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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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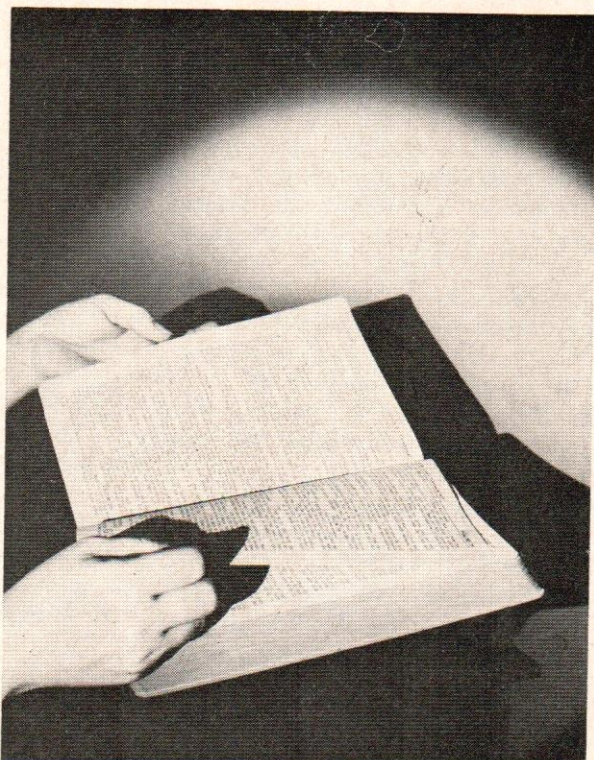
Word of God or Traditions of Men?

WHEN Jesus was teaching on the shores of Galilee, Pharisees and scribes came from Jerusalem to observe. They soon found fault with Jesus, because He did not have His disciples observe certain of the traditions of the elders. Jesus answered that many of their traditions were contrary to the Word of God. He accused them of "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7). He repeated the accusation in no uncertain terms:

"For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, . . . Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. . . . Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition" (Mark 7:8-13).

For proof of His statement He used the Fifth Commandment as an illustration. He re-

minded them that God's Word, given to Moses, said, "Honor thy father and thy mother," but they had said that if one takes the money which he should use to help his parents and brings it to the temple for a sacred offering, he is free from



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his obligation to his parents—"And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother, making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition."

The same accusation hangs over a large part of the Christian Church today, of the substitution of tradition of men for the Word of God; and the Fourth Commandment is the glaring illustration.

The Word of God says, "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God"; but the Christian Church, as a rule, says: If you rest and worship on the first day of the week, you are free from your obligation to the seventh day of the week. Then they, too, reject the commandment of God that they may keep their own traditions.

The Early Church

It will be seen that the practice of substituting traditions of men for the Word of God was not confined to the Pharisees, but has continued to the present. Let us follow the development of this practice with regard to the Sabbath.

The New Testament Church was a seventh-day Sabbath Church. Jesus, "as his custom was, . . . went into the synagogue on the sabbath" (Luke 4:16). There is no question what day was the Sabbath at the synagogue.

Paul, the greatest influence in the Church in its beginning, worshiped on the Sabbath.

At Antioch of Pisidia he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and preached (Acts 13:14).

And the Gentiles asked that these words might be preached to them on the next Sabbath (Acts 13:42), and

the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the Word of God (Acts 13:44).

At Corinth he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and preached to the Jews and the Greeks (Acts 18:4). At Philippi, on the Sabbath he went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made (Acts 16:13). At Thessalonica Paul went into the synagogue and on three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures (Acts 17:2).

It is evident that the early Christian Church and its branches started with the Bible Sabbath, among both the Jews and Greeks.

Pagan Influence

In the pagan world there was a worship of the sun, and a day sacred to sun worship, "The Venerable Day of the Sun," or Sunday. As the pagan world took on Christianity it retained many pagan customs, or pagan traditions. "The survival of paganism in Christianity" includes many things. Among other things, pagan converts brought over the custom of worshiping on their old "Sun-day", as much as to say: If you Christianize the pagan Sunday, you are free from the Fourth Commandment Sabbath.

This is but a continuation of that which Jesus disapproved: Ye reject the commandment of God that ye may keep your own (pagan) tradition.

Constantine the Great

After three centuries of persecution of Christians by Roman pagan emperors, of whom Nero is the noted example, there arose one, Constan-

time the Great, who was favorably inclined toward Christianity. He favored Christianity above paganism and made it the religion of the empire.

Though he was not baptized until near his death, he took a leading part in Christian affairs. In the year 321 he pronounced a decree legalizing "the Venerable Day of the Sun" as the official day of rest. Like the Pharisees, he claimed the power to establish a tradition, regardless of the Word of God.

So today Christianity largely rejects the commandments of God that she may keep the tradition of a half-Christian, half-pagan Roman Emperor.

The Catholic Church

Rome became the center of the Christian world. She claimed authority over the whole Christian world, claiming to be the one and only Church, the Roman Catholic (or universal) Church, having authority from Christ, through Peter. With such supposed authority to bind and loose, the Catholic Church declared Sunday to be Sabbath instead of the seventh day Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. Nothing is more applicable to the Roman Catholic Church than the words of our text: "Ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."

And oddly enough, it may be said to the Protestant churches: Ye reject the commandment of God that ye may keep the traditions of the Catholic Church.

The Reformation

With the fall of the Roman Empire in the fifth century began a period called the "Dark Ages." The Cath-

olic Church contended with rising empires for temporal and spiritual authority. She succeeded in being the unifying force in European history for centuries. But evil practices and traditions crept into the Church which made it "Dark Ages" for the Church also.

There came a time of awakening, and of changes in civilization. A spiritual awakening demanded a house cleaning in the Catholic Church. There were many reformers, some of whom lost their lives at the hand of the Church, but we think of Martin Luther as the great leader in the Protestant Reformation. His chief contentions centered around a demand for a return to the "Bible alone," as opposed to "tradition" of the Catholic Church; and he lost his argument, as far as the Church was concerned, by claiming the authority of the Bible alone yet retaining the Catholic tradition of the Sunday sabbath.

Luther's contemporary, Carlstadt, urged him to include the Bible Sabbath in his reformation; but Luther thought Sunday would draw more people to the Protestant cause. Luther says of Carlstadt: "If Carlstadt were to write further about the Sabbath, Sunday would have to give way, and the Sabbath—that is to say, Saturday—must be kept."—*Against the Celestial Prophets*.

The Council of Trent, called by the Church to settle the Reformation question, made some changes within the Church, but condemned Protestantism on the following grounds:

"The Protestants claim to stand on the written Word alone. . . . They justify their revolt by the plea that the
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How Billy Graham Was Presented the True Sabbath

JOHN MAXWELL

Tract minister and high school science teacher

YES, the seventh-day Sabbath truth of Holy Scriptures—the Fourth Commandment of God—WAS presented recently, through the will of our Heavenly Father, to evangelist Dr. Billy Graham personally—my hand to his. Also this truth was handed to others on Dr. Graham's evangelistic team. It happened at this year's Billy Graham Atlanta Crusade, Sunday afternoon, June 24. For this successful effort we thank our Heavenly Father Who wishes all people lovingly to follow His sacred laws and to walk righteously in His Commandments (Eccl. 12:13).

I had thought it impossible to reach Dr. Graham personally—or even through the mail (my letters would always be answered by someone other than Dr. Graham.) I had felt that he was not aware of the true “Lord's Day” or “seventh-day Sabbath of the Lord” (Ex. 20:10) of Scripture. I had felt this way partly because this famous evangelist continually ended his many crusade messages with words such as “Go to church next SUN-day.” I wanted him to know the TRUTH, and I prayed the prayer of faith, remembering the words of the Master, “all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, BELIEVING, ye shall receive” (Matt. 21:22). I believe God answered this prayer.

I am convinced that through us, His devoted witnesses, God works constantly to accomplish His good will in His own good time. Let us always be willing to be used by Him

every day and in every way, for, as Paul writes, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16). Christ says, “Ye are the salt of the earth” and “. . . let your light . . . shine before men . . . and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:13, 16).

It is WE who must proclaim God's love and commandments to the people, WE who must proclaim the First Angel's message of salvation for all who receive Christ (Rev. 14:6, 7) and also the Third Angel's message that all the Commandments of God must be obeyed by His people (Rev. 14:9-12). Christ said, “Whosoever shall do and teach them [the Commandments], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:19).

How many times we Christians, friends of Jesus (Luke 12:4), have seen our Divine Guide and Helper, the Holy Spirit, literally open seemingly “impossible” doors as we strive to do the will of our Heavenly Fa-

ther! I believe you are aware of instances in your own witness when this is so.

When we wish to be used effectively by God, I believe there are three requirements: (1) TOTAL DEVOTION to Christ; (2) PRAYER that the Father's will be done; and (3) ACTION on our part. Remember item two that the Father's will be done in our actions—we should be completely yielded to the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, and our lives must allow no clouds in between (no, not our own will).

How mightily God would work in His people today if we would but so yield to Him! How much He wishes us to accomplish in winning the sinners and enlightening the saints! Does not our God use us often in proportion to our amount of devotion to Him and to His expressed will? How many "clouds," such as pride, self-will, selfishness, and apathy, reduce our effectiveness as His witnesses in doing His will? "Greater works than these shall he [ye] do," said our Saviour (John 14:12).

To my knowledge Dr. Graham did not that Sunday receive the Sabbath truth into his heart and teachings (I write sadly), but he WAS given Bible Sabbath Association and American Sabbath Tract Society (Seventh Day Baptist) tracts enclosed in a personal letter on this subject—from my hand to his that last day of the Atlanta Crusade.

I had been greatly disappointed at my past efforts to reach Dr. Graham with the Sabbath truth both by mail and by my fruitless effort to reach him at his Birmingham Crusade in 1972. He is often well-guarded and seemingly unapproachable.

One other worker and I went to

the Atlanta Crusade for two purposes: to hand out literature correctly presenting the Laws of God (especially the Sabbath Law) and to hand personally to Dr. Graham information about the true Sabbath of the Lord. This truth of God he was not teaching to the people; thus, unfortunately, helping cause them to sin, for "sin is the transgression of the law [of God]" (I John 3:4). I also remembered what Paul had written: "Shall we continue in sin ['transgressing God's Law,' we might here insert] . . . ? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein" (Rom. 6:1, 2).

The efforts of several days to find out where the evangelist was staying or his schedule (other than at the Crusade meetings) had been fruitless. But we finally learned that the Crusade team had an office near Atlanta Stadium, the site of the Atlanta Crusade, in a prominent hotel. On that Sunday afternoon I was led to spend a little time in the lobby of that hotel. I had previously written several "Sabbath letters" and had a good supply of BSA and ASTS tracts.

I prayed that, somehow, God would use me to witness with this material for His truth that afternoon. I even kept hoping that Dr. Graham would appear— or, at least, some other notable Crusade worker. The Lord more than answered my prayers that day! While standing in that hotel lobby it was my privilege to hand Sabbath literature to George Beverly Shea, Cliff Barrows, and Leighton Ford as these men passed through the lobby. Pray that these men accept and teach ALL the laws of God—including the true Sabbath of the Fourth Law of God's Ten Commandments!

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Who Owns the Sabbath?

EDWARD A. ELSTONE

IT always startles me when someone refers to the seventh-day Sabbath as "your Sabbath," for it sounds as if I am hearing someone making a false statement. It is rare now that someone comes on business and says "I forgot that it is your Sabbath." We try to get others to remember that the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh, as my Bible proclaims. I have long tried to impress upon their minds that it is the Bible, not I, that is the authority, that says the seventh day is the Sabbath.

I might say that at times I felt like the apostles when they felt constrained to rend their garments to draw the attention of the Gentiles to their grievous error. In some measure I felt that a righteous God might resent His holy day's being called "my Sabbath."

Can a man rob the Almighty? The Bible says that in some ways he can. Well, I surely would not want to be like Achan and be found possessing something that was the property of the Creator alone. What a sad ending his was; what a warning to all purloiners of things mundane or things heavenly. The unlawful possession of anything belonging to another cannot be hid from that all-seeing Eye who rewards every man according to his works. Woe is me that many have called the seventh day "Ed's Sabbath." It is the LORD'S

day, not mine.

Yet I cannot disown it altogether. On this day of rest, I am united with that great universal Spirit of creation. That rest flows around me and into me and through me, to others. The gentle teacher from Nazareth revealed that the Sabbath was made for man. O happy day when man could have a respite from the labor of the sweat of his brow and rest as the Creator did and contemplate what had been made.

Paul wrote to the Thessalonian believers that they should not weary in well doing. Perhaps he told them of the seventh-day Sabbath when they could rest from their well-doing or well digging. What human has not grown weary at the end of a long, long day? Paul the aged said that he was in weariness often (2 Cor. 11: 27), so at last it had caught up with him. The time came when he passed off the scene. That rest of the eternal seventh-day Sabbath was his. What I have each seventh day is a prelude to that great future experience of knowing as we are known, to understand that it all was good and for our good. My sabbaths are a gift of the Heavenly Father and, like the Holy Spirit, are a sample of the glory to come.

Did you notice I said "my Sabbaths"? Well, they were given to
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There Is a Way that Seemeth Right

by Dr. Allen R. Babcock

OUR way of life is, for the most part, in direct opposition to the laws of nature. Its complexity, apart from the deliberate poisoning and emasculating of foods, has set up hazards that, paradoxically enough, require the utmost resistance to offset time. In fact, the wellspring of our existence is gradually being destroyed according to C. Edwards Burtis, author of *The Real American Tragedy*.

In the January 1958 issue of *Prevention*, the following list was given of carcinogens (cancer-causing substances) to which we are exposed and which are increasing steadily. Benzene, coal tar, asphalt, creosote oil, lubricating oil, petroleum products, fuel oils, soot, arsenic (in garden sprays and powders), chromates, nickel, asbestos, estrogen, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, DDT, tannic acid, dulcin (a synthetic sweetner), diethelene, glycol (used in tobacco), and others.

Dr. W. C. Hueper, a leading authority in the field of cancer who works at the National Cancer Institute, said that "the actual or possible existence of cancer hazards related to carcinogens in food stuffs poses a serious problem, public health-wise, since the daily and life-long exposure to such agents would represent one of the most important of the various

potential sources of contact with environmental carcinogens for the population at large, acting on both the healthy and the sick, the metabolically normal and abnormal alike."

It used to be a rewarding experience for people confined to smoky, carbon monoxide-laden cities to drive through an agricultural area on a weekend, especially following a rain, and breathe in the sweet and restoring fragrance of the earth and growing things. To drive past a field of growing crops today is apt to be a contrasting experience. Often it is necessary to close the windows of the car to shut out the noxious fumes of DDT and other poisons with which the growing plants are being sprayed. Driving through agricultural country today after a spraying is likely to be extremely disillusioning and disappointing, possibly even injurious. Isn't it grotesque to think of the things we eat being raised with the use of materials of such known deadlines that special precautionary measures must be taken in connection with their use?

According to Mr. Burtis, "The pure and simple fact is that our agriculture is about as far apart from the natural order of things as it is possible to imagine."

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Conducted by Ruth Thomas

Jesus' disciples were hungry, so they picked grain on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:1, 2). Only the Pharisees condemned them. In this day and age, many would go hungry if they decided all of a sudden not to serve their employers on Saturday. Yet most Sabbathkeepers look down on this sort of thing. What kind of work CAN be done on the Sabbath?

ANSWERS

First of all, let's clear the statement made in Matthew 12:1, 2 when the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking the law on the Sabbath. Let's understand that the Pharisees were constantly searching for ways to find Jesus guilty of some form of transgression on several occasions. They tried to find him guilty of Sabbath breaking; for instance, in Luke 14:2, 3.

None of Jesus' acts of mercy could be classified as common labor. Jesus asked the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath day or do evil? To save life or kill?" (Mark 3:4).

The statement is made in the question that many would go hungry if they decided not to serve their employers on Saturday. When the true Sabbath becomes known to a person, and that person breaks the Sabbath, it is transgression of God's law that's holy, just, and good (Rom. 7:12). And the Sabbath is a part of that law. Sin is the transgression of the

law (John 3:4), and according to Romans 6:23, the wages of sin is death.

To believe we would starve or lose our jobs is what Satan wants to drive home to those who lack courage to go all the way with the Lord. It takes faith and courage to stand on the Lord's side. To hold to the thought that giving up a Saturday job would mean poverty is to deny God's promise, but God promises a blessing to those who keep the Sabbath.

The fearful and unbelieving shall have their part in the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8). Look at the promise in Isaiah 58:13, 14: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable, and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." And again in Psalm 37:25: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

As for what kind of work can be done on the Sabbath after church, if a person has livestock, I think that it is a perfect time to take care of them or help the sick who can't take care of themselves. But I think the Sabbath is God's day; it should be devoted entirely to him thanking Him for life itself.

—Jackie Vance (and) Dorothy
Thompson

Reading May issue, I am interested in the question, "What can be done on the Sabbath day?" I feel it more important to know "why" we keep the seventh day as the true Lord's day than "how" we keep it.

What do the word "holy" or the word "work" mean? I am reminded of the poem the little kitchen maid wrote, "Lord of the pots and pans"; no rest for her, she worked even a little harder than the pots and pans might gleam a little brighter and be extra clean in honor of her Lord.

Jesus said, "I work and my Father works," yet their work was different. Jesus did that which was needful in His special task; so must we.

Work is not always done with the hands, but with the mind. We have been told to follow Christ. Would that mean following him in spirit and purpose more than in actions?

Every follower of our Lord has a special task; no two men in the Bible worshiped and worked in exactly the same way. It would be a strange world if every man decided to be a preacher or a doctor.

Worship together is emphasized, yet the children of Israel could not worship as a congregation on the Sabbath. They were instructed not to leave their tents on the Sabbath day. The reason for this may be upon us again very soon. We have been told that whatever we do, we should do to the glory of God.

Many keep Sunday as Pharisees. No one can stop us from remembering God's true day, nor keep us from making it a holy day, no matter what our hands find to do.

Not "how" we observe God's day, but "why" we keep it. Even preaching is work, hard work.

—Mrs. W. Rogers, Ontario, Can.

There are two days existing at the same time on the earth according to the international date line: one on each side of the date line at all times. It can be Saturday in eastern Russia and be Friday in some islands directly south on the same longitude! With fast means of transportation today, how can a person keep the Sabbath on the right day and travel across the so-called date line?

Readers are invited to send in their answers to this question. Please send all correspondence concerning this matter in care of this department, so that it can be published and others may benefit from it. Please try to stick to the point in consideration instead of wandering in another direction. If you have questions concerning the Sabbath, please send them in also.

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Conducted by Mrs. Ruth Thomas

Thank you for sending the SENTINEL. There are many worth-while thought-provoking articles in it, and we have read them with interest and profit.

—V. L., California

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I have read Eugene Lincoln's articles in the *Review and Herald*, and have been in communication with him. I would like to learn more about the Bible Sabbath Association.

If you have literature on the history and purpose of your organization and on the individuals who belong to it, I should be glad to receive it.

May God bless all those interested in promoting the proper observance of the Sabbath.

—C. Mervyn Maxwell, chairman
church history department
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich. 49104

And thank you, Dr. Maxwell, for your letter. We trust that you have received the requested material. We remember with a touch of nostalgia your history of the SDA Church class a year ago. Believe it or not, even your challenging tests were interesting! We still refer to our lesson notes and your "handouts" for source material.—Ed.

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I have been loaned a copy of your

Home Bible Study series. I think this is an excellent study and would like some copies of it to share with others.

—Mrs. K. V., Arkansas

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I have just learned of your organization through my church periodical and am interested in learning more about it.

Can your radio program "Echoes From Eden" be heard in the Denver area?

—N. D. T., Colorado

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Please send me four of your calendars. I have read the booklet *Questions For Seventh Dayists Answered by Terril D. Littrell*. The questions were answered clearly from the Bible.

—Bennie Taulbee, California

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Please send me all the literature that you have on Sabbath observance. I have been a minister of the Church of Christ for the past 15 years, but I can no longer believe that they are correct about the Sabbath. I do not believe the true church is a denomination; that is why I like your undenominational approach.

—Mr. Paul Jones, minister,
Tennessee

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I wrote a few weeks ago and sent a request for some Sabbath literature. I truly enjoyed reading the booklets that you sent.

I have been telling others about "Echoes From Eden" on radio station KXEN. It is simply beautiful the way it is arranged now.

I plan to order more literature just as soon as I can.

May the Lord bless you and all who make the ministry of the Bible Sabbath Association possible.

—S. A., Illinois

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Please send me some back copies of THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I will give them out to people of other denominations, especially the Baptists. I am a Sabbath keeper and would like to subscribe to the SENTINEL.

—Mrs. E. U., Canada

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I have been told that you make available an inexpensive booklet giving names and address and a brief description of the various Sabbath-keeping groups. I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy and also tell me something about your association.

—S. D., California

I am a Seventh-day Adventist and naturally feel that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week and a sacred and holy day.

I am enclosing a check for — and would like to become a member of your association.

Please send me a *Handbook of Sabbathkeeping Denominations* and also a copy to the following person in Tennessee. . . .

—G. S., Ohio

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Just want you to know how much I enjoy reading THE SABBATH SENTINEL, and I want to continue receiving it as long as I am able to pay the subscription.

I hear your beautiful radio broadcast these days. Keep up the good work.

—Mrs. V. G., Missouri

ATTENTION! ALL SABBATH-OBSERVING GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLISHING HOUSES, ASSEMBLIES, CHURCHES, AND SABBATH OBSERVERS GENERALLY.

The Bible Sabbath Association is making plans to issue a new *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Organizations* probably early in 1974. The present directory, published in 1969, does not reflect the present organizations accurately because of growth, changes, etc. To accomplish this task, a questionnaire will be mailed shortly to each Sabbath-observing group, seeking information for this new directory.

Meanwhile, the association desires to be sure that it has the present names and addresses of each such group or organization. If your group or organization was listed in the 1969 directory and your current mailing address is still the same as it was in the 1969 directory, then you will not need to take any action until you receive the questionnaire from us. However, if your group or organization was not listed in the 1969 directory or if your current address is different from the one in the 1969 directory, *write the Association as soon as possible*, giving us your organization name and mailing address if you desire to receive the questionnaire and a listing in the new directory. Send your names and addresses to:

Directory, Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737

I enjoyed your article in the **SENTINEL**. I, too, wish for one accord. So many teachers, so many doctrines, so many playing God (I Cor. 8:5). Gods many (Gen. 3:5) whether in heaven or on earth. But what is man that we are mindful of him? He can not give us eternal life...

... Many pray to the God of heaven, but do not worship him or serve Him. To worship is to respect and reverence and obey His laws and His statutes, is serving Him (Rom. 6:16, 19)....

-Stoystown, Pa.

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We want you to know how much we enjoy **THE SABBATH SENTINEL**...

-Doris Francis, Pennsylvania

I would like to subscribe to the **SENTINEL** and become part of the association....

-O. H., Algiers, La.

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I just recently came into the knowledge of your organization. I am a Sabbath observer.

Would you please send the latest handbook and directory of Sabbath observing organizations? I would also like to begin receiving **THE SABBATH SENTINEL**.

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My wife and I find the **SENTINEL** very interesting, but if more people would ask more questions it would be more interesting...

-A reader

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WORD OF GOD OR TRADITION OF MEN?

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Church has apostatized from the written Word and follows tradition. Now the Protestant claim that they stand upon the written Word alone is not true. . . . The written Word explicitly enjoins the observance of the seventh day as Sabbath. They do not observe the seventh day, but reject it . . . but they have adopted and do practice the observance of Sunday for which they have only the tradition of the Church."

In these words the Archbishop of Reggio, in 1545, reiterated the words of Jesus, "Laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men."

Luther stood in his own way in his attempt to re-form the united Church of his day. A split was inevitable, and every split since, which divides people today into innumerable sects, can be traced to some tradition. Certainly that is true of the Sabbath.

Judaism rejected the Fifth Commandment through the practice of "Corban," a tradition regarding gifts. Christianity rejects the Fourth Commandment through the acceptance of Sunday, a tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

And so the Christian Church today is condemned by the same words of the Master, "For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men."

Christ said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

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HOW BILLY GRAHAM WAS PRESENTED THE TRUE SABBATH

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Later on I began to despair of ever being able to get Sabbath literature into the hands of Dr. Graham himself. I prayed again for the continued guidance of God—that His will be done through me if He would, for Him to lead me where I could accomplish this His will.

For a while I handed out Sabbath-promotional and Commandment-promotional literature both to the people personally who were walking toward the Crusade meeting and to the windshield of parked cars around this site. (We later received responses to these tracts: first to our Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist office, then this office sent the names and addresses of inquiries to me for additional replies.) After this I went inside the stadium itself.

Inside Atlanta Stadium I experienced what to me was the "miracle" I had asked of God—to be able to hand Sabbath literature to Billy Graham personally. I walked up to a parked long, dark-colored, shiny automobile which was being watched by a policeman. He told me Billy Graham would ride in it after he finished his message.

Welcome words! I knew this was God's answer to my prayers, and I waited eagerly for some thirty minutes (which seemed like hours) to hand Dr. Graham my letter containing literature about God's true Sabbath and His Ten Commandments. Dr. Graham was wearing sunglasses and was accompanied by three or four men when he finally approached the awaiting automobile—and me.

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A Note
from
the Editor

“Roughing It”

LAST year we took one of our usual summer camping vacations—this one to Cumberland Falls Park in southeastern Kentucky. We had been there before, but some things are worth seeing more than once; this is certainly one of them. It is said to have the largest waterfall between Niagara and the Rocky Mountains. Besides the falls, there are numerous hiking trails. Unfortunately, like many popular vacation spots, the campgrounds are crowded during the vacation season.

This, however, is not altogether bad; when your campsite is just a few feet away from the adjoining ones, it is easy to get acquainted with other campers. We still remember the family across the drive from our tent who had come from Cleveland, Ohio, to “rough it” for a week. We sat with them one warm evening in front of their mobile home. They had just finished eating a meal prepared on the propane gas stove, using food which had been kept cold in the electric refrigerator. They had brought out the portable TV and were watching it before going to bed in the comfortable beds inside. I was amused that the “home on wheels” was not air conditioned; perhaps by now it is.

This was really their idea of “roughing it”!

People are much like this family in the way they relate themselves to the demands of a life consecrated to the Savior.

While it is true that in the long run the way of righteousness is the easier way, this does not mean that we have been promised a rose garden. Paul referred to the Christian life as a fight, a race, and a performance watched by others. None of these things is easy; each one requires rigorous training, and each one poses difficulties and tribulations if it is to be successful.

Especially those who keep the Sabbath must be prepared to face a world that will sometimes throw stumbling stones of ridicule, persecution, and economic loss in their paths in an effort to discourage them. Sabbath keeping is not a well-equipped camper in which to travel the divided four-lane highway of life; it is an experience of “roughing it” on often unpaved theological roads through areas which are not thickly populated. Sometimes it means pushing ahead alone, with no help from family and friends.

But this is not to discourage us; it is to test us, to help us see if we are fit for the reward promised. If we endure the chastisement that comes because we are following the way that our Savior declares right, it is a sign that we are accepted as sons and daughters of Yahweh, our Creator (Heb. 12:5, 6). And we have the promise that nothing will come our way that we cannot have the strength to endure, with the help of heaven (I Cor. 10:13). With this help we “can do all things” (Phil. 4:13).

HOW BILLY GRAHAM WAS PRESENTED THE TRUE SABBATH

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As he entered the right rear door of the car, I handed him the letter including the tracts and said, "Teach God's laws!" I had little time to say anything else before the door was closed. He put the letter and contents inside his coat and he and the dark automobile sped away.

My feeling? It was, "Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the privilege of serving you!"

Let us pray that Billy Graham, his co-workers, and indeed all sincere Christians, will accept and teach this misrepresented, much trodden-upon, yet sure and fast commandment of God: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . the SEVENTH day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Ex. 20:8, 10). Let

us also remember that Jesus our Lord, upholding this Commandment, said, "The sabbath was made for man" and "the Son of man is Lord . . . of the sabbath" (Mark 2:27, 28).

Dear reader, is He, the Lord of the Sabbath, YOUR Lord also? "If ye love me," Christ said, "keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Can any of us do less than keep and teach them—including the Sabbath one—for Him Who for us did so very, very much on the Cross of Calvary for our eternal salvation?

WHO OWNS THE SABBATH?

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me, so can I not rightly designate them as mine? Is not the Sabbath made for man as the Word or Logos from the Father plainly taught the people in his time?



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What was true then must be true now, for He said His words would outlast heaven and earth. So each Sabbath I appropriate and make mine by keeping is in a certain sense belonging to me. If Paul could call the everlasting gospel of the Grace of the Living God *his* gospel, then can I not, by the fact of entering into the Sabbath, make it mine in a personal way?

Although untold thousands of brethren have shared each Sabbath since creation with each other and the Creator of it and then, is it any the less the property by experience of each and every one?

Now there is a factor that I must draw to your attention: that sharing of Sabbath keepers: In my many years of Sunday keeping, there never was that comaradarie of sharing that I found among seventh-day keepers.

Notice that we keep the Sabbath by sharing it with others. Remember what Jesus of Nazareth said, those who share their life with others will keep it. The same principle is at work here as in all the realm of the Spirit: the more you share, the more you will have. To the natural man this is foolishness and a contradiction. But life has many seeming contradictions.

It seems that I have lost money in business by not operating on the seventh day. Some have gone away in a huff when I would not sell on the Sabbath. Yet Yahweh by His Holy Spirit power has prospered me in many strange and unexpected ways. Do not measure my prosperity by my bank account. Money is a medium of exchange. Those who have goods and property do not need a lot of gold and silver tarnishing in the bank vaults, or paper money with

its up and down values.

Also do not forget that health is wealth that money cannot always buy.

(If any one is thinking of sending me an appeal for funds, let me tell you that what you need is the blessing of Yahweh; he has the cattle on the hills, and the gold, He has it and knows where it is.)

THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT

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The toxicity of some of the insecticides used staggers the imagination. Tests made by the California Department of Fish and Game with dieldrin, one of the many new pesticides that have come into use since World War 2, in the ratio of one and one half pounds per acre resulted in the death of dogs, chickens, geese, turkeys, jack rabbits, snakes, gophers, quail, and pheasants. Yet the Federal Department of Agriculture was distributing dieldrin at the rate of two to four pounds per acre in nine southern states, according to an article in the *New York Times* dated February 2, 1958.

Quoting Robert McNamara: "Technology has now circumscribed us all with a conceivable horizon of horror that can dwarf any catastrophe that has befallen man."

The Heavenly Father destroyed the people of Noah's time because the "imagination of their hearts was only evil continually." It appears that no flood (or fire) will be necessary to destroy man in this age; it now appears man will easily destroy himself through his greed in a short time.

Man is in the very act of destroy-

ing himself because of his selfishness in contaminating his neighbor's air, food, water, bloodstream, and mind. Yet 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

We all need to claim this "power and love" for our fellowman and a sound mind in doing our part to avoid contaminating our environment for ourselves and our neighbors. Proclaim a better way, study for it, and practice it, though in the beginning it may seem difficult because of our having been so unaccustomed to it. Raise your foods the organic way.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

Someone has said, "Some people are climbing the ladder and are finding out it is leaning against the wrong wall."

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—R. H. Stine

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