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Many are slaves and do not know it!

Emancipation--1972 Style

THE EDITOR

WHEN Abraham Lincoln put the Emancipation Proclamation into effect on January 1, 1863, he did not, as some people believe, set all the slaves free. The proclamation applied only to those areas which were still "in rebellion against the United States." Slaves in the parts of the South which were occupied by Federal troops at the time were not officially freed until the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution on December 18, 1865.

The United States was slow in abolishing slavery. Czar Alexander II had freed the Russian serfs four years earlier; most of the Latin American republics had abolished slavery during the first half of the Nineteenth Century, beginning with Mexico in

1811, just two years after the birth of Lincoln. Great Britain had abolished slavery in the empire in 1833.

Today, except for a few isolated instances in comparatively small and backward countries, slavery no longer exists.

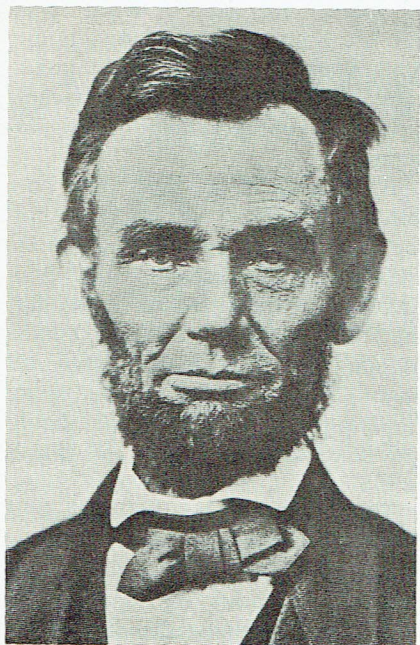
Or does it?

Almost two thousand years ago a godly man made the observation that "a man is a slave of anything that has conquered him" (2 Peter 2:19, Today's English Version).

Since the transgression of Adam and Eve, man has been a slave of sin, and of Satan, who is called "the prince of this world" (John 12:31).

What is sin, which has brought thorns and thistles, sorrow, death and a host of other calamities upon mankind? During the years sin has been defined in numerous ways, but no definition has been more comprehensive and yet so concise as that given by John, who stated simply that "whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for *sin is the transgression of the law*" (1 John 3:4).

Adam and Eve were told not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil; this command of God was



law to them. Later, as the Israelites were being led out of the bondage of Egypt by Moses, the Law of God was written by His own finger on two tables of stone (Exodus 20:2-17; 31:18). One, because of the likelihood that it would be forgotten, was prefaced by the word "remember."

Through the years, man has modified many of them. He has quit kneeling to gods of wood and stone, but he still puts modern idols of wood, steel and stone, and engraved paper before the Creator. Profanity

The calligraphic likeness of Abraham Lincoln on the front cover is produced in the script writing of the September 22, 1862, Emancipation Proclamation.

is now condoned, even on radio and TV, in the name of realism. Most men have forgotten the true Sabbath and adopted a counterfeit; even some who profess to keep the correct Sabbath sometimes have let it become a day of recreation rather than of true rest and worship. Honoring the older generation is out of date. "Thou shalt not kill" is mocked at as men engage in useless war. Adultery, stealing, false witness, and covetousness are all condoned under certain conditions by many who are disciples of the "situation ethics" theory.

But there is one strange fact about transgressing any law, man-made or divine, spiritual or natural. Often the transgressor finds that he has not broken the law, but that it has broken him. Ask a driver in the hospital who has disregarded a stop sign; ask the drug addict who has broken

the laws restricting the use of heroin; visit the state or federal prisons and observe the inmates. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked," said Paul (Gal. 6:7), "for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." So, in the long run, the transgressor of any law becomes a slave to the law.

But the Saviour came to "save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Note that He was not to save his people *in* their sins, but *from* their sins. To save a drowning man, one must first get him out of the water. By living a sinless life here on earth and offering His perfect life as a sacrifice to pay the wages of sin in our stead, Christ won for us the chance to be emancipated from the "wages of sin," which "is death" (Rom. 6:23).

By the simple, heartfelt prayer, "Lord, I accept you as my Saviour. Forgive my sin and make me one of yours," our slate is wiped clean. We are then granted an "everlasting life" insurance policy. Our confession of sin and plea for forgiveness have been our premium on this insurance.

But anyone in his right mind does not, after buying a life insurance policy, seek to find some way to end his life. Sin brings death, so the Christian seeks to abide by the divine law, the transgression of which is counted as sin. And here is the wonderful part: Christ will give us the power to live the kind of life we should live in harmony with His will (Rom. 6:15).

There is no need to live as a slave to sin when a way has been provided to be free. This emancipation proclamation bears the signature of no less a Person than Christ Himself.

Sabbath and Sunday in Your Bible

The seventh day of the week is:

1. The Creator's rest day (Gen. 2:2; Ex. 20:11; Heb. 4:4).
2. The Creator's blessed day (Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:11).
3. The Creator's sanctified day (Gen. 2:3; Deut. 5:12).
4. The Creator's hallowed day (Gen. 2:3 R. V.; Ex. 20:11; Jer. 17:22).
5. The Creator's holy day (Ex. 20:8; 31:14; Isa. 58:13).
6. The Creator's Sabbath day (Ex. 20:10; 31:16; Deut. 5:14; Matt. 12:8; Mark 2:28)....
7. The Sovereign's day (Rev. 1:10; Mark 2:28; Isa. 58:13; Ex. 20:10; Gen. 2:1-3).
8. In the Creator's perpetual covenant (Ex. 31:16; 34:21; Psa. 89:34; Isa. 66:23; Heb. 4:9).
9. The Creator's sign or seal (Ex. 31:13, 17, Ezek. 20:12, 20; Rev. 7:2).

"Seal," in Rev. 7:2 is rendered "sign" in Wycliffe's Translation (1380) and in the Douay Version of 1609. See "sign" and "seal" in Romans 4:11.

The seventh day of Creation Week is the time from sunset Friday till sunset Saturday (Luke 23:54-56; Ex. 20:8-11; Gen. 2:1-3; Lev. 23:32; Luke 13:14; Mark 1:32).

The first day of the week is:

1. The continuation of the "first

day" of the first week of creation (Gen. 1:1-5).

2. The first of the six working days (Gen. 1; Ex. 20:8-11; Ezek. 46:1; Luke 13:14).

3. The first day after "the end of the Sabbath" when it is past (Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1, 2).

4. The day upon which the women visited the sepulchre, after "having rested the Sabbath day" (Luke 23:54-56, 24:1; John 20:1).

5. The day upon which the Messiah walked eight miles to Emmaus, arriving at sunset (Luke 24:1, 13, 29).

6. The day (Roman time) on which the Messiah, with two disciples, met the eleven (Luke 24:30-36; John 20:19), but the "evening" (night) of the next day (Bible time). (Compare John 20:19 with 1 Samuel 30:17, Mark 1:32.)

7. The day in which Paul held (in the night) one meeting, walking nineteen miles on the light part (Acts 20:7-13).

8. One of "the six working days" in which to transact business (Ezek. 46:1; 1 Cor. 16:2).

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Sabbath Vs. Sunday

Do the Scriptures say that the Creator blessed the Sabbath? Yes! Gen. 2:3.

Do they say that He blessed the Sunday? No!

Do they say that He hallowed Sabbath? Yes! Ex. 20:11.

Do they say that He hallowed Sunday? No!

Do they say that He commanded the keeping of Sabbath? Yes! Ex. 20:8-11.

Do they say that He commanded the keeping of Sunday? No!

Do they say that He rested on the Sabbath? Yes! Ex. 20:11.

Do they say that He rested on Sunday? No!

Do they say that He called the Sabbath His holy day? Yes! Isa. 58:13.

Do they say that He calls Sunday His holy day? No!

Do they say that He offers great reward to you for keeping holy the Sabbath? Yes! Isa. 58:13, 14.

Do they say that He offers great reward to you for keeping holy the Sunday? No!

Do they say that the Sabbath will be kept in the new earth? Yes! Isa. 66:23

Do they say that the Sunday will be kept in the new earth? No!

Do they say for saints to pray about the Sabbath? Yes! Matt. 24:20.

Do they say for saints to pray about Sunday? No!

Do they say that the holy women kept the Sabbath according to the commandments? Yes! Luke 23:56.

Do they say that the holy women kept Sunday according to any commandment? No!

Do they say it was the Saviour's custom to keep the Sabbath? Yes! Luke 4:16.

Do they say it was the Saviour's custom to keep Sunday? No!

Do they say it was Paul's "manner" to worship on Sabbath? Yes! Acts 17:2.

Do they say it was Paul's "manner" to worship on Sunday? No!

Do they say that people were promised for Sabbath breaking? Yes! Jer. 17:27.

Do they say that people were punished for Sunday breaking? No!

Do they say some power would think to change divine time? Yes! Dan. 7:25.

Do they say that the Almighty will ever change? No! Mal. 3:6.

Do they say that those who keep the commandments of the Almighty are blessed? Yes! Rev. 22:14.

Do they say that those who keep the traditions of men are blessed? No! Matt. 15:3.

Do they say there are six working days? Yes! Ezek. 46:1.

Do they say the Sabbath is one of these working days? No! Ex. 20:8-11.

Do they say that Paul made tents on the six working days? Yes! Acts 18:3.

Do they say Paul made tents on the Sabbath? No! Acts 18:4.

Do they say the Sabbath is a sign of our sanctification? Yes! Ezek. 20:12.

Do they say Sunday is a sign of our sanctification? No!

Do they say that the Saviour is the Master (Ruler or Owner) of the Sabbath? Yes! Mark 2:28.

Do they say that the Saviour is the Ruler, or Master, of Sunday? No!

Do they say that teaching for doctrines the commandments of the Almighty is vain worship? No! Matt. 19:17.

Do they say that teaching for doctrines the commandments of men is vain worship? Yes! Matt. 15:9.

The Protestants borrowed Sun-Day
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Radio Station, Newspaper Speak Against Blue Laws

On December 13, 1971, Anderson, Ind., Radio Station WHUT broadcast the following editorial:

"With the 1972 legislative session just a few weeks away, the matter of Sunday closing laws . . . seems to be an issue again. This is a touchy subject, and an emotional one at times, which pits all sorts of interest groups against one another. It seems to be an issue that many legislators would rather avoid than confront, because of pressure from many highly organized and vocal quarters.

"We are generally opposed to Sunday closing or 'Blue Laws' because we do not see any significant benefit to the general population from such legislation. We do, of course, see the benefit to the various interest groups involved with such laws, but we think that is little justification for their existence.

"A person can, for example, buy a boat in Indiana on Sunday, but he cannot buy a car. If we could see how the sale of a car on Sunday would be of harm to anyone, we would then support a law to that effect. Of course Sunday is a religious day for most people, but we believe that religion is a personal matter and should be kept out of the realm of legislation. If a person wants to observe Sunday as a religious holiday, and refrain from selling, work or any other

related activity, that is, and should be, his right. Surveys indicate that most retail outlets that do operate on Sunday do not force anyone to work that day.

"Finally, we think it significant to note people who favor Sunday closing laws generally want only some things closed on Sunday. True, Sunday closing would involve theaters, parks with paid amusements, markets, restaurants, service stations, professional sporting events, and even radio and television stations. We wonder how many people who now support Sunday closing laws . . . would support closing literally everything on Sunday except maybe emergency service facilities."

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And in Fairview, Okla., the Fairview *Republican* editorialized:

"And then there was none. The results of the special election Tuesday found Major Countians defeating all six questions on the ballot, with only two of the questions even providing an interesting race.

"The so-called 'day of rest' question was soundly defeated, and in our opinion rightfully so. No businessman should be told what hours he can stay open or what goods he may sell. Those who most strongly opposed

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How a Champion Chess-Player Keeps the Sabbath

HARRY WERBAYNE TAYLOR

BOBBY FISCHER, often champion chess-player of the United States, keeps the seventh-day Sabbath in seclusion, alone with God. A *Life* reporter, who pursued him to Argentina for an interview, stated that "at sundown, as he does at sundown every Friday of his life, Fischer disappeared into his room for 24 hours of solitary meditation."¹ Apparently he fasts during the entire Sabbath: "At sundown on Saturday Fischer burst out of an elevator into the lobby of his hotel. . . . Dead-white with hunger after a day without food, he put his head down and headed for the street."² He is a member of one of the churches bearing the name Church of God.³

He became United States champion first in 1958, and, except for 1962, held the title every year through 1967.⁴ Again in the nation's chess champion, in the spring of 1972 he will meet Boris Spassky, a Russian, who holds the world's title.⁵ Perhaps Fischer will then become world champion.

While we may not deem chess a game worthy of our time, we might occasionally find benefit in spending the entire Sabbath in meditation and prayer as he does. Another who spent the hours of the Sabbath alone with God was Edwin Markham (1852-1940), the poet who wrote "Lincoln,

the Man of the People," "The Man with the Hoe," and "Outwitted." When he was old, he learned of the true Sabbath from his housekeeper a Seventh-day Adventist who introduced him to her pastor, B. M. Heald. Elder Heald told me of the bard's mystic observance of the Bible Sabbath. During 24 hours of seclusion he neither went anywhere nor received any visitors; he prayed and talked with God.

Editor's Note: Harry Werbayne Taylor is an English professor at Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Mich. One of his popular classes is Creative Writing. Students from this class have sold their writings to many publications.

¹*Life*, November 12, 1971, p. 50B

²*Ibid.*, p. 51

³*Ibid.*, p. 50B

⁴*Information Please Almanac*, 1971.

⁵*Life*, November 12, 1971, p. 50B.

LINCOLN'S RELIGION

Lincoln once remarked that his religion was like that of an old man who said, "When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad; and that's my religion."



KEEPING POSTED

Churches Break Commandments, Says Music Publisher

Churches break the law when they buy one copy of a church anthem and then use a reproducing machine to make enough copies for the choir to use, say church music publishers. At the Church Musicians Conference in Green Lake, Wis., Donald Marsh of Proclamation Productions said, "The church daily breaks one of the Ten Commandments. . . Composers and writers can't make a living because of Xerox." He says if the public wants new and innovative church music, then the church and church people must support musicians by purchasing copies.

Religious Dissension In Jerusalem

The idea of a unanimous feeling toward Judaism gets a drubbing every Saturday, and between times as well, in incidents involving the most Orthodox followers of the faith.

Signs of religious dissension have increased lately. Hoodlums in Jerusalem beat up a rabbi and shaved off his beard. Others set a dog upon a group of religious students. Fights have broken out several times between secular and religious Jews, the latter conspicuous in beards, black clothes and fur-brimmed hats.

On Saturdays some of the minority of ultra-orthodox Jews throw stones at moving cars and buses on the grounds that they are despoiling the Sabbath. To many nonreligious members of the Israel public the Orthodox represent a dictatorial strain. The Orthodox force shops to close on Saturday, and impel all public institutions to maintain kosher kitchens.

No Change Seen in China

President Nixon's trip to China will not precipitate dramatic opportunities for Christian witness, declares an associate editor of *Liberty* magazine.

In an interview published in the January issue of *Liberty*, M. E. Loewen, also director of the International Religious Liberty Association, says the only hope of evangelizing China will have to be left to God and Oriental Christians.

A former missionary to China from 1934 to 1941, Loewen knows the language, and has recently returned from a fact-finding trip through the Far East. He has a number of interesting insights on China's relationships to the church.

"From their earliest years Chinese children have learned that their chief enemies are America, Taiwan, Chiang Kai-shek, and religion. The official

attitude of the People's Republic of China toward religion, however, is that all religions are permitted. All believers enjoy the protection of the government so long as they are abiding by its laws. But," Loewen adds, "there is a considerable gulf between promises and practices."

Blue Law Defeated In Oklahoma

In Oklahoma, an overwhelming wave of rural "no" votes sent a proposed weekend closing law down to defeat.

The weekend closing proposal carried most metropolitan counties, but fell before strong rural opposition.

The proposed law would have required all retail outlets except those selling essential items such as groceries, drugs and gasoline, to close either Saturday or Sunday each week-end.

Chief opposition came from discount houses that operate seven days a week.

The Retail Merchants Association stressed that the proposal would allow a day off on weekends for retail employes, but the discount stores made more headway with their counter-claim that it was simply a device to curtail trade and should be defeated.

Shoppers Get Subpoenas

About 100 Sunday Christmas shoppers at Latham, an Albany, N. Y., suburb, received an unexpected and unpleasant bonus at the end of their checkout lines—subpoenas to appear before a county grand jury.

The scene was part of a revised

controversy in the Town of Colonie regarding enforcement of the state's so-called "blue laws," which prohibit the sale of most retail items on Sundays.

A town justice last year declared the blue laws unconstitutional. The suburban town is dotted with shopping centers, and after the ruling many stores opened routinely on Sundays. Then Albany County Judge Martain Schenck overturned the decision.

County District Attorney Arnold Proskin announced that, beginning Dec. 12, local police agencies would enforce the state's "Sabbath Law."

When late-morning shoppers arrived at the department store Sunday, Proskin and three assistants, armed with 500 blank subpoena forms, were waiting.

They began wholesale distribution of the subpoenas to shoppers leaving the checkout lines with merchandise, then handed them out to store employes. Some patrons refused to accept the summonses, but Proskin said his office would take no action against them.

Proskin emphasized that his action and the impending grand jury probe should not be interpreted strictly as on-the-spot enforcement of the blue laws, but rather as an investigation of a company that publicly stated it would violate the law.

He said his office had not looked for any other illegal store-openings Sunday and that no arrests were made.

Under the law all goods exposed to sale illegally on Sunday can be confiscated and sold in a one-day sale, with the proceeds going to the "overseer of the poor, for use of the poor." Proskin had said he might take such action in Colonie, but later said he had changed his mind. He did say,

however, his views on that course of action might change again after the grand jury convenes.

Westons officials and Barry Fischer, the lawyer representing the company, have contended that enforcement of the law is arbitrary and discriminatory.

Darwin Called Illogical

A Michigan State University naturalist says Darwin's theory of evolution is "more illogical than biological" and doesn't hold up in the light of modern scientific knowledge.

Prof. John N. Moore, in a paper prepared for delivery at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, contended there was no scientific backing for the theory that man evolved from amoeba and sea-slimes.

The theory of evolution, he said, is an "incredible religion" but not a science. He said it was "reasonable" to conjecture that life might have been created many times—not just once.

"The typical evolutionary explanation doesn't make sense in view of today's knowledge," Moore said.

The educator said the evolutionary theory had "flunked" tests based on the study of chromosome counts. In fact, he said, chromosome counts showed man ranking lower than frogs and toads.

"Absolutely no pattern of increase of chromosome number from less complex to most complex is at all detectable."

Moore said there also was no scientific evidence of links between major kinds of plants and that the study of fossils had not shown any connection between plants and animals.

"No transitional forms have been found in the fossil record very probably because no transitional forms exist in the fossil stage at all," he said. "Very likely, transitions between animal kinds and transitions between plant kinds have never occurred."

Seventh Day Baptist Church is Vandalized

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion, Wis., was recently vandalized, allegedly by two young men traveling through town. The pulpit was marred and overturned, padded chairs on the altar were slashed, and a Christian flag was torn, in addition to other damage.

The church, built in 1843, is the only place of worship in the small town.

SDBs Lost In Tidal Wave

Recent word from B. John V. Rao, secretary of the India Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, tells a sad story of 21 heads of families who were on a tract distribution project in the state of Orissa, working in towns not previously evangelized by Seventh Day Baptists. While they were in Chandpara on October 28, a storm made it impossible for them to leave. An 18-foot tidal wave the next day and successive waves on October 30 brought death to all of the 30,000 persons in the town.

Mr. Rao journeyed to the area to see if anything could be done, but it was a futile trip. On November 4 he took a mail train, transferring to a bus at Nellore. It was not possible to get to Chandpara, as the town was completely gone, under four
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THE ? BOX

Conducted by Terril D. Littrell

QUESTION:

How do you prove that the "law of Moses" was added to the Ten Commandments? Couldn't it be that the Ten Commandments were "added" because of the transgressions of Israel, who under Moses rejected God's perfect plan of salvation—the gospel—and that "the law" of Ten Commandments was to serve as a "schoolmaster" until Christ came and established a new and everlasting covenant—the law of faith—the perfect law of liberty? The law of the Ten Commandments and the prophets were until John (Luke 16:16), since then "the kingdom of God" is preached.

Were the Ten Commandments given before the Law of Moses?

To answer this question we need to define sin. Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4), by the law is the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20). Where no law is, there is no transgression (Rom. 4:15). We see by these scriptures that it would be impossible to sin if there were not any law.

The same was true before Christ came in the flesh. In fact, even before the law of Moses was given on Mt. Sinai, there was a law in effect because sin was in the world.

We find sin in the Garden of Eden when Cain slew his brother Abel. He broke the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." The Lord told him that

"sin lieth at the door" (Gen. 4:7). Also we find in the time of Noah that God said the wickedness of man was great. Why? Because of transgressing the Ten Commandments (Gen. 6:5). Also (Gen. 6:8) Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Why? Because Noah sometime in his life had repented of breaking God's Law. This is why he was under grace. We are under grace only when we obey God's Law.

The same was true of Abraham (Gen. 26:5). He obeyed God's laws. So many today do not understand that God's holy law (the Ten Commandments) has always been in effect. In fact they still are, and always will be, including the Sabbath.

All the prophets of old obeyed God's Law. There would never have been another law added if God's people had obeyed.

The children of Israel in Egypt left God's law. This is why the priesthood was set up after they came out of Egypt.

Let Paul tell us why in Galatians 3:19. It was added because of transgressions. For how long? Until the seed would come, which was Christ. His death on the cross ended the sacrificial law but it did not do away with the Ten Commandments. For by accepting His blood, we are forgiven of transgressing. The same was true of Noah, Abraham, and all the others who believed. They looked forward to the cross; we look back to it. The blood of animals could not forgive sin. This law was imposed on them until the time of reformation (Heb. 9:10). Please read all of Hebrews 9 and 10. This has nothing to do with the Ten Commandments.

God's people today need to understand the two laws. One was abolished

(Colossians 2:14, 17; Eph. 2:15; Gal. 3:1-13). In Hebrews 7:19 we read "For the law made nothing perfect; but the bringing in of a better hope did." This better hope was the blood of Jesus instead of blood of animals.

Now let us read David's writing in Psalm 19:7: "The law of the Lord is perfect." Also Paul, in Romans 7:12, said the law is holy, just, and good. Romans 7:14 says the law is spiritual.

The truth of the matter is this: the law of Moses ended at the cross. The Law of God, the Ten Commandments, is just as binding today as it ever was. They were given by the Lord to define sin. The law has no power to save. It takes the blood of Christ to save us. When we repent, we repent of breaking God's law. Then, do we go back and break His holy law? Let Paul give us the answer (Rom. 6:15 and Rom. 6:1, 2).

In Exodus 16 we find the Fourth Commandment in effect before the law was given on Mount Sinai. This was in the Wilderness of Sin, where they arrived the fifteenth day of the second month, after leaving the land of Egypt. They came to Sinai in the third month (Ex. 19:1). This explains why God said, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." They couldn't remember something they didn't already know.

I hope this will help many to see the truth. Jesus said in John 8:31, 32: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." In Matthew 5: 17 Jesus said he came not to destroy the law but to fulfill. "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail" (Luke 16:17).

May this article help many to dis-

cern the difference between the two laws.

—Your brother in Christ Jesus,
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As a Sabbathkeeper, I can state unequivocally that the "law of Moses" was NOT "added to the Ten Commandments."

The "law of Moses" is the first five books of the Bible. These are known as the "books of the law" or "Torah" to Jews even today. I have a Swedish-translation Bible which calls them the first book of Moses, second book of Moses, etc., instead of Genesis, Exodus, etc. The latter names are not, as many assume, a part of the Scripture, but were added by the Septuagint Bible (see Unger's Bible Dictionary under these names for proof). Some also have the impression that the "laws of Moses" are Moses' laws, not God's. But the law of Moses is also the law of God. It is that portion of the law of God given *through* Moses. (Note Lev. 1:1, 4:1, 6:1 and 8:1 as a few examples of the many times God commanded Moses to give *sacrificial* laws to Israel. They were far from being Moses' own ideas.) The law of Moses, then, includes some laws we are to keep in the spirit only under the new covenant, such as "spiritual sacrifices," and some laws we are to keep in the spirit *and* letter, such as the Sabbath day.

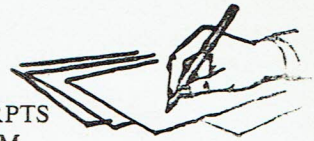
Regarding the "law that was added" and the "schoolmaster" concepts, these are just some of Paul's ideas found in Galatians 3. If we are to take everything Paul says seriously, we must also take Romans 14:5, where he says that one man judges

one day above another, and another judges every day alike. "Let each be fully persuaded in his own mind." Here Paul endorses no-sabbatism as equal to Sabbathkeeping. I have stopped making excuses for Paul, and started instead to follow only the words of God contained in specific commands from Yahweh in the Old Testament and Jesus in the New. Just because Paul said something, we can believe he *said* it because it's in the Bible, but are not necessarily obligated to obey it unless it conforms to Jesus' teachings and practice. For a more complete explanation of this understanding of Paul's writings, I can endorse most of the booklet *A Man of Like Passions*, available free from People of the Living God, 2101 Prytania St., New Orleans, La.

The law and the prophets truly were until John (Luke 16:16), and since then "the kingdom of God" is preached, as you state in the question. This does *not*, however, say that the kingdom of God's being preached *does away* with the law and prophets. The kingdom of God which John began to preach is simply a deeper spiritual understanding *based on* the law and the prophets.

In conclusion, we should either have the *whole* law of God, including that given through Moses, written in our hearts and minds, obeying it according to the spirit and some portions also according to the letter, or we might as well scrap it all and join the "no-law" advocates. Any middle-of-the-road approach to this is self-contradictory. (This writer welcomes correspondence from anyone, pro and con, on this subject.)

—Guy Gipson,
P. O. Box 15,
Central City, Ky. 42320



EXCERPTS
FROM
Letters . . .

Conducted by **Terril D. Littrell**

... I pray the Lord of the harvest will richly bless your efforts to sow the precious seeds of truth in these closing days. . . .

—Ithamar Quigley,
Elizabeth, N. J.

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I enclose a check for our family dues for the coming year. We enjoy THE SABBATH SENTINEL very much.

—Carl McDonald,
Colorado

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In response to a letter that appeared in the August issue, J. W. of Ohio challenged our spirits when asking for a strong merger of Sabbathkeeping groups. We share his sentiments.

I would like to take a poll at this time to see how many groups would consider having some conferences for a merger.

If you are interested, please write to Merger, c/o Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737.

—George B. Colbert
Ala.

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During a prayer meeting at our church recently, Yahweh gave me a vision of His Son's Name.

I saw the name JESUS in front of me, but as I looked at it, it began

to recede into an abyss . . . and in its place the name YAHSHUA began appearing and coming closer to me.

Since that vision was given, much more light has been shed on the name of the Father and the Son. We invite inquiries on further light on this subject.

—Mr. Lester B. Anderson
Rt. 1, Box 175A
Rock City, Ill. 61070

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Sabbathkeeping reflects the extent to which we are character building. A truly sanctified person will desire to keep all of God's Ten Commandments of which the Sabbath is a part.

Please accept this offering to be used for the radio ministry of the Bible Sabbath Association.

—Mrs. Ethel B. Dinning
Washington

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I have enjoyed using the 1971 calendar for many reasons, not the least of which is the abundance of

scriptural references and comments about the seventh-day Sabbath on every page. Keep up the good work of publishing this unique calendar.

—A friend

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I certainly did not go along with the article about the hippies. I think that the "Jesus People" are just a mock to the true religion. . . .

I think it would be best to stay with the "old paths" and not pay attention to these new movements. . . .

—a faithful follower of the
"old time religion"

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We are isolated people and get hungry for the true word of God and the fellowship of people of like faith. THE SABBATH SENTINEL helps to keep us encouraged. Praise God for it. The articles are all so good. Keep up the excellent work.

—a long-time member of B.S.A.,
Tennessee

"Echoes from Eden" Radio Log

KCAB, Dardanelle, Ark. (980 kc.)—1:30-1:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KXEN, St. Louis, Mo. (1010 kc.)—1:30-1:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WKYX, Paducah, Ky. (730 kc.)—9:50-10:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:15-9:45 a.m., Sunday
XEG, Monterrey, Mexico (1050 kc.)—10:15-10:30 p.m. (CST), Tues.
KASA, Phoenix, Ariz. (1540 kc.)—12:15-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Please, brethren, get behind this radio work, and let's go with it. Time is so short. Jesus IS coming. There is yet so much to do—so many to warn. Dare we spend our money on personal luxuries while sinners die lost? God is calling for SACRIFICE. Some of us are sacrificing, but most aren't.

How about YOU?

—Bob Rogers, radio director

I like THE SABBATH SENTINEL but would like to see more illustrative pictures used with the articles. . . .

I think that the young people could be presented with the Sabbath message via a "comic book" type of magazine which could be a special project for the B.S.A. to work on besides putting out THE SENTINEL and other literature. I would be interested in what other members of the Association think about this.

—John M. McGuire
4642 Ave. R,
Birmingham, Ala. 35208

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I hear your radio broadcast over station KASA and appreciate every minute of it. I am glad that I am following God's way of the seventh day instead of man's way, Sunday.

—O. A. Painter,
Arizona

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There was a discussion recently in THE SABBATH SENTINEL in regard to the use of the 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the beginning and ending of the

Sabbath. I would like to comment on the accuracy of this article. I am an ordained minister and know both Greek and Hebrew. I have been a student of the Bible and its background for more than 25 years. The Hebrew custom was to take the sunset rule at JERUSALEM, which would be 6 p. m. This is the guide for Jews around the world.

—Rev. Albert M. Baker, D.D.,
Washington, D. C.

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Zion time (Jerusalem) is our only guide in keeping the Sabbath as it moves around the earth. All others are fake—are vanity. Those not properly keeping the Sabbath should wake up and start to work keeping it properly.

—Ezra Issac Enochlev

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Our efforts here are being mildly rewarding as we try to interest people in keeping the Sabbath and in joining our Seventh Day Baptist Church. . . .

Truly the Fourth Commandment is

LOOK OVER EVERYTHING . . .

that a donation to the Bible Sabbath Association will do.

It will help spread the Sabbath truth by radio and the printed page to thousands who might not otherwise know . . . and help promote understanding among Sabbathkeepers of varied denominational backgrounds.

Bible Sabbath Association

Fairview, Oklahoma 73737



the one most ignored and even taught against. I praise God that I am permitted to keep it along with *all* of God's Holy Word.

—Seventh Day Baptist minister

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God is truly pouring out of His Spirit here at our mission in Dyersburg. Several young people, including the nephew of Pat Boone received their baptism in the Holy Spirit recently. Please pray for them that they will go all the way with the Lord.

—Sister Ball,
Tennessee

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It seems to me it is such a waste of time for people to worry about how to keep the Sabbath in a different part of the world where the sun sets and rises differently than our own. So few will ever be there—and just common sense would help direct a person. The Lord would understand if one became confused for a few hours in a lifetime.

—L. B.,
Oklahoma

KEEPING POSTED

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feet of water, and there were no survivors or any landmarks left to identify the location of the town.

The next day the conference executive committee voted unanimously to attempt to pay \$100 to the families of each of the 21 missionaries, since none of the men had life insurance. There was no indication in the report of the meeting how the conference would raise the \$2100.

RADIO STATION, NEWSPAPER SPEAK AGAINST BLUE LAWS

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stores being open were those individuals who work a six-day week themselves but felt that the competition from discount houses could be partially eliminated if those places of business were shut down one day a week.

“True, it's very seldom that a store in Major County and particularly Fairview ever opens their doors on Sunday. It's also true that some Fairview citizens as well as others from the county probably drive to the larger cities on Sunday to shop at discount stores, which understandably bothers most merchants who would like to see Fairview money and Major County money spent in Fairview and Major County.

“Regrettably that happens, but it is still not ethical for six-day a week businesses throughout the state to hide their true intentions behind a facade of religion. The Retail Merchants Association . . . sponsored ads in newspapers and on radio and television throughout the state explaining how employees in the seven-day a week stores could not even take their family to church on Sunday morning. Very, very few of the seven-day a week businesses open their doors on Sunday before church is over. Most open at noon or sometime thereafter.

“I do not defend the discount houses, only their right to be open for business at their discretion, just as I would defend the right of any Fairview merchant to open his doors on Sunday as long as he did not conflict with church hours.

"A majority of Major Countians share these feelings. We also hope they see the advantages of shopping with a hometown merchant when at all possible, just as they saw it in their wisdom to not take away the rights of a merchant to open his doors when he wishes."

SABBATH AND SUNDAY IN YOUR BIBLE

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from the Roman Catholic Church; the Romans borrowed it from the pagans; the pagans borrowed it from Babylon. Sunday is not found in the Scriptures, but is now used for the first day of the week. It was an old pagan holiday, "Dies Solis" (Sunday), and was retained by the Roman Catholic Church to appease the pagan element.

In 321 A.D., by edict of the pagan Emperor Constantine, the Sun-Day was made the official rest day of the Roman Empire.

—Adapted from a tract by Norman Keller

PRAYER REQUEST

I want to thank you for past prayers; they are helping. Now I want to request prayer about a lady who keeps calling and calling and wanting things. I've helped her all I can and I am becoming a nervous wreck over it. May God help me.

Thanks again.

ANNUITIES

If you are interested in an annuity, write to the Bible Sabbath Ass'n headquarters.

ANSWERING YOUR QUERIES

What is the Bible Sabbath Association?

It is an undenominational organization open to all believers in the seventh-day Sabbath.

Headquarters where?

Fairview, Oklahoma.

When was it organized?

In late 1943 as the result of correspondence between a few Sabbath-keeping Christians of various beliefs and affiliations who felt the need for a closer cooperation between various Sabbathkeepers.

Why was it formed?

a. To promote fellowship and cooperation between Sabbathkeepers of various groups.

b. To promote Sabbath observance on an undenominational basis.

c. To restore respect and honor for the Ten Commandments, with special emphasis on the Fourth Commandment.

d. To encourage the repeal of laws which enforce the keeping of Sunday (or any other day) by various governments.

e. and, to defeat the adoption of any calendar which would disrupt the seventh-day weekly cycle.

How does it carry out its mission?

The Bible Sabbath Association carries out its mission by:

a. Sponsoring and producing a Sabbath-promoting radio program, "Echoes from Eden."

b. Publishing a monthly magazine THE SABBATH SENTINEL.

c. Publishing and distributing various tracts on the plan of salvation and the Sabbath.

d. Publishing and distributing Sabbath calendars.

e. and, in addition, publishing various other publications from time to time which are of interest to Sabbath believers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copy must be brief. No charge will be made, but offerings to defray cost will be appreciated. The right is reserved to reject any proposed copy.

Send all copy to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737. Information as to dates and places of Sabbath services, camp meetings, radio programs, desire for employment by Sabbathkeeping people or vice versa, prayer requests, requests for information leading to Sabbath fellowship for isolated people, etc., will be included.

This feature, offered solely as a service for Sabbathkeepers, is probably not obtainable elsewhere and is for the purpose of fostering increased good will, love, and harmony among ALL Sabbath-observing people (John 13:35).

Sabbathkeepers are welcome to attend services in the Remnant Assembly of Yahweh, Meadow of Dan, Va. Services are as follows: Sabbath evening, 7:30 p.m.; Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.; Sabbath service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

WANTED TO SELL: I have stacks of old and out-of-print books that **MUST GO.** Most of them are books dealing with religion or history, sometimes both. Some of them range from \$5 to \$10 in value. I will sell any of them for \$2.50 each,

postage paid. Send me your check, and I will send you a book—my choice. You will be glad you did.

WANTED TO BUY: Old original copies of a History of the True Church by Dugger and Dodd, printed in 1936. Drop me a card and state the condition of the book and your price. Pastor Terril D. Littrell, 1214 N. Tucker St., Nevada, Mo. 64772.

Sabbath services in home: 8041 Atlantic Ave., White City, Oregon, at 7 p.m. each Friday. Phone 826-2060. All are welcome.

Widow desires to correspond with a Sabbathkeeping gentleman. Myrtle Watkins, P. O. Box 166, Los Molinos, Cal. 96055.

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Wholesale Tours International, Inc., has appointed us to be tour hosts for the tour of the Bible Lands and Rome, to depart in August, 1972, for 15 days. This is truly a trip of a lifetime. Financial arrangements can be made for those who do not have all the needed money to make the trip. We have planned this trip to accommodate those keeping the Sabbath. All interested persons should send immediately for the free travel brochure and begin making plans early for your trip to the lands of the Bible. Write to Pastor Terril D. Littrell, 1214 N. Tucker St., Nevada, Mo. 64772.

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WHAT IS THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION?

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WHERE ARE THE HEADQUARTERS LOCATED?

They are located at Fairview, Oklahoma 73737. Requests for information, orders for literature, and offerings, should be sent there. Residents of the United States can deduct the offerings from their income for tax purposes.

WHEN WAS IT ORGANIZED?

Its beginnings can be traced to the outcome of correspondence in late 1943 between a few Sabbathkeepers of various beliefs and affiliations who felt the need for a closer cooperation between various Sabbathkeepers.

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Its main purposes are to promote fellowship and cooperation between Sabbathkeepers of various groups; to promote Sabbath observance on an undenominational basis; to restore respect and honor for the Ten Commandments as a whole, with special emphasis on the Fourth, which has been forgotten by most of the world; to encourage the repeal of laws which enforce the keeping of Sunday (or any day) by any unit of man's government; and to defeat the adoption of any calendar which would disrupt the seven-day weekly cycle.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested or want to become a member write to

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