

“Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he seeth.”

—Isaiah 21:6—

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DID YE ENJOY IT?



Eugene Lincoln

A YOUNG Presbyterian minister lived near the top of a mountain in Scotland. His church nestled in the valley by the side of a road which twisted up the slope.

One wintry Sunday morning snow lay deep and drifted over the mountainside. The minister's ancient car could not have been driven out of the driveway. But he had to get to his congregation somehow.

Suddenly, with blinding brilliance, an idea flashed into his mind. Why hadn't he thought of it before? *His skis!* As he strapped them onto his feet, he dreamed of being welcomed as a hero by his

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flock. And with this thought still in his mind, he slid down the mountain road, arriving with moments to spare before the service.

But a hero's welcome did not occur. Instead, some of the church elders frowned when they saw him

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Did Christ's Resurrection Change the Sabbath?

GEORGE DELLINGER



ONE OF THE most frequently heard arguments against the seventh-day Sabbath is that the resurrection of Christ changed the day of worship to Sunday. Typical of this idea is the statement of James Denney in his book *Jesus and the Gospel*, that the resurrection of Christ was "an event so decisive and sure that it displaced even the Sabbath" (page 113).

Since this idea is so often heard, it is important that we consider whether it might be true. Certainly if it is, there can be no further discussion.

First, it should be pointed out that many Sabbath keepers do not believe that the resurrection took

place on a Sunday, but rather on a Saturday three full days after a Wednesday crucifixion. Of course, if the resurrection was on a Saturday, the argument of the resurrection as a reason for Sunday keeping collapses. But we shall not concern ourselves with this particular point in the present article. Here we are interested only in whether the resurrection—regardless of the day it occurred—could change the day of worship.

There seem to be three points to consider in this matter which ought to show conclusively that the resurrection of Christ—important event that it was—has no effect on

the day of worship.

First, Christ's resurrection is not commemorated by a day of worship. At no time did Jesus Christ command His followers to commemorate His resurrection by the observance of a day. This is made clear by Paul in Romans 6:3-5: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

These verses from Paul make it plain that the resurrection of Christ is pictured and commemorated by baptism and not by any day of worship. To keep Sunday as a

Baptism is the memorial of Jesus' death.

memorial of the resurrection is absolutely without any Scriptural support whatever. Baptism is obviously all the commemoration of His resurrection that the Lord of the church desired from His people.

He did institute and command forever a memorial of His death. We find this in 1 Corinthians 11:26: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come." Jesus Himself says in Luke 22:19, "This do in remembrance of me." So the Lord's Supper—the New Testament Passover—is a memorial of Christ's death. This is forever commanded. But no memorial of Christ's resurrection is ever commanded so far as any day is concerned. It is memorialized in baptism.

Second, both God and His law are unchangeable. The Creator commanded the observance of His Sabbath, the seventh day, and at no time has He suggested any change of the day. Malachi 3:6 says, "For I am the Lord, I change not." Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day and for ever." Certainly God and Christ do not change. If they do not change, why dare some to think, without Scriptural authority, that the most enduring and permanent institution they ever gave would change?

Furthermore, God's eternal Law does not change. In Psalm 89:34 we are told, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." In Psalm 33:11 we read, "The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations." Psalm 119:89 says, "For ever O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

These are only some of the many statements in the Bible telling us that neither God nor His Law ever changes. In the light of these definite, emphatic statements, can we suggest that the day of worship has been changed by one single event, momentous and important though it was? The Sabbath is and always has been a part of God's unchanging Law. The Giver of the Law does not change! The Law does not change! Therefore, in no way at all did the resurrection change the Sabbath!

Third, what does the resurrection have to do with, anyway? In the absence of any command, in the light of an unchanging Law, what does the day Christ rose have to do with it?

We today worship the same God the faithful worshipped in the Old Testament. That God gave His Sabbath to man at the very beginning, and the followers of that

God observed it. Shall we do any less? If we worship the same God who gave the Sabbath in the first place, the same God who has never altered His Law, how can the resurrection change the day of worship?

If there were the slightest hint that the resurrection is to be commemorated by the observance of Sunday, there would be no question about it; Sunday would

have to be kept, at least in conjunction with the Sabbath. But there is no hint of this at all. We have seen that baptism commemorates the resurrection. We have seen that God and His Law do not change. We must—we are bound to—conclude that the resurrection in no manner changes the Sabbath! "There remaineth therefore a keeping of a sabbath to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9, margin). ■

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I would like to hear from Sabbath keepers who know about the serpent handler religion that *Liberty Magazine* is defending. James Lee Williams, General Delivery, Zellwood, Florida 32798.

I am a lonely Sabbath keeper. Please write to me if you are a lonely lady. Sanford Pack, P. O. Box 454, Fontana, Cal. 92335.

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The Assembly of Yahveh, 1022 Steffens Ave., Lincoln Heights, Ohio 45215, will be celebrating the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days, beginning April 2, or Nisan 14, at sunset through April 9, or Nisan 21, at sunset. We invite anyone to come and eat unleavened bread for seven days, enjoy this feast of deliverance and freedom, and also study the Scriptures that we may be more united and that we may know what Yahveh requires of us.

Come on I-75, about 15 miles north of Cincinnati to Lincoln Heights exit, turn left off of the exit to the third street, right to Steffens; turn left to the stone-front church building about three blocks.

Have you purchased your copy yet of "Right Face: A Handbook for Sabbath keepers"? This 32-page book is full of ideas on how to solve problems that the new Sabbath keeper faces. Only 60 cents per copy, plus 15 cents for handling and postage. Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737.

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The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, is presently meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Maize Rd. Assembly of God Church, 4161 Maize Rd., Columbus, Ohio. Visitors welcomed.

Jennings Randolph Is Honored

THE HONORABLE JENNINGS RANDOLPH, *United States Senator from West Virginia, was born in Salem, W. Va., and graduated from Salem College. He holds honorary degrees from fourteen colleges and universities. He served fourteen consecutive years in the U.S. House of Representatives and has been a member of the U.S. Senate since 1958. He is an active speaker and writer in religion, author of a chapter in the book, **Politics and Religion Can Mix. A Seventh Day Baptist, he is a member of the General Commission of The North American Baptist Fellowship and former vice chairman, North American Fellowship of The Baptist World Alliance. He has received many awards, including those presented by the YMCA, B'nai B'rith, West Virginia Wesleyan College, and Salem College.***

IN SPECIAL CEREMONIES at the Washington Hilton Hotel on December 6, 1976, United States Senator Jennings Randolph was recognized as "Churchman of the Year" by Religious Heritage of America. Representing Seventh Day Baptists at the presentation were the Rev. and Mrs. Leland Davis of the Washington, D.C., church and Editor and Mrs. John D. Bevis of Plainfield, N.J.

Religious Heritage of America, founded in 1951, is non-sectarian in its promotion of the principles of America's religious heritage.

In accepting his award Senator Randolph said: "Thank you, Mr. Stone, and appreciation to the trustees and members of the Religious Heritage of America, for this award. Its meaning, to me, is not so much of work done, but of

goals and dreams yet to be achieved by all of us.

"The next quarter century will be one of the most dynamic, most challenging, and — at the same time — the most turbulent periods in our history. While we look longingly to the past, we also reflect seriously on the state of our society, its current issues and problems, its future prospects and possibilities.

"This next quarter-century and beyond will be a time in which we will be required to reexamine our historic legacy, to reevaluate our commitments, and to consider anew our purpose and missions in the world.

"Possessing as we do in our mortal hands the power to destroy, we must move to possess in our immortal ideas the power to build. What we do in the immediate years will fix the future more solidly than what we have done over the past 200 years.

"It is clear that America began as a nation of God's people doing God's will.

"Matthew 21:43 says: 'The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to the nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.'

"Perhaps the fire and religious fervor of our early patriots may never burn as brightly again in our society. But I believe that across this land there is a broad and burning desire to return to that high calling of being God's people—His nation.

"In this 200th year of our existence—a year in which the people of the world have seen and shared the wonder of it all—what better time to make God's will our national goal—and to begin the challenging task of making the next 100 years a time for the lifting up of the human spirit."



Faith in the Midst of Communism



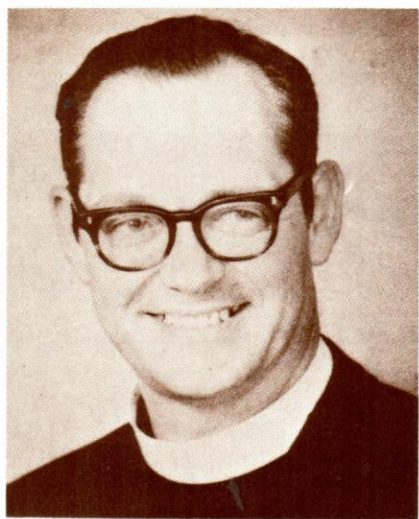
The Sabbath Day Christian Church is an independent association of Sabbath-keeping churches in the country of Poland. Although until 1933 this church was part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the members no longer identify with that church nor with the teachings of Ellen G. White. They are united in an association of ten churches and ten preaching stations which number about 500 members, all within Poland. Many of the members are widely scattered across the country.

The structure of this church is maintained by a church council

which meets every four years. The council appoints a chairman, mission director, church secretary, chief editor, and chairman of youth, who together make up the church board. The group prints a magazine, *The Spirit of the Times*, which has a circulation of 420.

Doctrinally the church teaches that salvation is by faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to provide justifying grace which produces new life in the believer. It also teaches that within this new life man must follow further teaching, including the observance of the Sabbath on Saturday, adult

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Pastor A. V. Kulikov

immersion, laying on of hands symbolizing baptism by the Holy Spirit, the Lord's Supper preceded by washing of feet, anointing the sick, ordination of ministers, wedding blessings, and preaching the Word of God at funerals. They also stress growth in faith, prayer life, and health. Some teachings concerning health which are emphasized are abstaining from unclean foods according to Leviticus 11, not smoking, not using narcotics, and temperance in use of alcohol. They observe cleanness, moderation, and simplicity of dress.

They expectantly look for the second advent of our Savior. They believe in a 1000-year reign with Christ in heaven and then the final judgment of Satan and the unrighteous following the millennium.

These Sabbath Day Christians do not belong to the Polish Ecumenical Council, but they still have freedom guaranteed by the constitution of the People's Republic of Poland.

arrive. The chairman of the board called a meeting after the service to consider ousting the parson.

"But why?" he inquired, puzzled, when the board members met.

"Ye've desecrated the Sabbath," one of them answered.

"Why, mon, ye skied on the Lord's holy day," another accused.

The minister protested: "But that was the only way I could have come to the services. The snow was too deep to drive."

"Thae's not the p'int," the chairman shot back at him. "The p'int is this: Did ye *enjoy* it?"

Let's not laugh at this story. Let's not even smile too much before we examine ourselves.

The Lord has told us to "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." He has put certain restrictions on how it should be spent. But—just as in Jesus' time—we must be careful that we do not burden the Sabbath with our *man-made* restrictions—rules that seek to provide for every aspect of Sabbath living. These can make the Sabbath a day we will dread to see arrive, for our minds will be occupied with details rather than the blessings that may be ours. And that is not what the Sabbath was meant to be. It was "made for man"—for our benefit and for our enjoyment.

"Lord of the Sabbath and its light,
I hail thy hallowed day of rest;
It is my weary soul's delight,
The solace of my care-worn breast."

—F. M. A. Venua

Eugene Linde

News From Sabbath Keepers

Conducted by LUKE WILLIAM BOYD

SALT DISCONTINUED

Due to lack of financial support, the Hawthorne, Cal., Church of God Sabbatarian has had to discontinue its periodical, *Salt*. After only a few issues, members cannot see clear to continue this publishing effort, so they recommend that readers obtain literature from the General Conference of the Church of God in Denver, Colo. Their previous magazine, *Facts of Our Faith*, had been changed in format into *Salt*. Many magazines are having to go through drastic changes because of increased postage, paper, and publishing costs.

VOICE OF PROPHECY

35 YEARS COAST-TO-COAST

On January 4, 1977, the Voice of Prophecy, a Seventh-day Adventist radio organization, celebrated its thirty-fifth year as a coast-to-coast radio network. Although begun on a single station in Los Angeles, in 1930 (47 years ago), VOP never had a wide outreach until less than one month following the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor which ushered America into World War 2. The network grew rapidly from the original 89 stations on January 4 to well over 200 stations by fall of 1942. Although set up in

difficult times, when the program was aired, H. M. S. Richards' "Hello, America" message brought joy and comfort to millions.

The VOP network grew rapidly, and so did the response. By October, 1942, they were receiving as high as 22,000 letters a month. Having begun in a very bleak period in American history, VOP was able to bring light where there had been darkness, and the people were very grateful. Many thousands of Sabbath-keeping believers can trace their salvation and knowledge of the Sabbath back to those early coast-to-coast broadcasts of Dr. H. M. S. Richards and the Voice of Prophecy.

SUNSHINE MOUNTAIN

A dream is coming into view for the Hays brothers in southwestern Mississippi—a place for retirement couples where there is plenty of fresh air, a good spiritual atmosphere, and needed activities in which the people are performing a service to those who are less blessed than themselves. Although the ideas have been with the brothers for several years, they can now see it begin to take shape at Sunshine Mountain.

Jack Hays, pastor of the

INDIA MAY SOON CLOSE

Metarie Seventh Day Baptist Church, and his brother Ralph Hays, a radio minister, are beginning to receive help from various sources to develop their project of a Christian community where older people live and can become actively involved in the lives of retarded children, sharing with them the simple things of life which can stimulate improvements in their mental capabilities: going fishing together, working in the garden, etc. Jack's wife, Linda, who has experience and training working with retarded children, will be a great aid to the project.

So far they have built only the main building, which will serve as an office and recreational facility. They expect to have dormitories for the mentally handicapped children, and although there will be a trained staff to supervise, the retired couples will give themselves to love the children who usually would be put away in a public institution. The Hays family hopes to find couples who could build their own homes on Sunshine Mountain and promise to give them to the organization when they die so that other retired couples could live there and take part in helping retarded children.

What stimulated this dream? A set of rough circumstances, including the severe brain damage of Ralph Hays' wife, Mary, in an operation a couple years ago got the brothers to thinking of ways to help not only themselves but also others with similar difficulties. They hope to see this Sunshine Mountain project fully developed and also possibly other similar Christian communities started "where God's kingdom on earth may be carried out."

If you are interested in this retirement institution where elderly people can be useful, contact: Sunshine Mountain, P.O. Box 37, Chatawa, MS 39632.

The leader of the Bible Faith and Literature Service, Elder Daniel Y. Basu, feels 1977 may be the last year in which open evangelism in India will be permitted. Elder Basu is a converted Hindu from a priestly family who is the active leader of an association of nearly 90 faithful Sabbath-keeping believers scattered throughout south India.

He was converted in 1958, starting out as a Methodist but continuing to study and walk in the truth as it was brought before him by the Holy Spirit. By 1963 he had accepted the seventh-day sabbath, joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He left the SDA church and in 1972, with several others, founded the Bible Faith and Literature Service.

The organization has a Bible School with 12 students who will go into the ministry following graduation in June, 1977. Elder Basu is assisted by three other ministers in his religious training responsibilities.

Since they see only a short time left with freedom to evangelize in India, they have an urgency to get the Bible truths to the people. To quote Elder Basu, "We need to do a lot of things here in India—600,000,000 people! What are we among them unless Yahweh blesses our works and empowers us by the Holy Spirit? So, dear brethren, kindly pray for us."

This group which observes the seventh-day Sabbath, has a hard time finding jobs which allow members the Sabbath off, but they take whatever menial tasks they can find and go onward and forward proclaiming Biblical truths. Pray for these brethren in India.

from the
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DESK**



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Our organization gives expression to the inherent principles of spiritual unity and fellowship of Sabbath-keeping believers, leaving inviolate the existing forms of "church government" adopted by its various members and recognizing that every freedom and privilege enjoyed by a denomination or sect shall remain its undisturbed possession.

Our objects are:

1. To provide a vehicle of expression and coordination of effort in matters common to all member Sabbath-observing bodies.
2. To demonstrate to the world the essential unity of Sabbath-keeping believers, partially fulfilling the prayer of the Messiah "that they all may be one" (John 17:21).
3. To provide services to its constituents which will enable them to accomplish more quickly and effectively

their responsibility for speedy witness to the religious community about the Sabbath truth.

4. To support the principle of freedom of choice and liberty of religious matters.
5. To work for beneficial and needed legislation advocating separation of church and state and at the same time oppose proposals that are detrimental to the interests of minority religious groups or which do not provide for equality or recognition of all legally established churches.

Now just why shouldn't any right-thinking Sabbath keeper endorse these principles and want to become a part of this united effort?

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Yours in sweet fellowship,

Terril D. Littrell



Writing to Your Congressman

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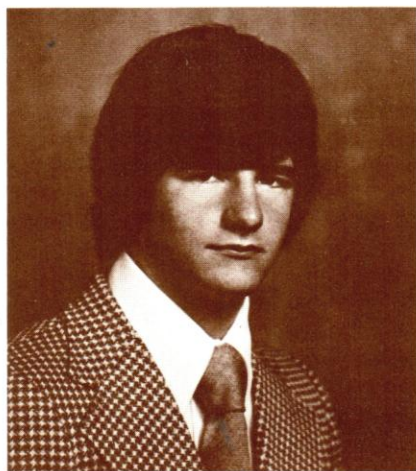
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Every congressman keeps track of the mail coming in—how many letters in favor of an issue, how many against it. How much attention he may pay to that when actually voting may depend on the individual congressman. If a congressman has already made up his mind on blue laws, then the amount of mail may not influence him. If he is undecided about the issue, this may have some influence, especially if the writer gives good reasons.

There is a technique in writing your congressman; sheer numbers may not be as influential as *what* is said! The best letters that give good sound arguments, briefly stated, will bring the most positive results.



Ron K. Bramlett was born on January 16, 1957, in Wayne, Ark. He was graduated from Jonesboro, Ark., High School, in May 1975. Converted at age 18, he was called into the ministry the same year. He

is presently attending The School of Ministry of The Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., and is currently the assistant pastor of the local church in Cleveland.

Ron says: "To fulfill my responsibilities as the new youth editor I solicit the help of all Sabbath-observing young people. It is our intention to make this column as interesting and beneficial to the reader as possible. If you are a young person and have a burning desire to see others share in your Christian experiences, we want to hear from you. Mail us your testimony today. Write to Ron Bramlett, P. O. Box 1207, Cleveland, TN 37311.

The following is the testimony of Chyrell Bishop. We know her experience will be a blessing to you.

God's Perfect Choice In Marriage

By Chyrell Bishop

I want to share with you my testimony, hoping to encourage you to serve the Lord and to show it pays to live for Him.

I repented when I was 15 and was baptized. I was so happy learning the truth, and finding such a treasure made me happier.

When I was 18 and a senior in high school, I wondered whether to further my education or to marry like everyone else, but that was just it—I didn't know any Sabbath-keeping boys. I dated several boys, but it always narrowed down to either their way or forget it.

Well, I forgot it. I would not give up this truth for anyone. Then I began to wonder, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" The Lord made it plain not to expect to change

someone after you married him; that was a step in the wrong direction. I stood fast for either God's way or none for me.

I began to pray that if the Lord wanted me to marry, for Him to send me a good man who would accept the truth and live for Him the same as I. It wasn't but a few days after I had prayed that I was looking through a paper which we had never received before and never have since. I was attracted to a picture of a fellow in the army who was serving in Vietnam. The Lord spoke to me and told me to write him and tell him how I believed and why, that I was a gospel singer, and my plans of life.

He wrote back, saying my plans were nice but that he didn't believe



the way I did. He was a member of the Church of Christ. I wrote him five or six months, trying to show him the truth.

He wrote me, telling me that he was coming home and wanted to meet me. We met and spent most our time together discussing the Bible until he could see no way but the truth. This was the fleece to know he was the one the Lord wanted me to have.

He came home in April of 1972, was baptized in July, and we were married in August of that year.

We are happy with each other, and the Lord has blessed us with two beautiful children, Conrad, Jr., three and one-half years old, and Christeena Gay, seven months. We all attend the Church of God in Depauw, Ind., of which Elder Lonnie Houser is pastor. ■

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Governor Asks for Repeal of Blue Laws

Last October 24 Governor Michael Dukakis asked the Massachusetts legislature to repeal the state's "archaic and outmoded" blue law restrictions on Sunday retailing.

"It no longer makes sense," Dukakis told the Committee on Government Regulations, "to maintain these unnecessary constraints on business activity when we are trying to encourage business expansion."

In urging Sunday retailing activities as provided in House bill 6720, the governor called for inclusion of a "local option" clause which would allow towns desiring to maintain blue laws to do so by affirmative vote.

Dukakis said both business and labor would be stimulated by repeal of the blue laws, and that state revenues would jump several million dollars a year due to increased receipts from payroll and sales taxes.

"This economic stimulation will, we hope, have its greatest effects in those border areas of Massachusetts that now face unrestrained competition from neighboring states with more liberal laws," Dukakis said, adding:

"No Massachusetts consumer should have to drive to New Hampshire to shop. We should help increase the competitiveness of Massachusetts merchants in every

fair way that we can."

The question of changing the Massachusetts Blue Laws appeared on the November 2 ballot, and passed by an overwhelming margin.

As it was a non-binding referendum question, it is not yet law and must be voted on by the legislature. The purpose of having the question on the ballot was for a sense of public opinion.

Governor Dukakis repeated his plea to the legislature on January 7, according to WBZ Radio News, Boston.

Bill Would Kill Alabama's "Blue Laws"

An Alabama state senator prefiled legislation to do away with the state's blue laws which have been under attack in several Alabama counties. This particular law became a subject of controversy when several local department stores started to open on Sunday during the holiday shopping season.

State Sen. Bert Bank of Tuscaloosa prefiled the bill which, if approved, will abolish the "blue laws."

A judge in Tuscaloosa recently ruled the blue law unconstitutional.

The Tuscaloosa judge, John Karrah, in making his ruling on the law said, "This may be the most unconstitutional law on the books." With this decision, the Scottsboro Police decided against making any

arrests when several local stores opened on Sunday.

The decision on enforcement of this law was left to Scottsboro Police Chief Ed Cotten, who said that based on the public opinion directed to his office, the majority of the citizens in the community prefer that the stores have the right to make their own decisions as to Sunday openings.

Connecticut Blue Laws Overturned

A recent court ruling has overturned the blue laws in Connecticut, allowing stores to open for business on Sundays.

Atheists Sabbath?

Madalyn Murray O'Hare recently called upon atheists to observe Thursday as their day of rest.

Religious Information Available

A complete tabulation of the religious affiliations of all members of Congress and state governors is available for \$1 from Americans United, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Springs, MD 20910.

President Carter's Position

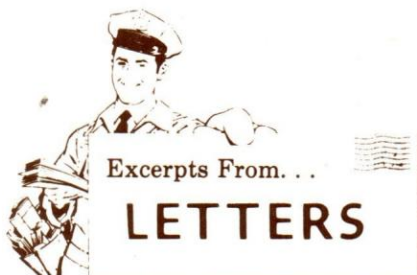
President Carter states; "A tenent of the Baptist faith is complete separation of church and state. I hold this view. I have not found it to impose a strain either on my personal religious convictions or on my performance in public office." Yet as the governor of Georgia he supported a strengthened Sunday law. His religious convictions may lead him to favor legislated morality while in the White House. The Bible Sabbath Association has its eye on such developments, and stands ready at any time to voice its opposition to nationally imposed blue laws.

Roman Catholic Support Increases

Roman Catholics captured six more congressional seats in the recent election to push their total to 129, their highest number in history. Of these, 13 are senators; two priests were reelected to the House of Representatives: Democrats Robert F. Drinan (Massachusetts) and Robert F. Cornell (Wisconsin). Catholics have continued to gain Congressional seats every election since 1964. The Catholic Church is the largest religious group in the U.S.A. with 49 million members. This church is the biggest promoter and defender of Sunday Laws in our nation.



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Would you please send me some bogus bill tracts on the Sabbath which you advertised in the SENTINEL? Our pastor always calls the Ten Commandments the Mosaic laws or the laws of Moses. When God first pronounced the Sabbath, it was in the Garden of Eden, hundreds of years before Moses was ever born.—F. E., Canada

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Please renew my membership and accept my small contribution. I appreciate receiving THE SABBATH SENTINEL. Of special value is the *Directory of Sabbath Observing Groups*. I found it rather exciting to be able to go through the pages of the directory, build connecting bridges from our church to churches going clear back to England in 1659. Thank you again.—J. L. M., member of the Worldwide Church of God, Indiana

Start Something

DOROTHY M. VAN WIERINGEN



RECENTLY I read a book about a clergyman who jokingly offered this bit of advice to break the tension at a wedding: He said to the groom, "When I pronounce you man and wife, you slap your bride. When she asks, as she brushes the tears from her eyes, 'Darling, what was that for?' you tenderly answer, 'Dearest, that was for nothing. Now start something!'"

This is somewhat how I feel—we need to give a good hard blow of reality if we wish to "start something" with the Satan-inspired paganism teaching of today.

Teaching some people the true meaning of God's Word is like trying to pound a rusty, bent, old nail into a piece of ironwood.

The atrocious way some preachers "put over" the Word of God is an abomination to His name. It is like washing clothes without soap—the dirt is left in the clothes. So it is in their washed-out sermons. They wash out God's Sabbath and His Ten Commandments and leave only the black streaks of confusion.

The good clean Word of God's truth is washed down the drain of pagan Sunday worship.

During the depression I was a young woman and I remember houses being started—buildings of all kinds standing unfinished, incomplete, vacant.

So are the souls of those today who do not know or refuse to accept the true Word of God vacant, incomplete, unfinished. These are the followers of Satan, his Sunday worship and his other pagan holidays.

Before you gave your loved ones a Valentine, did you take time to look up about the old saint and see just who and what Valentine was? And before you give your little ones an Easter bunny, just be sure it does not turn them into a couple of "hard boiled eggs" in the future.

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Nor can man break the health laws that God has given to mankind. A person who abuses the health the Eternal One has given him must expect ruin to his own body. Man might say that cigarettes, for instance, don't harm him. Even though the doctors may warn him that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, he may avoid the advice of the medical profession and continue to smoke, only later on to find that he has brought disease upon himself because he violated the health laws of God. He cannot break these laws; he breaks himself.

The laws still stand, for they are God's laws, and God's laws are not broken.

Many a young person has thought that he could break the civil laws of our land and fall into the company of questionable friends, only to find out that in trying to break laws, he broke himself instead, by having to reap in a penal institution what he had sown.

The Ten Commandments law of God is sure. "They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness (Psalm 111:7, 8). They cannot be broken. Those who try to break these commandments, these laws of God, break only themselves. God gave men the vigorous Ten Commandments and many other lesser laws and commandments designed for the purpose of our spiritual well-being. Men may attempt to break them. They may violate them. They may transgress against them. But they do not break God's law. They break only themselves in the process. God's laws still stand.

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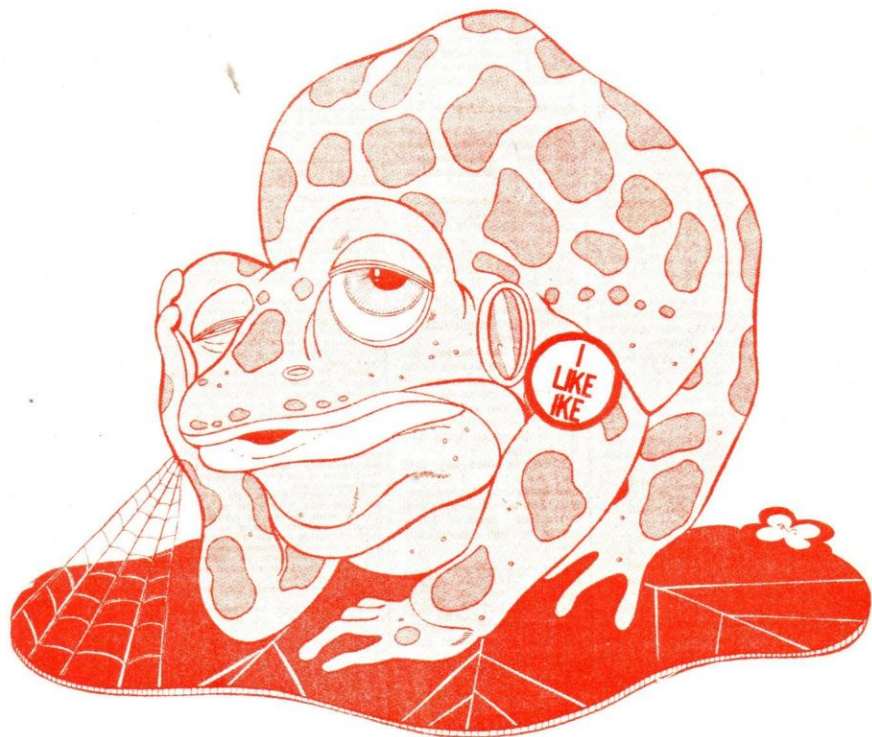
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