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By the decree of enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near.

{Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 451.}

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Dear Reader,

Did you know that the very last-day movement will be involved in giving personal Bible studies?

"We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and our zeal in spreading the light! Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls."--Gospel Workers, p. 353

It makes sense that such would be the case. With electronic means controlled by the government shutting down the true light, and forums closed for rent by those having what will appear as an antigovernment message (Sabbath versus Sunday), that leaves house -to-house work. Freely distributing literature will also be brought into question.

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a terrible crisis under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith. And at that time the superficial, conservative class, whose influence has steadily retarded the progress of the work, will renounce the faith and take their stand with its avowed enemies, toward whom their sympathies have long been tending. These apostates will then manifest the most bitter enmity, doing all in their power to oppress and malign their former brethren and to excite indignation against them. This day is just before us. The members of the church

will individually be tested and proved. They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth. Many will be called to speak before councils and in courts of justice, perhaps separately and alone. The experience which would have helped them in this emergency they have neglected to obtain, and their souls are burdened with remorse for wasted opportunities and neglected privileges." {5T 463.2}

On top of that, never are we to worry more about saving our own lives as compared to saving others. In fact, "whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:25), and "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Timothy 4:16). In other words, as we grow more and more concerned about the safety of our lives as we receive more and more reports of difficulties emerging as a test run (Jehovah Wit-

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The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Minis-

try is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be wellstudied in the messages of all four angels, to get ready and be ready very soon to go and preach them, even being active now. It is our belief that not only are we the last generation, but the mark is soon to be forced upon us, and publications like this shall be targeted. So while the presses can run, let us awake to our high calling, despite others who want to remain asleep. Keep in mind, the final movements of the message are described thus:

"Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come." {1SM 122.1}

"We must enter upon the work individually." {1SM 122.2}

We are not against conference churches as there are some still faithful, but most are not.

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This ministry is founded by Jerry O'Donnell upon the necessity to raise the standard higher and higher. It is a non-profit, Seventh-day Adventist volunteer organization who love God's church and love the people, hating to see a single person deceived.

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The Constitutionality of Sunday Laws — "Crisis Coming Soon, Are You Ready?"



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Revelation 13:15-17 prophetically records the mark of the beast crisis. It says, "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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." "He" is the Unit-

ed States of America that represents the beast with two lamb like horns in Revelation 13:11. He has authority to give "life" to the apostate Christian churches. With the merging of church and state, they have power to legislate "religious" laws for the "common good" and "liberty". These legislations with the political influence of the image of the beast "cause" or make people "worship" them. How? It is through enforcement. Those who refuse to worship as they have legislated are characterized as a small minority of "troublemakers", "extremists", "terrorists", and "hateful." They are not able to buy or sell and eventually receive the death penalty. These "religious" laws will be enforced in the midst of major economic, social, political, moral, environmental, and violent cri-

Currently, many Christian churches in America have unified to build a formidable and powerful political infrastructure to influence elections and laws within the U.S. government. For example, The Gathering, a popular conference movement for the purpose of unifying Christians through-

out America from various denominations, churches, and ministries, says, "The church must again become the conscience of the government. Through its national solemn assembly, it should clearly and respectfully call political leadership to God's principles for government... It also means we must begin speaking with one voice so that the nation might see a unified church and not one that is fractured and scattered by differences in how we practice our faith." [1] There are many other Christian conferences and strategy sessions like these sweeping America to gain more political pow-

When the popular and influential churches and ministries in America put away their differences and unite on doctrines that they have in common to influence the U.S. government to enforce their religious decrees and support 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." [2]

Do not forget that the major unifying religious

doctrine that brings both the beast and its image together is the Sunday counterfeit sabbath that was established by Papal Rome. This is the "mark" of Papal Rome's authority.

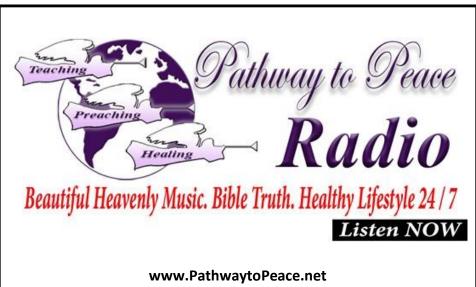
According to the "Catechism of the Catholic Church", concerning "Article 3 - The Third Commandment" referring to the sabbath commandment: "2187 Sanctifying Sundays and holy days requires a common effort. Every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord's Day... In spite of economic constraints, public authorities should ensure citizens a time intended for rest and divine worship. Employers have a similar

obligation toward their employee. 2188 In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church's holy days as legal holidays. They have to give everyone a public example of prayer, respect, and joy and defend their traditions as a precious contribution to the spiritual life of society."[3]

"Sanctifying Sundays and holy days requires a common effort" is a call for governments to legislate Sunday "sabbath" laws for "religious liberty and the common good of all." "Public authorities should ensure a time off intended for rest and divine worship." These public authorities include the legislators or judges who make and

interpret the law and law enforcement who enforce the law. For Sundays to be recognized as "legal holidays" also requires the government to legislate a religious doctrine. Papal Rome believes that a Sunday holy day legislation will not only benefit Christians, but all people, including non-Christians. It will be a time to "defend their tradition" and contribute to the "spiritual life of society". The legalization and enforcement of Sunday "sabbaths" is the goal of Papal Rome.

Ellen White who also wrote much on this topic says, "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 op-



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pressive 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." [4]

The legalization and the enforcement of Sunday "sabbaths" is the mark of the beast crisis in which both the beast — Papal Rome, and the image of the beast — apostate Christian churches, will push for in America and around the world.

America is not new to Sunday laws. In the past they have been enacted and enforced in various states to restrict secular and business activities or sales to promote the Sunday as a religious day of worship and rest. These Sunday laws where mainly known as "blue laws" and were legislated and enforced at the state level. Those who violated the "blue laws" by working or selling on Sundays were punished with fines, or imprisoned. In the 1880s many Seventh-day Baptists and Seventh-day Adventists were punished as violators of the Sunday laws because they typically worked on Sundays.

In 1888 there was a push at the federal level to expand the blue laws nationally in every state. It was believed that Sunday laws should be legislated and enforced by the U.S. federal government and not by individual states. With the support of labor unions and churches, U.S. Senator Henry Blair introduced Senate Bill No. 2983, "The National Sunday-Rest Bill" to congress, May 21, 1888. The purpose of the bill was clearly stated at the introduction of the bill, "Bill to secure to the people the enjoyment of the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, as a day of rest, and to promote its observance as a day of religious worship."

The proposed National Sunday-Rest law that was vehemently pushed to become the law of the land with the support of many churches, labor unions, organizations, and voters stated, "that no person or corporation, or the agent, servant, or employee of any person or corporation, shall perform or authorize to be performed, any secular work, labor, or business, to the disturbance of others, works of necessity, mercy, and humanity excepted; nor shall any person engage in any play, game, or amusement, or recreation, to the disturbance of others, on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Lord's day, or during any part thereof, in any territory, district, vessel, or place, subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States." This bill also prohibited U.S. mail deliveries, commerce between states, military drills and parades, payment for "any manner for service rendered" with a few exceptions due to accidents, natural disasters, or the preservation of perishable goods.

Alonzo T. Jones, who represented the Seventh -day Adventist church on December 13, 1888, was able to present his arguments of opposition to the National Sunday-Rest law before the United States Committee on Education and Labor, and Senator Henry Blair. The Holy Spirit used Jones in a powerful way before the committee. In the end, the National Sunday-Rest bill of 1888 did not pass. Since then, many of the individual states continued to enforce their version of a Sunday law, but over time, in the mid 1900s to our modern times, many of the state blue laws were repealed or have not been strictly enforced.

Today we are very close to the mark of the beast crisis, as the Bible predicts. God's people must be aware that the push for Sunday observance at the federal level, and the blue laws at the state level in the past, have set a firm foundation of the enforcement of national and international Sunday laws in the near future. They imperceptibly help create in the consciousness of all people in our society that Sunday was a common day of rest regardless of religious belief. Even though many of the blue laws were repealed over the years, several businesses and services continue to stay closed on Sundays or have limited hours. The majority of Americans today do not work on Sundays. Many also attend worship service on Sunday. Regardless of the overwhelming Biblical evidence that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, Sunday rest and worship have been deeply entrenched in our society.

Sadly, many nominal Seventh-day Adventists today are waiting for the National Sunday Law to pass first before they make a full surrender to the three angels' messages and God's everlasting covenant. They have a "wait and see" mentality. They believe that they can participate in worldly amusements, watch Hollywood movies, be fans of the NBA and NFL, play video games, be a subscriber to Netflix and Dish Network, listen to itchingear sermons on Sabbath and be ready for the

mark of the beast crisis. They believe that they can continue to partake of the things of the world and when they see the National Sunday Law they will then take seriously the call to "Come out of Babylon". But the reality is that if they have known and rejected the first and second angels' messages, when the time for the proclamation of the third angel's message comes, they will be left in "total darkness" (see Early Writings pp 258-261). They will feel no conviction from the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit will be withdrawn from them and will be poured out upon those who have faithfully received the message in order to give the Loud Cry as the final warning to the world who did not know these truths. Those who knew and rejected the message will join the popular easy side and become persecutors of the faithful.

The decision to put off the preparation for last days events till the National Sunday Law is very delusional and confused thinking. Many believe that the Sunday law legislation will be a long drawn- out process that will give them time to get ready for the mark of the beast crisis. Here is the reality that all of God's remnant need to think about. Remember, the final movements of the end of the world will be very rapid. The Sunday laws that will soon sweep over this nation and world do not have to be called the "National Sunday Law". They will be attached to solutions to "climate change" or "religious liberty". They can be wrapped in weekly holiday legislation or national prayer observance to promote unity in the midst of a great crisis.

The legislation of Sunday laws in this country does not have to be a long and drawn-out process. As a matter of fact, a Sunday bill may not go through the U.S. Congress at all. It is very possible that Sunday laws may be enacted by the stroke of a pen through presidential executive orders. For many years Satan has been working stealthily as a snake to set up his false Sunday sabbath. Did you know that the Supreme Court has already set a legal precedence that Sundayrest laws are not a violation of the establishment of religion clause of the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution? This was established in four landmark Sunday-law U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 1961, lead by Chief Justice Earl Warren who has a history of being a high ranking and active Freemason.[5] Warren declared that "the State seeks to set one day apart from all others as a day of rest, repose, recreation and tranquility - a day which

all members of the family and community have the opportunity to spend and enjoy together, a day on which there exists relative quiet and disassociation from the everyday intensity of commercial activities, a day on which people may visit friends and relative who are not available during working days."[6]

According to

www.congress.gov, "The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation (popularly known as the Constitution Annotated) contains legal analysis and interpretation of the United States Constitution, based primarily on Supreme Court case law." The annotation to the first amendment concerning the U.S. Supreme Courts' decision on "Sunday Closing Laws" states that "The Supreme Court rejected an Establishment Clause challenge to Sunday Closing Laws in McGowan v. Maryland. The Court acknowledged that historically the laws had a religious motivation and were designed to effectuate concepts of Christian theology. However, '[i]n light of the evolution of our Sunday Closing Laws through the centuries, and of their more or less recent emphasis upon secular considerations, it is not difficult to discern that as presently written and administered, most of

secular rather than of a religious character, and that presently they bear no relationship to establishment of religion....' '[T]he fact that this [prescribed day of rest] is Sunday, a day of particular significance for the dominant Christian sects, does not bar the State from achieving its secular goals." [7] The Supreme Court landmark decisions views Sundays as a natural common day of rest for the benefit of society as a whole that protects workers, families and guarantees the free exercise of religion. They assert that leaving it up to individuals to choose their own day of rest will be confusing and not benefit society as a whole. The annotation of the first amendment of the Sunday Closing laws concludes that "the choice of Sunday as the day of rest, while originally religious, now reflected simple legislative inertia or recognition that Sunday was a traditional day for the choice. Valid secular reasons existed for not simply requiring one day of rest and leaving to each individual to choose the day, reasons of ease of enforcement and of assuring a common day in the community for rest and leisure. More recently, a state statute mandating that employers honor the Sabbath day of the employee's choice was held

them, at least, are of a

invalid as having the primary effect of promoting religion by weighing the employee's Sabbath choice over all other interests." [8]

Remember, the sole purpose of the Supreme Court is to be the "supreme" legal interpreters of the U.S. Constitution. Their court decisions set the legal precedence or standard throughout the United States that every court in the land must uphold. The Supreme Court wields a lot of legal power. Once the Supreme Court makes a determination if something is constitutional or not, neither the U.S. Congress nor the president of the United States can overturn it. The only ones who have the power to overturn decisions made by the Supreme Court is the Supreme Court itself. It is extremely rare for the Supreme Court to overturn decisions. In 1973 the landmark decision in the case of Roe v. Wade, sadly, made abortion legal throughout the United States. After that decision, no state can ban the evil practice of abortion. The only ones that can overturn Roe v. Wade is the Supreme Court. Once legal precedence is established by the Supreme Court, justices are very reluctant to overturn decisions even if they disagree. On June 26, 2015, U.S. Supreme Court decided

that all state bans on same sex marriage was unconstitutional in the case Obergefell v. Hodges. This court decision legalized same-sex marriage in all fifty states.

The reality is that Sunday -rest laws have already been deemed constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. Sunday laws are technically legal in all fifty states. The only thing it needs is someone like the U.S. president through an executive order to activate and enforce it. This scenario is not farfetched. We are living in a time when this can happen at any moment very soon. President Donald Trump's administration has already blurred the line of separation between church and state through various actions and executive orders. Many who make professions of the three angels' messages, but are not fully converted, will be caught unaware waiting for the Sunday law to pass. The mark of the beast crisis will come upon them as an overwhelming flood.

We are on the edge of a stupendous crisis that will reverberate around the world. Bible prophecy is fulfilling at a rapid pace. The mark of the beast crisis is right upon us. Have you been watching and praying that you enter not into temptation? All of God's remnant WILL go

through intense temptation, trial, torture, and persecution as we enter into the next phase of Bible prophecy during the mark of the beast crisis. Have you taken full inventory of your spiritual life with Christ? Have you made a FULL surrender to Him in action, not just words? Is your faith anemic, or is it strong?

In Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, pages 215-216, Ellen White makes an urgent appeal, "It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake and make determined effort for symmetry of character.... What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mold and preparing for the mark of the beast... Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues

or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God--candidates for heaven. Go forward, my brethren and sisters. I can only write briefly upon these points at this time, merely calling your attention to the necessity of preparation. Search the Scriptures for yourselves, that you may understand the fearful solemnity of the present hour."

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"As Many As Ye Shall Find, Bid To The Marriage"



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"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying,

Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" Revelation 18:1,2,4. God's message of truth will go to the world with "great power." Its rays will lighten the world. With a mighty voice the message will sound around the world.

The world has great opportunity to know the truth. Bibles are everywhere. If the people held the Bible as their guide in life and prayerfully studied it under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the truth would be revealed to them! But Satan has made a plan to keep the truth from the minds of the people. He has made multiple distractions that have captivated the minds of the people. They are entertained by the sports. The sports are idolized; big coliseums are built for them. Their thoughts are on "what's the newest movie?" or "what's the new video game?" They are amused at the amusement parks to get a thrill that quickly fades away. Their minds are

also ingested with the newest fashions of the world. The cities are full of drunkenness and thus their minds are dulled and cannot discern truth from Satan's lies. Their minds are beclouded by the "sorceries" or "drugs" ("pharmacy" that is prescribed by doctors given by the nurse or pharmacist) of Babylon which by it all nations are deceived (See Revelation 18:23). By these things Satan holds captive the minds of the people.

Yet in these cities and towns there are those who are yearning for truth. There are many who are crying out to God. The world is not satisfying them. Many have gone for the money and have worked vigorously to obtain it, but in vain they looked for it to bring peace and happiness to soul. They have done and tried many things to have peace and happiness, but in the end they were void of it. There are many of these souls who want to know the true pathway to peace.

God hath "made a

great supper" and bids all to come (See Luke 14:16). This is a spiritual feast of truth: "and he that cometh... shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35)! Why? Here, you partake of the "Bread of Life". Here, you abide in Christ and Christ abides in you. Here, Christ teaches you words of life given in His word and they are put into practice. This is a great spiritual feast of truth! Here is presented the truths of Christ's atonement, justification by faith, the promise of eternal inheritance for the redeemed, the great prophecies of the book of Daniel and Revelation, the work of Christ in the sanctuary, and the everlasting law of God which are all given to us in the Word of God which is "...for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". Here, is the faith of Jesus (2 Timothy 3:16)! When someone partakes of this great spiritual feast of truth, applying it to the life, they "shall never hunger" for they receive "daily bread". And it is out of God's love for us that He invites us to the feast.

Jesus gives a command to His servants saying "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage" (Matthew 22:9). After we partake of this supper, we, as the servants of Christ, are to bid others to come and also partake of this supper.

"In the command to go into the highways and hedges, Christ sets forth the work of all whom He calls to minister in His name. The whole world is the field for Christ's ministers. The whole human family is comprised in their congregation. The Lord desires that His word of grace shall be brought home to every soul." - Ellen White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 229.1

Jesus says in Mark 16:15, "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." This is our duty now. We are to give them the everlasting gospel of peace by inviting them to partake of the supper. We must not delay! The people are blind and in darkness. Satan is driving multitudes to perdition. Thousands are perishing under the heavy weight of sin and long to be free. "How then shall they

call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" "...that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Romans 10:14-15; Isaiah 52:7. Wake up, wake up and arise to action! "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (Timothy 4:5). Jesus says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:19,20). From city to city, town to town, in every country on the earth, the message of truth is to be proclaimed. "Oh,

how I seem to hear the voice day and night, 'Go forward; add new territory; enter new territory with the tent, and give the last message of warning to the world. There is no time to be lost. Leave My memorial in every place where ye shall go. My Spirit will go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rearward." -Ellen White, Evangelism p. 61.2

Right now, in the United States we have the opportunity to freely share the truth with others. We can openly go into the streets and handout books, hold evangelistic meetings, do Bible studies, and freely worship God according to the dictates of our conscience. In some counscience.

tries this opportunity has already been taken away. The Bible reveals the United States, here described as a beast with two horns as a lamb, will "speak as a dragon" and it is said that he will exercise "all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." "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 13:12,5,17). There will soon come a time that giving the truth, even in the United States, will be life threatening. So, while we have opportunity to give the message freely let the church arouse to action and give the message. **Books and Bible tracts** must be spread all around, evangelistic meetings held, Bible studies with the people conducted, bidding the world to the great supper of truth!

"All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended. Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people." -Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 16. There is a personal labor for everyone to do in bidding people to the great supper. God gives the promise to His servants "...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:20).

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Foods to Avoid: High Fructose Corn Syrup



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Desire to live a healthy lifestyle came after studying the health message through the Bible and the Spirit Of Prophecy, where true health principles are perfectly outlined.

Being a full time wife and mother, my duty has always been in the kitchen. But now, as the Lord has given me a greater understanding of what it means to live a healthy lifestyle, I am able to supply nutritious meals for my family and natural remedies whenever it is necessary.

I now have a great passion to share this wonderful truth with others who may not know where to start.

What is High Fructose Corn Syrup?

High fructose corn syrup (HFCS) is a sweetener developed from cornstarch. On the molecular level, cornstarch is comprised of a chain of joined glucose molecules. When that chain is broken down and the glucose molecules are separated, the resulting simple sugar is corn syrup. High fructose corn syrup, however, comes about when enzymes are added to the corn syrup. Those genetically-modified (GMO) enzymes – alpha -amylase and glucoamylase – convert the glucose (simple sugar) into an even simpler, more heat-stable sugar known as fructose.

These days, high fructose corn syrup is in nearly every product, even those belonging to brands that claim to be "non-GMO" and "all natural". It does not even matter whether a food item is sweet or savory, this ingredient is so prevalent in even the most common of foods that it takes quite the

concerted effort to avoid it. From crackers to juices, from breads to soups, the more convenient and enjoyable the food, the more likely it is brimming with high fructose corn syrup.

With such prevailing and widespread use throughout the standard American diet, is it reasonable to claim that moderate use is "fine", let alone possible? The answer is no.

In recent years, an ad campaign has made its rounds, trying to impress upon the American public just that that high fructose corn syrup is "fine in moderation". While this may sound reasonable to those who understand a life of temperance and self-restraint, it is still a refusal to acknowledge why a product that has infiltrated virtually every food item in every grocery store across the country is only "fine in moderation".

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warning regarding high fructose corn syrup is its source. Natural, nongenetically modified (non-GMO) corn is not only priced higher than GMO corn, its supply is significantly lower, as well. Since GMO corn is much cheaper for both the farmer and the consumer and is in such abundant supply, this is precisely why those in the food industry select GMO corn for their high fructose corn syrup products. As a GMOsourced product, this means that HFCS is unnatural, highly-processed, and chocked full of pesticides.

Genesis 2:7 explains that "the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground." What is unbeknownst to many is that the human body is truly composed of the very same elements as the fruitful soil of the earth. While this amazing fact leads to a great many things worth sharing, what is most notable in the case of HFCS is this: the human body cannot recognize unnatural, highlyprocessed, pesticideridden products as nutrition.

What the earth naturally produces is the ideal source of nutrition for the human body. Highly-processed and GMO foods are not recognizable to the human sys-

tem. Animal products are also a severely poor substitute and should really be considered second-hand sources that supply hand-medown nutrition that can never parallel the nutrient density of plants. As for high fructose corn syrup, the human body will be overly taxed as attempts to convert that false nutriment into an energy source (fat). "The abused stomach is obliged to take them and do the best it can with them" (Manuscript Releases, 10, "The Use of Sugar," p. 286).

Another uncommon thread of knowledge is that when the human body is only provided false foods, it will demand even more food to make up for the lack of usable nutrients. This leads to cravings, binging, overeating, frequent snacking, an improper eating schedule, weight gain, fatigue, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, an imbalanced gut flora, irritable bowel syndrome, constipation, chronic pain, insulin resistance, and many more detrimental effects – all of which could quickly lead to obesity, diabetes, candida, impurities in the blood (the conduit to disease), hypertension (high blood pressure), and heart disease.

Several ad campaigns and so-called experts who receive subsidies from high fructose corn syrup producers, claim that HFCS is no different from regular sugar this is how they came to the conclusion that it, like any other sugar, is "fine in moderation". Nothing could be further from the truth. HFCS contains significantly more fructose than table sugar, which is a dangerous and unable-to-ignore difference.

Unlike natural sugars (which truly are "fine" in strict "moderation"), high fructose corn syrup is unique in that, even in moderation, it overwhelms the liver and enhances the rate at which difficult-to-burn fat is formed. Ingesting HFCS not only guarantees useless fat storage, it also induces insulin resistance, which will maintain not merely poor health but the inability to use up that fat storage.

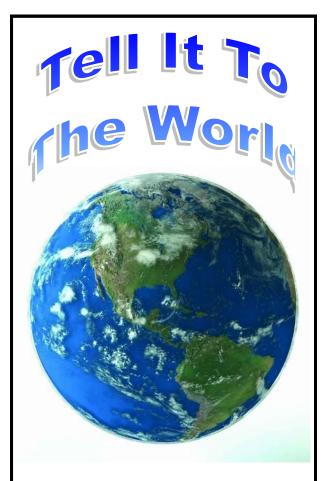
Those who maintain the standard American diet that incorporates the more common packaged, HFCS-filled foods, and who are overweight to any degree, are more likely to suffer from a fatty liver – a condition that generally goes unnoticed but only perpetuates and worsens the weight gain,

making lasting weight loss even more difficult, causing hormonal imbalances, as well as inhibiting the vitallynecessary work of the liver and blood.

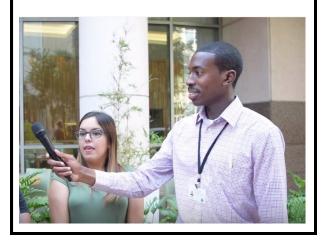
Conclusion

Thirty-eight years ago (1980), the public was shocked to learn that, on average, they were consuming 39 lbs. of fructose a year. Thirtyeight years later, in 2018, no one seems to bat an eye at the fact that, on average, Americans consume about 170 lbs. of sugar annually - that's over 25% of the daily caloric intake (with the largest portion being fructose). Perhaps the equally steady and exponential rise in obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease is starting to make sense. It should come as no surprise then that, among the many poor dietary habits of Americans, such an intake of high fructose corn syrup is effectively contributing to America's reputation as being the "sickest country on earth".

In any case, it should not be overlooked that "the free use of sugar in any form tends to clog the system, and is not unfrequently a cause of disease" (Healthful Living, p. 62).



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Healthy And Delicious Recipes



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Acorn Squash Stuffed w/Couscous

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- 2 acorn squash
- 1-5.9 oz. package couscous
- 1 ¼ c water
- 1 t. salt
- 2 t. olive oil
- ½ roasted red broiler, peel, and finely slice)
- ¼ c. walnut pieces
- ¼ c. finely chopped dried apricots
- ¼ c. finely chopped dried black figs

Cut top off of squash about ¾ of the way from the bottom, remove seeds and strings. Place on a baking sheet and roast at 375º until tender to fork. Set aside and let cool.

For the stuffing cook couscous in water, salt

and olive oil in a small sauce pan by bringing water to a boil and then remove from heat and let sit for 5 minutes. Using only 2 cups of cooked couscous, mix in pepper, (roast under | all other ingredients, toss gently. Chill and pile high into squash.

Apricot Orange Sauce:

- 10 dried apricots
- 1 % c. orange juice.

Simmer apricots in orange juice until apricots are very tender and soft. Puree in food processor and chill. Serve over top of squash stuffing. (You may substitute quinoa or brown rice instead of couscous).

Blog sites:

ravishingrecipesandhealthfacts.blogspot.com/2017/01/ hard-facts-about-soft-drinks.html

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Almond Coconut Balls

- ½ c. almond butter (or peanut butter)
- 1/3 c. maple syrup
- ¼ c. carob powder
- 1 c. dried coconut

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl and roll into balls. Have a small bowl of water handy so you can keep your hands damp for rolling purposes.

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To see some of what is on there go to my timeline, then my photos, then albums, then Food, Vegan, and Healthy and you can see many of the food items I have made.

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Place coconut balls on a metal tray lined with was paper and place in freezer.

Once they're hard, transfer them to an airtight container.

For best results, serve them straight from the freezer, not the refrigerator as they are best served hard. \square

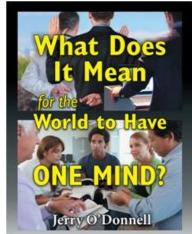
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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible



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If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible [see June 2017 issue for details], which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible.

[We have decided to limit the number of versions to the popular ones. If you have an interest in another Bible version not listed below, do let us know and we will make an adjustment.]

This month we will look at Luke 23:56, which adds confusion in the use of the word "commandments" being translated as the word "law", making it easier for people to apply Hebrews

10:1 ("For the law having a shadow of good things

to come") to include the Ten Commandments as ceasing. There is also another slight underhanded suggestion by substituting the word "and" in place of the word "but". The uses of the word "but" shows that they were prevented from finishing the task at hand because they did keep the Sabbath day holy, while the use "and" implies that they had completed what they wanted to complete and as an addition to events, they kept the Sabbath as if there was plenty of time. The word "but" shows that even though it is the Son of God's body, they dare not break the Sabbath day to use the spices, while the others give no such implication but rather simply state it as a matter of fact.

King James Version: And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

This one distorts the word "commandment" by using the word "law":

New Living Translation -Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law. These distort the word "but" by using the word "and" or neither at all:

English Standard Version

- Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

New American Standard Bible - Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

English Revised Version -And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

New King James Version -Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment

Douay-Rheims Bible -And returning, they prepared spices and ointments; and on the sabbath day they rested, according to the commandment.

This one has it correct, this time:

New International Version - Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Questions And Answers

[ERROR CORRECTION:] In November 2018, the following question was posted: "Where in Ellen White's writings does it say to stay in the ship as the ship is the church that is to go through the storm and if we abandon the church we will be lost?" Seeing that most questions are quite elaborate, we try our best to condense it down. Unfortunately, we left out an important description. It should have read: "Where in Ellen White's writings does it say to stay in the ship as the ship is the organized SDA church that is to go through the storm and if we abandon the conference churches we will be lost?"

QUESTION: In the October 2018 publication, it is stated that Amazing Facts has chosen to become autonomous especially disagreeing over 501(c)3 status at the conference level and instructing their supporters to pay tithe by not marking tithe on the envelope. I have contacted Amazing Facts and they declare such statements to be a bunch of lies. What do you have to say

about that?

ANSWER: We have received a number of complaints that are similar in nature, hence a blending of the question above. To those who we have had a good phone conversation with pertaining to the matter, this answer is not directed towards yourself, but rather, we have had a number of people very much upset with us and wrote requesting to be off the mailing list, so before anyone else jumps off the list, we thought we would meet it head on.

Sadly, this identifies that there is some idol worshiping going on, as if to touch Doug is to touch God, and that is truly very sad. And if it is not Doug lifted as high as God, he is surely treated like a prophet or some celebrity.

As for the accusation, we are not a rumor mill nor an attack group, but we do point out apostasy and error for the Bible tells us along with a plethora of Ellen White quotes, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1).

That applies to us today and it is not saying the verse is for the public but the "house of Jacob", which spiritually are Seventh-day Adventists today.

So, let us address this point by point. First, is Amazing Facts going autonomous in 2019? From Amazing Facts website (https:// www.amazingfacts.org/ news-and-features/ news/item/id/20651/t/ amazing-facts-goesglobal-), we quote: "SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Amazing Facts, Inc., a worldwide multimedia Christian ministry associated with the Northern California Conference (NCC) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will restructure to become an autonomous supporting ministry beginning in 2019."

Why? Again, we quote from the same web page: "Because the ministry has grown far beyond the borders of a conference district, and because of mounting concerns about potential changes in U.S. nonprofit law, the constituency approved, by unanimous vote, the restructuring of Amazing Facts as a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Notice that they have grown beyond the district conference and specifically challenged by U.S. nonprofit law. If Amazing Facts becomes an entity outside of the state conference and places themselves directly under the General Conference in Maryland, they would still be under U.S. nonprofit law.

What is U.S. nonprofit law? It is 501(c)3 in which there can be no discrimination whatsoever. That includes a requirement to accept women as ordained ministers. That includes accepting the homosexual lifestyle. And that includes much more like, not attacking another 501(c)3 organization, which are all other denominations including the Catholic Church. Amazing Facts does not want to be subject to such restrictions and therefore have decided on an avenue that permits them to be an entity unto themselves, almost like a separate conference. Global means ,,, well ,,, global. That is their wording. If global is not intended to be global then they have the responsibility to clarify. It means that they are not tied to one country despite where

they are located, inside the borders of the United States.

Now, we pause at this moment to critically look at how such people have done their research. They called Amazing Facts. Do you really think they are going to be completely honest? How about calling the pope and asking if the Vatican is the antichrist? How about calling Ted Wilson asking if they are actively undermining our movement and joining hands with the papacy? When multiple resources call an item a duck because it waddles like one, it quacks like one, and frankly, it looks like one, asking the duck if it is a duck and the duck replying that it is not does not make it any less of a duck.

With that said, does anyone really believe an organization that is trying to hide the tithe relationship going to admit to it? Admittedly, we do not have written proof. Admittedly, there is not a YouTube video or any other means of proving it, but being a trained Amazing Facts evangelist, as well as being an accountant for one of their training schools for a period of five months before I quit, I

was able to have inside conversation more than one time from other Amazing Facts employed persons; they were encouraged to simply leave the markings on the envelope blank not indicating any category. All such "loose" funds are treated as able to be kept by Amazing Facts. Only that which is explicitly marked as tithe must Amazing Facts send to the conference.

So again, if points A and B are admitted to, which they are, and C is a little under the table, C obviously should have a bit of credibility instead of irking some to drop their subscription showing that they do not worship God but the church and maybe even Doug Batchelor. Lord have mercy upon us if that be the case.

And Doug, who gets dressed in just the same manner as all of us get dressed, meaning that he is only a human being, is also not preaching the whole word, making the case even more believable regarding tithe. If a person has access to YouTube, look up the sermon on voting. He is not only wrong, but even cuts up quotes of Ellen White, which, by the way, was the last time I chose to listen to Doug. It is one thing to be different in minor points, but when someone attacks the Spirit of Prophecy, that is it.

He is also wrong regarding the storehouse as the General Conference. He is wrong regarding personal ministries that are not under the control of the conference, incorrectly referred to as independent ministries, of which he is now one of. He is very much wrong upon the pope and Isis fulfilling Daniel 11, as such is an evangelical twist of doctrine to get our eyes off Protestant America, atheism, and the real movements of the papacy, which are spiritual movements. And he is definitely off on the subject regarding sex on the Sabbath. Further, his Sabbath debate with a nonbelieving minister in front of Doug's congregation was an egotistical move as well as an action directly forbidden by the Spirit of Prophecy. Of course, to top the list off, the 28million-dollar facility is directly against counsel as well furthering the ego trip. These are just a few of the subjects that he is blatantly wrong on which have been brought to his attention with no effect, and I say it with

sadness. And none of this is to actually attack Doug. It is an attack on the worship of Doug and Amazing Facts. Yes, they have done a wonderful work, but that does not justify the fact that when something is pointed out that people get upset with the messenger instead of the perpetrator, no matter who he or she is.

Remember, "Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness."--PK 188. People do not get into such positions of influence without compromise. Faithful ministers are "For the perfecting of the saints" (Ephesians 4:12), which is an eradication of sin. Other than his position on women's ordination, which is the correct one, we do not hear him address the sins of the church, therefore, we can say that he is not preaching the whole message. If he were, Amazing Facts would not be so prominent, hence the compromise. "I will keep silent so as to keep my position and the ministry," is in essence what is being said here.

I, personally, was given that choice as well. I was told what subjects could not be preached upon if I wanted a position in the conference. I went for a week-long seminar at Andrews and it was like Luther visiting Rome for the first time and seeing the debauchery. I then gave my testimony before a large congregation of what I experienced and was told that I would never be able to be a conference person then.

QUESTION: Is sexual activity forbidden on the Sabbath? A famous preacher says it is alright to engage in sexual activity on the Sabbath and quotes the verse that the bed is undefiled while another preacher says it is not alright and supplies the verse on not doing your own pleasure on the Sabbath.

ANSWER: Since we also brought it up in the lengthy question regarding Amazing Facts, we thought to address it here specifically as well. We keep a list of the questions submitted and try to address them in sequence as they are received, but since this one connects with the other question, we thought to address it now.

It is said, "Marriage [is] honourable in all, and the bed undefiled" (Hebrews 13:4). It is

also said that during creation "they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:25). It is then assumed that the first opportunity for sexual activity would have been on the Sabbath as they were both alive together for but a short time on the sixth day, and Adam and Eve both took advantage of such activity then on the Sabbath.

First, it is an assumption that such did take place. Second, just because the bed is undefiled does not make the activity appropriate for the Sabbath. We are to prepare both physically and spiritually for the Sabbath. Everything is to be in place. Sabbath clothing is to have been picked out. Even baths ought to be taken beforehand along with the meal being prepared.

[And we pause here on the matter of the bathing beforehand. Please do not argue over the bathing back in Ellen White's day being such a work to be done as opposed to today. That is the keeping of the letter of the law by evaluating things based upon difficulty. It is the spirit of the law that we are to keep in mind as well. Our body, the

temple (1 Corinthians 6:19), ought to be in condition for the Sabbath on the preparation day along with everything else. And if anyone has ever bathed a three-year old, they should know that clean up after the bathing is very much work involved. Besides, the Sabbath is to be treated differently than every other day of the week. If a family bathes at night, which most do, to welcome in the Sabbath and see everyone goes off one by one to the bathroom, where is the spirituality time? In our household, we have an hour and a half or so of a message we receive in one form or another. It is a vesper/sermon type time. There is no time for people to be running off to the bathroom to shower. And in the morning, chaos would rule if everyone tried taking turns for bathing. So much for a calm and quiet, respectful day, in that case.]

Now, back to our point. We are commanded even to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). Any act that causes defilement of any sort ought not be done. We cease from laboring. We cease from unnecessary errand running. We cease

from all kinds of activity because it breaks the Sabbath. Well, that is also true about the sexual activity. The Bible says, "And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even" (Leviticus 15:16). And, "the woman also with whom man shall lie [with] seed of copulation, they shall [both] bathe [themselves] in water, and be unclean until the even" (Leviticus 15:18). If, spiritually, people are considered unclean for performing the act, certainly that is not something that ought to be done on the Sabbath. And I really do not want to get into all the details of the activity to describe how physically and mentally involved it is that affects the body overall. I will say this, though, does anyone think that going to the gym is appropriate for the Sabbath? It is not; then why would we think much of that activity is appropriate on the Sabbath in a bed with a spouse? The answer is that this is an over-sexed time we live in.

Remember the rule, if it can wait until after the Sabbath, it should wait.

Now, we could have

quickly jumped to "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, [from] doing thy pleasure on my holy day" (Isaiah 58:13), however, we have heard the argument that sexual activity does not count because people try to give each other pleasure as opposed to focusing upon receiving pleasure. And to that, we say that to the unconverted heart, "The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). People with such responses are not spiritual and are thinking with the

fleshly desires. Everyone knows that a spouse initiates the activity because the end result is that they will be satisfied.

Speaking of contrasting the spiritual with the flesh, does anyone really believe that sex was on the minds of Adam and Eve and they just had to have each other as soon as possible? Remember, this is before the fall. They did not have the same lustful thoughts as youth have today that just cannot wait to get married; well, many do not even wait. Anyways, if a person had a

choice between being with their spouse sexually or spending the day with Jesus getting to have all the questions ever imagined answered face to face, just what would you choose? And there would not be enough hours in the first Sabbath to have contained all of the needed time to get those questions answered. Besides, have we not learned from Jesus, who does not accept the following excuse? - "And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come" (Luke 14:20). 🕮

News And Comments

October 6 CROIX

'The ecological revolution will be spiritual'

Comment: Here we have an unbeliever accepting not on Christianity, but the pope's version, and is accepting of the solution by the pope for climate change.

Basically, "he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image" (Revelation 19:20).

October 15

CRUX Now

Religions that do not pursue peace are a contradiction, pope says

Comment: "Our differences, therefore, must not pit us one against the other; the heart of a true believer seeks to open paths of communion always and everywhere," the pope said in a written message to an annual international gathering of religious and cultural leaders.

Jesus is the Son of God. Followers of Jesus are called Christians. If a non-Christian wants to become Christian, such teachers are true workers of peace. Accepting fellowship with a continued practicing non-Christian is working for ecumenicalism, which is the one world religion where everyone gets along under Antichrist. Further, Jesus makes it very clear, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine

of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 1:9), therefore, it is not even good enough to just be a Christian but to actually have the doctrines of Jesus Christ.

So, differences over doctrine are going to exist and when people persist in error, it will pit people against each other. Building bridges is building true connections between a soul and Jesus, Who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), not any way, any truth, and any life or lifestyle.

October 1

USA Today

When Bergen backed its blue laws - again

Comment: "Those who are making an effort to change the Constitution and secure a law enforcing Sunday observance little realize what will be the result. A crisis is just upon us."--5T 711, 753

October 3

The Guardian

The chosen one? The new film that claims Trump's election was an act of God

states, "More than 1,000 US cinemas are screening The Trump Prophecy - which posits that God chose the philandering billionaire to restore America's moral values." Ellen White writes, "Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fastspreading 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 movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote 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

Comment: The article

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." {GC88 587.1}

October 7

Environmental Health News

Peter Dykstra: Messiah wanted

Comment: And who is the leading candidate for the position of Messiah? According to the article:

"So who else is there? Pope Francis, with his unprecedented environmental encyclical Laudato Si? The Roman Catholic Church gives His Holiness a semicaptive audience of a billion followers."

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4). And the pope certainly is shewing himself that he is God or the Messiah.

October 9

BBC

North Korea's Kim Jong -un invites Pope Francis to Pyongyang

Comment: "His deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). The beast is at the point that they do not even have to try to get into a country. Countries are bowing down to the beast instead.

October 28

Catholic Herald

Defend Church from those who seek to destroy it, Pope says at synod

Comment: Not only is pope calling upon all Catholics to defend from attacks, he is say-

ing that the attackers are being influenced by the "great accuser" ... Satan of course. He also says, "The Church cannot be dirtied. The children, yes, we are all dirty, but not the mother. Therefore, this is the time to defend the mother."

"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE **MOTHER OF HARLOTS** AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:4-5).

October 15

CNN

Climate change to cause global beer shortage, study says

Comment: This just brought an awareness to all the sports fanatics. This will cause "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3), since it offers the solution to climate change being the mark of the beast.

October 26

Catholic News

Bishops sign document calling for action against climate change

Comment: They are instigating the people to demand the solution ... Sunday law of course.

"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 sooncoming 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.] {GC88 592.3}

Go Ye Therefore, And Teach

Sharing Bible Study

This article is intended to train Seventh-day Adventists to be able to quickly "[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). These are topics that Adventists should know, but we find that many cannot teach them to others. Now, we do not want to provide every verse possible to share because first, an Adventist cannot easily commit such to memory plus this generation that we will be sharing the message with, no matter how old they are, are only looking for snippets of information and not a session, if they are even open to being taught. Therefore, you may have a verse in mind that would be great to share but do not be surprised if it is not included, for we all have our favorite verses on a given subject. It will not hurt if you would like to include it, though.

With that said, make sure you have a Bible that permits placing notes in it. A wide margin Bible with note pages in the back is perfect for this. On one of the note pages, jot down the information we are going to share, then throughout the Bible, chain link each of the verses together. For instance, on the first verse I share with someone, I circle the verse number, and write in the margin the next verse to go to, plus I write some key words to share. Let's give it a try.

TOPIC: Why do you trust the Bible?

The first topic we chose to deal with is trusting the Bible. So many, even of the Christian faith, believe it is a book so ancient that there are numerous errors, translation issues, and much more making it a worthless book to guide one's life. They also believe the stories are fables. Many even believe that everyone can interpret it the way they want to, so there is no encouragement to trust it.

In the notes section, it suggested that a bit of small talk would first begin because to use the Bible to teach immediately with one the matter of why you trust

the Bible is not going to be accepted by the skeptic.

Therefore, ask them, did you trust the math books that taught counting, addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, etc.? Do you trust encyclopedias (even electronic ones) to provide research material? Do you trust assembly booklets that provide instruction to assemble the purchased item? Do you trust a car manual to provide accurate information to its operation and maintenance? Well, we chose a book that claims to have an Author known as God. Who is our manufacturer, Who is our assembler, Who is filled with far more knowledge, and even has a count of the number of hairs on our heads. And He chose writers known as prophets to assemble His thoughts. None of the writers authored anything in the Bible.

1) Now start off with John 5:39, which says, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Note: Jesus told me to search the scriptures and we, as a Christian

being a follower of Jesus Christ, will do as He told us.

2) Next to John 5:39, write the next verse reference which is Matthew 4:1-11. I also usually use the letter "B" in front of the Bible reference (B - Matthew 4:1-11) because "B" indicates the study currently being conducted (B for Bible Study) in case I use the same verse or verses on other subjects. Also, I would have underlined the key words in the verse that I want to focus upon. Colored pens or pencils are also helpful.

Now when you read Matthew 4:1-11, not included here for the sake of space, focus upon the three times that Jesus said, "It is written" probably even underlining them, and then conclude, if the scriptures were good enough for Jesus, they are good enough for me.

3) Next to Matthew 4:1
-11, write the next reference which is 2 Timothy 3:15, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Salvation means to be saved. I want to be saved. Here I am

told to know the scriptures. It does not tell me to depend upon a minister, my parents, or even my own thoughts and feelings.

- 4) Next, read separately, 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The Bible teaches that only righteous people go to Heaven and here we see that it is the scriptures that makes one righteous.
- 5) Next to 2 Timothy 3:16, make a reference to Psalms 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." I personally want to stop sinning. According to this verse, the Word of God is what will help me stop sinning. It is not by trying to be a good person. It is not by just listening to a preacher or what parents may have taught. It is the Word of God that helps people stop sinning.
- 6) Next Psalms 119:11, make a reference to John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." The word "sanctify" means to be made holy. Holy people go to Heaven and God's Word makes people

holy. Again, doing good things does not make a person holy, neither does listening to others. That does not make them wrong, nor do we say they are right. But to be made holy is through the Word.

- 7) Next to John 17:17, make a reference to 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." There are two points to make here. First, God again tells me to study the scriptures, and so I do. Second, notice that there is a right way and a whole bunch of wrong ways, for two different ways can never be right. So, everyone who can get anything they want from the Bible must be studying the wrong way. I want to study the right
- 8) Next to 2 Timothy 2:15, make a reference to Isaiah 28:9-10, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a

little." This is the right way to study the Bible. Stop focusing upon the stories of the Bible and gather all the verses on a topic. Here, we see we are to gather whole lines (verses), precepts (general principles), and even the verses that contain multiple topics are to be included if our topic is in it. A good concordance will provide the solution for gathering all of the verses.

9) Next to Isaiah 28:9-10, connect to 1 Corinthians 14:33, "For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." That means that none of the verses can contradict. So, we have to study them out in a manner that does not contradict, even though initially to us it may appear that way. In reality, we try to fit what the verses state into our prior knowledge. And that is not proper studying.

10) Now, as counseled, we are not to get into argument with them on our early sessions, especially the first one. However, if we can persuade them towards the use of the KJV, that would be most beneficial. However, if they hold on to their version, God will work upon them if they are tru-

ly open to it. I have seen people get so frustrated on their own that what we read out of the KJV and what they read out of their version not always matching up, that it makes them choose on their own to switch. So, a less objectionable way to approach the matter is to say, "Of all the versions of the Bible, only the KJV has a built-in dictionary. It defines itself. Modern versions which substitute easily understood words break this feature. And that is why I choose the KJV." Of course, between you and me, we know it to be the true version of the Bible.

A word of caution: Also, do keep in mind that this may or may not be your first lesson with a person. This is where we ought to eventually get to so as to establish the Word of God properly, but someone hot on another topic is going to quickly dismiss you if you try to pull them right away to this lesson. For instance, if a person is discussing earthquakes and wars, your first topic should be last day events to keep the excitement connection. However, if they are discussing the Mark of the Beast, do

not engage in that subject by revealing it. Ask them, do you even know who the Beast is? Now, you may not want to get into the Beast topic right away either, as also counseled, so you may interest them in another study. "Well, before I can share that from the Bible, did you know the Bible provides the history of how the Beast would come about?" And then take them to a Daniel 2 study followed by Daniel 7.

Please note that the word "may" was used quite often in this article. Only you can properly judge by the guidance of the Holy Spirit of what to teach.

And do keep in mind, all Bible studies ought to contain prayer with the person before and after the study, however, prayer may be silent and quick when engaged in public with someone. In other words, when in public, you are actually just trying to stir conversation into an eventual Bible study.

Overall, rely upon God for guidance and He will provide.

Frequent and Terrible Volcanic Activity Evidence of the End of the World, Worse is Ahead



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For the past five weeks, the island of Hawaii is still experiencing devastation from Kilauea's volcanic eruptions. In fact, lava is still pouring forth and has already destroyed approximately 600 homes, not including businesses, causing millions of dollars in damages. While the world is looking on and recoiling in horror, wondering when

the trigger shock events will cease, another volcano erupted in Guatemala even more deadly and catastrophic than Kilauea. "The recent volcanic eruptions in Hawaii and Guatemala are a reminder that not all volcanoes are created equal: Some types pose a far greater hazard to life than others. In the most recent eruption of Kilauea on the Big Island of Hawaii that began a month ago, most of the lava has oozed from fissures, spreading slowly enough that it is no threat to people although hundreds of houses and other buildings in the lava's path have been destroyed. But the two eruptions that have occurred so far at the Fuego volcano near Guatemala City have been explosive, creating pyroclastic flows — fast-moving, searingly hot clouds of volcanic ash and gases — that have

killed more than 100 people so far." [1]

These volcanic eruptions are reminders that the earth is waxing old like a garment (Isaiah 51:6) and that it cannot continue much longer. They are clear evidences that Jesus Christ is soon to return and the earth as we know it will finally come to an end. The Bible makes it clear that in the last days, the earth will languish and fade away, manifested in devastating diseases and catastrophic weather (Isaiah 24:4-7). As the condition of the earth was so drastically changed after the flood and the subsequent extreme and devastating weather conditions ensued, these very conditions will be prevalent in the last days and are indicators that the Second Coming of Jesus is near. "At this time [after the flood in No-

ah's day] immense forests were buried. These have since been changed to coal, forming the extensive coal beds that now exist, and also yielding large quantities of oil. The coal and oil frequently ignite and burn beneath the surface of the earth. Thus rocks are heated, limestone is burned, and iron ore melted. The action of the water upon the lime adds fury to the intense heat, and causes earthquakes, volcanoes, and fiery issues. As the fire and water come in contact with ledges of rock and ore, there are heavy explosions underground, which sound like muffled thunder. The air is hot and suffocating. Volcanic eruptions follow; and these often failing to give sufficient vent to the heated elements, the earth itself is convulsed, the ground heaves and swells like the waves of the sea, great fissures appear, and sometimes cities, villages, and burning mountains are swallowed up. These wonderful

manifestations will be more and more frequent and terrible just before the second coming of Christ and the end of the world, as signs of its speedy destruction." [2]

Additionally, it has been prophesied that calamities will reduce populous cities to ruin and desolation, exactly what is happening near Guatemala City. A CBN News headline says just that: "'Almost the Entire Village Was Killed': Guatemalans Still Devastated by Horrific Volcanic Eruption." The article goes on to say "Entire villages were buried in volcanic ash and mud after Sunday's eruption. Some 100 people were killed and 200 others were still missing on Thursday." [3] "While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he [Satan] 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 hailstorms, 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." [4]

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Papal Representative at Bilderberg Meeting

Annually, the Bilderbergs hold a "private conference of 120 to 150 people of the European and North American political elite, experts from industry, finance, academia and the media, established in 1954 by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands."[1] Regarding private or secret meetings, consider that it is from secrecy that the Sunday Law will emerge. "While men are sleeping, Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue." [2] For the first time a high-rank-ing Roman Catholic official, the Vatican's secretary of state will be in attendance. Interest -ingly, the various areas previously mentioned--industry, finance, academia and media-- have been hijacked and overtaken by Roman Catholicism. In fact, in all of these areas Pope Francis has met with many of the respective lead-

ers and wields much influence; and the leaders of each sphere is now carrying forward his Jesuit agenda. With the collective influence of this group of individuals, strategies and plans can easily go into effect that can take over the world and form a New World Order.

From Catholic News Agency's article, "Cardinal Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, at the elite Bilderberg meeting," it was reported, "Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, will take part in the Bilderberg Conference, an annual private gathering of global political, business and media leaders, set to take place this year in Turin, Italy, June 7 - 10. Cardinal Parolin's name is included in the list of 131 participants in this year's Bilderberg meeting...it would be the first time high-ranking Vatican official has taken part in the Bilderberg Conferences...The Bilderberg meeting's official website stresses that discussions are private, no minutes are taken and no reports are written. The meetings are held under the so-called 'Chatham House Rules,' an agreement typical of off-record meetings among academics or political leaders. According to that agreement, participants are free to use the information received, but they cannot disclose the identity nor the affiliation of speakers, nor can they disclose the other participants taking part in the conversation. Dubbed by critics to be a kind of "global shadow government", and targeted by protesters who picket the meeting, the Bilderberg meeting has had an official website since 2011, and publishes the names of participants in the annual meeting the day before the gathering begins."[3]

On another Roman Catholic website, an explanation as to why Parolin will be in attendance was given, which is a startling admission. "The cardinal's presence is cer-

tainly worthy of comment, especially as he has not been invited before and will be the only religious figure present. The Church is deeply committed to dialogue, but, as often happens, has difficulty in finding the right partners for dialogue, particularly with the sort of people who will be well represented at Bilderberg. One hopes that His Eminence, in the various meetings and on their fringes, will find people who wish to talk to him about the Church's social teaching, for example. Other matters that may be aired will be environmental issues, on which the Church has something to say, and, one hopes, life issues as well." [4] As the only religious representative there, of course, the cardinal will be looked to as the voice of morality in the discussion and will be given a platform to advocate Roman Catholic social teachings--one of which is the common good.

Noteworthy are the topics that were discussed at the meetings held from June 7-10 in Turin, Italy, which were listed on the official Bilderberg web-

site. Consider these subjects in the context of the Roman Catholic perspective-- 1. "Populism in Europe; 2. The inequality challenge; 3. The future of work; 4. Artificial intelligence; 5. The US before midterms; 6. Free trade; 7. US world leadership; 8. Russia; 9. Quantum computing; 10. Saudi Arabia and Iran; 11. The 'post -truth' world; and 12. Current events." [5] As work, trade, computing and other areas pertaining to finances were discussed at the conference with the input from the Vatican, consider that on the backdrop of this meeting is Pope Francis' calling for a "new economic order," [6] and the Vatican, specifically the Congregation For the Doctrine of the Faith, the modern name for the successor board of the Inquisition, calling for an authority to regulate financial markets. [7]

Do not be surprised in the coming days when liberty of conscience is no longer respected or tolerated and individuals are expected to adhere to policies and laws proposed at the insinuation of Popery and the elite and that are not only unconsti-

tutional but unconscionable, then the fulfillment of Revelation 13:15-17 will become a reality.

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Article: Sunday Mass, Not Optional, Those who miss mass are cut off from the church — History Repeats

If you were told that something was not optional of course you would feel that your freedom of choice or freedom of conscience was not respected. No one has the right to control another's conscience. However, a fundamental tenet of Roman Catholicism is to control or compel the conscience; this is the primary reason why millions of Protestants died during Papal rule, because they dared stand for freedom of conscience. Do not be fooled when you hear of Pope Francis and the Roman Catholic Church advocating religious freedom or any other type of freedom, it is just a ploy to garner support and accomplish the church's selfish ends. It should not be astonishing that in 2018, Roman Catholics still use threats and other fear tactics to force submission to Roman

Catholic doctrines, principally that of attending Sunday Mass, which in the future will not only apply to Roman Catholics but it will extend to everyone as in the time of the Dark Ages. Missing the mass is considered a "grave sin" as will be shown in the following paragraphs. In fact, throughout the year, the Roman Catholic Church has what they term "Holy days of obligation," wherein individuals are obliged to attend the Mass, one such day is Sunday.

"In a pastoral letter for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Archbishop Leo Cushley of St. Andrews & Edinburgh stressed the importance of the Sunday Mass obligation for Catholics. 'It is true that many people think of Sunday as just part of the weekend, a welcome break from the usual routine, and perhaps a day for family, or

sporting activities,' the UK archbishop said in the letter. 'Naturally, it's good to relax and make time for these things, but our culture has largely forgotten that Sunday is a weekly holiday because of its meaning as the Christian holy day,' he continued. Cushley went on to emphasize the importance of attending Sunday Mass. He noted that missing Mass due to extraordinary circumstance, such as an illness, is acceptable, but under normal circumstances, 'attending Mass on Sunday is a solemn and binding obligation.'

'If we deliberately fail in this matter, it is a grave sin and we must go to confession before receiving communion again,' he said...Cushley also highlighted the importance of the Eucharist, saying the Sacrifice of the Mass is a 'foretaste of

heaven' that empowers 'us to do real and lasting good in the world.' Without the power of the Mass, we are not only cut off from the mystery of grace, but also from Christ and community, he said... 'Coming to Mass only every other week, or occasionally, is not the same as being faithful to his New Covenant. Surely, we cannot treat Christ our Saviour as one option among others for us to shuffle at our convenience,' he said. 'I therefore urge you, brothers and sisters, to make the choice to attend Sunday Mass, to make it a priority, and to bring others with you." [1]

The Archbishop is only echoing the words and sentiments of Pope Francis who made similar statements which are encapsulated in the following headline: "Pope Francis: It's not enough just to 'be good.' You must go to Mass." The article relates, "A Catholic cannot just do good deeds and miss Mass on Sunday, Pope Francis has said. It is the Eucharist that provides the spiritual nourishment Christians need to truly live out the Gospel in their everyday lives. 'How can we respond to those who say that there is no need to go to Mass, not even on Sundays, because what is important is to live well, to love our neighbours?' the Pope asked at his general audience. 'It is true that the quality of the Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the necessary strength to do it, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible spring of the Eucharist?' It is true that Catholics must go to Mass because it is the law of the Church, the Pope added, however this alone is not enough...Without the Eucharist, Christians 'are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life.'" [2]

Consider the harrowing history of Roman Catholicism and how she dealt with those who remained away from the mass, as

well as the blasphemous nature of the Eucharist and transubstantiation.

"At one time a whole family was brought before the inquisitors, charged with remaining away from mass and worshiping at home. On his examination as to their practices in secret the youngest son answered: 'We fall on our knees, and pray that God may enlighten our minds and pardon our sins; we pray for our sovereign, that his reign may be prosperous and his life happy; we pray for our magistrates, that God may preserve them...' Some of the judges were deeply moved, yet the father and one of his sons were condemned to the stake." [3] "The Scriptural ordinance of the Lord's Supper had been supplanted by the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass. Papal 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. 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." [4]

History is repeating, as Pope Francis is advocating nation's enforcing Sunday as a day of rest to combat climate change as well as to address poverty as recorded in the Pope's encyclical, Laudato Si: "Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world...It [Sunday] protects human action from becoming empty activism; it [Sunday] also prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else. The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day...[See Ex 23:12]. Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds it light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor." [5] He also stated that observing Sunday as a day of rest is not only for Roman Catholics, but for all: "Pope: No-Work Sundays Good, Not Just for Faithful." [6]

It bears repeating that the "obligation" of attending mass on Sunday and abstaining from work, shopping and other secular activities on Sundays will not only be urged upon Roman Catholics but will be imposed upon all "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16) when the time comes that "Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state." [7]

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Pope Francis Meets With Oil Executives to Sell his Climate Change/Sunday Agenda

One of the most valuable commodities in the world is oil. Because of its scarcity, its demand, its many uses and the fact that it is a limited resource makes it all the more sought after. The burning of fossil fuels primarily coal, fuel oil or natural gas, is being blamed as the number one cause of climate change and global warming. Certainly there is much fear-mongering propagated by proponents of climate change; which is given more credence because scientists and environmentalists are presenting "evidence" that human activity is mainly attributable to climate change, warning that if human behaviors are not adjusted (by law) then devastating and cataclysmic weather patterns will intensify and reach levels never before seen. This is one of the reasons why 195 countries

signed the Paris Climate Agreement in December of 2015, which Pope Francis had a strong influence in. According to reports, "Nobody, whether atheist or religious, can deny that the Pope's encyclical on caring for our common home is a big deal.Its immediate importance comes from its potential to influence world leaders and galvanise the developing world ahead of the Paris Climate **Conference** this year."[1]

In his environmental encyclical, Pope Francis made a strong case that climate change was a "moral problem" caused by human activity which would necessitate governmentenforced "moral" solutions. Not only does Pope Francis have much influence over world leaders, and spares no pains in addressing climate change with them

when he meets them, but he also has much influence over business persons, merchants across the spectrum and has the ability to likewise persuade them to advance his agenda using their respective platforms. Therefore. it should come as no surprise that Pope Francis has not only invited oil executives to the Vatican, but he summoned them, as multiple headlines put. One example is CNBC's headline "Pope Francis summons oil execs to Vatican to talk climate change. [2] That word was not randomly chosen, it was specifically used to convey the authority of Pope Francis as summon means "to call, cite or notify by authority to appear at a place specified, or to attend in person to some public duty, or both." It must also be noted that in scripture the Papacy (symbolized as Babylon) is in control of the merchants (Revelation 18:3).

Regarding the meeting, The New York Post states "Pope Francis will meet with some of the world's oil executives next week, likely to give them another moral nudge to clean up their act on global warming...The conference will be a follow-up to the pope's encyclical three years ago calling on people to save the planet from climate change and other environmental ills, Vatican spokesman Greg Burke confirmed Friday. Cardinal Peter Turkson, who spearheaded the encyclical, set up the June 8-9 conference with the executives. The pope himself will speak to the leaders on the second day of the summit, organized with the University of Notre Dame, Burke said." [3] Notice the use of the word "moral." Morality is something that should not be legislated as it would be "mor-ality" as defined by the Pope and would necessarily do away with personal conscience, which by the way, Pope Francis said religion cannot be confined to personal conscience.

Relating just how highly esteemed Pope Francis is regarded among oil executives and other persons of influence and how valuable he is to the discussion for action on climate change, the article brings out the following, "Jerry Taylor, president of the Washington libertarian-oriented think tank Niskanen Center, said he figures the oil executives will tell the pope they're willing to accept action, such as a tax on heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions. 'But what is needed is for these oil majors to tell Republican lawmakers of their concern and support for action, not the pope. And this they have not done in any focused, sustained, or meaningful way,' Taylor said in an email. That's where, he said, the pontiff needs to push them further on the morality of what they're

doing, he said. Dana Fisher, a sociologist who studies environmentalism at the University of Maryland, said the pope is cementing his leadership on climate. 'He certainly is trying to lead for the planet and Lord knows we need it,' she said. Gary Yohe, an economics and environment professor at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, said the executives might feel compelled to listen to the spiritual leader of nearly 1.3 billion Catholics. 'This is not somebody you can ignore,' Yohe said. 'It might be a come-to-Jesus moment for them." [4]

The last man quoted above, Gary Yohe, is certainly right that Pope Francis is "not somebody you can ignore." The history of the Church that he heads attests to that reality and also the history of his Jesuit order. If the Pope and/or his church is ignored or defied, dissenters have only to look forward to infamy, derision, threats, restriction of rights, severe persecution and even

death. Interesting is how Yohe closed his statement and how the article closes: "It might be a come-to Jesus moment for them." To Roman Catholics and even some non-Catholics the Pope is the "Vicar of Christ," Christ's representative on earth; however, to Bible students he is the anti-Christ. If indeed this meeting is a "come-to-Jesus moment," then the oil executives, as the anti-Christ's (Pope's) disciples will carry out his every command and demand, and joining the movement clamoring for the enforcement of moral solutions to arrest the so-called devastation of climate change--and the primary solution set forth in the Pope's encyclical is mandatory Sunday observance along with the partaking of the Eucharist.

We are living in solemn and important times and the prophecies of Revelation 13 are fast fulfilling. God's people are to now make sure that they have oil in their lamps as had the

wise virgins, so that when the crisis breaks open, they are prepared to meet it. May we not be found without an anchor or a shelter at that time!

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(Continued from page 2) ness in Russia, ISIS and the world's reaction to fundamentalism, and much more), the more and more we ought to be thinking of how to reach others with the gospel before the plagues are poured out. In other words, like the days after the stoning of Stephen, "they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). As we flee for our lives, we are to still be teaching the Word of God.

But do you know what the sad reality is? The average Seventh-day Adventist is unable to do such a thing. So, beginning this month and continuing forward, it is our intent to help people to mark up their Bibles with quick lessons to share with others. Sure, one day they may confiscate the Bibles, too, but until they do, we

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ought to be well equipped with the Sword in the hand (Hebrews 4:12). Besides, it would be beneficial to memorize the verse references, for then they cannot take away our hope, at least they ought not be able to.

The Bible study article is not to teach anyone anything new, but to help the reader to create a teaching tool to share with others not of our faith.

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