMMANDMENTS OF MEN in violation of the COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, will constitute THE MARK OF THE BEAST. 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 and 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. GC page 445

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

In Biblical language, the church is represented by a woman: Jeremiah 6:1,2; Ephesians 5:24-27, Interesting! In the book of Revelation there is a symbol of a "WOMAN", the pure and only church of CHRIST. This poor, humble, and persecuted church is the one that KEEPS THE

COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND HAS THE FAITH OF JESUS (Rev. 12:6, 13-14,17; 14:12). In the same book of Revelation there is described to us another church, also by a symbol of a "WOMAN." This woman is rich, arrogant, persecutive, and NOT of Christ. Using the BIBLE, let's analyze some characteristics of this "WOMAN" (church).

Characteristic 1) It establishes relationships with the political leaders (kings) of the world. Rev. 17:1&2. It has united with the whole world but **NOT WITH GOD**.

Characteristic 2) This church also gives her **"WINE" (HER FALSE DOCTRINES) even to the "KINGS OF THIS EARTH."** Rev. 17: 2, 5.

Characteristic 3) According to the Holy Bible a "BEAST" represents "A **KINGDOM**" or "A **POWER**" (Daniel 7:17, 23) This CHURCH puts its throne upon a "**KINGDOM** ... **HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS,**" Revelation 17:3

Let's see what the "HEADS" represent:

"The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Rev. 17:9. This is of major significance!!! Geographically, only one church has its throne in the city of the "SEVEN MOUNTAINS." According to history, which is the only city referred to as the city on the "SEVEN MOUNTAINS?" It is ROME! And what do "the ten horns" represent? The word of God says "the ten horns... are ten kings." Rev. 17:12. Which empire was divided into ten kingdoms? History tells us it was ROME. What woman sits in Rome? How interesting, isn't it?

THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE BIBLE TEXT (FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION) THAT SUPPORTS SUNDAY AS "THE LORD'S DAY."

Characteristic 6) This church that calls itself the church of God, has murdered the true followers of Christ, those who "keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus." Revelation: 17:6; Rev. 14:12 Friends let's not be offended by this, lately we have heard and read confessions by this same church that tortured, persecuted, and has even sent to burn millions of Christians during the infamous "**GREAT INQUISI-TION.**"

Characteristic 7) The dragon gave her 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 devour the man-child as soon as it was born. It was Pagan Rome that GAVE HIS POWER, HIS SEAT, and GREAT AUTHORITY to the WOMAN (Papal Rome) that we have described above. Now that the truth has been revealed to you, continue to read the rest of the message and we pray "THAT THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE," John 8:32.



Tell me, Lord do you have a special day of rest for your followers or is everyday alike? "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." Rev. 1:10. But which day is the Lord's Day? Which day are you Lord of? "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath day." Mark 2:28. Which day is the Sabbath day? "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Fourth Commandment-Ex. 20.8. Everyone knows that Sunday was the resurrection day. 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 and given to man 2500 years before the existence of a Jew. Mark 2:27. Gen. 2: 1-2. Notice that Luke, a non-Jewish biblical writer, approximately 37 years AFTER the resurrection of Christ, he still called the Sabbath (the seventhday of the week) a Commandment of God! Luke 23:54-56. The book of Acts records 84 Sabbaths on which the Apostle Paul and his associates held

religious services. Acts. 13:43-44; Acts 17:2; Acts 18-4.

Yet there is not ONE word in the entire Bible authorizing Sunday keeping. "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. But, surely the million of people who keep Sunday can't be wrong, can they? "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: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt 7:13,14. (Only a few obeyed God in the days of Noah, in the days of Lot, in the days of Christ. The majority were lost.)



Characteristic 4) The attire for the leaders of this church: "PURPLE AND SCARLET" along with "A GOLDEN CUP in their hands." Rev. 17:4.

Characteristic 5) This is a "mother" church! Rev. 17:5. In these last few years have we not heard a certain church calling for her SEPA-RATED DAUGHTERS to unite with her? Beware of this!!! The Holy Bible calls this unity of churches: "MOTHER of HARLOTS" and "BABYLON THE GREAT."

\$1,000 REWARD for only one KJV Bible verse that will say that Jesus or His 12 apostles transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

THE OBSERVANCE OF A FALSE DAY OF WORSHIP (SUNDAY), IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY FALSE DOCTRINES WHICH CAME FROM BABYLON: SUBTLY ES-TABLISHING ITSELF AS A "CHRISTIAN" DOCTRINE. "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth NOT His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is NOT in him." I JOHN 2:4.

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

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 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. "He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." Luke 4:16. "I am the Lord, I change not." Malachi 3:6. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 "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; 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; Isaiah 66:22, 23.

Note: According to Colossians 2:14-17, the ceremonial Sabbaths associated with the Jewish feast days (See Leviticus 23) were nailed to (or Abolished at) the cross. But the Sabbath, which we are referring to, is the moral Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. It was instituted for all mankind in the Garden of Eden and is Eternal, as indicated in the above Bible verses.

Sabbath in the New Earth —"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain; and it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 66:22, 23). According to Colossians 2:14–17, the sacrifices with the 7 annual festivals, or ceremonial Sabbaths [plural] as registered in Leviticus 23 and other texts, were nailed *[abolished]* on the cross, as Christ's' life and work fulfilled the meaning of these annual Sabbaths. But not the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment that is Eternal, because it was given to man at Creation, even before sin was introduced into this earth (Genesis. 2:2-3).

"SUNDAY IN THE BIBLE"

Millions of faithful Christians attend church each Sunday, the first day of the week. They do this thinking that somehow there was a change in the day of worship. Others keep Sunday because they are not conscious that God set apart the seventh-day as His holy day and not the first day of the week. It is true that there has been a change but by who? There are only 8 Bible texts in the New Testament that speak about the first day: (1) Matt. 28:1, (2) Mark 16:1-2, (3) Mark 16:9, (4) Luke 24:1, (5) John 20:1, (6) John 20:19, (7) Acts 20:7-8, (8) 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

The first five texts simply mention that the women went to the sepulcher early in the morning of the resurrection (Sunday) and that Jesus had resurrected. The sixth text reveals that they were gathered together "for fear of the Jews" not knowing if they would also be crucified as was their Savior. They were hiding Sunday morning, they were not having a worship service nor is there any mention of any change of the Sabbath. The seventh text is Acts 20:7-8: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together."

This was a Saturday night meeting—the dark part of the first day of the week. Remember, according to Biblical time, the day begins at evening. "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Gen. 1:5. In other words, at sunset (evening) is when the next day begins, not at midnight as we calculate today. The Bible registers the days from sunset to sunset. The Seventh-day, Saturday begins Friday evening at sunset. The first day of the week actually begins at Saturday evening at sunset. Paul was meeting on the first day of the week during the dark part of the day, which was actually Saturday night. Remember, Acts 20:7-8 speaks about how "there were many lights." Paul spent Sunday morning traveling to Assos. We do not see any change or command to keep Sunday holy.

The New World Translation says, "On *Saturday night*, in our assembling for the breaking of bread, Paul, who was to leave next day." Acts 20:7. The last text that mentions Sunday is found in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2: "Now concerning he collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." This verse does not speak about a worship service in the church. Notice how the International Standard Versions translates the verse: "After the Sabbath ends, each of you should set aside and save something from your surplus in proportion to what you have, so that no collections will have to be made when I ar-

sacred legacy to Protestantism." <u>Dr. E.T. Hiscox, author of the Baptist</u> Manuel, from a photostatic copy of a notarized statement by Dr. Hiscox.

"CATHOLICISM SPEAKS, HER MARK"

Roman Catholic: "Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day. Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." Peter Geiermann, The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, 1957 edition.

"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.

While we are "saved by grace through faith" (Eph. 2:8), Jesus also said, "If you love me keep my commandments (John 14:15). God also says, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, <u>is a</u> <u>liar</u>, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 2:4, 5). God means all 10, not just nine (James 2:10).

"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.

Sunday is an Institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church." Priest Brady, in an address, reported in the Elizabeth, NJ "News", March 18, 1903.

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POPE BENEDICT WRITES ABOUT SUNDAY TO A CARDINAL [with our comments].

Pope Benedict (PB): To My Venerable



rive."

After the 7th-day Sabbath is over the first day of the week is the best time to start saving your money so as not to spend it during the rest of the week. Paul told the church to do this so that when he came, which was always on the Seventh-day Sabbath (Acts 13:42, 44), the church wouldn't have to try to collect everything at once.

The argument is made that we should keep Sunday holy in honor of the resurrection of Jesus, yet this custom in based on man's tradition (Ezekiel 8:15, 16; Matthew 15:9, 14). However, the Bible commands us to commemorate His death, burial, and resurrection through baptism [immersion, not by sprinkling]. Please read Romans 6:4, 5.

Baptist: "Of course I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history as a religious day, as we learn from the Christian Fathers and other sources. But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of Paganism, and christened with the name of the sun-god, then adopted as sanctified by the Papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a

Brother, Cardinal Francis Arinze: ...The Second Vatican Council teaches that "the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery every seventh day, which day is appropriately called the 'Lord's Day' or Sunday" (<u>Sacrosanctum Concilium</u>, n. 106).

ETERNAL GOSPEL CHURCH (EGCHURCH): While the Vatican teaches "every seventh day," the Word of God teaches us to keep the Sabbath on "THE seventh day." Big difference. The Lord's Day is the Seventh-day Sabbath as Jesus proved in Luke 4:16-18.

PB: Sunday remains the fertile foundation and at the same time the fundamental nucleus of the liturgical year which originated in Christ's Resurrection, thanks to which the features of eternity were impressed on time. Thus,

From: Letter of Benedict XVI to Cardinal Francis Arinze on the occasion of the study day in honor of the 43rd anniversary of the promulgation of the Constitution of the sacred liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium—November 27, 2006. Sunday is, so to speak, a fragment of time imbued with eternity, for its dawn saw the Crucified and Risen Christ enter victorious into eternal life.

EGCHURCH: All this false structure of time was made up by man. The Word of God teaches that the resurrection is memorialized by the ordinance of Baptism. See Romans 6:3-5.

PB: With the event of the Resurrection, creation and redemption reach their fulfillment. On the "first day after Saturday," the women and then the Disciples, meeting the Risen One, understood that this was "the day which the Lord has made" (Ps 118: 24), "His" day, the *Dies Domini*. In fact, this is what the liturgy sings: "O first and last day, radiant and shining with Christ's triumph."

EGCHURCH: Creation and Redemption have their fulfillment on the Seventh-day Sabbath. God and Jesus finished each event on the sixth day and Both rested on the Seventh-day—the flag of God's power to do both. Genesis 2:-13; Exodus 20:8-11; Deut. 15:12-15. According to the fourth commandment, Sunday, the first day of the week, is a working day!

PB: From the very outset, this has been a stable element in the perception of the mystery of Sunday: "The Word," Origen affirms, "has moved the feast of the Sabbath to the day on which the light was produced and has given us as an image of true repose, Sunday, the day of salvation, the first day of the light in which the Saviour of the world, after completing all his work with men and after conquering death, crossed the threshold of Heaven, surpassing the creation of the six days and receiving the blessed Sabbath and rest in God" (*Comment on Psalm* 91).

EGCHURCH: How can Sunday be an image of true repose when Sunday is the first working day of the week? The word "sabbath" means "rest" and the true 7th-day Sabbath means resting by faith in God's Word? "For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." Heb. 4:10. God rested on the 7th-day of Creation.

PB: Inspired by knowledge of this, St Ignatius of Antioch asserted: "We are no longer keeping the Sabbath, but the Lord's Day" (*Ad Magn.* 9, 1).

EGCHURCH: Ignatius, in saying this, misinterpreted the Bible and flaunted his apostasy from the truth.

PB: For the first Christians, participation in the Sunday celebrations was the natural expression of their belonging to Christ, of communion with His Mystical Body, in the joyful expectation of His glorious return. This belonging was expressed heroically in what happened to the martyrs of Abitene, who faced death exclaiming, "*Sine dominico non possumus*:" without gathering together on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, we cannot live. How much more necessary it is today to reaffirm the sacredness of the Lord's Day and the need to take part in Sunday Mass!

EGCHURCH: Here he joins Sunday with the Mass (transubstantiation)—where the wafer is changed into the actual flesh of Christ), another false doctrine. Jesus said, "But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15:9. The just shall live by faith, not by works. Habakkuk 2:4.

PB: The cultural context in which we live, often marked by religious indifference and secularism that blot out the horizon of the transcendent, must not let us forget that the People of God, born from "Christ's Passover, Sunday," should return to it as to an inexhaustible source, in order to understand better and better the features of their own identity and the reasons for their existence.

EGCHURCH: "Christ's Passover" was really on **Friday**, the 14th day of the first Jewish month, the literal Passover day. Lev. 23:5. On that day Christ was crucified on the cross. He was the anti-typical Passover Lamb that would take away the sins of the world. John 1:29. **Sunday** was the 16th day of the first Jewish month. On that day Jesus was the Firstfruits (symbol of the Resurrection; 1 Cor. 15:20-23) and presented as predicted in Lev. 23:10,11: "on the morrow after **the Sabbath**." **This** Sabbath (meaning rest) was Christ's Sabbath.

PB: The Second Vatican Council, after pointing out the origin of Sunday, continued: "On this day Christ's faithful are bound to come together into one place. They should listen to the Word of God and take part in the Eucharist, thus calling to mind the Passion, Resurrection and Glory of the Lord Jesus and giving thanks to God who 'has begotten them again, through the Resurrection of Christ from the dead, unto a living hope'" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, n. 106).

EGCHURCH: These uninspired words of men are also known as, "sand." Concerning the Catholic leaders, Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." (Anti-Christ.) Matt. 5:19.



THOMAS AQUINAS, the great Catholic theologian, agrees: "In the <u>New Law</u> the observance of the Lord's Day took the place of the Sabbath, not by virtue of the precept, **but by the institution of the Church** and the **custom [tradition]** of the Christian people." <u>Summa Theologia</u>, Vol. 3, Quest. #122, Art. 4. Obj. 4.

PB: Sunday was not **chosen** by the Christian community but by the Apostles, and indeed by Christ Himself, who on that day, "the first day of the week," rose and appeared to the disciples (cf. Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2), and appeared to them again "eight days later" (John 20:26). Sunday is the day on which the Risen Lord makes Himself present among His followers, invites them to His banquet and shares Himself with them so that they too, united and configured to Him, may worship God properly.

EGCHURCH: Sunday was chosen by God as the first **work day** of the week (Gen 1:5) and through Moses **1500 years earlier** as the day when Jesus would be presented to the Father as the Firstfruits. In Leviticus 23:10,11, God said that Jesus would be presented as the Firstfruits "on the morrow after the **(Holy Blessed 7th Day) Sabbath**."

PB: Therefore, as I encourage people to give ever greater importance to the "Lord's Day," I am eager to highlight the central place of the Eucharist as a fundamental pillar of Sunday and of all ecclesial life. Indeed, at every Sunday Eucharistic celebration, **the sanctification** of the Christian people takes place as it will take place until the Sunday that never sets, the day of the definitive encounter of God with His creatures. ...May the "Day of the Lord" that could well be called "the lord of days" regain all its importance and be perceived and lived to the full in the celebration of the Eucharist, from which the Christian community grows authentically and on which it depends.

EGCHURCH: Here Benedict is **wrong again**, the Lord's Day is the 7**th-day Sabbath!** Luke 4:16-18, Mark 2:28; Exodus 20:8-12; Isaiah 58:12-14. "Moreover also I gave them **My sabbaths**, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am **the LORD** that **sanctify** them." Ezekiel 20:12. Notice that we are sanctified through the 7th-Day Sabbath, not through the first day as PB says.

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"CHARACTER AND AIMS OF THE PAPACY"

Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. In those countries where Catholicism is not in the ascendancy, and the papists are taking a conciliatory course in order to gain influence, there is an increasing indifference concerning the doctrines that separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy; the opinion is gaining ground, that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome. The



Pope Francis standing in front of his throne with leaders of different churches

time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which has been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery, and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed.

The defenders of popery declare that the church has been maligned; and the Protestant world are inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the church of today by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness. They excuse her horrible cruelty as the result of the barbarism of the times, and plead that the influence of modern civilization has changed her sentiments.

Have these persons forgotten the claim of infallibility put forth for eight hundred years by this haughty power? So far from being relinquished, this claim has been affirmed in the nineteenth century with greater positiveness than ever before. As Rome asserts that she "never erred, and never can err," how can she renounce the principles which governed her course in past ages?

The papal church will never relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in her persecution of those who reject her dogmas, she holds to be right; and would she not repeat the same acts, should the opportunity be presented? Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments be removed, and Rome be re-instated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution.

A recent writer [Josiah Strong, D.D., In "Our Country," pp. 46-48.] speaks thus of the attitude of the papal hierarchy as regards freedom of conscience, and of the perils which especially threaten the United States from the success of her policy: "There are many who are disposed to attribute any fear of Roman Catholicism in the United States to bigotry or childishness. Such see nothing in the character and attitude of Romanism that is hostile to our free institutions, or find nothing portentous in its growth. Let us, then, first compare some of the fundamental principles of our government with those of the Catholic Church.

"The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberty of conscience. Nothing is dearer or more fundamental. Pope Pius IX., in his Encyclical Letter of August 15, 1854, said: 'The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience, are a most pestilential error—a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a State.' The same pope, in his Encyclical Letter of December 8, 1864, anathematized 'those who assert the liberty of conscience and of religious worship,' also 'all such as maintain that the church may not employ force.'

"The pacific tone of Rome in the United States does not imply a change

faith that is delusive and unsatisfying. He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them. He will reveal to them the truth, as it is in Jesus, and many will yet take their position with his people.

But Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-

reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to reestablish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side. [See Appendix, Note 1.] See the increasing number of her churches and chapels in Protestant countries. Look at the popularity of her colleges and seminaries in America, so widely patronized by Protestants Look at the growth of ritualism in England, and the frequent defections to the ranks of the Catholics. These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.

Protestants have tampered with and patronized popery; they have made compromises and concessions which papists themselves are surprised to see, and fail to understand. Men are closing their eyes to the real character of Romanism, and the dangers to be apprehended from her supremacy. The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.

Many Protestants suppose that the Catholic religion is unattractive, and that its worship is a dull, meaningless round of ceremony. Here they mistake. While Romanism is based upon deception, it is not a coarse and clumsy imposture. The religious service of the Romish Church is a most impressive ceremonial. Its gorgeous display and solemn rites fascinate the senses of the people, and silence the voice of reason and of conscience. The eye is charmed. Magnificent churches, imposing processions, golden altars, jeweled shrines, choice paintings, and exquisite sculpture appeal to the love of beauty. The ear also is captivated. The music is unsurpassed. The rich notes of the deep-toned organ, blending with the melody of many voices as it swells through the lofty domes and pillared aisles of her grand cathedrals, cannot fail to impress the mind with awe and reverence.

This outward splendor, pomp, and ceremony, that only mocks the longings of the sin-sick soul, is an evidence of inward corruption. The religion of Christ needs not such attractions to recommend it. In the light shining from the cross, true Christianity appears so pure and lovely that no external decorations can enhance its true worth. It is the beauty of holiness, a meek and quiet spirit, which is of value with God.

Brilliancy of style is not necessarily an index of pure, elevated thought. High conceptions of art, delicate refinement of taste, often exist in minds that are earthly and sensual. They are often employed by Satan to

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of heart. She is tolerant where she is helpless. Says Bishop O'Connor: 'Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world.'" "The archbishop of St. Louis once said: 'Heresy and unbelief are crimes; and in Christian countries, as in Italy and Spain, for instance, where all the people are Catholics, and where the Catholic religion is an essential part of the law of the land, they are punished as other crimes.""

"Every cardinal, archbishop, and bishop in the Catholic Church takes an oath of allegiance to the pope, in which occur the following words: "Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said lord the pope, or his aforesaid successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose.""

It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed access to his Word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between a living heart-service and a round of mere forms and ceremonies. God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a A religion of externals is attractive to the unrenewed heart. The pomp and ceremony of the Catholic worship have a seductive, bewitching power, by which many are deceived; and

they come to look upon the Roman Church as the very gate of Heaven. None but those who have planted their feet firmly upon the foundation of truth, and whose hearts are renewed by the Spirit of God, are proof against her influence. Thousands who have not an experimental knowledge of Christ will be led to accept the forms of godliness without the power. Such a religion is just what the multitudes desire.

The church's claim to the right to pardon, causes the Romanist to feel at liberty to sin; and the ordinance of confession, without which her pardon is not granted, tends also to give license to evil. He who kneels before fallen man, and opens in confession the secret thoughts and imaginations of his heart, is debasing his manhood, and degrading every noble instinct of his soul. In unfolding the sins of his life to a priest,—an erring, sinful mortal, and too often corrupted with wine and licentiousness,—his standard of character is lowered, and he is defiled in consequence. His thought of God is degraded to the likeness of fallen humanity; for the priest stands as a representative of God. This degrading confession of man to man is the secret spring from which has flowed much of the evil that is defiling the world, and fitting it for the final destruction. Yet to him who loves self-indulgence, it is more pleasing to confess to a fellowmortal than to open the soul to God. It is more palatable to human nature to do penance than to renounce sin; it is easier to mortify the flesh by sackcloth and nettles and galling chains than to crucify fleshly lusts. Heavy is the yoke which the carnal heart is willing to bear rather than bow to the yoke of Christ.

There is a striking similarity between the Church of Rome and the Jewish Church at the time of Christ's first advent. While the Jews secretly trampled upon every principle of the law of God, they were outwardly rigorous in the observance of its precepts, loading it down with exactions and traditions that made obedience painful and burdensome. As the Jews professed to revere the law, so do Romanists claim to reverence the cross. They exalt the symbol of Christ's sufferings, while in their lives they deny him whom it represents.

Papists place crosses upon their churches, upon their altars, and upon their garments. Everywhere is seen the insignia of the cross. Everywhere it is outwardly honored and exalted. But the teachings of Christ are buried beneath a mass of senseless traditions, false interpretations, and rigorous exactions. The Saviour's words concerning the bigoted Jews, apply with still greater force to the Romish leaders: "They bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." [Matthew 23:4.] Conscientious souls are kept in constant terror, fearing the wrath of an offended God, while the dignitaries of the church are living in luxury and sensual pleasure.



The worship of images and relics, the invocation of saints, and the exaltation of the pope, are devices of Satan to attract the minds of the people from God and from his Son. To accomplish their ruin, he endeavors to turn their attention from Him through whom alone they can find salvation. He will direct them to any object that can be substituted for the One who has said, "Come unto me, all ye that

labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." [Matthew 11:28.]

It is Satan's constant effort to misrepresent the character of God, the nature of sin, and the real issues at stake in the great controversy. His sophistry lessens the obligation of the divine law, and gives men license to sin. At the same time he causes them to cherish false conceptions of God, so that they regard him with fear and hate, rather than with love. The cruelty inherent in his own character is attributed to the Creator; it is embodied in systems of religion, and expressed in modes of worship. Thus the minds of men are blinded, and Satan secures them as his agents to war against God. By perverted conceptions of the divine attributes, heathen nations were led to believe human sacrifices necessary to secure the favor of Deity; and horrible cruelties have been perpetrated under the various forms of idolatry.

The Romish Church, uniting the forms of paganism and Christianity, and, like paganism, misrepresenting the character of God, has resorted to practices no less cruel and revolting. In the days of Rome's supremacy, there were instruments of torture to compel assent to her doctrines. There was the stake for those who would not concede to her claims. There were massacres on a scale that will never be known until revealed in the Judgment. Dignitaries of the church studied, under Satan their master, to invent means to cause the greatest possible torture, and not end the life of their victim. The infernal process was repeated to the utmost limit of human endurance, until nature gave up the struggle, and the sufferer hailed death as a sweet release. If we desire to understand the determined cruelty of Satan, manifested for hundreds of years, not among those who never heard of God, but in the very heart and throughout the extent of Christendom, we have only to look at the history of Romanism. Through this mammoth system of deception the prince of evil achieves his purpose of bringing dishonor to God and wretchedness to man. And as we see how he succeeds in disguising himself, and accomplishing his work through the leaders of the church, we may better understand why he has so great antipathy to the Bible. If that book is read, the mercy and love of God will be revealed; it will be seen that he lays upon men none of these heavy burdens. All that he asks is a broken and contrite heart, a humble, obedient spirit.

Christ gives no example in his life for men and women to shut themselves in monasteries in order to become fitted for Heaven. He has never taught that love and sympathy must be repressed. The Saviour's heart overflowed with love. The nearer man approaches to moral perfection, the keener are his sensibilities, the more acute is his perception of sin, and the deeper his sympathy for the afflicted.

The pope claims to be the vicar of Christ; but how does his character bear comparison with that of our Saviour? Was Christ ever known to consign men to the prison or the rack because they did not pay him homage as the King of Heaven? Was his voice heard condemning to death those who did not accept him? When he was slighted by the people of a Samaritan village, the apostle John was filled with indignation, and inquired, "Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?" Jesus looked with pity upon his disciple, and rebuked his harsh spirit, saying, "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." [Luke 9:54, 56.] How different from the spirit manifested by Christ is that of his professed vicar.

The Romish Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christ-like garments; but she is unchanged. Every principle of popery that existed in past ages exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none deceive themselves. The popery that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty, and slew the saints of the Most High.

Popery is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times. [2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.] It is a part of her policy to assume the character which will best accomplish her purpose; but beneath the variable appearance of the chameleon, she conceals the invariable venom of the serpent. "We are not bound to keep faith and promises to heretics," she declares. Shall this power, whose record for a thousand years is written in the blood of the saints, be now acknowledged as a part of the church of Christ?

It is not without reason that the claim has been put forth in Protestant countries, that Catholicism differs less widely from Protestantism than in former times. There has been a change; but the change is not in the papacy. Catholicism indeed resembles much of the Protestantism that now exists, because Protestantism has so greatly degenerated since the days of the reformers.

As the Protestant churches have been seeking the favor of the world, false charity has blinded their eyes. They do not see but that it is right to believe good of all evil; and as the inevitable result, they will finally believe evil of all good. Instead of standing in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints, they are now, as it were, apologizing to Rome for their uncharitable opinion of her, begging pardon for their bigotry.

Such was the fate of Rome's opponents. For her adherents she had the discipline of the scourge, of famishing hunger, of bodily austerities in every conceivable, heart sickening form. To secure the favor of Heaven, penitents violated the laws of God by violating the laws of nature. They were taught to sunder every tie which he has formed to bless and gladden man's earthly sojourn. The churchyard contains millions of victims, who spent their lives in vain endeavors to subdue their natural affections, to repress, as offensive to God, every thought and feeling of sympathy with their fellow-creatures.

A large class, even of those who look upon Romanism with no favor, apprehend little danger from her power and influence. Many urge that the intellectual and moral darkness prevailing during the Middle Ages favored the spread of her dogmas, superstitions, and oppression, and that the greater intelligence of modern times, the general diffusion of knowledge, and the increasing liberality in matters of religion, forbid a revival of intolerance and tyranny. The very thought that such a state of things will exist in this enlightened age is ridiculed. It is true that great light, intellectual, moral, and religious, is shining upon this generation. In the open pages of God's holy Word, light from Heaven has been shed upon the world. But it should be remembered that the greater the light bestowed, the greater the darkness of those who pervert or reject it.

A prayerful study of the Bible would show Protestants the real character of the papacy, and would cause them to abhor and to shun it; but many are so wise in their own conceit that they feel no need of humbly seeking God that they may be led into the truth. Although priding themselves on

their enlightenment, they are ignorant both of the Scriptures and of the power of God. They must have some means of quieting their consciences; and they seek that which is least spiritual and humiliating. What they desire is a method of forgetting God which shall pass as a method of remembering him. The papacy is well adapted to meet the wants of all these. It is prepared for two classes of mankind, embracing nearly the whole world, those who would be saved by their merits, and those who would be saved in their sins. Here is the secret of its power.



The pope meetings with religious leaders

A day of great intellectual darkness has been shown to be favorable to the success of popery. It will yet be demonstrated that a day of great intellectual light is equally favorable for its success. In past ages, when men were without God's Word, and without the knowledge of the truth, their eyes were blindfolded, and thousands were ensnared, not seeing the net spread for their feet. In this generation there are many whose eyes become dazzled by the glare of human speculations, "science falsely so-called;" they discern not the net, and walk into it as readily as if blindfolded. God designed that man's intellectual powers should be held as a gift from his Maker, and should be employed in the service of truth and righteousness; but when pride and ambition are cherished, and men exalt their own theories above the Word of God, then intelligence can accomplish greater harm than ignorance. Thus the false science of the nineteenth century, which undermines faith in the Bible, will prove as successful in preparing the way for the acceptance of the papacy, with its pleasing forms, as did the withholding of knowledge in opening the way for its aggrandizement in the Dark Ages.

In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the State, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. [See Appendix, Note 2.] Nay, more, they are opening the door for popery to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance,—a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority. It is the spirit of the papacy,—the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, the veneration for human traditions above the commandments of God,—that is permeating the Protestant churches, and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before them.

If the reader would understand the agencies to be employed in the sooncoming contest, he has but to trace the record of the means which Rome employed for the same object in ages past. If he would know how papists and Protestants united will deal with those who reject their dogmas, let him see the spirit which Rome manifested toward the Sabbath and its defenders.

Royal edicts, general councils, and church ordinances sustained by secular power, were the steps by which the pagan festival attained its position of honor in the Christian world. The first public measure enforcing Sunday observance was the law enacted by Constantine. [A. D. 321.] This edict required townspeople to rest on "the venerable day of the sun," but permitted countrymen to continue their agricultural pursuits. Though virtually a heathen statute, it was enforced by the emperor after his nominal acceptance of Christianity.

The royal mandate not proving a sufficient substitute for divine authority, Eusebius, a bishop who sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine, advanced the claim that Christ had transferred the Sabbath to Sunday. Not a single testimony of the Scriptures was produced in proof of the new doctrine. Eusebius himself unwittingly acknowledges its falsity, and points to the real authors of the change. "All things," he says, "whatsoever that it was duty to do on the Sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord's day." But the Sunday argument, groundless as it was, served to embolden men in trampling upon the Sabbath of the Lord. All who desired to be honored by the world accepted the popular festival. they should be made slaves. The lower classes were to suffer perpetual banishment.

Miracles also were called into requisition. Among other wonders it was reported that as a husbandman who was about to plow his field on Sunday, cleaned his plow with an iron, the iron stuck fast in his hand, and for two years he carried it about with him, "to his exceeding great pain and shame." Later, the pope gave directions that the parish priest should admonish the violators of

Sunday, and wish them to go to church and say their prayers, lest they bring some great calamity on themselves and neighbors. An ecclesiastical council brought forward the argument, since so widely employed, even by Protestants, that because persons had been struck by lightning while laboring on Sunday, it must be the Sabbath. "It is apparent," said the prelates, "how high the displeasure of God was upon their neglect of this day." An appeal was then made that priests and ministers, kings and princes, and all faithful people, "use their utmost endeavors and care that the day be restored to its honor, and, for the credit of Christianity, more devoutly observed for time to come."

The decrees of councils proving insufficient, the secular authorities were besought to issue an edict that would strike terror to the hearts of the people, and force them to refrain from labor on the Sunday. At a synod held in Rome, all previous decisions were reaffirmed with greater force and solemnity. They were also incorporated into the ecclesiastical law, and enforced by the civil authorities throughout nearly all Christendom.

Still the absence of scriptural authority for Sunday-keeping occasioned no little embarrassment. The people questioned the right of their teachers to set aside the positive declaration of Jehovah, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God," in order to honor the day of the sun. To supply the lack of Bible testimony, other expedients were necessary. A zealous advocate of Sunday, who about the close of the twelfth century visited the churches of England, was resisted by faithful witnesses for the truth; and so fruitless were his efforts that he departed from the country for a season, and cast about him for some means to enforce his teachings. When he returned, the lack was supplied, and in his afterlabors he met with greater success. He brought with him a roll purporting to be from God himself, which contained the needed command for Sunday observance, with awful threats to terrify the disobedient. This precious document—as base a counterfeit as the institution it supported—was said to have fallen from Heaven, and to have been found in Jerusalem, upon the altar of St. Simeon, in Golgotha. But in fact, the pontifical palace at Rome was the source whence it proceeded. Frauds and forgeries to advance the power and prosperity of the church have in all ages been esteemed lawful by the papal hierarchy.

The roll forbade labor from the ninth hour, three o'clock, on Saturday afternoon, till sunrise on Monday; and its authority was declared to be confirmed by many miracles. It was reported that persons laboring beyond the appointed hour were stricken with paralysis. A Miller who attempted to grind his corn, saw, instead of flour, a torrent of blood come forth, and the mill-wheel stood still, notwithstanding the strong rush of the water. A woman who placed dough in the oven, found it raw when taken out, though the oven was very hot. Another who had dough prepared for baking at the ninth hour, but determined to set it aside till Monday, found, the next day, that it had been made into loaves and baked by divine power. A man who baked bread after the ninth hour on Saturday, found, when he broke it the next morning, that blood started therefrom. By such absurd and superstitious fabrications did the advo-

As the papacy became firmly established, the work of Sunday exaltation was continued. For a time the people engaged in agricultural labor when not attending church, and the seventh day was still regarded as the Sabbath. But steadily a change was effected. Those in holy office were forbidden to pass judgment in any civil controversy on the Sunday. Soon after, all persons, of whatever rank, were commanded to refrain from common labor, on pain of a fine for freemen, and stripes in the case of servants. Later it was decreed, that rich men should be punished with the loss of half of their estates; and finally, that if still obstinate cates of Sunday endeavor to establish its sacredness.

In Scotland, as in England, a greater regard for Sunday was secured by uniting with it a portion of the ancient Sabbath. But the time required to be kept holy varied. An edict from the king of Scotland declared that Saturday from twelve at noon ought to be accounted holy, and that no man, from that time till Monday morning, should engage in worldly business.

But notwithstanding all the efforts to establish Sunday sacredness, papists themselves publicly confessed the divine authority of the Sabbath, and the human origin of the institution by which it had been supplanted. In the sixteenth century a papal council plainly declared: "Let all Christians remember that the seventh day was consecrated by God, and hath been received and observed, not only by the Jews, but by all others who pretend to worship God; though we Christians have changed their Sabbath into the Lord's day." Those who were tampering with the divine law were not ignorant of the character of their work. They were deliberately setting themselves above God. A striking illustration of Rome's policy toward those who disagree with her was given in the long and bloody persecution of the Waldenses, some of whom were observers of the Sabbath. Others suffered in a similar manner for their fidelity to the fourth commandment. The history of the churches of Ethiopia and Abyssinia is especially significant. Amid the gloom of the Dark Ages, the Christians of Central Africa were lost sight of and forgotten by the world, and for many centuries they enjoyed freedom in the exercise of their faith. But at last Rome learned of their existence, and the emperor of Abyssinia was soon beguiled into an acknowledgment of the pope as the vicar of Christ. Other concessions followed. An edict was issued forbidding the observance of the Sabbath under the severest penalties. But papal tyranny soon became a yoke so galling that the Abyssinians determined to break it from their necks. After a terrible struggle, the Romanists were banished from their dominions, and the ancient faith was restored. The churches rejoiced in their freedom, and they never forgot the lesson they had learned concerning the deception, the fanaticism, and the despotic power of Rome. Within their solitary realm they were content to remain, unknown to the rest of Christendom.

The churches of Africa held the Sabbath as it was held by the papal church before her complete apostasy. While they kept the seventh day in obedience to the commandment of God, they abstained from labor on the Sunday in conformity to the custom of the church. Upon obtaining supreme power, Rome had trampled upon the Sabbath of God to exalt her own; but the churches of Africa, hidden for nearly a thousand years, did not share in this apostasy. When brought under the sway of Rome, they were forced to set aside the true and exalt the false Sabbath; but no sooner had they regained their independence than they returned to obedience to the fourth commandment. **[See Appendix, Note 3.]** These records of the past clearly reveal the enmity of Rome toward the true Sabbath and its defenders, and the means which she employs to honor the institution of her creating. The Word of God teaches that these scenes are to be repeated as papists and Protestants shall unite for the exaltation of the Sunday.

The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns shall cause "the earth and them which dwell therein" to worship the papacy-there symbolized by the beast "like unto a leopard." The beast with two horns is also to say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;" and, furthermore, it is to command all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive "the mark of the beast." [Revelation 13:11-16.] It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion, is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast." [Revelation 13:3.] The infliction of the deadly wound points to the abolition of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, "His deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast." Paul states plainly that the man of sin will continue until the second advent. [2 Thessalonians 2:8.] To the very close of time he will carry for-

ward his work of deception. And the Revelator declares, also referring to the papacy, "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." [Revelation 13:8.] In both the Old and the New World, papacy will receive homage in the



churches are paying her homage in their acceptance of the false

Sabbath, and that they are preparing to enforce it by the very means which she herself employed in by-gone days. Those who reject the light of truth will yet seek the aid of this self-styled infallible power to exalt an institution that originated with her. How readily she will come to the help of Protestants in this work, it is not difficult to conjecture. Who understands better than the papal leaders how to deal with those who are disobedient to the church?

The Roman Church, with all its ramifications throughout the world, forms one vast organization, under the control, and designed to serve the interests, of the papal see. Its millions of communicants, in every country on the globe, are instructed to hold themselves as bound in allegiance to the pope. Whatever their nationality or their government, they are to regard the authority of the church as above all other. Though they may take the oath pledging their loyalty to the State, yet back of this lies the vow of obedience to Rome, absolving them from every pledge inimical to her interests.

Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome is aiming to reestablish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. Let history testify of her artful and persistent efforts to insinuate herself into the affairs of nations; and having gained a foothold, to further her own aims, even at the ruin of princes and people. Romanism openly puts forth the claim that the pope "can pronounce sentences and judgments in contradiction to the right of nations, to the law of God and man." [The "Decretalia."]

And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII. and Innocent III. are still the principles of the Romish Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. Let the principle once be established in the United States, that the church may employ or control the power of the State; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and State is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured.

God's Word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage-ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the Word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution.

APPENDIX

Note 1. There is no more remarkable movement of the present day, and no one fraught with more vital consequences to men and nations, than the rapidly reviving influence of the papacy in national affairs. The papacy is fast moving into the place of the greatest influence of any earthly organization. In Europe, to say nothing of Catholic countries,

> which, as a matter of course, are subject to the pope, Chancellor Bismarck has made Germany virtually subject to the dictation of the papacy; England has invited the interference of the pope in her political affairs in the contest with Ireland; and even the Czar of Russia has shown himself willing to make overtures to the papacy. On the occasion of the golden jubilee of the priesthood of Leo XIII., it is well known that, except the kingdom of Italy and the United Kingdoms of Sweden and Norway, every nation, Protestant as well as Catholic, paid grateful respect to Rome.

honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Romish Church.

For about forty years, students of prophecy in the United States have presented this testimony to the world. In the events now taking place is seen a rapid advance toward the fulfillment of the prediction.

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With Protestant teachers there is the same claim of divine authority for Sunday-keeping, and the same lack of scriptural evidence, as with the papist leaders who fabricated miracles to supply the place of a command from God. The assertion that God's judgments are visited upon men for their violation of the Sunday-sabbath, will be repeated; already it is beginning to be urged. And a movement to enforce Sunday observance is fast gaining ground.

Marvelous in her shrewdness and cunning is the Romish Church. She can read what is to be. She bides her time, seeing that the Protestant

If any nation might justly be expected to keep clear of Romish influences, the United States of America should be the one above all others, as it is constitutionally pledged to have nothing at all to do toward "an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Yet this nation is in nowise behind the others in paying assiduous court to Rome. When the papal delegates came to America bearing to Cardinal Gibbons the trappings of his Romish dignity, a government vessel was dispatched down New York Harbor to meet them, with the papal flag, instead of the stars and stripes, flying from the place of honor. And at the investiture of Cardinal Gibbons with the purple of a papal prince, President Cleveland sent him a letter of congratulation. The Converted Catholic says that a larger number of senators and representatives send their sons to the Jesuit College at Georgetown—one of the suburbs of the national capital—than to all the other institutions of learning at Washington, which proves either that the larger number of senators and representatives are Catholics, or that Rome has more influence with senators and representatives than have all the educational institutions in Washington put together. In view of this fact, it is not to be wondered at that Rome decided to build her national university at the national capital.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland, was charged with giving to Catholics more positions in his department than to other denominations. His reply was that "if Roman Catholics have been recognized to a greater extent than other denominations, it is only because they have asked more largely;" and explained this by saying that the Romish church has at Washington "an energetic and tireless director, who is active to seize opportunities for extending missionary and educational work among the Indians." The Christian Union says that four-fifths of the government Indian schools, under religious control, have been given to Roman Catholics. The Assistant Attorney-General, of the Department of the Interior, under President Cleveland's administration,-Mr. Zach Montgomery,-is a Roman Catholic, with all the Roman Catholic enmity to the public schools, and hesitates not to use his official position and influence to show it. During his term of office, in an address at Carroll Institute, he openly denounced the publicschool system as godless, anti-parental, and destructive of happiness. And the United States Senate fully knew his enmity to the public schools when it confirmed his appointment as Assistant Attorney-General. The New York Observer says that the only public hospital that receives any government aid is a Roman Catholic one.

In a published letter to Hon. Warner Miller, one of the delegates at large from New York to the National Republican Convention, 1888, Hon. John Jay, late Minister to Austria, says that the Roman Catholics even now "coolly discuss the disposition they will make of the United States, as a people already subject to the vatican by the Irish votes. Archbishop Lynch, of Canada, wrote to Lord Randolph Churchill (the Churchman, New York, April 2, 1887): 'The Irish Vote is a Great Factor in America.' 'The power of their organizations is increasing every day.' 'They hold already the balance of power in the presidential and other elections."" Further Mr. Jay says: "The announcement of Mr. Chamberlain's appointment as Fishery Commissioner was promptly followed by a reminder that no treaty he might make would stand a chance of ratification. The suggestion that Mr. Phelps, our Minister to England, might be nominated as Chief Justice, brought a quick announcement that the nomination would be defeated.... It was recently stated in the United States Senate (February 16, 1888), in a debate on the bill for 'national aid in the establishment and temporary support of common schools,' ... That a senator had showed to the speaker, who had read it with his own eyes, the original letter of a Jesuit priest. In this letter he begged a member of Congress to oppose the bill and kill it, saying that they had organized all over the country for its destruction, that they had succeeded in the Committee of the House, and that they would destroy the bill inevitably; and it is a fact that the bill, having three times passed the Senate in three different congresses, each time with a larger vote in its favor, has been repeatedly smothered in the Committee of the House, by those who knew that there was a majority in the House in favor of the bill; and for six years the legislation of Congress has been [thus] arrested."

The Roman church largely controls the secular press of the country; and the leading "Protestant" religious papers, such as the New York Evangelist, the Christian at Work, the Christian Union, and the Independent, all pay flattering tribute to the papacy. The Evangelist, of March 29, 1888, acknowledges Cardinal Gibbons as its "only cardinal;" the Independent wishes pope Leo XIII. "a long reign and godspeed in his liberalizing policy;" Christian at Work salutes him as "holy father," and in the name of "the whole Christian world" glorifies him as "this venerable man whose loyalty to God and zeal for the welfare of humanity are as conspicuous as his freedom from many errors and bigotries of his predecessors is remarkable;" and the Christian Union, January 26, 1888, acknowledges him as "a temporal prince" and "supreme pontiff." law of the land;" and so placing "all Christian laws, institutions, and usages of our government on an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land." One of its propositions, announced by David Gregg, D. D., Pastor Park Street Church, Boston, is that the state has "the right to command the consciences of men." Another, announced by the Christian Statesman, is that government must "enforce upon all that come among us the laws of Christian morality." Another, announced by the Rev. E. B. Graham, is that "if the opponents of the Bible do not like our government and its Christian features, let them go to some wild, desolate land; and, in the name of the devil, and for the sake of the devil, subdue it, and set up a government of their own on infidel and atheistic ideas, and then, if they can stand it, stay there till they die." Another, announced by Jonathan Edwards, D. D., is that Jews, and all Christians who keep the seventh day, are to be classed as atheists, and "must be treated, as for this [National Reform] question, one party" with atheists, who "cannot dwell together on the same continent" with the national reform Christianity.

Anybody can see at a glance that the establishment of the national reform theory of government would be but the establishment of a theocracy. And this is, in fact, what they propose to establish. They say that "a republic thus governed is of him, through the people, and is as really and truly a theocracy as the government of Israel." A monthly reading of the national W. C. T. U., written by Miss Willard, on God in government, says: "A true theocracy is yet to come, [and] the enthronement of Christ in law and law-makers, hence I pray devoutly, as a Christian patriot, for the ballot in the hands of women." And in her annual address to the national W. C. T. U. Convention, of 1887, Miss Willard said: "The kingdom of Christ 'must enter the realm of law through the gateway of politics.... There are enough temperance men in both [the Democratic and Republican parties] to take possession of the government and give us national prohibition in the party of the near future, which is to be the party of God We pray heaven to give them no rest ... until they shall ... swear an oath of allegiance to Christ in politics, and March in one great army 'up to the polls to worship God.' ... I firmly believe that the patient, steadfast work of Christian women will so react on politics within the next generation that the party of God will be at the front." Now a man made theocracy is only a scheme of government which puts man in the place of God. That is precisely the theory upon which the papacy was built, and that is just what the papacy is.

The national reform theory is identical with that of the papacy; therefore the establishment of the national reform theory in this government will be but the setting up of a living image of the papacy. Advocating, as these parties are, the papal theory, it is not to be wondered at that they are anxious to secure the co-operation of the papacy in carrying their scheme to success. The Christian Statesman is the official organ of the National Reform Association, and in an editorial, December 11, 1884, that paper said: "We cordially, gladly, recognize the fact that in the South American republics, and in France and other European countries, the Roman Catholics are the recognized advocates of national Christianity, and stand opposed to all the proposals of secularism.... whenever they are willing to co-operate in resisting the progress of political atheism, we will gladly join hands with them. In a World's Conference for the Promotion of National Christianity—which ought to be held at no distant day-many countries could be represented only by Roman Catholics." And in that same paper, August 31, 1881, Rev. Sylvester Scovil said: "This common interest ["of all religious people in the Sabbath"—Sunday] ought both to strengthen our determination to work, and our readiness to co-operate in every way with our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens.

We may be subjected to some rebuffs in our first proffers, and the time is not yet come when the Roman church will consent to strike hands with other churches—as such; but the time has come to make repeated ad-

Note 2. These movements are apparent under diverse forms and in different ways, but the organization which embodies almost every form, and works in every way to gain its end, is the National Reform Association. It originated in a conference representing "eleven different denominations of Christians from seven of the states of the Union." It now has the support of prominent men from "all branches of the church," of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the Prohibition Party. It proposes to have our national constitution amended, "in order to constitute a Christian government," "acknowledging almighty God as the source of all authority and power in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler among the nations, His revealed will as the supreme

vances, and gladly to accept co-operation in any form in which they may be willing to exhibit it. It is one of the necessities of the situation. The nexus between the two great divisions of Christianity on questions of moral legislation is a thing worthy the consideration of our best minds and our men of largest experience in such affairs." In perfect accord with this is the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII., 1885, which directs that "all Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitutions of states, and legislation, to be modeled on the principles of the true church, and all Catholic writers and journalists should never lose sight, for an instant, from the view of the above prescriptions." Therefore as the purpose of the national reform association is identical with that of Rome, it is only to be expected that they should show a readiness to "gladly join hands." And whenever Protestantism gains control of the civil power, whether with or without the aid of Rome, that will be but to erect an image of the papacy.

Note 3. There are still observers of the Bible Sabbath in Abyssinia. Joseph Wolff, in his journal for 1838, giving an account of his visit to that country, says that "the Sabbath of the Jews, i.e., Saturday, is kept strictly among the Abyssinians in the province of Hamazien."

95 THESES REGARDING THE TRUE DAY OF WORSHIP THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH

On OCTOBER 31, 1517 Martin Luther protested the selling of indulgences by the Roman Catholic Church. The selling of indulgences was a false method of forgiveness of sins that was used to raise money to build St. Peter's cathedral in Rome. Luther nailed 95 Theses against the selling of indulgences on the Wittenberg Church door claiming that forgiveness was free, having been already purchased by the blood of Christ, and that a man is justified by faith in Jesus alone. His protest went viral throughout Germany and Europe! Thousands began to follow the light. Protestant scholars risked their lives to restore the Bible to the people



in their own language. As a result, many truths that had been covered up by pagan customs in the Catholic Church were gradually recovered by mighty students of the Bible in the Protestant Reformation.

Today, few know much about the Reformation. Some are even saying that the Reformation is over. But this is far from the truth. There is a vital truth that the Christian world needs to re-embrace before Jesus comes again, for it is part of the immutable Moral Law of God, and Christ's Church at that time must be clothed in Christ's righteousness by faith. The Ten Commandments-God's moral law-is the standard by which all who have professed His name will be judged. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judge by **the law of liberty.**" James 2:10-12.

The true and original Biblical day of worship has been neglected by the Christian world and must be restored! It's found in the fourth commandment of the Decalogue. WHY keep the Sabbath day? What is the object of the Sabbath? Who made it? When was it made, and for whom? Which day is the true Sabbath? Many keep the first day of the week, or Sunday. What Bible authority have they for this?

HERE ARE 95 THESES ABOUT THE SABBATH VS. SUNDAY AS PLAINLY STATED IN THE WORD OF GOD.

1. After working the first six days of the week in creating this earth, our Sovereign Creator rested on the Seventh day! (Genesis 2:1.3.)

2. God created all things through Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9). Thus, Jesus rested on the 7th-day Sabbath, too.

3. God's rest day is the Seventh day. The word *Sabbath* means "rest." Every Seventh day of the week (known today as Saturday) is God's rest, or Sabbath, day. (Exodus 20:8-11.) Therefore you cannot change God's rest day to a day on which He did not rest. Hence the Seventh day is still God's Sabbath day.

4. After He rested from His work on the seventh day, the Creator blessed and sanctified (set apart for holy use) the Seventh day. (Genesis 2:3; Exodus 20:11.)

5. He made the Seventh-day Sabbath in the Garden of Eden before the fall. Hence it is perfect.—It is not a type—it is not a "shadow of things to come." (Gen. 2:1-3; Col. 2:17.)

they must keep the Sabbath if they were to be delivered from Egyptian bondage. (Exodus 5:4,5.)

11. The Sabbath was a part of God's law before Sinai. As the manna fell from heaven for 40 years of wilderness wandering, a wonderful miracle happened every Sabbath. (See Exodus 16:4, 27-29.)

12. God placed the Sabbath in the heart of His moral law. (Exodus 20:1-17.) Why did He place it there if it was not like the other nine precepts, which all admit to be immutable?

13. Just think, God is commanding us NOT to work, but TO REST, to get to know

Him on the day He blessed and made holy.

14. Breaking the Sabbath is a moral sin. (1John 3:4.) Jesus came to save us from our sins. (Matthew 1:21.) Sabbath breaking is still a sin. (Lev. 4:1,2; 1 John 3:4; Exodus 34:21; Romans 3:31; 6:23; 8:3,4; Revelation 22:14.)

15. The 4th commandment is the only commandment that identifies who God is! "But the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God (God's name): ... For in six days the LORD made (God's title-Creator), heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is (God's

territory of rule), and rested the Seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:8-11.) In the Sabbath commandment is the name, title, and territory of God-the Seal of living God! Will you receive the Seal of God in your forehead?

16. The Seventh-day Sabbath was commanded by the voice of the living God. (Deuteronomy 4:12, 13.) This is not true for any other day.

17. God engraved it in the enduring stone, indicating its imperishable nature. (Deuteronomy 5:22.)

18. God wrote the Ten Commandments, including the fourth, with His own finger-a symbol of the Holy Spirit! (Exodus 31:18; Matthew 12:28; and Luke 11:20.)

19. Now the Holy Spirit wants to write God's Law, including the Sabbath, on the fleshy tables of our NEW HEART and MIND according to the NEW COVENANT Promise! (Ezekiel 36:26,27; 2 Corinthians 3:3; Hebrews 10:15,16.)

20. It was sacredly preserved in the ark in the holy of holies. (Deuteronomy 10:1-5; Revelation 11:19.)

21. The Seventh-day Sabbath is a flag of God's power both to create and re-create His people. (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:15; Psalm 33:6,9; 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

22. It is the sign of the true God, by which we are to know Him from false gods. (Ezekiel 20:20.)

23. It is the SIGN that GOD IS SANCTIFYING US AS HIS PEO-



6. It is a memorial of creation. Every time we rest upon the Seventh day, as God did at creation, we commemorate that grand event. (Ex. 20:11; 31:17; Heb. 4:10; Rev. 14:7.)

7. The Sabbath was a gift to us trough Adam, the father of the human race, given to him by JESUS, the SECOND ADAM, who kept the Sabbath as our Example—an Example to be followed by all nations and peoples. Thus, the Sabbath is a double gift to us. (Mark 2:27; Genesis 2:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:45; Luke 4:16; 1 Peter 2:21; Acts 17:26,27; Rev. 14:6,7.)

8. It is not a Jewish institution, for it was made over 2,000 years before the first Jew lived. The Bible never calls it the Jewish Sabbath, but always "the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Is it yours? (Exodus 20:10; Isa. 58:13; Rev. 1:10.)

9. Evident reference is made to the Sabbath and the seven-day week all through the Old and New Testaments. (Genesis 2:1-3; 8:10,12; 29:27-28; Luke 23:56; 24:1; Heb. 4:4,10; Rev. 14:7; etc.)

10. Moses taught the Israelites who had been slaves for decades that

PLE! (Exodus 31:16,17; Ezekiel 20:12.)

24. In Jeremiah 17, God promised that Jerusalem should stand forever if the Jews would keep the Sabbath. The blessings of Sabbath-keeping goes with **TRUSTING IN THE LORD** found in the same chapter!

25. God sent His people into Babylonian captivity and destroyed Jerusalem for breaking the Sabbath. (Nehemiah 13:17, 18; Jeremiah 17:27.)

26. God has pronounced a special blessing on all the Gentiles, and upon all people who will keep the Sabbath! This prophecy refers wholly to the Christian dispensation. (Isaiah 56:2, 6, 7.)

27. The holy Sabbath has been trodden down for "many generations," but Isaiah predicted that it is to be restored in the last days by people whom he called the "REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH." (Isaiah 58:12-13.) This tract is a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy! Will you help to repair the "breach" in God's law and be a part of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy as well?

28. The Lord requires us to call the Sabbath "the holy of the Lord honourable" and "honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine

own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words." (Isaiah 58:13.)

29. All the holy prophets kept the Seventh-day Sabbath.

30. When Jesus, the Son of God came, He kept the Seventh-day Sabbath all His life. (Luke 4:16; John 1:1-3; 15:10.) Thus He followed His Father's and His own example at creation. Shall we not be safe in following the example of both the Father and the Son?

31. The Seventh-day Sabbath is the Lord's Day. (See Revelation 1:10; Mark 2:28; Isaiah 58:13; Exodus 20:10.) JESUS WAS IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY! Luke 4:16-18.

32. Jesus was Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28), that is, to love and protect it, as the husband is the lord of the wife, to love and cherish her (1 Peter 3:6.)

33. Jesus vindicated the Sabbath as a merciful institution designed for man's good. (Mark 2:23-28.)

34. So far from abolishing the Sabbath, Jesus carefully taught His disciples to do well upon the Sabbath, preaching, healing, and all that is "lawful." (Mt. 5:17,18; 12:1-13.)

35. He instructed His apostles that the Sabbath should be prayerfully regarded when Jerusalem would be destroyed in 70 AD-40 years after His resurrection. (Mt 24:20.)

36. The pious followers of Christ who had been with Jesus carefully kept the Seventh-day Sabbath "according to the commandment" after



His crucifixion. (Luke 23:56.)

37. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, called it the "Sabbath day" in 57 AD. (Acts 13:27.) Paul knew.

38. The Gentile converts asked Paul to preach the Word to them on the Sabbath. (Acts 13:42.) And Paul did, not on the first day, the day of the sun god, but on the Seventh-day Sabbath.

39. Luke, the inspired Gentile Chris-

tian historian, writing as late as AD

62, calls it the "Sabbath day." (Acts

He healed the sick on Sabbath

13:42,44; Luke 23:56.)

40. In the great Christian council, AD 51, in the presence of the apostles and thousands of disciples, James calls it the "Sabbath day." (Acts 15:21.)

41. It was customary to hold prayer meetings upon the Seventh-day Sabbath. (Acts 16:13.)

42. Paul read the Scriptures in public meetings on the Sabbath. It was his custom to preach upon that day. (Acts 17:2-3.)

43. The Book of Acts alone gives a record of his holding eighty-four meetings upon the Sabbath day! (See Acts 13:14, 44; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4, 11.)

44. There was never any dispute between the Christians and the Jews about the Sabbath day. This is proof that the Christians (believing Jews) still observed the same day that the unbelieving Jews did.

45. In all their accusations against Paul, the unbelieving Jews never charged him with disregarding the Sabbath day. Why did they not, if he did not keep it? In fact, Paul said it was ESTABLISHED! (Romans 3:31.)

46. Paul himself expressly declared that he had kept the moral law. "Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all." Acts 25:8. How could this be true if he had not kept the Sabbath? (Acts 24:16.)

47. The Seventh-day Sabbath is mentioned in the New Testament fiftynine times, and always with respect, bearing the same title it had in the Old Testament, "the Sabbath day."

51. There is no record that God has ever removed His blessing or sanctification from the Seventh day. This is impossible, since it is part of the Creation week. (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:5,6.)

52. God's last-day church is described as keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath and all Ten Commandments. (Rev. 14:7, 12.)

53. As the Sabbath was kept in Eden before the fall, and all through history even till today, so it will be OBSERVED ETERNALLY after God makes a NEW HEAVEN and NEW EARTH! (Isaiah 66:22-23.)

54. Jesus was the Word of God made flesh. He kept the Sabbath holy. In fact, Jesus was a living Ten Commandments. He was the Lamb without spot and blemish. He wants His last day church to be just like Himself—without spot or wrinkle and keeping the true Bible Sabbath before He comes the Second time. (John 1:14; Psalm 40:8; John 1:29; Luke 4:16-18; Ephesian 5:25-27.)

BIBLE FACTS CONCERNING THE FIRST DAY

55. GOD MADE THE WORLD IN SIX DAYS and RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY. The Sabbath means rest from labor. God could have

created the world in five, four, three, two, or one day(s), but the next day would have been the Sabbath. Because God

would need at least one day to create the world,

IT IS THUS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK TO EVER BE A SABBATH.

56. God commands men to work upon the first day of the week. (Exodus 20:8-11.) Is it wrong to obey God?

57. By the express command of God, His holy people have



58. God Himself calls it a "working" day, not a holy day (Ezekiel 46:1).

59. Sunday has never been blessed or sanctified by God or Jesus.

60. God did not rest upon it. Neither did Jesus keep it.

61. No patriarch, prophet, apostle, or any of God's people ever kept Sunday, except maybe Jezebel and Baal worshippers. (1 Kings 18:12; 19:18; Rev. 2:20-23.)

62. Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), and worked at His trade until He was thirty years old. He kept the Sabbath and worked six days in the week, as all admit. Hence He did many a hard day's work on Sunday.

63. The apostles worked upon it during the same time.

64. No law was ever given to enforce the keeping of it, hence it is no transgression to work upon it. "Where no law is, there is no transgression." Romans 4:15 (See also 1 John 3:4.)

65. The New Testament nowhere forbids work to be done on it. No penalty is provided for its violation.

66. No blessing is promised for its observance.

67. No regulation is given as to how it ought to be observed. Would this be so if the Lord wished us to keep it?

68. It is never called the Christian Sabbath. It is never called the Sabbath



48. Not a word is said anywhere in the New Testament about the Seventh-day Sabbath's being abolished, done away, changed, or anything of the kind. Rather, it was just the opposite. (Romans 3:31; Hebrews 4:4, 10; 1 John 5:3; Rev. 14:7, 12.) It was the seven ceremonial sabbaths in the ceremonial law of the sanctuary service that were abolished at the cross when Jesus the Lamb of God was crucified. These sabbaths could occur on any day of the week and were not part of the Moral Law. (Colossians 2:14-17.)

49. God has never given permission to any man to work upon the Sabbath. Reader, by what authority do you use the Seventh day for common labor? (1 John 3:4.)

50. No Christian of the New Testament, either before or after the resurrection, ever did ordinary work upon the Seventh day. Find one case of that kind, and we will yield the question. Why should modern Christians do differently from Bible Christians?

day at all.

69. We can know for sure that the Seventh-day Sabbath is Saturday by reading Luke 23:50-56; 24:1-3. Jesus was crucified on Friday the "preparation" day—the day to prepare for the holy Sabbath. On that day, the sixth day of the week, He cried, "It is finished." Christ's work for us was perfectly finished—just as it was at the end of the sixth day of Creation. Jesus then rested in the grave on the Sabbath day. On the first day of the week He rose again to resume His labors.

70. The Word of God never calls Sunday the Lord's day.

71. The Word of God never calls Sunday a rest day.

72. No sacred title whatever is applied to it. Then why should we call it holy?

73. It is simply called the "first day of the week"—one of the six days of labor.

74. In fact, God call's on all mankind to REMEMBER the true Sabbath day, knowing that men would forget (Exodus 20:8.) and that an evil force would "think" to change it. (Daniel 7:25.)

75. Jesus said, In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:9.) The keeping of Sunday is only a tradition of men. Therefore, Sunday worship is in vain.

76. In fact, Paul says that "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Romans 8:7.) Do you have the carnal mind or the mind "filled with the Holy Spirit"? (Romans 8:8-14.)

77. Jesus never-mentioned Sunday in any way. He never took its name upon His lips, so far as the record shows.

78. After the death of the Testator, the covenant could not be changed. (Hebrews 9:15,16.) Jesus died on Friday. Sunday keeping is three days too late.

79. In fact, **IF** the Seventh-day Sabbath or any part of the Ten Commandments could have been changed, Jesus would not have had to die for us on the cross! (Matthew 1:21; 5:17,18.)

80. The Bible predicted that Jesus would rise "on the morrow after the Sabbath" 1500 years before it happened. (Leviticus 23:10,11; 1 Corinthians 15:20,23.)

81. Over 1500 years before it happened, the Bible predicted that the Holy Spirit would fall "on the morrow after the seventh Sabbath" (7 X 7 + 1 = 50) fifty days after the resurrection. On this day the Holy Spirit would descend to write God's law on the fleshy tables of the 120 clean hearts according to the New Covenant promise. (Leviticus 23:15,16; Acts 2:1; Hebrews 10:15,16...)

82. Sunday was the day the pagans worshipped the Sun. It was a pagan holy day. The word Sunday never occurs in the Bible at all.

83. "The Adventists are the only body of Christians with the Bible as their teacher, who can find no warrant in its pages for the change of day from the seventh to the first." *Catholic Mirror, September 2, 1893.*

84. The first day of the week is mentioned only eight times in all the New Testament. (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2.) Six of these texts refer to the same specific first day of the week after Jesus rested in the grave on the Sabbath and rose again on the first day to resume His labors. It was a fulfillment of Leviticus 23:10.11.

85. Paul directed the saints to look over their secular affairs and set aside an offering in their home on the first day. (1Corinthians 16:2.)

86. In all the New Testament we have a record of only one religious meeting held upon that day, and even this was a night meeting ON SATURDAY NIGHT—THE EVENING OF THE FIRST DAY. (Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31; Acts 20:5-12.)

87. There is no intimation that they ever held a meeting upon it before or after that. It was not their custom to meet on that day.

88. There was no requirement to break bread on that day. We have an account of only one instance in which it was done—in the night—after midnight. (Verses 7-11.) Jesus Himself celebrated it on Thursday evening (Luke 22), and the disciples did it every day (Acts 2:42-46.)

89. The Bible nowhere commands men to observe the first day of the week to commemorate the resurrection of Christ. This is a tradition of men, which contradicts the law of God. (Matthew 15:1-9.) IT IS BAP-TISM BY IMMERSION THAT COMMEMORATES THE BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS. (Romans 6:3-5.)

90. Finally, the New Testament is totally silent with regard to any change of the Sabbath day or any sacredness for the first day.

91. The prophet Daniel points to the Little Horn power—a symbol of the Roman Catholic Church system—that would "think to change [God's] times and laws." (Daniel 7:25.) David said, "The law of the LORD is perfect." (Psalm 19:7.) How can you think to change something that is perfect?

Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." Peter Geiermann, <u>The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine</u>, 1957 ed.

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. ...And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things." H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, Nov. 1, 1895.

"The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday." Catholic Mirror, September 23, 1893.

94. THOMAS AQUINAS agrees: "In the <u>New Law</u> the observance of the Lord's Day took the place of the Sabbath, not by virtue of the precept, **but by the institution of the Church** and the **custom** of the Christian people." <u>Summa Theologia</u>, Vol. 3, Quest. #122, Art. 4. Obj. 4.

95. We are warned not to worship the Beast or the Image of the Beast. (Rev. 14:9-11). Worship is spiritual. This worship is something opposed to the Ten Commandments (Rev. 14:12). Worship has to do with the first four commandments of God and has to do with the day of worship. (Rev. 14:7). The Mark of the Beast will be enforced Sunday worship. (Rev. 13:15-17).



Special note:

Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, promotes Sunday resting as a way of taking care of our "common home". The Bible, through the prophet Isaiah, declares that climate change is caused by transgression of God's law (Isaiah 24:4-6).



Sunday keeping is an open violation of the 4th commandment of God's law-

the Seventh-day Sabbath.

Sunday Laws are Coming!

On Friday, June 15, 2007 in the Weekend Edition Opinion Journal page W-11 of the *Wall Street Journal* appeared an article by Mollie Ziegler Hemingway entitled: "The decline of the Sabbath in America: Less praying, more working and playing." This article was circulated worldwide to over 2 million people promoting Sunday-keeping and Sunday closing laws as necessary for saving our culture.

Similar articles have appeared in daily newspapers across America and the rest of the world: <u>Associated Press</u>, July 15, 2008 "Sunday Shopping banned in Croatia," Associated Press, May 27, 2008 "Louisiana Barber Ticketed for Working on Sunday," Time Magazine, Dec. 17, 2008 "Sunday Shopping? France Says No," <u>CBS</u> <u>News Sunday Morning</u>, Feb. 1 2009. Poland, Germany, Hungary, and Italy also have strong Sunday closing laws. We should welcome an intelligent, healthy discussion on issues that will affect both the morality and economy of our nation.

The Bible tells us that Sunday laws are unbiblical. History reveals that Sunday legislation, regardless of how sincere it may appear, always brings persecution to small minorities. Prophecy declares that such religious intolerance will again be revived to the point that "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the <u>MARK</u>, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Rev. 13:17. From this prophetic insight we can see that church and state will unite and all of our most cherished liberties will be lost. God have mercy on us all when "all these things ...shall come to pass" Luke 21:36.

92. Sunday was first enforced in 364 AD at the Council of Laodicea, bringing in the Dark Ages of enforced Sunday worship. Notice that Sunday keeping came over 4400 years after the ancient Biblical Sabbath!

93. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BOASTS THAT SUNDAY KEEP-ING IS THE MARK OF HER AU-THORITY:

"Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day. Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?



Saturday, The 7th Day GOD'S SABBATH

A NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW (worship) will be the MARK of the BEAST

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THE PROPHETIC MYSTERY UNVEILED AND UPON HER FOREHEAD WAS A NAME WRITTEN "BABYLON THE GREAT"

"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" Rev. 17:5

Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience. EGW, GC 588.

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When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influ-

ence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. GC 445.

55 BIBLICAL FACTS ABOUT THE ANTI-CHRIST

#1: Antichrist Is NOT Future (1 John 2:18, 2 Thessalonians 2:7)
#2: Antichrist Is NOT a Single Person (1 John 2:18) [Not just one pope, but the whole line of pope's who take the position.]
#3: Antichrist Is Against (In Place of) CHRIST, NOT Against Jews (Daniel 7:25) [This is exactly what the Pope does—take the place of Christ—Vicar of the Son of God—Vicarius Filii Dei.]

#4: Wars Against the Doctrine of Jesus Christ (2 John 1:9); Denies That Jesus Came In Our Flesh (1 John 4:3) [Editors: Yes, the Pope uses the name "Jesus," but he doesn't tell you that it is a false Christ that came with immaculate flesh—far different from the Jesus described in Hebrews 2 who came in the same flesh as you and I.]

#5: Places Tradition Above the Bible (Daniel 7:8) [A good example of this is Sunday keeping which teaches people to violate God's fourth commandment, which is sin, which is why he is called the "Man of sin." 2 Thess. 2:3.]

#6: Religious Power (2 Thessalonians 2:4; Rev. 14:9; Dan. 2—clay.)
#7: Kingdom or Nation (Rev. 13:1; 17:1,2; Dan. 2-iron.) [The papacy is a union of church and state—the clay mixing with the iron—the whore commiting spiritual fornication with the kings of the earth.]
#8: Located In a Populated Area Speaking Many Languages (Rev. 3:1; Revelation 17:15) [Spiritual and Global—desiring to control every mind on planet earth.]

#9: Takes away the knowledge of Christ's Holy Place ministry. (Daniel 8:10-12; Rev. 13:5) [The Dark Ages—508-1844]

#10: Tries to block the view of Christ's Most Holy Place Ministry. (Daniel 11:41-45).

#11: Kills God's Saints (Revelation 13:7; Daniel 7:25)

#12: Comes To Full Power After 476 A.D. [After the fall of Rome]



Dark Ages from 538 AD to 1798 AD, when the French Directory took the pope captive and gave the Papacy a deadly wound.] #25: Receives A Deadly Wound (Revelation 13:3)

#26: The Deadly Wound is Healed
(Revelation 13:3) [This deadly wound began to be healed in 1929 when Mussolini signed the Lateran Treaty with the pope, which gave him back a new country to govern—Vatican City. Now governments from all over the world could send their ambassadors to the pope. The USA did this for the first time under Reagan in 1984.]
#27: Will Survive Until the Second Coming (Daniel 7:21-22; Rev. 19:20)
#28: Thinks to Change the Ten Command-

ments (Daniel 7:25) [Removed the 2nd

commandment and changed the day of worship in the 4th commandment.]

- #29: Accepts a Different Cycle of Time (Daniel 7:25, Genesis 1:5,8,13) [Starts a new day at midnight, rather than at sunset.]
- #30: Change God's Worship Time (Daniel 7:25, Exodus 20:8-11)
- #31: Jesus' Sacrifice Would Be Replaced (Daniel 8:11) [with the mass.]
- #32: God's Sanctuary Service Would Be Replaced (In Daniel 8:11)
- #33: Casts Down the Truth (Daniel 8:12)

#34: Causes Christians to Fall Away, Especially From Keeping the Commandments (2 Thessalonians 2:3)



#35: Rules From What is Considered God's Temple (2 Thess. 2:4)

[By sitting on the throne of people's minds, the place of God.]

Pope sitting between the cherubims

#36: Exalts Himself Above that which is Called God (2 Thess. 2:4) [Calls himself "infallible," and "Holy Father."]

#37: Uses Signs and Wonders (2 Th. 2:9; Rev. 16:14) [Miracles of devils] #38: Forbids Marriages (1 Timothy 4:1-3)

- #39: Commands Christians to Abstain from Eating Meat (1 Tim. 4:1-3)
- #40: Based Upon Satan-Inspired Religion [Paganism] (Rev. 13:1-2, 4)
- #41: Blasphemes the Beings of Heaven (Daniel 11:37-39; Rev. 13:6)
- #42: The Number of the Name Being 666 (Revelation 13:18) [The title

of the pope is *Vicarius Filii Dei*—Vicar of the Son of God—whose numbers in Latin add up to 666.]

#43: The Antichrist is Depicted a WhorishWoman (Revelation 17:3-6)
#44: Official Colors Are Purple and Scarlet (Revelation 17:4)
#45: Rich (Revelation 17:4) [Vatican City, Vatican Bank.]
#46: Assisted by Another Kingdom (Revelation 13:11-17) [This is the United States—Protestant America.]
#47: Has a Mark [of Allegiance] (Rev. 13:17, Revelation 14:9-11)
#48: Mother of Harlots [Apostate Daughter Churches = Fallen Protestant Denominations] (Revelation 17:5)
#49: Is Involved With Spiritualism (Revelation 18:2) [For example, praying to the dead saints, including Mary.]
#50: Accepts All Kinds of Beliefs Except God's (Revelation 18:2)

(Revelation 13:1-2, Daniel 7:1-8, 24) #13: Is Located In Europe (Daniel 7:8) #14: Is a Small Nation (Daniel 7:8) #15: Located on Seven Mountains or Hills (Revelation 17:9) #16: Not Just a Political Kingdom (Daniel 7:24) #17: Appears To Be Christian (2 Thessalonians 2:3) #18: Removes Three of the Original Ten Kingdoms (Daniel 7:8) [These were Christian nations who would not go along with the false doctrines of the pope.] #19: Appears Pompous (Daniel 7:20) #20: Would Take On God's Titles (Revelation 13:6) #21: Speaks Blasphemously (Revelation 13:5-6) #22: Claims To Be God (2 Thessalonians 2:4) #23: Claims to Be Able to Forgive Sins (Mark 2:7) [The pope teaches that all must confess their sins to a priest and not to God.] #24: Shall Reign a Prophetic 1,260 Days, 3 1/2 years, or 42 Months (Revelation 13:5, Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:6, 14.) [In prophecy a "day" represents a year, thus, 1260 years. This occurred during the

"And upon her forehead was a NAME written, MYSTERY, BABY-LON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMI-NATIONS OF THE EARTH" Rev. 17:5

#51: Ministers Would Be Very Religious (2 Corinthians 11:13)
#52: Followers Will Appear Religious (Revelation 13:4)
#53: Establishes Their Presence in the "Glorious Land"—God's professed church (Daniel 11:41,45) [1955-56 Martin & Barnhouse mtgs.]

#54: Would Be a World Influencer (Rev.13:3) [Very popular].#55: The Main Message Presented To the World Would Be PEACE (Daniel 8:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:3)

So who is the beast? Martin Luther, founder of the Lutheran denomination, declared, "We here are of the conviction that the papacy is the seat of the true and real Antichrist", Faith of Our Fathers, Vol. 2., pg. 121.

John Calvin, founder of the Presbyterian denomination, declared, "Some persons think us too severe and censorious, when we call the Roman pontiff Antichrist. But those who are of this opinion do not consider that they bring the same charge of presumption against Paul himself, after whom we speak, and whose language we adopt. And lest anyone should object, that we improperly pervert to the Roman pontiff those words of Paul, which belong to a different subject, I shall briefly show that they are not capable of any other interpretation than that which implies them to the papacy," Institutes of the Christian Religion.

John Knox, a Scottish Presbyterian, said, "That tyranny which the pope himself has for so many ages exercised over the church. The very Antichrist, and son of perdition, of whom Paul speaks." The Zurich Letters, p.199.

Thomas Cranmer, an Anglican, "Whereof it followeth Rome to be the seat of Antichrist, and the pope to be very Antichrist himself. I could prove the same by many other scriptures, old writers, and strong reasons." Works by Cranmer, Vol. 1, pp. 6-7.

Roger Williams, the first Baptist Pastor in America, said, "The pretended Vicar of Christ on earth, who sits as God over the Temple of God, exalting himself not only above all that is called God, but over the souls and consciences of all his vassals, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God himself... speaking against the God of heaven, thinking to change times and laws; but he is the son of perdition (II Thess. 2)." The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers, Vol. 3, pg. 52.

The Westminster Confession of Faith reads, "There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition that exalteth himself in the church against Christ and all that is called God." The Creeds of Christendom, With a History and Critical Notes, III, p. 658, 659, ch. 25, sec. 6.

Cotton Mather, a Congregational Theologian, wrote "The oracles of God foretold the rising of an Antichrist in the Christian Church: and in the Pope of Rome, all the characteristics of that Antichrist are so marvelously answered that if any who read the Scriptures do not see it, there is a marvelous blindness upon them." The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers, Vol. 3, pg. 113.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, wrote, "He is in an emphatical sense, the Man of Sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure. And he is, too, properly styled the Son of Perdition, as he has caused the death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers... He it is... that exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped... claiming the highest power, and highest honour... claiming the prerogatives which belong to God alone." Antichrist and His Ten Kingdoms, pg. 110.

"In chapter 13 [VERSES 1-10.] is described another beast, "like unto a leopard," to which the dragon gave "his power, and his seat, and great authority." **This symbol, as most Protestants have believed, represents the papacy,** which succeeded to the power and seat and authority once possessed by the ancient Roman Empire. Of the leopard like beast it is declared: "There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies.... And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in Heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindred's, and tongues, and nations." This prophecy, which is nearly identical with the description of the little horn of Daniel 7, **unquestionably points to the papacy.**" The Great Controversy, p. 439.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU, AND "PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD" (Amos 4:12)



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THE "MAN OF SIN"

And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 7:25-27 King James Version (KJV)

The Law of God OLD TESTAMENT

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

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Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep my commandments.

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Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

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, thou, nor thy God: in it daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

VII

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII Thou shalt not steal.

IX

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

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Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manser-vant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's. — See Exodus 20:1-18.

I WILL NOT ALTER NOR BREAK THE THING THAT IS GONE OUT OF MY LIPS. See Psalms 89:34

"HIS NAME"

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the NAME of the beast, or the number of HIS NAME." Revelation 13:17.

"The number indicated by the letters of **HIS NAME**." 20th Century New Testament.

"Verse 18, Six Hundred Sixty Six. The numeral let-ters of **HIS NAME** shall make up this number." Douay (Catholic) Bible. Note on Revelation 13:18.

"The method of reading generally adopted is that known as the GHEMATRIA of the rabbins, which as-signs each letter of a name its usual numerical value, and gives the sum of such numbers as the equivalent of the **NAME**." Word Studies in the N.T., Marvin R. Vincent, D.D., notes on Revelation 13:18.

"The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the VICAR OF GOD.

"The Pope is of such lofty and supreme dignity that, properly speaking, he has not been established in any rank of dignity, but rather has been placed upon the very summit of all ranks of dignities...."

"He is likewise the divine monarch and supreme emperor and king of kings."

The Law of God NEW TESTAMENT

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10. 11

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols." "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." I John 5:21; Acts 17:29.

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"That the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed." I Timothy 6:1.

"Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day." "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for

"The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." "For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all His works." "There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth." Matthew 24:20; Mark 2:27, 28; Hebrews 4:4, 9, 10, margin; Colossians 1:16.

"Honor thy father and thy mother." Matthew 19:19.

VI "Thou shalt not kill." Romans 13:9.

VII

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Matthew 19:18. VIII

"Thou shalt not steal." Romans 13:9.

IX

"Thou shalt not bear false witness." Romans 13:9.

X "Thou shalt not covet." Romans 7:7.

AFTER HIS DEATH

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Romans 3:31. "They... rested the Sabbath day according to the commandments." Luke 23:54-56.

SABBATH IN THE NEW EARTH

"For as the NEW HEAVENS and the NEW EARTH, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain, and it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one SABBATH to another, shall all flesh come to WORSHIP before Me, saith the Lord." Isaiah 66:22, 23. See Mark 2:27, 28.

"HIS NUMBER"

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding COUNT THE NUMBER of the beast: for it is the NUMBER OF A MAN; and HIS NUMBER is SIX HUNDRED THREESCORE AND SIX." Revelation

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"Now we challenge the world to find another name in these languages: Greek, Hebrew, and Latin, which shall designate the same number." Joseph F. Berg, in his book, The Great Apostasy, pages 156-158.



The Law of God as changed by the

PAPACY

I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me. (It will be observed that the second commandment as found in the Bible is left out.)

П Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

111

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. "A Doctrinal Catechism," (Catholic) page 174, has the following question and answer: —

"Q. — Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?"

"A. — Had she not such power . . . she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." IV

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

VI

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VII Thou shalt not steal.

VIII Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

IX

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods. — See General Catholic Catechism.

"HE SHALL THINK TO CHANGE TIMES AND THE LAW." — Daniel 7:25. R.V.

"That **man of sin**... who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is wor-shipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." II Thessalo-nians 2:3, 4.

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"HIS MARK"

"If any MAN WORSHIP the BEAST and HIS IMAGE and receive **HIS MARK** in his forehead, (affections) or in his hand" (Revelation 14:9, refraining from labor on **THAT DAY**). (See Ecclesiastes 9:10; Romans 7:25.)

"The OBSERVANCE of SUNDAY by the Protestants is an HOMAGE THEY PAY in spite of themselves to the AUTHORITY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH." Plain Talk for Protestants, page 213.

"Ques. — How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and holy days? "Ans. — By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of, and there-fore they fondly contradict themselves by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other Feasts commanded by the same church."

"Ques. — How prove you that? "Ans. — Because by keeping SUNDAY they AC-KNOWLEDGE the CHURCH'S POWER to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin." *Douay Catechism*, page 59.

"If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian then the Seventh-day Adventist is RIGHT, in observing the Saturday with the Jew. . . . Is it not STRANGE, that those who make the Bible their ONLY TEACHER, should inconsistently follow in this matter the TRA-DITION of the Catholic Church?" *Question Box*, Ed., 1915. 1915, page 179.

"The Catholic Church for over one thousand years divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday." Catholic Mirror, September 1893.

"HENCE THE POPE IS CROWNED WITH A TRIPLE CROWN, AS KING OF HEAVEN AND OF EARTH AND OF THE LOWER REGIONS." Ferraris' Eccl. Dictionary (Catholic) Article, Pope.

"What are the letters supposed to be in the Pope's crown, and what do they signify, if anything?"

"The letters inscribed in the Pope's miter are these: VICAR OF THE SON OF GOD.' Catholics hold that the church, which is a visible society, must have a visible head. Christ, before His ascension into heaven, appointed St. Peter to act as His representative. . . . Hence to the Bishop of Rome, as head of the church, was given the title, 'VICAR OF CHRIST.' $^{\prime\prime}$ tive.

Our Sunday Visitor, (Catholic Weekly) "Bureau of Information," Huntington, Ind., April 18, 1915.

"HIS CHALLENGE"

"Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives; either Protestan-tism and the keeping holy of Saturday or Catholicity and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is im-possible." Card. Gibbons, in *Catholic Mirror* Dec. 23, 1893.

THREE ANGELS FROM HEAVEN **Give Solemn Warning to All Peoples**

"I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the EVERLASTING GOSPEL to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and TO EVERY NA-TION, and KINDRED, and TONGUE, and PEOPLE. "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory TO HIM; for the hour of His judgment IS COME; and WORSHIP HIM that MADE HEAVEN, AND EARTH, AND THE SEA and the fourtains of water. AND THE SEA, and the fountains of waters.

And there followed another angel, saying Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornica-

"And the third angel followed **THEM**, saying with a loud voice, **IF ANY MAN WORSHIP** the beast and his image, and receive his **MARK** in his forehead, or in his hand,

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 for

ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who **WORSHIP** the **BEAST** and **HIS IMAGE**, and whosoever receiveth the **MARK OF HIS NAME**." Revelation 14:6-11.

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. . . . And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things." H. F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.

"HIS IMAGE"

"Resolved that the Sabbath (Sunday) is a sign beween God and man, and its reverent observance a MARK of the nation whose God is Jehovah." National Reform Convention, September 1887.

"WE HEREBY AGREE . . . that such Sabbath (Sunday) observance laws for the District of Columbia MAY BE LOOKED UPON not only as MODEL SAB-BATH OBSERVANCE LAWS FOR AMERICA, but as model Sabbath observance laws for the REST OF THE WORLD." Christian Statesman, September 1927.

"We insist upon the challenge, 'All must rest, that all may.' We stand by the battle cry, 'NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND NO SEVENTH DAY SUBSIDY.' If the Sabbath (Sunday) laws need adjusting to 'works of necessity' of the twentieth century, **WE WILL ALTER AND ADJUST THEM OURSELVES**." Christian Stateman, March 1927.

HE IS COMING! ARE YOU READY ?

Christ's Second Coming Predicted

In unmistakable language, our Lord speaks of His second coming, and He gives warning of dangers to precede His advent to the world. "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."



As one of the signs of Jerusalem's destruction, Christ had said, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." False prophets did rise, deceiving the people, and leading great numbers into the desert. Magicians and sorcerers, claiming miraculous power, drew the people after them into the mountain solitudes. But this prophecy was spoken also for the last days. This sign is given as a sign of the second advent. Even now false christs and false prophets are showing signs and wonders to seduce His disciples. Do we not hear the cry, "Behold, He is in the desert"? Have not thousands gone forth into the desert, hoping to find Christ? And from thousands of gatherings where men profess to hold communion with departed spirits is not the call now heard, "Behold, He is in the secret chambers"? This is the very claim that spiritism puts forth. But what says Christ? "Believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

The Saviour gives signs of His coming, and more than this, He fixes the time when the first of these signs shall appear: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

At the close of the great papal persecution, Christ declared, the sun should be darkened, and the moon should not give her light. Next, the stars should fall from heaven. And He says, "Learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that He is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:32, 33, margin.

Christ has given signs of His coming. He declares that we may know when He is near, even at the doors. He says of those who see these signs, "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." These signs have appeared. Now we know of a surety that the Lord's coming is at hand. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," He says, "but My words shall not pass A little longer, and we shall see the King in His beauty. A little longer, and He will wipe all tears from our eyes. A little longer, and He will present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Jude 1:24. Wherefore, when He gave the signs of His coming He said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

But the day and the hour of His coming Christ has not revealed. He stated plainly to His disciples that He Himself could not make known the day or the hour of His second appearing. Had He been at liberty to reveal this, why need He have exhorted them to maintain an attitude of constant expectancy? There are those who claim to know the very day and hour of our Lord's appear-

ing. Very earnest are they in mapping out the future. But the Lord has warned them off the ground they occupy. The exact time of the second coming of the Son of man is God's mystery.

Christ continues, pointing out the condition of the world at His coming: "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Christ does not here bring to view a temporal millennium, a thousand years in which all are to prepare for eternity. He tells us that as it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of man comes again.

The world, full of rioting, full of godless pleasure, is asleep, asleep in carnal security. Men are putting afar off the coming of the Lord. They laugh at warnings. The proud boast is made, "All things continue as they were from the beginning." "Tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant." 2 Peter 3:4; Isaiah 56:12. We will go deeper into pleasure loving. But Christ says, "Behold, I come as a thief." Revelation 16:15. At the very time when the world is asking in scorn, "Where is the promise of His coming?" the signs are fulfilling. While they cry, "Peace and safety," sudden destruction is coming. When the scorner, the rejecter of truth, has become presumptuous; when the routine of work in the various money-making lines is carried on without regard to principle; when the student is eagerly seeking knowledge of everything but his Bible, Christ comes as a thief.

Everything in the world is in agitation. The signs of the times are ominous. Coming events cast their shadows before. The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the earth, and calamity follows calamity by sea and by land. There are tempests, earthquakes, fires, floods, murders of every grade. Who can read the future? Where is security? There is assurance in nothing that is human or earthly. Rapidly are men ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen. Restlessly are they waiting and watching the movements of their leaders. There are those who are waiting and watching and working for our Lord's appearing. Another class are falling into line under the generalship of the first great apostate. Few believe with heart and soul that we have a hell to shun and a heaven to win.



Christ is coming with clouds and with great glory. A multitude of shining angels will attend Him. He will come to raise the dead, and to change the living saints from glory to glory. He will come to honor those who have loved Him, and kept His commandments, and to take them to Himself. He has not forgotten them nor His promise. There will be a relinking of the family chain. When we look upon our dead, we may think of

the morning when the trump of God shall sound, when "the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:52.

The crisis is stealing gradually upon us. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God. Men are still eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying, and giving in marriage. Merchants are still buying and selling. Men are jostling one against another, contending for the highest place. Pleasure lovers are still crowding to theaters, horse races, gambling hells. The highest excitement prevails, yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agencies at work that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied and entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut.

Solemnly there come to us down through the centuries the warning words of our Lord from the Mount of Olives: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."



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"END TIME DISASTERS"

Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment. It is God that shields his creatures, and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. But the Christian world have shown contempt for the law of Jehovah; and the Lord will do just what he has declared that he would, he will withdraw his blessings from the earth, and remove his protecting care from those who are rebelling against his law, and teaching and forcing others to do the same. Satan has control of all whom God does not especially guard. He will favor and prosper some, in order to further his own designs, and he will bring trouble upon others, and lead men to believe that it is God who is afflicting them.

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While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hail-storms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away," "the haughty people ... do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." [Isaiah 24:4, 5.] — Great Controversy, chapter 36.

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