

Sunday Worship To Be Enforced By World Tribunal (Church)

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The following, was taken from the magazine, *Voice of the Nazarine*, P. O. Box. 41, Finleyville, Pa., 15332; W. L. King, Editor:

"So many shocking, even unbelievable things are taking place right before our own eyes. Just recently I read this news item:

'The French magazine, *Foy et Ral* reported from the United Nations Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, that PLANS are worked out to dissolve the UNO to make way for a WORLD TRIBUNAL which will seize all possessions and all savings and bank accounts and deposits. Every man, woman and child will receive a certain amount of money and a NUMBER. This money is already available and deposited in a bank waiting for distribution. Everyone with a number will be employed either in the administrative, the commerce, the industrial, or the agricultural branch. This project and this plan provides for a total unification of CHURCH and STATE, and also provides for a single form of worship. The appointed day for all people will be SUNDAY. The number received by the people will promise the right to BUY AND SELL.'

'At the end of this statement, a Christian arose and asked the speaker, 'What happens to the minorities who will not accept this plan?' The Christian was answered, "Their number will be cancelled with a black line, and they will be deprived of the right to buy or sell, and will thus be forced to destruction."'

Note: The foregoing unbelievable, but nevertheless, documented information, was also recently released in a special statement by P.A. Del Valle, President of the *Defenders of the American Constitution*. Mr. Del Valle is a Lieutenant General in the U.S. Army, Ret. This information was translated from the July, 1967 edition of *Licht and Leben*, by the *Branch Publishing House*, Cleveland Ohio, of the German Branch of the Assemblies of God.

MARK OF THE BEAST?

It is obvious from the foregoing news item that a union of Church and State will revive the intolerable persecuting power at Revelation 13 and 17. The ground work has already been laid, and it is only a matter of time for all the apostate church systems to unite together with the "harlot mother", the Roman Catholic Church, and then the Mark of the Beast will be enforced upon everyone. Anyone who does not receive the mark, (number), will not be allowed

to BUY OR SELL, (Revelation 13:17, 18). And one of the requirements made by this ungodly apostate system will be SUNDAY observance.

We wish to appeal to all sincere honest Christians who are still observing Sunday: Do you desire to participate in this enforcement? Are you aware that one of the main reasons the martyrs died in the "Dark Ages" is because they refused to forsake the 7th Day Sabbath and accept the new institution of Sunday as a rest day, and a day of worship? We would like to provide historical proof that the Apostate Church tortured and killed the Sabbath-keepers not only of the Jews, but also of the Christians.

From, *Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*, Vol. 14, p. 2166, we find the following: "During the English Reformation, several able and distinguished men came out of the Established Church, and took up the defence of the Sabbath in the face of severe persecution, amounting, in a number of instances to martyrdom, characterized by all the circumstances which had marked the Dark Ages."

REVIVAL OF PERSECUTION

Today, when we read of the horrible crimes committed against innocent people during the Dark Ages, we rise in revolt and revulsion to this spirit. We would like to believe that mankind has become enlightened, and that history provides sufficient season for tolerance and freedom to every person to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. But perhaps we have forgotten that satan hates God's Truths and God's people, and that according to Scripture, the last days will be evidenced by an unleashing of all the hordes of hell against the Saints of God. John, the Revelator, describes it thus: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, (the Church), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND HAVE THE FAITH OF JESUS". --Revelation 12:17; 14:12.

The Bible pronounces terrible judgements upon those who are aligned with this persecuting power. Therefore, the call today is to, "Come out of her My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues". -- Revelation 18:4. The true Church will separate herself from the worldly systems, and will be a pure, chaste virgin. (Ephesians 5:27). The apostate church systems are called "Babylon", (Confusion), (Revelation 18:1-3), and ALL nations are defiled by her.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Sunday observance is clearly defined to be a part of the Apostacy. Daniel, the Lord's prophet declared that an apostate power would arise and endeavour to "change laws and times". (Daniel 7:25). This change is openly admitted by the Catholic Church. Here is the proof:

From, "*A Doctrinal Catechism*," by Pastor Stephen Keenan, p. 174, we quote:

"Question: Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept?

"Answer: Had she not such power she could not have done that in which modern religionists agree with her -she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of

Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority."

For historical proof, we quote again from *Schaff and Herzog*, p. 2166:

"It (the 7th day Sabbath) had no rival day in the Church until about the middle of the second century, when Sunday began to be observed as a festival day... along with Wednesday, Friday and numerous other festal days of the Latin Church then beginning to drift upon the FIRST GREAT WAVE OF ITS APOSTACY."

The first Sunday-keeping laws were enjoined by Constantine the Great (321 A.D.); here is the edict: "Let all the judges and townfolk, and the occupation of ail trades rest on the venerable DAY OF THE SUN" --from, *Corpus Juris Civilis Cod.* " *Llb. 3, Tit. 12,3.*

ADMISSIONS FROM LEADING PROTESTANT WRITERS

"Neither Christ, nor His apostles, nor the first Christians -celebrated the first day of the week instead of the seventh as the Sabbath. (*New York Weekly Tribune*, May 24, 1900 -Baptist).

"The observance of the first, instead of the seventh day rests on the testimony of the church and the church alone." (*Hobart Church News*, July 2, 1894 -Episcopalian).

"The Sabbath is Saturday, the seventh day of the week. The Christian church made a gradual and almost unconscious transference of the one day to the other." (*The Voice of Sinai*, pp. 163, 167, by Archdeacon Farrar, Church of England).

"There was and is a command to 'keep holy the Sabbath day', but that Sabbath was not Sunday. It will, however, be readily said, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week. Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament-absolutely not." By, Dr. E.T. Hiscock, (Baptist) in the *New York Examiner*, November 16, 1893.

COUNCIL OF LAODICEA, 364 A. D.

"The seventh day Sabbath was solemnized by Christ, the apostles, and primitive Christians till the Laodicean Council did, in a manner, quite abolish the observance of it. The Council of Laodicea (A. D. 364) first settled the observance of the 'Lord's Day.'" See Prynne's "*Dissertation On The Lord's Day Sabbath*" p. 163.

Jesus said, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the COMMANDMENTS OF MEN." -Matthew 15:9.

WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSE?

In view of the fact that we are living in an enlightened age with all the Biblical knowledge and historical evidence at our disposal, what excuse will we have when we stand before the Great Judge of the Universe? The empty, invalid, and unscriptural theories of men will never stand the test of the pure Word of God. The clarion call to people of free will is a return to the

Bible and the Bible only - as the rule of faith. God is the Author of Truth, and satan is the instigator of all error and surely God desires His people to break with error and be followers of His Truth.

It was Wm. Bryant who wrote: "Truth crushed to the earth will rise again; the eternal years of God are hers; but error wounded writhes in pain, and dies amid her worshippers."

Editor's Note: We are fully aware of the Scriptures that are used to try to support Sunday observance, and others used to try to prove that it doesn't matter which day we observe. But we declare explicitly, yet we wish to do so in Christian charity, that every excuse brought up against the eternal sanctity of God's Sabbath as a memorial of Creation, (Genesis 2:3), and as the only day set aside by the Almighty as Blessed and Holy, vanishes when the test of all Scripture is applied. Jesus Himself settles the matter in one statement; "The Sabbath was made for MAN."- Mark 2:27.

In closing, we wish to say that enforcement of Sunday observance by the WORLD CHURCH, in UNION WITH THE STATE, will not be the ONLY evidence of the MARK OF THE BEAST. But it certainly will be ONE OF THE EARMARKS that will identify the BEAST and the HARLOT WOMAN in union (Spiritual fornication) --See Revelation 18:1-4.

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