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*Jesus said, "whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him ..."*

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# WANTED: Black Robe Regiment

As this magazine is reaching you, the United States of America is celebrating the 242nd anniversary of the signing of the Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America. With their signatures, the signatories each pledged to one another their lives, fortunes and sacred honor for the purpose of creating a nation with a new idea—that men are endowed with certain unalienable rights by their Creator, among which, but not limited to, were life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Their goal was to free themselves of the tyranny of men and create a nation whose King was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They had a clear vision of a government to be created by the People, for the benefit of the People, and manned by volunteers for public service chosen and approved by the People, who would serve in a way that benefited everyone. If those wonderful men were to come back to life today, they would be shocked—not in a good way.

One of the things that has changed since those days is the role of the ministry. During the years leading up to the War for American independence, the ministry of many of the churches spoke out strongly against the abuses, injustices, and the evils of both the king of England and those who served him. They were so vocal in their condemnation of the evils perpetrated by the king that they were deemed to be the underlying cause of the rebellion that culminated with Unanimous Declaration of 1776.

In recognition of their role in the American revolution, the British dubbed those preachers “the black robe regiment.” These men were forceful spokesmen for the goodness of God as opposed to the evils perpetrated by other men in the name of God. *The Biblio Sacra*, a British publication, wrote of them in 1856 that without the bold and fearless preaching of those men the revolution would never have happened. Sadly, our nation is once again in need of those individuals.

Today’s preachers for the most part are weak and timid imitations of those who led the United States to liberty so long ago. In those days, preachers were firebrands who strongly condemned evil from the pulpit.

Today, the nation’s ministry, albeit not all of them, is plagued with corruption and condoning, if not promoting, all manner of sin under the guise of “love.” This is nothing new. The Apostle Paul berated the Church in Corinth for being so tolerant and loving instead of throwing a man who was intimate with his father’s wife out of the church.

Today, all manner of evil is tolerated, if not condoned, by preachers whose concern is their own bellies, who twist and pervert the scriptures for a paycheck—the hireling shepherd of John 10:12. They loudly proclaim that we must be tolerant, that we must love the sinner where we find them. There is no mention of condemnation of the sins of our nation, or of congregants or parishioners, for fear of being relieved of their posts and positions.

One such silence in the churches is the vehement denunciation of the evil of abortion—a great national sin. It is estimated that, as a nation, we have allowed over 50 million children to be murdered at the hands of abortionists since 1973. Do we believe for a second that if God hated the killing of children for the false god Moloch that He is not likewise incensed over our national sin of mutilating, dissecting and murdering children in the womb? Why are preachers not speaking out and showing our nation its sin, then leading their congregations and parishes in rebellion against the elected servants who have failed to proclaim that life begins at conception, thus ensuring that abortion is murder?

And how about the rampant spread of all manner of sexual perversion in our nation? Why is it that preachers are not speaking out against the evils of homosexuality, and other demented sexual devian-



cy, instead of speaking soft words to tickle the ears of those listening? Is it any wonder why people are disgusted and disappointed at the spiritual state of the churches of this nation? Is it any wonder why those churches are shrinking while “churches” of dubious spirituality, and no connection to Jesus and the God who created the universe, thrive.

Pastors and teachers in the churches are supposed to be watchmen, ready to sound the alarm when they see evil approaching. They are to be always vigilant, watching intently for the evil, spotting it while it is a long way off, instead of welcoming it into the churches and tolerating it. God holds them, and us, personally responsible for failing to warn the people of the impending disasters of evil that Satan invariably sends against the people.

It is not enough for pastors and teacher to wring their hands and proclaim woefully that our once-great nation is become “a nation gone under,” as President Ronald Reagan once prophesied. It’s not enough to issue platitudes proclaiming that God wants us to “hate the sin but love the sinner,” while demonstrating tolerance for evil brought openly into the congregations. We cannot ignore the lesson Paul taught us in 1st Corinthians about confusing love and discipline with tolerance, at least not if we are teachers and pastors who speak for God.

Let us be clear and scripturally sound. God destroyed two cities for their sexual perversions. God does not take lightly the taking of a life. He takes no pleasure in suffering and death. However, He will not allow evil to exist in His sight. He also does not change with respect to what He hates. Even in the creation of a new covenant we are told that it was not based upon different requirements of His people, but is based upon better promises.

God pronounces a curse on the watchmen who don’t warn. He issues a warning against the teachers who hold back the truth. Although not every pastor or teacher has taken the path of evil and tolerance thereof, the vast majority have. Instead of preaching the truth that ALL sin kills, a milquetoast gospel about the person of Christ, which ignores His powerful preaching that we must obey the

Commandments of God, is preached. A message that God’s law is nailed to the cross is promoted, ignoring the message that sin is death as defined by the Law of God and that the only path to salvation is to acknowledge that it was our sins that were nailed to that cross so long ago—not God’s Law!

If we are to return to the liberty we once enjoyed in Christ as a nation, we must first return to Christ. That means loudly proclaiming evil to be what it is instead of tolerating it in the name of a false love that is not of God. We must state unequivocally from the pulpit that sin is death, that God hates it, that our sins caused the death of the Christ and that those sins are defined as the body of our actions that violate the Ten Commandments issued to Israel at Sinai, if not in the garden from the very beginning.

Moreover, we must state clearly the evil of our servants who fail to uphold God’s Way by the things they do in office, and instead begin leading the congregations vocally against such evil servants.

There is no compromise with evil. The black robe regiment knew and understood that. It was their unflinching stand on at least 9 of the 10 commandments that led this nation to liberty. It was their willingness to step down from the pulpit and lead the people in righteousness against the English evil, and sin, that was rewarded by God.

It is well past time for the pastors, preachers and teachers of this nation to get back to their roots. Evil needs to be defined and distinguished. It needs to be rooted out in the congregations of this country. That can only happen when those claiming to teach the Way of God get back to teaching that sin is evil instead of fearing the evil and those practicing it. It can only happen when they fear God more than they fear the words and threats of men.

The black robed regiment were leaders, giving clear voice to defining evil, demanding righteousness of the people and their leaders. It’s past time when the religious leaders of this country should have stepped up into the examples of the black robed regiment instead of cowering fearfully behind “love” and tolerance. It is past time we were nationally led back to the Eternal God and His righteousness.



### Seven Factors that Influenced

### the Sabbath in the Early Church

(Part 1)

Kelly McDonald, BSA President

When we look at early church history, there are at least seven factors that influenced the Sabbath. While these items are certainly interrelated, they can also be viewed individually. As this series progresses, we will tie them together. These factors are listed below:

- 1) Persecution of Christians,
- 2) Destruction of Jerusalem (twice),
- 3) Quartodeciman Controversy,
- 4) Anti-Semitism,
- 5) Syncretism,
- 6) Allegorizing Scripture, and
- 7) Rome's Relationship to Roman Emperors.

A series of persecutions affected the Sabbath in the early Church. From 64 AD to 324 AD, there were as many as 12 persecutions of Christians initiated by Roman Emperors. These persecutions hunted down the faithful. They had their property confiscated; they were tortured and even killed. Many leaders were targeted in these attacks.

Amidst these persecutions, two classes of people in Christianity began to emerge. The first class was composed of loyal and faithful believers who held to the faith no matter how they were threatened or what they experienced. The second class would profess Christ in public, but deny Him when threatened with punishment. This second class even sacrificed to the pagan gods of Rome.

One eye-witness of this development was Pliny the Younger. He was a magistrate during the reign of the Roman Emperor Trajan, who ruled from 98-117 AD. This is one of the Emperors that allowed Christians to be persecuted. A quote from letter 97 is found below:

*"...An anonymous information was laid before me containing a charge against several persons, who upon examination denied they were Christians, or had ever been so. They repeated after me an invocation to the gods, and offered reli-*

*gious rites with wine and incense before your statue (which for that purpose I had ordered to be brought, together with those of the gods), and even reviled [cursing] the name of Christ: whereas there is no forcing, it is said, those who are really Christians into any of these compliances: I thought it proper, therefore, to discharge them...Some among those who were accused by a witness in person at first confessed themselves Christians, but immediately after denied it; the rest owned indeed that they had been of that number formerly, but had now (some above three, others more, and a few above twenty years ago) renounced that error. They all worshipped your statue and the images of the gods, uttering imprecations at the same time against the name of Christ... They affirmed the whole of their guilt, or their error, was, that they met on a stated (fixed) day before it was light, and addressed a form of prayer to Christ...I forbade the meeting of any assemblies.... For it appears to be a matter highly deserving your consideration, more especially as great numbers must be involved in the danger of these prosecutions...In fact, this contagious superstition is not confined to the cities only, but has spread its infection among the neighbouring villages and country. Nevertheless, it still seems possible to restrain its progress. The temples, at least, which were once almost deserted, begin now to be frequented; and the sacred rites, after a long intermission, are again revived...From all this it is easy to conjecture what numbers might be reclaimed if a general pardon were granted to those who shall repent of their error..." (emphasis mine throughout).*

We can clearly see the influence of these persecutions. Some people denounced their profession of faith in Christ when confronted. Christians were observed to meet on a stated or fixed day; this would have been the Sabbath. Their assemblies were forbidden. Pliny also noted that the pagan temples were almost empty, but the persecutions caused them to be full again. Some who had attended church later turned back to

pagan worship. This behavior was repeated in subsequent persecutions.

A second influence on the Sabbath in early Church history was the destruction of Jerusalem (twice). In the book of Acts, we learn that Jerusalem was the center of Christianity. The book of Acts mentions this city third-most of all books in the Bible. Within the city of Jerusalem: councils were held, ministers reported to the Apostles, and ministers were sent out to help others. For some examples of this, see: Acts 1:4-8, 11:1-2, 11:19-22, 11:26-27, 12:24-25, 13:13, 15:2, 16:4, and Gal. 2:1-2.

In 70 AD, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. Jesus warned the early believers to flee to the mountains when the city was surrounded by armies (Luke 21:20-21). History tells us that they obeyed. They fled to Pella and were protected. Unfortunately, Jerusalem was destroyed again in the 130s AD. This second incident was much more destructive to the long-term health of Christianity.

A controversy arose during the reign of Hadrian (sometimes called Adrian). According to the Roman historian Cassius Dio, Hadrian attempted to build a temple to Jupiter on top of the ruins of the Second Temple (Book 69, sections 12-14). This caused a war with the Jewish people. Hadrian banned the celebration of the Sabbath and any other practice that appeared Jewish. After the Romans won, all the Jewish people were banned from Jerusalem. This caused many Christians to be removed from the city as well. Sulpicius Severus wrote that Hadrian persecuted Christians and placed images of devils at the loca-

tion where Christ was crucified (Sacred History, bk 2, ch. 31).

Eusebius [early 300s AD] wrote: "...until the siege of the Jews, which took place under Adrian [Hadrian], there were fifteen bishops in succession there, all of whom are said to have been of Hebrew descent, and to have received the knowledge of Christ in purity, so that they were approved by those who were able to judge of such matters..." (Eus, History, bk 4, 5:2, [NPNF: 176]).

These events caused a long-term problem. Jerusalem was devastated twice within 70 years; the headquarters of Christianity was now in question. The city no longer had bishops who held the knowledge of Christ in purity. Over the next few centuries, other cities competed to be the successor of apostolic authority and doctrine. These cities included, but are not limited to: Rome, Alexandria, Carthage, and later Constantinople.

During this time, heresies began to infiltrate Christianity. Hegessipus [about 150 AD] wrote that the church was a virgin until the reign of Trajan (Fragments, ANF: 764). Clement of Alexandria [about 180 AD] claimed that heresies arose in the time of Hadrian (Stromata, bk 7, chp 17). Sulpicius Severus informed us that until the reign of Hadrian most Christians believed in Christ while obeying the Law of God (Sacred History, bk 2, ch. 31).

Forces were at work that changed Christianity, but not for the better. In the next edition of The Sabbath Sentinel, we will explain how the first two factors gave way to more developments.

## BSA President's Speaking Schedule

**The Bible Sabbath Association's President, Kelly McDonald, will be appearing at several locations in July and August.**

### Tentative July Schedule

July 7 – Athens, GA

July 14 – Corinth, MS and Jackson, TN

July 21 – Murfreesboro, TN

July 28 – Cleveland, TN

### Tentative August Schedule

August 4 – Athens, GA

August 11 – Corinth, MS and Jackson, TN

August 18 – Ontario, OR

August 25 – Cleveland, TN

# 7 PILLARS OF WISDOM

## PART 6

*Michael Suned*

### **The Fifth Pillar of Wisdom— “Decision”**

There is a highly challenging task for people which has existed since Creation. Some even consider this to be an on-going nightmare. It is also one of the most unaccepted tasks for everyone which is not limited by race, education, experience or religion. That task is one of making correct decisions.

It is an undisputable fact that many decisions we have made in life, ones that we strongly believed to be 100% true and correct at the moment we made them, instead brought disasters that we didn't desire and did not anticipate.

We know from history and from personal experience that successful results and errorless operations are usually associated with sound judgment. We also know that failure or disheartening results more often than not correlate with ignorance or bad decisions. We find ourselves slapping our foreheads and wondering how and why an “absolutely right decision” brought about partially wrong results or perhaps results that were completely unacceptable and unexpected. We see this reflected in the facial expressions and gestures of exasperation of people all around the world regularly. This creates a reason to learn and understand the whole process whereby we make decisions.

According to one of the most respected of scientific laboratories, and considered accurate by many scholars, the human brain has about 100 billion neurons which receive, process and transmit electrochemical signals. On average, each of the neurons fire at about 200 times per second. They are connected to thousands of other neurons. Those thousands of other neurons receive the signal fired by the connected neuron and in turn process the signal. This individually connected neuron firing into thousands

of others will bring an estimated 20 quadrillion bits of information transmitted per second. You may have had a hard time understanding the magnitude of that number. It is 20 million-billion bits of information transmitted every second. You can do the math for how many bits of information will be processed in a minute, an hour or a day. We should stop and consider how amazing our brain, and the many functions that it handles daily, actually is.

Our senses continuously observe, and the brain processes, the circumstances surrounding us, then captures and filters the information which it then stores in designated locations of the brain to be recalled in the future if the need arises. Gathering, processing, and re-processing information serves the purpose of assisting us in our quest to make right decisions.

However, the heart breaking fact is that we habitually ignore the notices created in our thoughts by the process of our brain's activities. Our understanding is unbelievably limited because we are not able to feel or sense the brain's processing activities such as switching from left to right brain, expansion of brain capacity and even the process of dying brain cells. Just because we don't have a scientific explanation about the details of our dying brain cells doesn't mean that what the scientists haven't proven is wrong.

Another scientifically unproven, controversial point is that information processing and exchange exists even during ovum fertilization. Up until recently we did not have scientific proof of information being dispatched, processed and received at that moment. We actually sense and agree that the above two points are unexplained and this showcases the problem of our inability to explain them from the perspective of mathematic or theological viewpoints. The majority of people have actually been trained to receive, process and decode information



in mathematical or theological terms but none of that training empowers understanding of exactly what happens at fertilization.

Understanding and believing that the ability of the brain to observe, process and reprocess information, and its ability to store information, must have started from the moment of fertilization of the ovum will greatly help us to develop a correct understanding of astonishing accounts of the previously-mentioned scared victims of child trafficking. These examples are emotionally not-easy-to-consider examples of inhumane crime which have destroyed thousands of families. Yet, they prove how important it is to understand this pillar of wisdom. Those of the children who were able to escape from the perpetrators' clutches, and save themselves from unimaginable tortures and a lifetime of sorrow, have demonstrated strongly and solidly the



Fifth Pillar at the moment of their escape. We are unable to quantify the trillion of bits of information which were processed, transmitted and evaluated by those children at that the moment of the decision to escape. However ignoring or making an excuse to not think deeper is running away from the reality of the Fifth Pillar. Instead of believing or accepting those emotionally derived but factually incorrect misconceptions, we can come up with a simple, understandable concept—that the decision to “illustrate decisiveness” is the key reason that made the difference in their lives.

Our success and failure often depends on decisions we have made some time ago. The life you are living now is the result of many decisions you have made in the past. Slapping our forehead with sorrow and wishing to change the past, or instead smiling and enjoying the life we have, is the result of those decisions. The decisions that you make at the beginning of your life determine whether or not you believe that you have made the right decisions at the end of your life. This is a very realistic scale and everyone awaits and wonders through their lives whether they have made right decisions.

This invisible, subconsciously directed destiny should lead us in advance to have a strong desire to learn and develop our information processing capability in order to form the ability to make sound judgments intentionally. We capture, process and store information through our sights, sounds, smells, taste, touch and thoughts. Our nerves are sensitive enough to capture, consciously and subconsciously, all the activities within their presence, including our brain activities. However, we are more receptive to our emotions, and so neglect sensing our realistic but invisible brain functions. Our repeated way of processing information forms in us a habit of thinking, responding and living that helps to determine who we are at the moment. Unfortunately, our lives are a war against our deeply rooted ability to process accurately. It compromises any intentional, habitual information processing mental characteristic which has been forming. What has been developing through our ignorant, procrastinating responses towards our life and environment

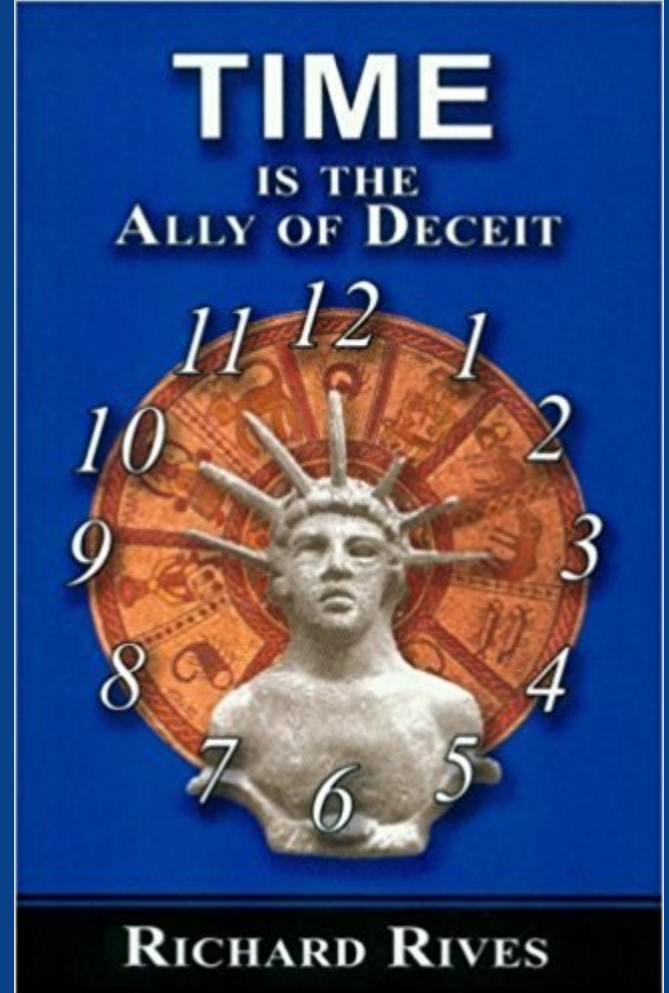


makes self-development a priority for success.

Knowing this pillar will help us to see how motivational speakers have arrived at different results from the results of other people who have tried to counsel the same person, even though everyone senses an emptiness soon or later after the initial impact of a motivational speech subsides. The whole process of a motivational seminar is a miniscule version of an educational system. The goal of helping the audience to make a sharp, correct decision has to be established because a decision has immeasurable power that can change and lift a person to a higher place. Some people ignore it, some people try to re-name it, but the power of "decision" is noticeable and powerful. It's very clear that "decision" is unquestionably to be considered to be the fifth important pillar of wisdom. It is outlined in Proverbs Chapter 9 by one of the most admired kings of history.

We should start forming a habit to make deliberate decisions by developing a formula or format throughout our lives and continue in that practice until our death. Each of us makes, subconsciously, trillions of decisions throughout our life-long journeys. When we carefully examine all the decisions that we have made in our lives after having a full knowledge of what those decisions were, we arrive at the shocking fact that people mostly make emotional decisions. We feel bad when we find out that someone took advantage of our habit of emotional decision making—and we should.

Having discussed "decision," it is our destiny to embrace the result of our decisions, like them or not. Decisions have been constantly made by us whether or not we want to accept that this is a fact. In order to have greater wisdom and enhance your capacity for making right decisions, "decision" is considered fifth in demand and hence the "Fifth Pillar" of wisdom. We must learn and adopt this Pillar in order to serve and create the successful life we want, in a detailed way.



## **TIME is the Ally of Deceit**

Richard Rives

**Many aspects of Traditional Christianity cannot be found in the Bible. They can however be traced directly to the worship of pagan gods which predate Christianity by centuries. How is it that precepts that have nothing to do with Christ and everything to do with pagan sun worship have found their way into our churches? History reveals that there is one very good answer.**

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# The Mystery of the 144,000

*Darl Arbogast*

In the spirit of giving and sharing I would love to lay out for consideration what I have gleaned from the Holy Bible and my personal understanding concerning the 144,000; I hope it will be helpful.

My first encounter with this topic goes back to 1962 when I began to study with the Jehovah's Witnesses however without a lot of detail I saw beyond their teaching on the subject many years ago! I then studied with the Worldwide Church of God for 23 years and eventually saw beyond their teaching on the subject as well.

Let me say here that I am not nit-picking everyone else's beliefs but if I feel I can shed some light or shed some understanding on the topic of 144,000 at least I am willing to step forward and try. I think it is best not to trust too deeply in any corporate church's doctrine on this subject.

It is important to understand and realize that there are two sets of 144,000, this is where we begin. One set of 144,000 is in Revelation 7:3 thru 8 and the other set of 144,000 is in Revelation 14:1 thru 5.

Most Sabbatarian Church of God people believe that the main bulk of North America's citizenry are primarily descended from Manasseh; this too is important information.

We see that the 144,000 of Revelation 7 are physical human beings; making a count of 12,000 from each listed tribe, except Dan; Manasseh takes his place. This gives Joseph, a double portion because Manasseh was Joseph's oldest son.

A good question to ask at this point would be, what about the tribe of Dan and where is Dan? To answer this question history tells us that in 1845 C.E. when the potato famine struck Ireland half of the

tribe of Dan was taken in by Manasseh, half of the Irish were brought to America. Today there are more people of Irish descent in North America than in the entire Ireland population. As a consequence of the potato famine and the mass immigration from Ireland, half or more of Dan is hid in Manasseh and today as Americans they would be known as Manassites instead of Danites. Manasseh takes Dan's place on the list.

There are 12 names listed as tribes of Israel in Revelation 7 (Dan, Israel's son) is not among them nor is Ephraim, (Joseph's youngest son).

Reuben	Simeon	Levi	Judah
Zebulun	Issachar	**Manasseh	Gad
Asher	Naphtali	*Joseph	*Benjamin

*\*Rachel had two son's – Joseph and Benjamin*

*\*\*Joseph's oldest son – Manasseh*

Ephraim (Britain) and Manasseh (USA) are the sons of Joseph and the grandsons of Jacob (Israel) and Rachel.

It may work out that all of these Israelite descendants will be in Jerusalem at the time of their sealing for protection during the 'Day of the Lord'; they have been gathering there since 1948. Revelation 7:4 NKJ "And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed."

Whoever calls on the name of the Lord as the 'Day of the Lord' approaches shall be delivered. Zechariah 14:4,5 NKJ "And in that day His (Christ) feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the

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*mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You."*

I have watched as differing Church of God groups over the years have clamored and debated over who would be taken to the "place of safety" during the "Day of the Lord." I think and understand it may be these 144,000 Israelites, going to the place of safety. Remember at one time 130,000 Bedouins lived in Petra where most everyone thinks the place of safety will be; the number of people are fairly close. When the "Day of the Lord" has passed an angel will be sent to bring them up to Jerusalem for what is to follow, which would be the beginning of the millennium.

The other 144,000 are resurrected saints written about in Revelation 14:1 thru 5 NKJ *"Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads (the bride). And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women (false churches), for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God."*

It is important to pay close attention to what happened on Mount Sinai. The answer begins with Exodus 24:9 thru 11 NKJ *"Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.*

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*But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank."*

Here is where the sea of glass is first mentioned in which Moses, Aaron and Nadab and Abihu and 70 of the elders of Israel stood before Christ, the God of Israel and they ate a meal there with Him.

Ezekiel saw the sea of glass twice. Ezekiel 1:22 and 10:1 NKJ *"The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads. 1 And I looked, and there in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne."*

The Apostle John also saw the sea of glass in a vision twice with a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Revelation 4:6 and 15:2 NKJ *"Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back."*

*"And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God."*

As it is written in the Bible, Revelation 15:5 *"After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened."* There are three levels of heaven! The first heaven is where the birds and planes fly where the expanse of air is over any given point on the earth's atmosphere. The sec-

ond heaven is where God hung the sun, moon and stars. Where spacecraft and guided missiles fly and man's satellites are located, the cosmos. The third heaven is where God's throne is located, outer space. The Apostle Paul wrote: 2 Corinthians 12:2 NKJ *"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was caught up to the third heaven."*

Apparently the sea of glass is at the top of Mount Sinai where Moses and the others found it as written in Exodus 19:20 NKJ *"Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up."* We need to pay close attention to what is being said in Revelation 14:1 thru 5 as it appears the sea of glass reaches from Mount Sinai to Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

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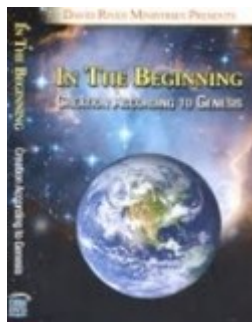
When a couple get married the groom gives his father's name to the bride. In verse one and verse four of Revelation 14, this 144,000 are called virgins and they follow the Lamb who is the groom at the wedding taking place on the sea of glass. This is as clear as it can be, this 144,000 is the bride of Christ and will rule with Him during the millennium. They are firstfruits to God and the Lamb, they have the Father's name written on their forehead so clearly, they are the bride of Christ.

These 144,000, the bride, have been redeemed from the earth so they are immortal spirit beings. They are doctrinally pure not defiled by false churches and are called virgins. They have been redeemed showing they are spirit beings and firstfruits to immortality. There is no guile spoken by them and they are without fault standing before the throne on the sea of glass, apparently at the top of Mount Zion. Indications are that the sea of glass is where the marriage banquet will be held.

Question: what then is the purpose of the other 144,000 and the innumerable multitude of Revelation 7? Very briefly they are to return to Jerusalem from their place of safety of being sealed and to begin growing a physical new Israel wherein righteousness dwells; during the millennium.

It is written God will reign on earth and dwell with man! 1 Kings 8:27 NKJ - 27 *"But will God indeed dwell on the earth?"* (Yes He will!)

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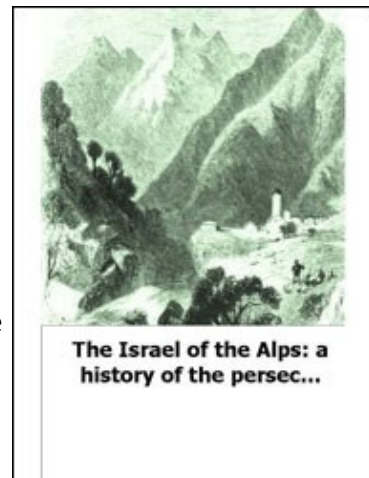
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# What I Learned in the Peace Corps in Africa: Trump Is Right

By Karin McQuillan

Three weeks after college, I flew to Senegal, West Africa, to run a community center in a rural town. Life was placid, with no danger, except to your health. That danger was considerable, because it was, in the words of the Peace Corps doctor, "a fecalized environment."

In plain English: human waste is everywhere. People defecate on the open ground, and the feces is blown with the dust – onto you, your clothes, your food, the water. He warned us the first day of training: do not even touch water. Human feces carries parasites that bore through your skin and cause organ failure.

Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined that a few decades later, liberals would be pushing the lie that Western civilization is no better than a third-world country. Or would teach two generations of our kids that loving your own culture and wanting to preserve it are racism.

Last time I was in Paris, I saw a beautiful African woman in a grand boubou have her child defecate on the sidewalk next to Notre Dame Cathedral. The French police officer, ten steps from her, turned his head not to see.

I have seen. I am not turning my head and pretending unpleasant things are not true.

Senegal was not a hellhole. Very poor people can lead happy, meaningful lives in their own cultures' terms. But they are not our terms. The excrement is the least of it. Our basic ideas of human relations, right and wrong, are incompatible.

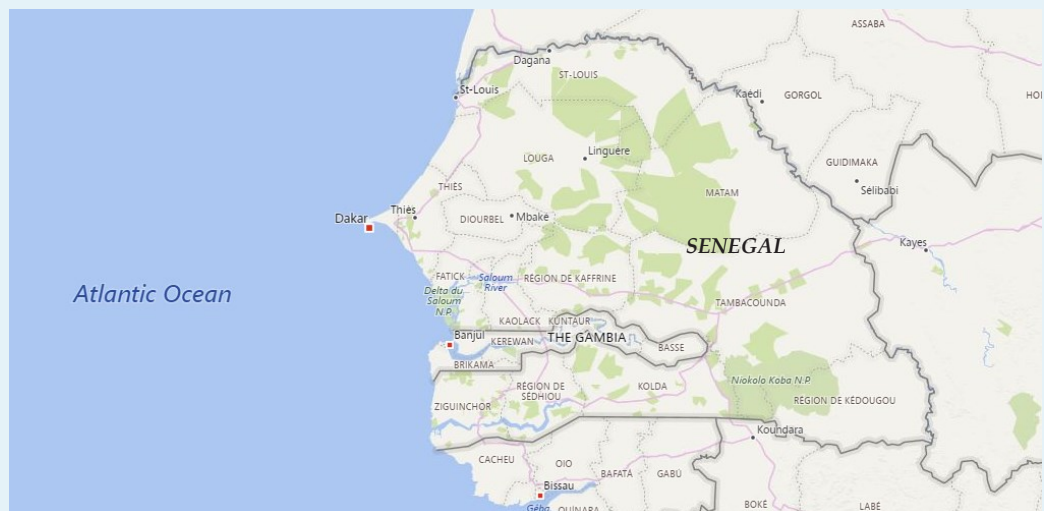
As a twenty-one-year-old starting out in the Peace Corps, I loved Senegal.

In fact, I was euphoric. I quickly made friends and had an adopted family. I relished the feeling of the brotherhood of man. People were open, willing to share their lives and, after they knew you, their innermost thoughts.

The longer I lived there, the more I understood: it became blindingly obvious that the Senegalese are not the same as us. The truths we hold to be self-evident are not evident to the Senegalese. How could they be? Their reality is totally different. You can't understand anything in Senegal using American terms.

Take something as basic as family. Family was a few hundred people, extending out to second and third cousins. All the men in one generation were called "father." Senegalese are Muslim, with up to four wives. Girls had their clitorises cut off at puberty. (I witnessed this, at what I thought was going to be a nice coming-of-age ceremony, like a bat mitzvah or confirmation.) Sex, I was told, did not include kissing. Love and friendship in marriage were Western ideas. Fidelity was not a thing. Married women would have sex for a few cents to have cash for the market.

What I did witness every day was that women





were worked half to death. Wives raised the food and fed their own children, did the heavy labor of walking miles to gather wood for the fire, drew water from the well or public faucet, pounded grain with heavy hand-held pestles, lived in their own huts, and had conjugal visits from their husbands on a rotating basis with their co-wives. Their husbands lazed in the shade of the trees.

Yet family was crucial to people there in a way Americans cannot comprehend.

The Ten Commandments were not disobeyed – they were unknown. The value system was the exact opposite. You were supposed to steal everything you can to give to your own relatives. There are some Westernized Africans who try to rebel against the system. They fail.

We hear a lot about the kleptocratic elites of Africa. The kleptocracy extends through the whole society. My town had a medical clinic donated by international agencies. The medicine was stolen by the medical workers and sold to the local store. If you were sick and didn't have money, drop dead. That was normal.

So here in the States, when we discovered that my 98-year-old father's Muslim health aide from Nigeria had stolen his clothes and wasn't bathing him, I wasn't surprised. It was familiar.

In Senegal, corruption ruled, from top to bottom. Go to the post office, and the clerk would name an

outrageous price for a stamp. After paying the bribe, you still didn't know it if it would be mailed or thrown out. That was normal.

One of my most vivid memories was from the clinic. One day, as the wait grew hotter in the 110-degree heat, an old woman two feet from the medical aides – who were chatting in the shade of a mango tree instead of working – collapsed to the ground. They turned their heads so as not to see her and kept talking. She lay there in the dirt. Callousness to the sick was normal.

Americans think it is a universal human instinct to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It's not. It seems natural to us because we live in a Bible-based Judeo-Christian culture.

We think the Protestant work ethic is universal. It's not. My town was full of young men doing nothing. They were waiting for a government job. There was no private enterprise. Private business was not illegal, just impossible, given the nightmare of a third-world bureaucratic kleptocracy. It is also incompatible with Senegalese insistence on taking care of relatives.

All the little stores in Senegal were owned by Mauritians. If a Senegalese wanted to run a little store, he'd go to another country. The reason? Your friends and relatives would ask you for stuff for free, and you would have to say yes. End of your business. You are not allowed to be a selfish individual and say no to relatives. The result: Everyone has nothing.

The more I worked there and visited government officials doing absolutely nothing, the more I realized that no one in Senegal had the idea that a job means work. A job is something given to you by a relative. It provides the place where you steal everything to give back to your family.

I couldn't wait to get home. So why would I want to bring Africa here? Non-Westerners do not magically become American by arriving on



our shores with a visa.

For the rest of my life, I enjoyed the greatest gift of the Peace Corps: I love and treasure America more than ever. I take seriously my responsibility to defend our culture and our country and pass on the American heritage to the next generation.

African problems are made worse by our aid efforts. Senegal is full of smart, capable people. They will eventually solve their own country's problems. They will do it on their terms, not ours. The solution is not to bring Africans here.

We are lectured by Democrats that we must privilege third-world immigration by the hundred million with chain migration. They tell us we must end America as a white, Western, Judeo-Christian, capitalist nation – to prove we are not racist. I don't need to prove a thing. Leftists want open borders because they resent whites, resent Western achievements, and hate America. They want to destroy America as we know it.

As President Trump asked, why would we do that?

We have the right to choose what kind of country to live in. I was happy to donate a year of my life as a young woman to help the poor Senegalese. I am not willing to donate my country.

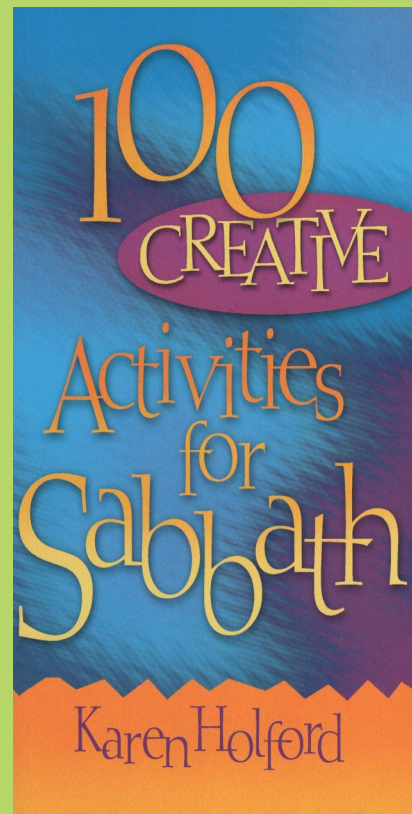
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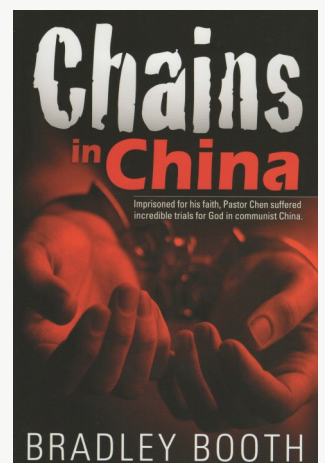
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# "...You renew the face of the earth!"

*Ray E. Daly*

Ps. 104:30. "...You renew the face of the earth!"

Read these words again. And a third time if necessary. Then ask yourselves, "What do they mean? And, are they Truth?" Well, they are indeed Truth. And since the word "renew" means to return something to its original shape or condition, then the words mean that The Almighty is going to see to it that the earth will be returned to its pre flood condition. Actually, return it to its Genesis One conditions.

When people view the earth today, they see gigantic oceans, and incredibly high mountain ranges. And, in each case, both are a curse to our nations and peoples. Yes, there are "positives" when it comes to the seeing or to the use of them as they are now. But, they are also the cause of "almost all" BAD weather conditions. Tornados, hurricanes, global warming, etc.

At the same time, people will also believe that today's conditions, as it pertains to the mountain ranges and oceans, have been here since the time of the flood of Noah's days. But, that is not accurate. For, after the flood, the oceans were "much" smaller, and the mountain ranges "much" lower. In fact, it is very likely that such mountain ranges as the Himalayas, Alps, Rockies, and Andes were not above the earth at all after the flood. Archaeological and oceanographic findings very much support this as reality.

First, let's look at the present day oceans on a map of the earth. Consider first, the South Pacific island chains. There are thousands of islands. From Hawaii to Japan, and southward, off the coasts of New Zealand, were once an almost solid land mass. The same is true of the territories from India down to

Australia. And for that matter, there may have been a solid land mass from Arabia to Africa.

Now move over to the area between North and South America, and along the southeast coast of the United States. There is a city close to Cuba that is "under water" today. It is hard to imagine no Caribbean Sea. But, that is apparently the way it was after the flood.

Next notice the north Atlantic. Look at the islands from America all the way to Scandinavia and Scotland. Then look eastward to Russia and south to Denmark. And while doing so, note the water line between The British Isles and Continental Europe—all solid land masses.

Finally, move south to the SW coast of Europe, and the NW coast of Africa and note the islands off their borders. Yes, they were formed after the flood as solid land masses. Especially consider the infamous "Atlantis" allegedly once the "homeland" for the Phoenicians. Today, it is believed that Atlantis lies beneath the Atlantic waters. And what else lies there, still in Atlantis? How many would guess, the great "city of gold," that the early Spanish fleets went out to find in the western hemisphere.

Now go back and reread the opening verse. The "renewing" of the earth back to its original Genesis One conditions is going to be done in two stages. The first to return the earth to its "post" flood conditions. Which means a renewing of the earth back to its "landmass" time. Secondly, the renewal of the earth to its "pre" flood conditions. In which there are "seas", but very small. And "mountains", but better called hills.

The Scriptural description of the return to the post flood conditions is in Rev. 6:12,14. "...When he had opened the sixth seal, there was a GREAT EARTH-



QUAKE [-es]...And EVERY MOUNTAIN [range], and ISLAND were moved out of their places!"

This means that the earth will be returned to its "landmass" conditions with the highest of the mountain ranges having sunk back into the earth.

In the mid 700's BC, During the reign of king Uzziah, there were "great earthquakes". (Zech. 14:5) So great that the earth tilted ten degrees on its axis. And, the "granite" plates covering the waters of our present oceans were moved, so that the waters gushed forth. This caused the plates holding the land masses to "sink" downward leaving only the islands.

This "moving" of the plates will be reversed in the future (20 years+?), thus bringing the oceans waters back beneath the plates of the landmasses. Also, the plates of the present higher mountain ranges will sink back into the earth, as a reaction to the events beneath the oceans. Whether the mountain ranges will sink all the way back, or only most of the way is not known at this time. But, at a point in time, they will be totally returned beneath the earth's surface. While there are a number of Scriptures that point to this first "renewing", I will only present two, for the readers to consider: Isa. 54:9-10 and Mic. 1:3-4.

Let's now look at the Scriptural teaching, showing the renewal of the earth to it's "pre" flood conditions. Rev. 16:18,20. "...And there was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE [-es]. Such as was not since men were upon the earth. So mighty an earthquake [-es], and so great...And EVERY island fled away [disappeared]. And the MOUNTAIN [ranges] were NOT FOUND!"

Think about the last two words. "Not found". If you cannot "find something", then it is no longer visible, or is "hidden" from one's eyes. Well, that is exactly what will happen. The greater parts of today's oceans will simply "disappear." The real meaning of the Islands that remain after the first step of renewal, will also not be found.

I will stop here. After all, this is a "Short Bible Study". But, it ends with the fulfillment of the words of Ps. 104:30. A "RENEWED" earth.

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## That Mysterious Sabbath Verse — Exodus 20:11

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Perhaps I am overstepping my bounds by suggesting there is mystery to a verse most of us have read countless times. Exodus 20:11 is enigmatic for many of us — and was to me for most of my Christian walk — until the light dawned some years ago as to its true meaning. Here is what the verse says.

*“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it”* (New King James Version, here and throughout).

Deuteronomy 5 ends the Sabbath command a bit differently, stressing that Israel had been held captive in Egypt for years, but was brought out by Yahweh Elohim with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm: “... therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day” (verse 15). Here we see again a bit of mystery added to the Sabbath command. Why is the command to keep the Sabbath day attached to the release from captivity in Egypt by God’s almighty hand?

God’s words are not written without great purpose, but are for our instruction and edification (II Timothy 3:16). Let us therefore scrutinize these ideas and understand what our Creator is telling us through these Sabbath commands.

### **The First Eden**

We all know well the Genesis 1 recreation of the earth that took place in seven days, the first six restoring the surface of our watery planet to an ex-

quisite environment capable of sustaining mankind, animals, birds, fish, creeping things, microorganisms, and the plants that feed them. It was a marvelous world that was made: beautiful, productive, peaceful, and joyous beyond belief! Within that world, somewhere in the Middle East — experts debate exactly where, but more than likely in the vicinity of modern-day Jerusalem — was placed the Garden of Eden. What a world that was, replete with every possible luxury for voluptuous living, for Eden means “paradise or delight.” “And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food” (Genesis 2:9).

There was also available fruit of the tree of life and of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We know the story well, of how first Eve, and then Adam, partook of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, a fruit that was forbidden by their Maker; they chose for themselves what was forbidden and sinned, set themselves up as gods, and had to be expelled from that beautiful environment to never again enter (Genesis 3:22-24). Death now stalked their every step, and aging began to eat away at their lives. This was the ploy of the Serpent (Satan, or Lucifer) all along, to attempt to foil God’s plan of building a world-wide society of kings and priests made in His image (Exodus 19:5-6; I Peter 2:9), effectively replacing Satan and his minions as rulers over the earth and his own version of Eden based upon carnality, greed, and heartache as we see enveloping society worldwide to this very day. Satan is trying to substitute his own version of Eden



on earth in place of the Father's as we speak!

For 6,000 years since the creation mankind has been living in a culture based upon the Adversary's design (II Corinthians 4:4). It has been an eon of wars, calamities, heartaches, tears, and suffering, each millennium of this 6,000 years typifying 1,000 years on God's prophetic scale (II Peter 3:8; Psalm 90:4). Life has been lived outside of the Edenic environment, and the result has brought us to the precipice of World War III and nuclear, chemical, and biological extermination of the human race, unless God should cut those days short (Matthew 24:21-22). According to Wikipedia, there are 61 ongoing conflicts in the world right now, with cumulative fatalities ranging from 115 (Congo) to about 2 million (Afghanistan). On top of that, traffic deaths total about 1.3 million annually, and deaths from heart disease and strokes total about 15 million. These are all, of course, merely a few causes of life-shortening deaths, for all men are appointed to die in this eon.

### **The New Eden**

There is one more prophetic year awaiting us, the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ and the saints on the earth ... the millennial Sabbath (Revelation 20:4), a return of Eden to eventually envelope the entire surface of a renewed earth. This seventh one-thousand years will, as far as we know, be like the original Eden of Genesis 1, replete with a restored water canopy, worldwide moderate climate, untold productivity, food in abundance and without cost, peace and prosperity for all nations, tameness of animals, and an elimination of all vestiges of harsh forceful Gentile-style rule that Jesus Christ so vehemently railed against: *"The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them .... But not so among you: on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves"* (Luke 22:25-26).

Imagine the world as is prophesied to be. The deserts will bloom like a rose (Isaiah 35:3-7), animals will coexist with people and each other in peace (Isaiah 11:6-9), mountains will be lowered and seabeds raised (Revelation 16:20), and sickness and death will be removed. It is possible that people will

live the entire 1,000 years, as hinted at by the metaphorical language of Isaiah 65:20 and 22: *"... for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people."* Some trees live to be several thousands of years old.

Are we beginning to see now why the creation week is included in Exodus 20:11? The Sabbath pictures the very time when our Savior walked with Adam and Eve, in their very presence, within that voluptuous paradise on the earth. It was a time of rest rather than the toil, sweat, and labor that entered after sin. Thus, as the Sabbath command says (Exodus 20:9), for six days (6,000 years of history) we work — we sweat, toil, and suffer outside of Eden, as it were — but on the seventh day (1,000 years of millennial bliss) we cease our heavy servitude and rest, rest within that Eden environment that God and the resurrected saints will be recreating on the earth's surface, like the Eden that Elohim refurbished on the earth during the six days of Genesis 1. The seventh-day Sabbath has everything to do with the reestablishment of Eden on the earth! That's why God in His wisdom put it there in the Sabbath command.

What about the statement in Deuteronomy 5:15 that reminded Israel they were slaves in Egypt but were led out by a mighty hand and outstretched arm? You are probably already ahead of me! For 6,000 years mankind has been held captive by the adversary's society, but at the return of Jesus Christ people will be released from that slavery, propelling all nations and all of the earth into 1,000 years of peace, beauty, and prosperity beyond imagination, beyond what eye has seen and ear has heard (I Corinthians 2:9) ... the seventh one-thousand years, the restored Eden, the Eden expounded by Peter at the first Pentecost when he said, *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so the times of refreshing [anapsucho, 'a recovery of breath, a refreshing'] may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ ... whom heaven must receive until the times of refreshing [apokathistemi, 'restoration'] of all things ..."* (Acts 3:19-21).

What once was will be reinstated on earth. No longer will the residents on earth be subjected to the tyrannical governments of mankind that so often

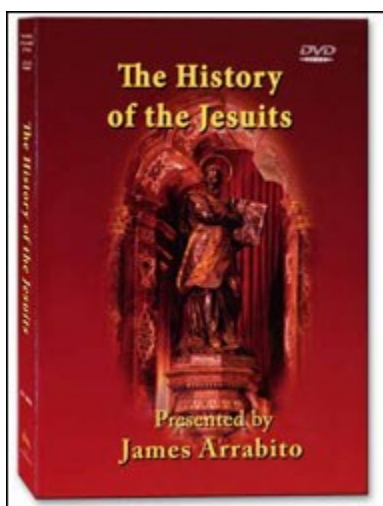


run roughshod over the people, extract taxes, draft their sons into military service, and do the things kings tend to do, and which God warned Israel against when they cried for a human ruler in Samuel's day (I Samuel 8:6-18). They will be delivered from slavery to Pharaoh and Egypt, a type of all the Gentile governments that rule today, as they have for 6,000 years since Cain killed Abel. The mighty hand and outstretched arm of the Eternal living God will deliver the nations, as we read of Jesus and the saints coming on white horses to defeat the Beast and the False Prophet of Babylon (Revelation 19:11-12). Satan will be utterly restrained in the

abyss this Sabbath millennium, unable to influence mankind for the entire 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-3).

*"... therefore the Lord your God commanded you ..."*

... to keep the Sabbath day. Isn't it marvelous how there are more layers of understanding than first meets the eye within these wonderful words of our heavenly Father and Jesus Christ? These messages are as potent for us today as in the day they were written. Let us heed and understand them well, for they give us great hope in these end-time days to stay the course, and be with Him when that millennial rest arrives!



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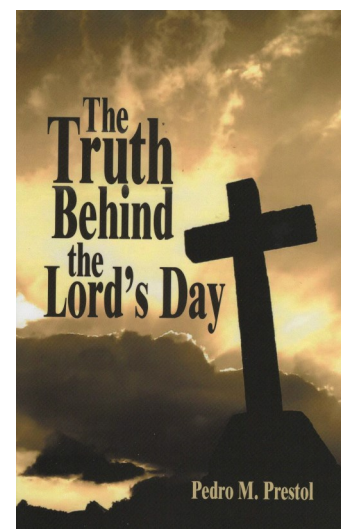
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# Letters to the Editor

I appreciate the Sabbath Sentinel so much! I didn't know there was a magazine like this and don't know who sent me the first copy.

I will be looking forward to each copy ... and will share them.

A. Spuehler

*Thank you so much for your kind words, Ms. Spuehler. We are endeavoring to make The Sabbath Sentinel a magazine of relevance to all in the Sabbath keeping communities. There is so much that we can learn from each other, as well as so much that we have in common.*

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—Ed.

**To Mr. Richard Shafer:**

*I have received a very lengthy letter from you complaining of exclusion and prejudice by the Bible Sabbath Association and specifically of this editor's failure to print any articles from you. I am writing this response here because there may be others like you who hold similar misconceptions.*

*Please understand that nobody at the Bible Sabbath Association cares one way or the other about the use, or not, of Messianic or Hebraic terms. You state that you do not wish to be called a Christian; write an article and tell us why that bothers you. You take contradictory offense at usage of the term "Christian," by others while you demand that your beliefs be respected.*

*The BSA plays no favorites within the various organizations and groups who claim to follow and worship the One who came as the Word. Rest assured that nobody at the BSA is bothered one way or another that you wish to use names that most of us do not use.*

*Where we do draw the line for those of Jewish/Hebraic beliefs is the failure to recognize Yeshua, Jesus, or whatever appellation you wish to use to indicate the Messiah. If you are saying to us that you believe in Him and in promoting the keeping of the Commandments, including the Sabbath Day, as intended by the Eternal One, then you can certainly write articles of general interest to Sabbath keepers for this magazine.*

*You state that you sent an article that was not published and no explanation was given. I can assure you that if you sent an article in digital form that it would have been considered for publication. If it was typed or handwritten, then it would not normally be considered because it is too time consuming to retype it; it would be rejected for no other reason. Even lengthy digital articles can be broken into parts as you undoubtedly must have seen in past articles in this magazine—including this edition.*

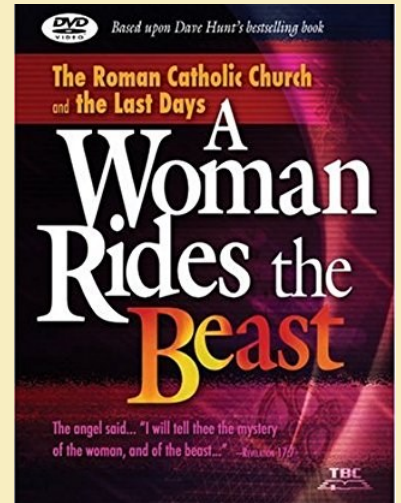
*You complain that the "rest of the Church are trying to replace Israel as the chosen people of the Father." I submit that your complaint is with the Apostle Paul. It was he who wrote that we, the Nations, are the wild olive plant being grafted onto the olive plant of God after describing how people who were natural Israelites were cut off and rejected. It is not the people calling themselves "Christians" who are making the point of replacing fallen Israel with grafted Israelites; it is Paul who does so.*

*I am unable to locate any articles in digital form having come from you. If you wish to write said articles and send them to me in email, they will be considered if they do not question the validity of the relationship with the Father or Son enjoyed by other brethren.*

—Ed.

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Tue, Sep 25	At Sea		
Wed, Sep 26	Roatan, Honduras	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Thu, Sep 27	Belize City, Belize	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Fri, Sep 28	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
Sat, Sep 29	At Sea		
Sun, Sep 30	Galveston, TX	6:30 AM	
Mon, Oct 1	<i>Last Great Day</i> , several local services		



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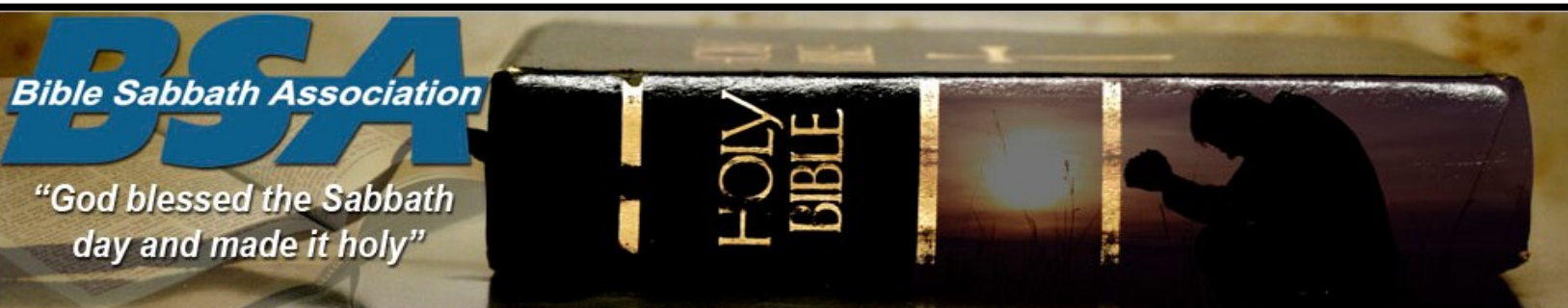




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