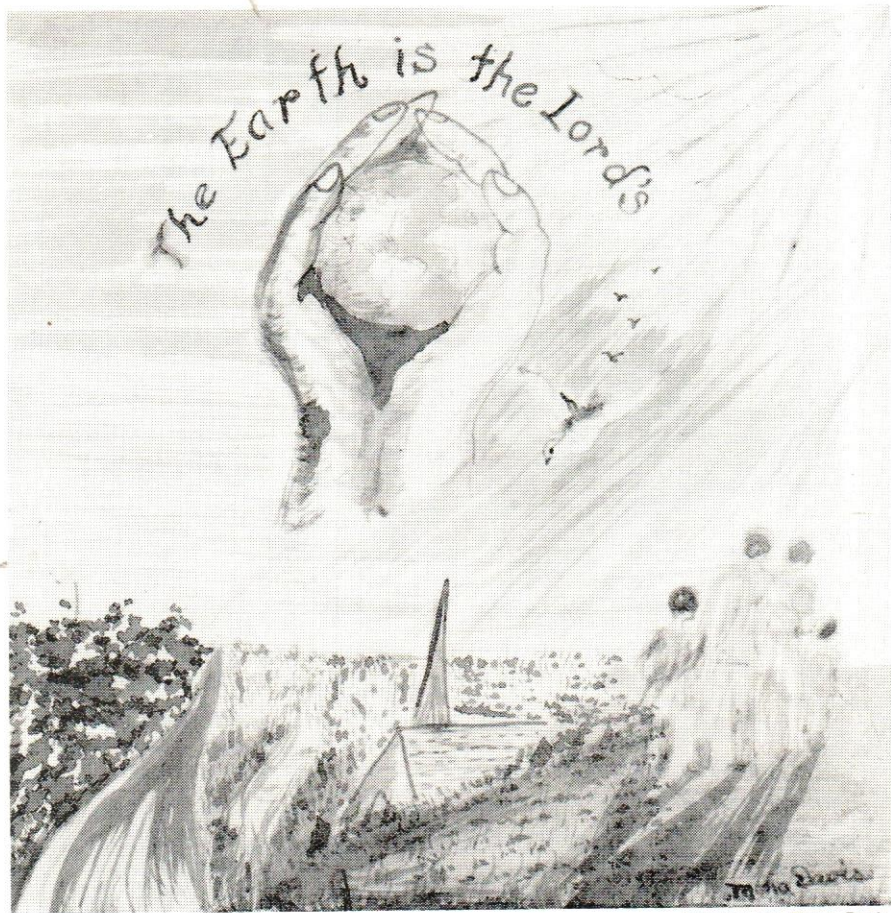


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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —

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Are You a Workaholic?

TERRIL D. LITRELL

AMERICA is full of workaholics! The workaholic's way of life is considered in America to be a form of patriotism.

President Nixon is cited as a "super worker," one who can combine sports, travel, and work. Ralph Nader, a 20-hour-a-day man, sees people who take vacations as odd.

Professional persons usually work between 50 and 65 hours a week. Some persons at the executive level say they are never really off the job, even on weekends. Then there are those laborers whose union contracts give them a shorter work week who often go out and get a second job. Many have had the opportunity for an increase in their leisure time, but have rejected this in favor of an increased income. Many Americans, after reaching retirement age, do not desire to quit work, but retire only because company regulations require it. To a vast majority of Americans a regular pattern of work and rest has never been established.

Our attitudes toward work and leisure are partly the result of America's history and our emphasis on the "Protestant Ethic"; "If a man will not

work he shall not eat." When the American frontier was being settled, the relation between hard work and financial success was stressed. Furthermore, even today the average American tends to be identified as a person in terms of his job. When someone asks, "Who is he," we almost always respond in terms of a job. Therefore, to be out of a job, or have no work to do, threatens the sense of self or sense of worth for many persons.

Motives for Work

Realistically, we need to recognize that a strong — perhaps the main — motive for all this work is money and the things it can buy. It takes a lot of money simply to survive in American society, but much employment is more than a money matter; it has important psychological and spiritual dimensions as well. The way men and women view their work is closely related to their sense of meaning, purpose and direction in life. A person feels needed and employment gives him a sense of security. Being ego-driven and ambitious to succeed in life, he is motivated to work long and hard hours to fulfill his psycho-

logical needs. All these are the motives of a workaholic. The human attempts, however, to satisfy the desires of "self" are all futile and not really worth-while. Most of man's work, in fact, is meaningless. To the Christian work is not sacred as such. Its sacredness depends on the purpose of the work.

Rest as Preparation for Work

The Fourth Commandment to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," relates to God's activity in creation. Man is to rest just as God rested. The Sabbath stands as a sign of God's mercy for all creation. To observe the Sabbath is to affirm that the work of creation is good. Observing the Sabbath is more than remembrance of God's act; it also signifies that the man of faith proclaims his own intent to take care of God's creation. The Sabbath foreshadows as well as fulfills. It is not only a sign of what has happened, but it also points to what will happen. The future holds the promise of redemption for all creation and all time.

The Sabbath teaches the Christian that some time must be set aside for rest. The reasons are not only practical and psychological but spiritual as well. If man is to be a creative worker—to fulfill his role as a creature made in the image of God—he must REST. The workaholic has become enslaved to his work. His work controls him, instead of his controlling the work. Man acts as God's representative in caring for God's creation. Taking time to relax, meditate, love and worship places some distance between man and the world, making him a healthy and happy person, finding true fulfillment in his labors. Our re-

spect for God is shown by our respect for the Sabbath and the house of worship. Unless man sets aside such times for renewal and recreation, he is not respecting the Creator in his work. He has become an idolater who is compelled to work because he has no respect for himself apart from his image as a worker.

The Call to Work

The call which comes to man from the Bible summons him not to a job, but to joy and gratitude in whatever he is doing. The Bible makes it plain that man is to work for an honest living. Apart from the curse mentioned in Genesis 3:17-19, creation, life, and man's activity are viewed as essentially valuable and worth-while. Perhaps the basic truth to be learned from the story that work is punishment for disobedience to God is that very little work presents a continuous series of pleasurable experiences.

How many hours do you work each week at paid employment? How many hours do you work overtime, moonlighting, or traveling? How many hours each week do you spend with your family, at church and studying the Bible? Take an inventory; it might surprise you to find that you are a workaholic!

The Cure

Workaholics are not a new breed. The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible was one at a certain phase of his life. He learned his lesson and wrote, "My heart found pleasure in all my toil" He went on to dismiss his labors as "vanity and striving after the wind" (Eccles.

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The Confused Mr. Doe

PART II: "Christians are not under the law"

By W. E. STRAW

MR DOE tells us, "We are saved by grace, freely, justified without the deeds of the law, so we worship on the first day of the week, representing peace and rest obtained without labor. . . . Christians are not under the law."

When Paul tells us in Romans 6:14 that we are not under the law but under grace, does he mean that we are not to heed it longer, that it is not now to instruct us in the way of life? That is what Mr. Doe infers. The only way we can be sure what the text means is to find out what Paul meant by it. In this same book, in Romans 3:31, Paul says, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law." So according to Paul himself, what he teaches in this book does not mean that the law is done away. He means that the law is still in force. This is a text just before the one in Romans 6:14, that was used to show Paul taught that the law was no longer in force.

In another text just after this he says, "But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God for-

bid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet" (Rom. 7:6, 7). "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (7:12).

Therefore, Paul does not teach that the law is no longer binding upon mankind. If the law is still binding, as Paul has explained, then to be under the law would be under its condemnation. That is exactly what he was discussing in the verses preceding 6:14. He had just said, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body. . . . Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness. . . . For sin shall not have dominion over you [literally sin shall not lord it over you] for ye are not under the law [under its condemnation] but under grace."

As a criminal is under law and is cast into prison, so is the sinner under the law. But if the governor pardons him, he is no longer under the law, but under grace; he is now free as though he had not committed a crime, being under grace of the pardon. Thus Paul teaches that Christ has pardoned us and set us free; so let us walk as free men, not sinners.

But grace does not mean that we

are no longer to observe the law. It means that we will be more careful in the future that we do not violate it. As Paul says in Romans 7:6, that now we should serve the same law, not in the old way, but "in newness of spirit."

Freedom in Christ

Galatians 5:1 is quoted where Paul says, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Mr. Doe explains this to mean that if we keep the Sabbath we will be in bondage, but we will not be if we keep Sunday. If we observe the last six commandments we would not be in bondage; or if we observe the first three, but if we keep the Sabbath we will be. This puts us into a peculiar situation.

Would we not better go to Paul himself and see what he is trying to teach? In the first place if we want to understand what Paul meant, we shall have to consider the situation he had to meet among the Galatians, and how he endeavored to meet it.

The Jews depended for salvation upon following a ritual. They had failed to understand the spiritual significance of the sacrificial system, and were depending upon their carefulness in observing certain forms and exactness in carrying out their ritual. They expected to be saved by their own merit. Paul wrote the epistle to the Galatians in answer to the situation mentioned in Acts 15:1: "And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved."

Hence they were to be saved by following that ritual.

But Paul had taught them that they were justified by faith in the salvation Christ had brought them. Now he proceeds to show them that if they were to be saved by following the ritual they did not need Christ, for they were already saved without Him. He points out that salvation is in Christ, and that Abraham, the father of the faithful, was saved by faith in the same gospel; "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham." So Abraham was saved by the gospel through faith in Christ. Now if they tried to save themselves by ritual they would have no Savior, and hence would find themselves still in the bondage of sin.

Paul illustrated this in Galatians 4:21-28 by the experience of Abraham. When God told Abraham that he was to have a son, he tried to accomplish it by his own efforts. Because his wife, Sarah, was sterile, Abraham decided to take Hagar to wife, and Ishmael was born to them. But that only brought trouble in the home and finally led to Hagar's being cast out with her son.

When God told Abraham that Sarah would have a son who would be the heir, Abraham said, "O that Ishmael might live before thee! And God said, Sarah, thy wife, shall bear thee a son indeed, and thou shalt call his name Isaac" (Gen. 17:18, 19). Abraham was trying to fulfill God's promise by his own efforts, and failed. Just so, Israel at Sinai had agreed with God to keep His law and had failed. So God said He would make a new covenant with His people. In

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The Burrells— To Know Them Is to Love Them!

TERRIL D. LITRELL

LOTTIE and Lawrence Burrell are people of destiny! Their only desire is to minister to their fellow men. Theirs is an unswerving loyalty to duty, consistent devotion to truth, preaching the gospel of self-forgetting service to others. To know them is to love them. They delight in entertaining guests, and if you have never visited their farm home near Fairview, Okla., you have missed a real blessing.

The parents of both Lottie and Lawrence Burrell migrated from Iowa to Oklahoma previous to statehood in the very earliest years of the present century. Lawrence Burrell was born in 1909 just two miles from where he lives now and has spent his entire life in the Fairview community. Mrs. Burrell was born Lottie Davison in 1911 in the state of Washington, but moved to the Fairview community with her parents at the age of two years, and has called it home since that time. The Burrell family and the Davison family were close friends, and Lottie and Lawrence have been life-long acquaintances.

Lottie and Lawrence were married on May 17, 1935, in Norwood, Colo., after a year of courtship. To this

union were born four children: Bryan, who has remained in the Fairview community and operates his own business, the Burrell Implement Co.; David, who lives at Watonga, Okla., and owns and operates another branch of the Burrell Implement Co.; Calvin, who lives near Owosso, Mich., and is the principal of Spring Vale Academy, a Christian boarding high school owned and operated by the Church of God (7th Day); Calvin is also a minister of that church; and Mary Helen of Boise, Idaho, a housewife, who is married to a music teacher.

Lawrence Burrell is a high school graduate and has been a farmer all his life. Presently he tends his farm which consists of 680 acres of wheat land. Lottie Burrell has two years of college and taught eight years in the

Oklahoma public school system. In addition to their large farm enterprise and church work in the local Church of God (7th Day), where he is church organist, they own and operate a health food business. Mr. Burrell says: "We have studied nutrition and health at length and apply it to our daily lives as well as teaching others the knowledge we have come by."

In 1955 when Mr. and Mrs. George Main, the founders of the Bible Sabbath Association, knew that their health was failing them due to old age, they requested that Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burrell accept their responsibilities as secretary-treasurer and assistant. It was put to the membership for vote, and the Burrells were elected. They have served the association on a gratis basis for these past 19 years. Mr. Burrell felt the call into the ministry early in life and his work with the Bible Sabbath Association helped to fulfill his calling.

A typical day at the Burrell home begins at 5:30 a.m. An early breakfast, and work begins with the usual morning farm and household chores. Orders are completed and letters answered by the time the outgoing mail carrier arrives around 11:00 a.m. The noon hour is spent going through the daily incoming mail. The afternoon then is usually spent in farm work or transacting business in Fairview. The evening time is devoted mainly to processing the day's mail or other office work connected with the B.S.A., or the health food business. The day's activities come to a close between 10 and 11 p.m. In addition to an already busy schedule, the Burrells receive several phone calls a day relative to health foods, some prob-

lem of which they may be of some help, or a call for advice from a friend.

The months of May and June are quite busy ones on the Burrells' wheat farm, May being the time when most farmers repair their machinery for the harvest in June. The summer months, with their long hours of daylight, are quite well taken up with preparation of the land for fall planting in September and October. The winter and spring months afford the Burrells the most free time for the work of the Bible Sabbath Association and other sideline activities.

Mr. Burrell says: "Yes, it seems a rather full life but we would most certainly not wish it otherwise. When our late Brother George A. Main, in 1955, encouraged us to volunteer our services to the Bible Sabbath Association, we accepted it as a challenge and a wonderful opportunity for Christian service, but we little realized how abundantly it would enrich our lives by providing the spiritual uplift that it has, and also by infinitely broadening our horizon and making for us a veritable multitude of new and very dear friends."

The Burrells welcome the members and friends of the Bible Sabbath Association to their farm home located three miles west of Fairview, Okla., just at the edge of a low range of hills, nestled in the center of a scenic fertile valley. One day in the home of the Burrells will be a day you will never forget!

Editor's Note:

We have been guests in the Burrells' home and had them as guests in our home. Each occasion was a blessing and inspiration for us.

Unconditionally Guaranteed?

DR. JOHN C. SPROWLES

THERE is so much in the world that happens by chance, or seemingly so, that many in religion and science have concluded that nothing is certain but death and taxes.

Yet in a world set in motion and ruled by an intelligent God, is life left to chance? Indeed, can it be?

I've read where people claim that the best we can hope for is a probability. Yet if you place your hand in a fire, you will get burned, and you will get burned every time you place your hands in a fire. It's not a probability, it's certainty.

If you disobey the laws of nature, you will get bumped; it will happen no matter whether you believe in certainty or probability.

You may break civil laws and "get away" with it, but you will be punished by God for breaking these laws, both in this life and in the next.

The Bible contains the basic written word of God. It is not the only divine revelation, but it is the foundation of all correct knowledge. In this Book of books is written what is claimed to be the very mind of the Creator—the Being who gives us all the very air we breathe. In this book God is a reality, a certainty, not just a probability. This Book proves the existence and rule of the immortal Being we call God. And you can believe that when this Being speaks, He means exactly what He says.

Now many who read the Scriptures, indeed some who deeply love them, are ignorant of exactly what God is telling them in this Book.

The Bible was written to deceive the evil. This may surprise some, but the Bible was written in such a way that a dishonest reading can make it say anything one wishes it to say. Indeed, man has been doing that for years. They wrestle the Scriptures to their own destruction. "Seek and you shall find," but unless you are seeking honestly, you are not really seeking.

When I first began Bible study in 1949 at age 17, and what I've learned since then are almost direct opposites. I had heard the "everybody knows" beliefs many think are the Scripture, and I had accepted these beliefs without question. I got into real trouble. I got out of trouble by getting a correct understanding of the Holy Scriptures—and "everybody knows" was usually one hundred per cent wrong.

The Bible has been so polluted by its "friends" that many have no idea of correct Scripture or its meaning.

As a minister I read many religious publications every month, and I've read every conceivable opinion on this or that passage of Scripture. But these are the opinions of men, and while we should indeed respect the men as

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Kids Comment on the Sabbath

The Sabbath is the day when you are suppose to rest and worship and study the bible extremely carefully, and you're not suppose to work or do any of the things you normally do on the other six days of the week.

Tyra Lynn
Andrus "8 yrs old"

a time when we stop every day things and rest and go to church to learn how God wants us to live.

Paul Burrell
age 9





When the family does special things
to gether because we love Jesus.

Tyrone A. Floyd age 8

The Sabbath means a lot to me
I like to go to church every Sabbath. I
like to listen to the preacher preach
the sermon. I like to listen ~~to~~ to
the other people sing songs. I like to
go to class to study God's word. It is
fun to study God's word. Every Sabbath
I get to see friends I do not get to
see often.

Ruth Reynolds
Age 10



It means that my daddy
stops working and
our family reads and
plays together

Gary white - Nine

going to church
Teresa Babcock
age 7





A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

OUR THREE-FOLD DEDICATION

SINCE its beginning, while changes have taken place in its organization and program as in all growing institutions, the Bible Sabbath Association has not swayed from its original three-fold dedication:

1. To provide a basis of fellowship among all Sabbath keepers everywhere. This is accomplished by creating a fellowship not directly associated with any one or several denominations, but cooperating with all of them and aiding them by its success in strengthening, encouraging and inspiring all its members in the service of the Savior in their respective churches.

2. To reach people everywhere with the Sabbath truth, taking particular note of the fact that many are not being reached by current methods of evangelism, and realizing that in many instances men can reach other men of their same social, cultural or industrial interests more readily than any one else.

3. To bring about a greater measure of unity in the body of Christ—the Church. It was Christ's own prayer "that they may be one" and the epistles set forth the believers as the Body of Christ, not with members divided and opposed to one

another, but rather united in a common effort for the good of the whole. To achieve this increased unity of Spirit and purpose, the B.S.A. encourages joint dialogue and mutual sharing of ideas with members of various Sabbath-keeping denominations and groups. This way they bring to each other, through the Holy Spirit, a mingling of godly strength and a transfusion of faith.

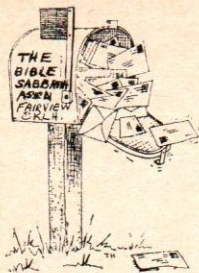
To this end, the fellowship of the Bible Sabbath Association is unique as a channel for the Heavenly Father's blessings. It is without domination by any individual denomination, but rather a gathering of members of the body of Christ drawn from all the different groups who desire to practice the New Testament principles of good will, cooperation, and love. Let us continue to enjoy this wonderful fellowship which is ours through the Bible Sabbath Association, remembering that although we are called by names such as Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists, Churches of God (7th Day), Pentecostals, or what have you, first and foremost we are CHRISTIANS, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace until we come to the unity of the faith.

Yours in His Love,

LET US PRAY WITH YOU

The staff of The Bible Sabbath Association believes in the power of prayer. We welcome your requests for prayer for the needs of your life and for others.

Excerpts from Letters



Conducted by Mrs. Ruth Thomas

I am a member of the Methodist Church and have been very active for many years . . . I am serving my fourth year as local preacher in my church and serve as substitute minister in four Methodist churches.

I have been a believer in the seventh-day Sabbath for a good many years and have used your Sabbath calendar for a long time. I believe that your organization is doing a wonderful work and should be encouraged and helped in every possible way in promoting the belief and observance of the true Sabbath by those who are of this belief.

—Rev. B. A.,
Massachusetts

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I am in position to help the B.S.A. make some contacts, by use of literature, with other Sabbath keepers and I expect to do that. There has been considerable improvement in recent years, in content as well as appearance, of B.S.A. tracts, and other literature. I hope that trend can continue, and I believe it will.

—A.B.C.,
Oklahoma

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I am what I describe myself, a 'free soul,' as I have not attended any church for about 3½ years. I have

a membership in the First Baptist Church, but do not attend. In other words, I have "come out of her." Through extensive and intensive Bible study and in depth research, as far as any material available to me from various sources, and much burning of the midnight oil, I was enlightened, through the Spirit of God, to keep the seventh-day Sabbath and give tithes, as well as "walk in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake," seeking after all truth.

—F.G.M.,
Missouri

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I am sending you — for the calendars . . . I would like to know how I can get the Home Bible Study Series. If you have any other literature, please send it to me.

—Edward B.

* * *

Enclosed is my check for membership dues. Keep your work going as it is getting better all the time.

—A.W.B.

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I stumbled across one of your calendars and, being a lover of the Sabbath, I naturally was amazed.

Could you please send me one and also any other information you might have in regards to the Bible and the Sabbath?

Thank you now in advance.

—R.O.A.,
Indiana

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Up until two years ago I knew nothing about keeping the seventh-day Sabbath; then I came in contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and now I could never change from the seventh-day Sabbath.

I would like to have 25 copies of this tract. It was found by a twelve-year-old girl on the beach at Kentucky Lake. She knew that I kept the seventh-day Sabbath, so she brought it to me.

—Mrs. G. W.,
Paducah, Ky.

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Praise our Father, the work is progressing here as He wills it!

Brother Littrell and family passed through last month. I was delighted to meet them. If any of you are ever through Birmingham, stop by to see us (my wife and I, and baby on the way). Pray for us.

I am almost out of Sabbath and Commandment tracts. (We gave out thousands at the Atlanta Billy Graham Crusade.)

—John M. McGuire,
Birmingham, Ala.

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May our dear Lord help you in your continuous good work. We were happy to hear the new "Echoes from Eden" program! It is so very interesting, and well presented. Enclosed is a donation to help in your August ministry of WNWI. We have not advertised in the newspapers since the last time I wrote, due to finances, but will resume as soon as possible—and will include some ads in a South Bend, Ind., paper also—our Lord willing. When you receive an extra response (I hope and pray) from that area, you will know that we are working!

—Mary Cecil

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I would like to know more about the Sabbath day. Is it on Saturday or Sunday?

—K.L.H., Seattle, Wash.

Will you please send me some pamphlets on the world-wide return to the seventh day Sabbath?

I am enclosing a check and I will assure you that I will spread these pamphlets out where they will do some good.

This is the best news I have seen for a long time... May the good Lord continue to bless you good people.

This is one more sign of the Lord's soon return.

—D.D.,
Cathlamet, Wash.

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I have been trying to get some good Sabbath keepers to help promote the B.S.A work. My associates agree with me that a more intensive promotion of the seventh-day Sabbath for all Sabbath keepers, regardless of church affiliation, should be done.

—A Faithful Friend

Chapter Chatter

The Washington, D.C., chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association held its election of 1974 officers, with the following results (The second vice president was a "write in" by the membership):

President, Robert Parrish; first vice president, Leo Floyd, Jr.; second vice president, Pelton Jones; treasurer, Fred Harter, and secretary, Lois Parrish.

ARE YOU A WORKAHOLIC?

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2:10, 11). The attitude of millions of Americans somewhat echoes this writer's sentiments.

Curing the disease of workaholics seems virtually impossible unless there is some radical change in one's life. Often his health breaks down and he is thrown at the mercy of his Creator.

Our Saviour recognized the symptoms of workaholism is His day (almost 2000 years ago) and prescribed the only cure: "Do not work for food which perishes, but for food which endures to eternal life..." (John 6:27-29, A.S.V.). Naturally curious, His audience asked Him what kind of work this was. "This is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

There are always a few who are able to perform the work of believing. Are you able?

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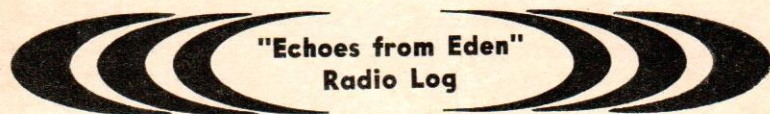
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individuals, respect for wrongness is nowhere taught in Holy Scriptures.

God loves the sinner but hates the sin, and if the sinner will stop being a sinner, God will accept him into His family. So we should respect these misled preachers who distort the very Word they claim to love and be preaching, but we must hate the distortions and the distorting.

Jesus respected the temple leaders of His days on earth, but He did not accept what they taught.

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The new "Echoes From Eden" is now on the air on these stations:

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- KXEN, St. Louis, Mo. (1010 kHz)—2:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
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- WNWI, Valparaiso, Ind. (1080 kHz)—3:25 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
- WLPB, Birmingham, Ala. (1480 kHz)—3:55 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
- KXOW, Hot Springs, Ark. (1420 kHz)—12:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
- KOAM, Pittsburg, Kan. (860 kHz)—11:45 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

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A Note
from
the Editor

End and Beginning

THERE have been few years that most of us were happier to see come to an end than 1973. Within one 365-day period we have seen the wreck of a presidential administration because of alleged political and financial shenanigans and the shattering of a prospective presidential candidate's political future because of a *nolo contendere* plea to a charge of income tax evasion; there is among most people now a cynical lack of faith in all politicians because of these events.

Prices have zoomed upward to where those on fixed incomes often have had to eat produce discarded by groceries.

In our small town, within the space of six weeks we were witnesses to two police chases—one involving two cars with occupants' guns blazing—and the police nabbing a suspected robber in front of our house.

Despite the cease fire, the Middle East (at the time of writing) threatens to blow up at a moment's notice, while nations which claim they are seeking only to "preserve peace" send arms either to Israel or the Arab nations.

Shortages of fuel, food, paper, and

a dozen other items proclaim to us that the natural resources we have been wasting were not inexhaustible.

It might be said facetiously that the one bright spot in the sky is the comet Kohoutek as it appears above the eastern horizon just before sunrise. Maybe, however, such a statement would not be facetious. Kohoutek might typify to us that, above all this man-made confusion caused by a world that has forgotten its Creator and His law, He still reigns. It might remind us also of the signs to be seen all around us of a soon-to-come eternal sunrise, when sin and its author will be dealt with by divine justice, never to reappear, and the Sun of righteousness will "arise with healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2).

I have come to the conclusion that all of man's attempts to make his own Utopia are doomed to failure. Dictatorships, communism, fascism, kingdoms, "peoples republics," and even democracies are utter failures because of the sinful nature of the men who run them. Men who have disregarded the law of their Creator are not qualified to make their own laws or to obey them.

Tennyson's words, written many years ago, still apply:

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky. . . .

The year is dying in the night.
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die. . . .

Ring out the false, ring in the true, . . .

Ring in the common love of good . . .
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

Eugene Lincoln



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"Race" Trouble

Ohio and California were both experiencing controversies over "race" problems. The issue was whether horse racing would be allowed on Sundays. In Ohio, Governor Gilligan signed a bill on August 22 which would permit thoroughbred and harness racing on Sundays.

Ohio State Representative John A. Galbraith said that the new Ohio law, effective Nov. 22, would also permit general commercial sales on Sundays. It would not apply to the state's liquor laws and those regulating barbering, fishing, and hunting, plus possibly other restrictions.

Representative Galbraith had attempted in 1969, and had been given little chance again this year, to end Sunday blue laws in Ohio.

Farther west, in Arcadia, Calif., a Thoroughbred Racing Association official objected to action by the city council banning races on Sunday at the Santa Anita track. A track at Hollywood Park had begun a Sunday racing program earlier in the year, the first in southern California history.

Sunday Law Seems Doomed in Nashville

In Nashville, Tenn., the controversial Sunday closing law seemed doomed as 27 councilmen became co-

sponsors of a bill which would repeal it last October. The 27 represent a clear majority of the council.

Acting chief of police Hugh Mott said he would suspend enforcement of the Sunday law until final action is taken on the matter.

"World Today" Broadcasts to China

"The World Today" program featuring Kenneth H. Freeman of Friendly, W. Va., has been breaking ground by broadcasting to nearly one billion people of Chinese heritage in Asia and the many isles of the vast Pacific. Radio is enabling "The World Today" to bring the Christian message to missionaries who refused to leave the Communist take over and were imprisoned and to those 280 million people born since that time who have never heard the Gospel.

In February, 1973, "The World Today" celebrated the first anniversary of its initial broadcast over the Sri-Lanka Broadcasting Corporation which carries the program to the people of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri-Lanka—an estimated potential listening audience of nearly five hundred million people.

Brother Freeman also conducts the Bible Sabbath Association program "Echoes from Eden."

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Neither should we.

So many gospel workers are hateful with others who don't agree with them that they place a cloud over the very Book they claim to love.

God hates sin. And distorting the Bible is sin, the breaking of the commandment against false witnessing. God hates the sin, and will not accept the sinner into His family until that sinner confesses his sin (not excuses it), repents (changes his mind on the subject), and accepts the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

These three conditions all must be met before God will accept anyone into His family. But this truth is not preached on many of the popular television type crusades today.

God will not accept you just as you are. But He will help you change to be what His law demands you be.

And that's not a probability; it is guaranteed by God in Jesus Christ.

They say life is uncertain, but not really. If you and I do the logical, correct, and right thing, life is guaranteed.

If we think right, live right, believe right, we are one hundred per cent certain to succeed in these areas of life. There is a clause, of course—that we must do what *is* right, not necessarily what we tell ourselves is right. Logic comes from the word in the Bible used for Jesus Christ (God), and if we are logical, honest, and correct, the result is guaranteed.

God will not be your servant; you must be His servant. He will not obey your will; you must obey His will. He will not believe you; you must believe Him—not just believe in

Him, that He exists—the demons do that—but you must believe Him. What He has said is so and will be so. And when we meet His requirements, He will accept us.

And not before.

That's a fact. It's not just a probability.

It's guaranteed—by God Himself.

THE CONFUSED MR. DOE

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it He would "give thee (Jesus) for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles" (Isa. 42:6). With this covenant God said, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts . . . for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:33, 34). This work of the new covenant these Galatians had forgotten and were trying to save themselves by their own efforts.

Because of this it was necessary for Paul to write, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1). The next verses continue, "Behold I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:2-4).

Paul taught that man is justified by faith in the merits of Christ; and this without any works on man's part. Then if anyone would try to save himself he would lose the merits of Christ and would be in the bondage

of sin. So he urges them to accept the merits of Christ and be free. We are set free by accepting what Christ has done, not by what we do.

But after we are saved by Christ, then what are we to do? After a criminal is pardoned, what is he to do? Is he free to violate the law of the land? No, he was pardoned so that thereafter he might be a loyal citizen.

So it is with us. Christ paid the price for our sins. Now, Paul says, we are to serve in newness of spirit. Now we no longer steal or lie, or commit adultery, or worship idols, or break the Sabbath. Now as He has restored us again into harmony with God, so we walk with Him as Enoch did.

As in the days of Israel the people failed to comprehend the spiritual meaning of the sacrificial system and consequently did not recognize Jesus as the promised Saviour, so it seems that many Christians today do not grasp the meaning of the new birth whereby we become partakers of the divine nature and so are enabled through faith in Christ to keep His law in newness of spirit.

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