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Debunking the Deception of Satan...

I recently read an article on the website le-tusreason.org "Why do we not need to keep the Sabbath as believers?" where the author makes many points in support of the erroneous answer. The thrust of the author's points center around the claim that Christians are under a new covenant.

To support this point, the author states that the Sabbath was given to Israel, not the world. The author chooses Ex. 31:16-17 to support the point. It is clear that the author has chosen to cherry-pick scriptures in support of the point.

What the author fails to include is Christ's own statement found in Mark 2:27 where we read "*And he said unto them, 'The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath ...'*" If you have a red letter bible you can see that the Christ spoke those words. Anyone who is willing to deal honestly with the text can see that the Christ did NOT say that the Sabbath was made for Jews, or for Israelites. He said it was made for man. The full set of "man" includes all who descended from Adam and Eve.

Moreover, the author fails to deal with the unequivocal statement of Paul in Romans 11, verses 17-24. Paul states clearly that Gentiles MUST be grafted onto the same root as Israel. The Gentiles have to be a part of the same olive tree as Israel was. The difference is that Gentiles have to be grafted onto that tree whereas Israel came to be a part of the symbolic olive tree by virtue of promises made to Abraham.

One of the reasons that Israel was "broken off" of the olive tree was that they profaned God's Sabbath Days, Eze 20:13, 16, 21 & 24, and other places. It is nothing short of "pretzel logic" to claim that God would do away with the requirement to keep His Sabbaths holy for New Covenant Christians while having cast Israel away, i.e., cut off their branches, for failure to perform the same action.

The author claims that the New Covenant never

mentions keeping of the Sabbath Day so then it must not be included as a requirement. Once again, the author shows a desperate ignorance of the scriptures. Jesus Himself stated that He did not come to do away with, or destroy, the law! We read that in Matt 5:17.

Beyond that, Paul likewise points out the error in that logic by proclaiming that the new covenant is founded on better PROMISES. He did NOT say that it was founded upon changed, modified or repealed laws. One who is actually interested in the truth instead of ignoring God's will can find that statement made plainly in Heb 8:6.

The author makes the point that nobody before Israel at Mount Sinai was commanded to keep the Sabbath Day, using the "fact" that it is nowhere recorded as being kept before that. The author admits that God kept the Sabbath Day, resting on the seventh day of creation. However, if we are going to use all of scripture as we are admonished to do in Isa 28:10 & 13 then we have to take notice of the fact that God does not change, as seen in Mal 3:6. Paul, in Heb 13:8 states that "Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Paul is not stating that the One who created all things remains as flesh and blood. He is stating that Christ, as the Melchizedek known to Abraham, who as YHVH at Sinai restated the command to keep God's Sabbaths, and would not rescind God's gift to all men, not merely Israel.

Besides that, the author makes the logically fallacious mistake of stating that because there is no direct mention of anyone keeping the Sabbath Day before Sinai then nobody must have been doing so. The fallacy is assuming that a lack of evidence is evidence of a lack of keeping the Sabbath Day.

Before Israel got to Sinai where the commandments were delivered cut into stone, Israel was told to not gather food on the Sabbath, Ex 16:26. Moreover, at Sinai, when God restated the Sabbath commandment, the

statement is clear that God blessed the Sabbath Day and “hallowed it.” The context is harkens back to Creation. “Hallowed” means “to make holy.”

Therefore, the author of that article chooses to believe that the Sabbath was not kept when the facts of scripture show that God clearly created that Day and made it holy. Nobody denies that we are not to trample things holy underfoot, not even that author.

We must then conclude that one of two conditions existed at Sinai. Either God changed at Sinai and demanded a keeping of the Sabbath that He did not require of “righteous” Noah and Abraham, or that those two, and other righteous men, knew of the command to keep the Sabbath holy down through the years and that it was only after 400 years of captivity in Egypt that Israel possibly forgot the command. We already know that God does not change. We can conclude that the righteous men and women ending with Jacob all knew and kept the Sabbath Day holy without feeling the need to refer to it.

As if it proves that we are not required to keep the Sabbath Day, the author points to Col 2:16-17. Here’s the text of those scriptures: *“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days which are a shadow of things to come but the body of Christ.”*

Anyone who is trying to seek the truth rather than promote an agenda of lawlessness can see that the scripture is stating that the Church at Colossi should not allow anyone to judge their keeping of a holy day or Sabbath BUT the Body of Christ. It would seem superfluous to belabor the point that the Body of Christ IS the Church. Paul was, then, telling the brethren that only the other brethren were fit to judge their actions according to the scriptures.

About the only nonsensical argument that the author did not make was that argument that Christ fulfilled the law or that those laws pointed to Christ and after Him did not need to be kept. Once again, anyone who wants to deal honestly with the texts can see that the New Covenant Church did, in fact, keep the Sabbath Days, including the Holy Days of Leviticus 23. If the commandments to keep the Sab-

bath Days holy merely pointed to Christ, then the commands to refrain from idol worship, to refrain from taking God’s name for a vain purpose, or to have no other God’s did the same thing and hence it is not sin to do those things.

Moreover, since those things pointed to Christ, it would be OK to dishonor our parents, kill, steal and any other sin God commanded against. Anyone without an agenda of lawlessness can see that such a thing is laughable on its face.

When Jesus said that He did not come to do away with the Law, He did not add “except for the Sabbath, I’m doing away with that.” There’s a good reason for that; He did not do away with the requirement to keep the Sabbath Day for anyone, Israelite or not. Remember, He said that the Sabbath was made for man, not Israelites.

In one more desperate attempt to prove nonsense to be Godliness, the author uses Act 2:42 stating that by continuing in the Apostles’ doctrine then the early Church must necessarily not have been keeping the Sabbath day. Here’s what that scripture says, *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”* Even an elementary school student can see that there is no mention of doing away with God’s Sabbath Days in that scripture. Moreover, isn’t it more likely that the Apostles’ doctrine was to keep the commandments of God? After all, John, one of the Apostles, had this to say about the Law in 1 John 3:4, *“... sin is the transgression of the Law.”* To “transgress” is to go beyond the bounds of something, in this case the Law of God. John was saying that going beyond the limits of the Law is sin. He did not say “except that part about keeping the Sabbath Day holy.”

There appears to be no limit to Satan’s deception of the world and his ability to get well-meaning people to twist the Word of God to state with a straight face that sin is permissible under the New Covenant. This author longs for the day when Satan will be put away and the blindness of the world will be cured once and for all.

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Roman Church Councils Between 506-796

Kelly McDonald

Between the 200s and 400s AD, the Western Roman Empire was overrun by a number of Germanic tribes. They eventually settled within the confines of the Roman Empire. There were ten main tribes by the fifth century. Eight of them converted to a form of Christianity called Arianism. This form of Christianity had Sabbath-keeping tendencies.

As time passed, these Arian tribes were either conquered by the sword or through Catholic conversion. From 506 to 796, there were at least 22 pro-Roman Church councils with one or more of the following attributes: they enforced Sunday keeping, condemned the seventh-day Sabbath, and/or restricted communication between Christian and Jewish people.

Among the councils of this time period, at least eight banned interactions between Christians and Jews in varying degrees. Three of them in particular banned Christians from participating in meals, festivals or banquets with Jewish people – which is likely a reference to the Sabbath and annual festivals of Leviticus 23 (Agatha or Agde in 506 AD, Epaone in 517, Macon in 581). The Council of Toledo in 638 ruled that Jewish people were expelled from Spain unless they converted to Catholicism.

At least 16 of these councils gave varying kinds of instruction about Sunday worship. 12 of them either governed appropriate behaviors for Sunday (such as resting from work) or forced Sunday church attendance. Some of the penalties for working on Sunday were fierce. For instance, one could be excommunicated from fellowship. The council of Narbonne in 589 imposed fines on people who worked on Sunday. Even worse, the council of Dingolvinga

(also called Dengolfel) in 772 demanded that repeated Sunday violators be sold into slavery (Mansi, 12:851-856, lists this council is listed as Concilium Bavaricum). We have a quote from this council below:

“Upon Sunday let every man abstain from profane employments and be intent upon God’s worship. If any man shall work his cart on this day, or do any such common business, his team shall be presently forfeited to the public use; and if the part persists in his folly, let him be sold for a bondman” (Heylyn, 143).

These councils help us understand a few things. First of all, Sabbath keeping did not instantly die out during a previous time period. Secondly, the repetition of Sunday laws reinforce that Sunday-keeping was not an established, entrenched custom hundreds of years after Christ. Lastly, this repetition indicates that Sunday worship did not easily take hold in these areas. They had to threaten people with severe punishment to force compliance.

Some of these councils were held at a time that coincided with significant events in Gothic Arian history. We will review four specific councils from this time period that had an impact on the Sabbath and tie in Arian history where applicable.

Agatha or Agde (506) – In the 480s AD, Clovis I became the King of the Franks. In 496, he converted to Catholicism. By 506, he conquered most of the Visigoth holdings in southwestern France. About this same time, the council of Agatha (or Agde) was held. In it, people were banned from participating in the “meals of the Jews.” Fasting on the Sabbath during Lent was upheld. Those who did not celebrate Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost were not consid-

Clovis I



ered true Catholics. It also forced people to attend church every Sunday and to stay for the entire service. Jewish people were forbidden from being baptized until they had proven themselves over an eight-month period (Landon, vol 1:12; Hefele, Vol. 4, 76-86).

We can easily see how this Roman Catholic Church Council promoting Sunday was held at a time that coincided with the conquest of former Arian domains. It was enforced by threat of punishment. The Sabbath fast was also enforced; it was one way that the Roman Church denigrated the Sabbath. There were three other councils with significance in this area.

Toledo (589) – In the year 589, the Visigoth king Reccared converted to Catholicism. All bishops and deputies of the king were forced to renounce Arianism and accept all previous canons of the Catholic Church. This included Sunday rest/worship and forced work on the true Sabbath. All churches of converted Arians were given to the

Catholic bishops in those areas. Jewish men were prohibited from having Christian wives (Landon, vol. 2:153-155; Hefele, Vol. 4, 416-422).

Estinnes (743) – This council is also called Liftinae, Liptina, Liptinese, Lestinna, Lestinnes, and other names. It was held in the heart of Frankish territory in what we would call modern-day Belgium. It was attended by both Frankish nobility and clergy in the Catholic Church.

This council was the completion of an earlier council in 742 where the Frankish nobility formally submitted to Rome. Estinnes established the order of the Frankish church. Among its canons, Sunday rest was enforced. It also condemned those Christians who were still honoring the seventh-day Sabbath. In its rebuke of them, it evoked the council of Laodicea (Mansi, 12:378; Landon, vol 1:343). The Council of Laodicea held in 364 AD condemned Sabbath keeping.

Friuli (796) – (Also called Friaul) Friuli is in northeastern Italy. It had been in Arian control for hundreds of years prior to the council. In it, Christians were forced to keep Sunday. It condemned the peasants and Jewish people that still kept the seventh-day Sabbath (Landon, vol 1:285; Mansi, 13:873).

One thing to keep in mind about Roman Church Councils is that their canons did not mean instant compliance by the average person. The world was not connected in the way it is today. Laws in modern society can be enacted and implemented in a reasonable amount of time. In ancient times, it might take months or even a year to fully promulgate the rulings of the Council. Even then, people could choose not to follow their decrees openly or secretly.

At the very least, these councils are valuable in that they affirm the Roman Church's view on certain subjects and they educate us as to the practices of those they condemned. These Councils demonstrate that even in the heartland of Roman Catholicism, Sabbatarians still existed. These people were marked and persecuted for their practices.

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Doing the Work!

The Tabitha Outreach Foundation

The following article was done as an interview by Brandy Webb of her mother-in-law, Dianne Webb, the founder of the Tabitha Outreach Foundation.

You stayed as a guest on the FCC compound in Ogembo Kenya. How did you become involved with the widows in that area?

Prior to going, I knew of their plight and poverty. I wanted to do something specifically for them. I suggested to Richard we have a widow's and woman's conference for three days while we were there. We were able to feed them, worship, and fellowship. Richard arranged this event. The conference took place the first weekend I was there.



What did you learn at this conference?

They told of their hardships, and their needs. A few asked for a sewing machine, so they could earn money. Some asked to have their roofs fixed. It was emotionally overwhelming as I learned their situations. I felt helpless. They asked for us to pray and to not forget them. I promised them I would not forget them. When I got home, I felt pressed on all sides to figure out how to help them. The orphans were being well cared for, so I set out to find a way to make a difference in the lives of these very special women.

Is this how the Tabitha Outreach Foundation got started, and how did you come up with the name?

Eventually. To be honest it took some time. After I came home, I struggled for six months with the idea of becoming someone engaged in such a monumental task. However, many brothers and sisters in the faith kept pushing (encouraging) me to act. After much agonizing, praying, and fasting and with the help of generous giving people, I filed a 501C3 on September 5th, 2018. Thus, the Tabitha Outreach Foundation began. The name wasn't the name I chose at first. I had another picked out, but one Sabbath on the drive home from church the name Tabitha popped into my hand and kept repeating. I knew the story from Acts about Tabitha. So, when I got home, I looked it up in Acts 9:36-42 and realized it was an appropriate name for our charity.



Was the purchase of sewing machines your primary goal for starting Tabitha?

Yes, the idea was to raise money for sewing machines and the cost of training. We wanted to provide them with an education and a source of income. Our goal is for a few widows to go to sewing school and receive a certificate. Then, use their training to provide an income to enable them to send their children to school, and at the same time, assist in the training of other widows and orphans. Currently, we have three in training, and two have their ma-

chines.



How has that goal changed since September 5th, and what all have you accomplished?

Over time other opportunities have arisen to expand our outlook in service. In January, it was called to our attention that 14 high school students would need funding as their current funding had run out. So, we started helping. Seven of the 14 are fully sponsored by individuals, and the other seven are staying in school on the \$100/month payment plan. We also set about to repair five roofs, but after inspecting the roofs, we found that three of the homes needed to be completely rebuilt. Through the aid of a generous donation of one donor, we tore down the homes and rebuilt them.

Then one of our widows requested land to rent, so that she could farm for income. We received a donation in the memory of Eric Coleman, who passed

away, to rent her farm land. She is currently working the land, and she plans to share the excess crops with the needy.

A year ago, it was brought to our attention; funds for the lunch program that fed 235 children at the Wisdom Academy were running low. Therefore, we stepped in and have been assisting in that program because we firmly believe that hungry children cannot learn well. For many, this is the only meal they get a day.

We also received a request from the Igwera Children's Home for new shoes. We provided those new shoes right after Pentecost last year. The Igwera Home is operated by a Seventh Day Adventist widow.



What are the top current needs?

It is hard to put them in priority order. One desperate need is continued funding for the high school students, and as they graduate, they will need assistance for university. We currently have one sponsored university student. She is in nursing school.

Seven widows have requested funds to rent land, so that they may also farm and provide for themselves. We still have five widows whose roofs need repaired.

There are also two more women who would like to go to sewing school and receive a sewing machine. Plus, we are in need of regular funds to supplement the elderly widows' food needs. Food is very expensive in Kenya, and the elderly are struggling on a daily basis just to eat.

All donations are tax deductible, and 100%, minus transfer and PayPal fees, goes directly to the projects. Our organization has no paid personnel, all are volunteers.

What do you hope will happen over time?

Our biggest goal and prayer, is that they all become self-sustaining over time. We also want those that we have helped to help others like a pebble that is tossed in a pond, the ripples will reach out, and the fruits will be known.

Do you plan to go back and visit?

Yes! We are returning to Kenya on August the 21st, and we will spend three weeks rejoicing and visiting firsthand the works that have been done. I plan to visit all the schools where the high school students attend, the widows' new homes, the widows with their sewing machines, and Josephine's farm.

We also plan to host another 3-day conference for the women. We will carry with us the prayers and support. We are going to share with them who has helped them through our charity. Miracles do happen. Our God is good!

I would like to leave you with what everyone will say: "Asante Sana!" Thank you very much!

Please follow us on, www.tabithaoutreachfoundation.org. I will frequently blog while there, and new pictures will be forthcoming.

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An Ounce of Truth...

and a Whole Lot of Nonsense

Eva June Narber

In a recent interview with a Sabbatarian movement that is popular in South Korea, I came across some fascinating ideas that at first seemed unusual, but the more I learned from this fellow, who was my Uber driver, the more I realized how one piece of truth can still get people into a sea of nonsense. How and why does this happen?

Once there was a Korean man who met Herbert W. Armstrong in California. After a short duration of studying the doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God (WWCG) which centered around the concept that God is a family, Christians should obey the clean food laws, observe weekly Sabbath and holy days, and the second coming of Christ to establish the kingdom of God to rule the world in the eternal Kingdom of God, he returned to Korea and started his own church. Over time, this church paralleled the speed of growth of that of its counterpart, the WWCG. However, it adapted some strange twists in theology which took the concept of the family of God and started to worship a mother god and father god, almost akin to the pagan dualism of the forces of male and female, yin and yang, light and dark, dry and wet, life giver and life creator. In their theology, Jesus soon stopped being taught—deleted from the equation—and the new theology emerged that focused a cultish following of their human leader, which they believe literally becomes god or goddess on earth. Right now, a female rules this group and therefore, they see her as Mother God on earth. The other doctrines and the name of this group are purposely not mentioned here because I do not want that to be the point of focus.

Although a man had received the most fundamental scriptural church, he had somehow over time managed to create a hybrid freak that is as far from the rest of scriptural truth as one can get although on

the surface, they look like they belong with us as the observe the Sabbath. But believe me, an ounce of truth can still mean the rest of the theology is a basketful of nonsense. Point one: How could this happen? Point two: How can we avoid this from happening from our own groups?

Point one: This can easily happen because people get caught up in their own reasoning. Consider the scriptural teaching for women to be good mothers and wives, when they are in those relationships. Some have taken that and turned it into the 11th commandment, literally having a doctrine centered around women's roles so being that, if a woman never married or bore a child the old fashion way, she somehow is living in disobedience to God. This theology nonsense basically kicks to the curb half of God's called out ones IF they have any kind of professional career, remain single and childfree, or otherwise. The ounce of truth of the biological function of women in a godly marriage has become central theology to control the lives of every woman who walks through the

**Thus sayeth
me... Thou shalt
accept my word
as truth!**



door. A female doctor was asked not to come to church unless she gave up her medical practice on the east coast. A different female in mid-America was mocked during church for her academic position and her rather large home library. An ounce of truth does not mean that expansion of that means more truth. Consider how the Jewish people basically took God's Torah, his biblical teachings and elaborated upon them and created the Talmud. These Talmudic Jews walk according to their own understanding and extended add-ons to Torah that God did not sanction and therefore does not support. Regardless of the author, extended doctrines based on a small anchor of truth can result in useless nonsense.

Point two: We can avoid allowing this to happen to our churches and groups by simply not allowing additional extensions to scripture to take root. First the believer needs to look at their church and all of its policies. Consider a mainstream church who created a policy that no musical instruments can be used during church as they felt it took away from the worship with the attention being directed away from God to the sensory experience of hearing the music. This doctrine is entirely humanly created and even if it makes sense to some, it is utter nonsense when it comes to other scriptural examples. Head coverings are commanded by some assemblies to show women's submission to men. There is not one scripture in Torah that commands women to wear a head covering. This doctrine was entirely created to inflate and over-focus upon the created role of women to be "servants and under men." It is not new, as the Islamic cultures have been doing this for centuries, as have other religions. But this practice is actually pagan in origin has no place in any true fellowship of those who seek to follow scripture alone.

Keep in mind that these nonsense doctrines take root because they become the central focus of thought in these groups. To keep your group/church/assembly centered on God, try keeping 90% of the teachings centered around putting sin out of our lives, how to treat neighbor, how to implement the various teachings of scripture, morality, work-

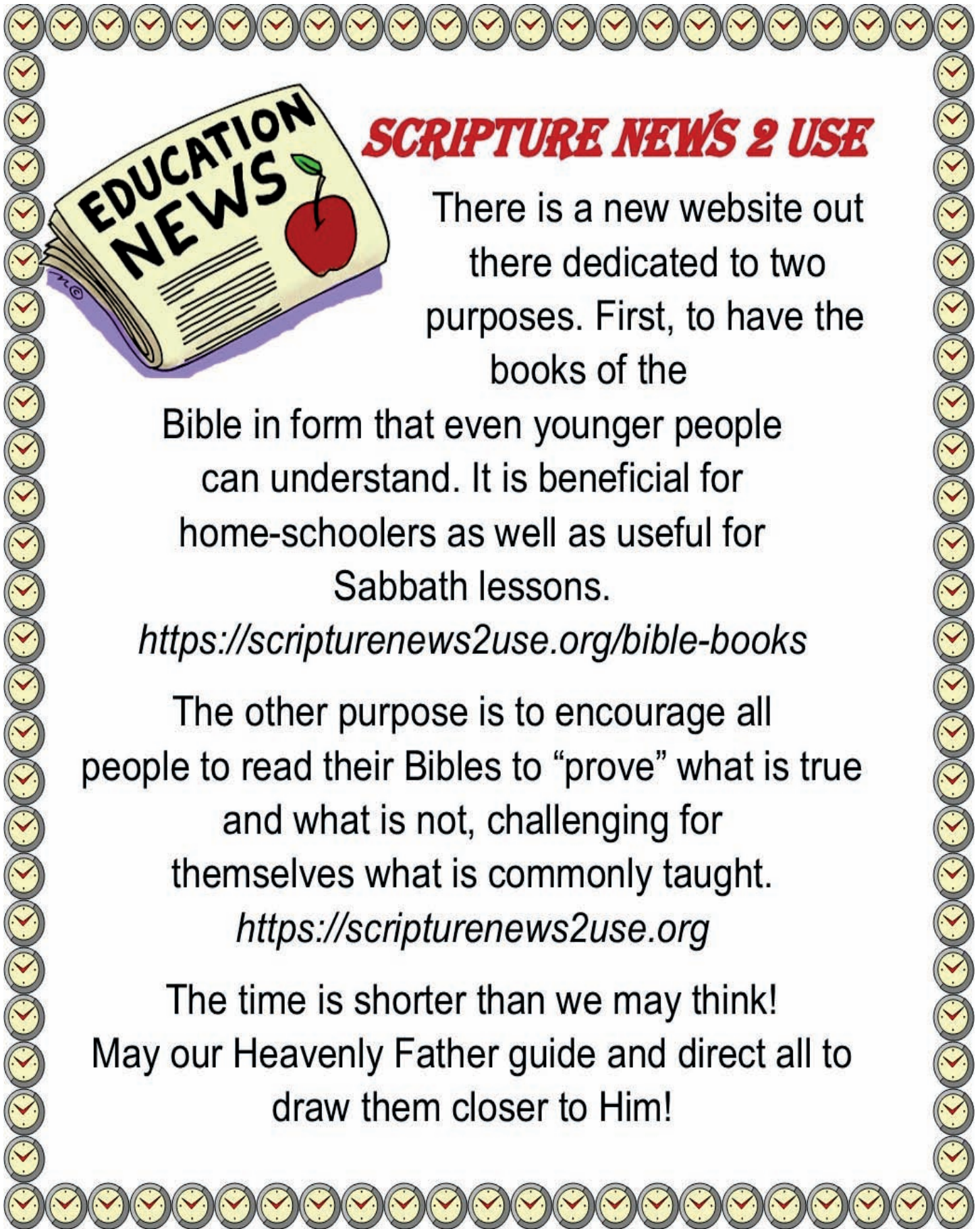
ing for a living, building relationships, and how to be a light on a hill. It seems that the majority of the nonsense doctrines start in an attempt to "control" or otherwise restrict the personal freedom of a believer. Just get rid of these: ALL of them. It doesn't matter how holy you think these restrictions are, if they are not found in scripture, word for word, they are nothing but man made nonsense.

The last bit of advice on this topic is centered on our attitude. Servant leadership is not centered around the "I." It is centered on meeting the needs of the believer and that includes writing your messages both oral and in print, in a way to reach your intended audience. These methods must be constantly evaluated, adapted, and evolved as the audiences change as we whirl into the end of the age. For example, screaming from the podium about how God created women to have babies is just not going to work anymore. While the female body was designed with the capacity to create life, this is a private matter that needs to be addressed by married couples in their own homes. I recently heard a man scream about this in a Kansas City group. Things in that group got progressively worse. Another example is the ongoing intrusion into personal finances with some group leaders openly talking about how a member spends his/her privately generated income on a hobby or vacation. How people spend their self-generated income is no one's business. Of course in this case, the man who was speaking about this had the agenda of getting more financial donations to the church to pay his salary with. Such stuff is again simple nonsense. Just stop these kinds of messages from ever being given and half of the problem is solved.

Finally, the concept of godly love is something we need to work on. It is through God's spirit and love that we exercise His will and teachings. It can't be from the mentality of being a dictator or mini-lord.

And hopefully through time, we can grow that ounce of truth into a pound!

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SCRIPTURE NEWS 2 USE

There is a new website out there dedicated to two purposes. First, to have the books of the

Bible in form that even younger people can understand. It is beneficial for home-schoolers as well as useful for Sabbath lessons.

<https://scripturenews2use.org/bible-books>

The other purpose is to encourage all people to read their Bibles to “prove” what is true and what is not, challenging for themselves what is commonly taught.

<https://scripturenews2use.org>

The time is shorter than we may think!
May our Heavenly Father guide and direct all to draw them closer to Him!

Is the Glass Half Full or Half Empty?

Aimee Zahora



In the 1980s movie *Dead Poet Society*, actor Robin Williams played the role of English professor John Keating. One of the memorable scenes involves each of the students taking his turn standing on top of Keating's desk to view things differently.

The type of mindset you bring to the table on a daily basis shapes your life. Do you lean toward scarcity or abundance in your thinking and actions? Scarcity suggests there is a quantifiable and limited amount of something. Abundance implies that there will always be more.

Your Favorite, Warm Pie Really Matters in Life

Let's get practical. When you hear pie, what flavor do you gravitate toward? How about a freshly-baked, dark cherry pie? What about a tart key lime slice or peach ala mode? Does pumpkin smothered in whipped cream, or a sugar coma-inducing slice of pecan oozing with rich, sweet gooiness speak to you?



Select which of the two statements below most resonates with you.

1. *There are a defined number of pieces in a pie. When it's gone, there ain't no more.*
2. *Pies can be sliced in many ways. When each slice has been eaten, another pie can be baked.*

Option one denotes practicality but imposes limits.

Option two tastes of creativity and provides a solution for increase.

What kind of mindset does God have? Consider a smattering of examples from the Word of God.

How God Desired to Powerfully Bless Abraham

In Genesis 12 the Lord spoke to Abram because He had land that He wanted for Abram. In verses 2 and 3 the Lord told Abram He would make him into a great nation, that his name would be great, and that he would be a blessing. The Lord went on to share that those who blessed Abram would be blessed and those who cursed him would be cursed. The Lord also said all people on earth would be blessed through Abram. What a magnitude of blessings and plenty!

In Genesis 26 the Lord declared to Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars, repeating that all Abraham's offspring would be blessed. It's worth noting that God states all. All means every single one, barring no one! Not only is this statement inclusive, but it is also abundant.

You Choose Life for a Rich Existence

My two favorite verses are in Deuteronomy 30 where God shares His desire for each of us to choose life. Not any old mediocre life, but abundant life. A life that includes a personal and intimate relationship with Him. In John 10:10 the concept of abundance is reiterated in the following words, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)

Your Free Gifts of Fullness Are Ready Right Now

In Mark 2:27 Jesus Christ explains that the Sabbath was made for man. God gifted us the Sabbath so that we might rest and reconnect with Him to enjoy a quality life.

In Matthew 14 we have the example of Jesus Christ

taking very little (five loaves and two fish) and multiplying that small amount to nourish 5000 people. The disciples then collected 12 baskets of leftovers. Again, God believes in abundance.

In the Book of Job, we see where God blessed Job's latter days more than his early days. We know that Job was extremely wealthy in his early days with thousands of sheep and camels, hundred of oxen and donkeys, and a great many servants. God made a point to bless Job over and above what he had originally. Why? Because God desires abundance for His people.

In Exodus, we have the example of God delivering the Israelites from the Egyptians and preparing land for the Israelites flowing with milk and honey. Flowing means brimming, teeming, and pouring out.

Joshua and Caleb gained entry into the Promised Land where God had prepared a life of fullness for them.

Will You Allow God's Glorious Mindset to be Yours?

There are many biblical examples that unequivocally show God's abundance mindset. Ponder some of the definitions shown below for abundance in English, Greek, and Hebrew. Allow the concepts of "copious supply," "something above the ordinary," and "overflow" to penetrate your thinking.

Pause and reflect on the powerful abundance God offers His followers in I Corinthians 2:9 and Ephesians 3:20.

"No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, Never so much as imagined anything quite like it—What God has arranged for those who love him." (MSG).

Abundance Defined

English	Greek	Hebrew
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an extremely plentiful or oversufficient quantity or supply • overflowing fullness • affluence; wealth • ample sufficiency; great plenty; profusion; copious supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an exceeding measure, something above the ordinary • a throwing beyond • excellence, exceeding greatness • to be abundantly furnished, to abound in a thing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • great, increase • overflow • remainder, excess, preeminence • deeply, greatly, many, much, very

"God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!" (MSG).

Though God can and does bless His followers with physical abundance, the most important abundance is, of course, spiritual in nature in the form of eternal life.

Actions That Will Bring You a Clearly Abundant Mindset

So, what actions can we claim to ensure the spiritual abundance that He so richly offers?

Immersion in the Word of God holds the power to transform thinking. Language experts agree that immersion wins every time when it comes to language stickiness or retention.

Surround yourself with friends who think and speak abundantly. It generally takes seven positive statements to counter a single negative comment. Apply that to your friends. You have seven friends whose MO is encouraging, positive and uplifting. Keep them around.



Consider the one friend who might resemble Eeyore. Limit your time with this Eeyore friend. Fill that extra time with someone else who stretches you, believes in you, and supports the growth goals you are working toward.

Be intentional about seeing life differently. As an individual belonging to the Sabbath community, consider whether you operate in a scarcity or abundance mindset. Visualize what you, your family, and your community could look like if you swung the pendulum from scarcity to abundance. After all, such a shift truly draws us closer to the mind and character of God.

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WHY I KEEP THE SABBATHS

Kevin McMillen

The heart to obey is what God desires (Deut. 30:2, Deut. 5:29) and the blood of Jesus Christ is the only means for the remission/redemption of sin, not law keeping.

I personally have been a Sabbath and Feast (moedim) day keeper for over 50 years. I believe there is much misunderstanding about keeping the Sabbath, even among Sabbath keepers. I have tried to remedy that among Sabbath keepers as best that I can but way too many are Old Covenant legalists, though they'd vehemently deny it. I can assure you that I'm not.

Way too many Sabbath teachers teach that we are to keep the Sabbath because God commands it in the fourth commandment. Their problem is that the Bible clearly says that the Ten Commandments are the words of the Covenant, the Old Mt. Sinai Covenant is the context of that verse (Ex. 34:28). To claim to keep the Sabbath because the fourth commandment commands it is placing oneself under that Covenant which ended at Jesus' death according to Gal. 3:19.

Now you're probably thinking "If you understand that, then why do you keep the seventh day Sabbath?". Easy, Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man (the Greek word for man is anthropos), meaning all of mankind. The Sabbath wasn't made at Sinai; it was made and sanctified in the garden of Eden. It will also be kept by all flesh in the millennium according to Is. 66:23.

Now the question is, "Is the Sabbath a command "required" under the New Covenant in Jesus' blood?" Luke 22:20, the answer is no. However, the New Covenant doesn't command against murder, stealing, lying etc. either. If the New Covenant "required" obedience to these things then the first time that we break any of them would mean that we've broken the covenant.

Don't get me wrong, as Christians we are to obey God's/Jesus' commandments but we're not to keep

them because they're "required" by any Covenant; we're to obey them because they're "required" by our Creator, God/YHWH. They've been required by God from creation and to not obey is sin. It is a sin to break any of God's laws. The New Covenant, as a "requirement," doesn't command any law, because its sole purpose is to remove the penalty of breaking the law. The law demands our death, both Jew and Gentile, for we have all sinned or broken God's law. Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). Jesus died to redeem us from death which the law demands when broken. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).

The erroneous idea that God had one set of laws for the Jews and another set of laws for the Gentiles is not Biblical and it's caused nothing but confusion. God has one set of laws which he gave at creation. How else did Abraham know God's laws, statutes, commands, etc? (See Gen. 26:5.)

It is only logical that at creation God gave Adam and Eve laws and commands to obey, and that they taught their kids, and their kids taught theirs, but eventually over time they forgot or just refused to obey. While this is nowhere stated in the Bible it would be irresponsible of God to condemn mankind without telling him why. The fact that there's no evidence of this proves nothing; we have no records from creation other than what Moses wrote 2,500 years later. Do we really know that Adam and the people prior to the flood had no writings? No. The laws of God were remembered, at least in part, (probably because Adam wrote them down) by Abraham's parents and they taught him. Because of his obedience God made a covenant of Promise with him that Jesus would come from his seed. After Abraham's initial obedience, God, as a condition of that Promise covenant, didn't "require" continual obedience from Abraham's kids. God would fulfill the Promise no matter what, solely because of Abraham's faithful obedience. However, obedience was required for the simple fact that God was their Creator, as He is ours.

However, 430 years later, because disobedience/law

and commandment breaking (transgression) got so bad, (Gal. 3:19) God made a separate covenant with Israel. It had to be separate because God couldn't add to the original covenant because it was already ratified years earlier (Gal. 3:17). This second covenant was only to last until the Seed should come (Gal. 3:19).

God gave Israel his laws, statutes, judgements etc. at Mt. Sinai and also made a way to be physically forgiven if they sinned (Lev. 4:20, 26, 31, 35). The priesthood and sacrificial system was this physical system. Those sacrifices did not forgive Israel completely, they pointed to Jesus.

The question though is, why would God add laws that weren't being transgressed if that was the main purpose of the Mt. Sinai covenant according to Paul in Galatians 3:19? (added because of transgressions).

Obviously the Sabbath was a law of God long before Sinai and as I've shown will continue to be a law for all flesh during the millennium (Is. 66:23).

The problem now is the misunderstanding/confusion that most have about the New Testament scriptures. Most have been taught that Jesus was resurrected on Sunday because of a mistranslation. Where the bible says "First day of the week" the Greek says, transliterated *mia ton sabbaton* translated precisely as "First the Sabbaths." Proper exegesis is needed to understand this phrase.

One must understand that Jesus died on Passover, the 14th day of the first biblical month, (Ex. 12:1-6, Lev. 23:5) next one must understand that seven Sabbaths were to be counted (Lev. 23:10-16) from the morrow after the Sabbath during the days of "unleavened bread" (while the Bible doesn't say this, Jesus' resurrection during the days of unleavened bread is our example), which most in error call the entire eight-day feast Passover. This was the count to Pentecost. The correct understanding of *mia ton sabbaton* is the "first day of the weeks" (plural) which is also the first day which started the 50 day count to Pentecost. First day of the weeks or sabbaths because seven sabbaths/weeks were to be counted from that day.

The "first day of the week" or more accurately "first day of the Sabbaths" is not the biblical name for every

Sunday of the year; it's the Biblical name for one "Sunday" (morrow after the Sabbath) a year. The day the wave sheaf was to be offered (Lev. 23:11). This wave sheaf pictured Jesus as the first of the firstfruits (1Cor. 23, James 1:18, Rev. 14:4). That was the day that Jesus was resurrected (at sunset beginning that day) and it had been celebrated by Israel for 1500 years before Jesus came to earth.

There is absolutely no biblical reason to keep Sunday, the day that Jesus was resurrected had been a special day of God's from at least Lev. 23 (truthfully God's feasts, Hebrew word *moedim*, are first mentioned in Gen. 1:14). Should we keep this day yearly? Sure. Weekly? No.

We are to keep the seventh day-Sabbath. Not because of the Old Covenant or the fourth commandment; we're to keep it because it was made at creation for mankind. Jesus said so. He also said that He's the Lord of the Sabbath, making the seventh day Sabbath the Lord's Day, not Sunday.

We don't obey God to be saved as we all have earned death. Thankfully Jesus has given the only way to be forgiven, which is His shed blood. Do we now go out and sin because we're under grace? Sabbath breaking is still a sin and not because the fourth commandment says so. It's a sin because God, at creation, set that day aside (sanctified, made holy) by ceasing and made that day for us, mankind. (Jesus said so!) Yes, it pictures our rest in Jesus as it has for almost 6,000 years. That rest won't completely take place until he returns to establish his reign in the millennium, the 1,000 years that the seventh day Sabbath pictures (Col. 2:16-17). This is why all of God's Sabbaths are shadows of things to come. They foreshadow future events in God's plan of salvation for all of mankind.

But most importantly, the seventh day Sabbath reveals exactly which God we worship (Ez. 20:12). The seventh-day Sabbath is a sign that the God who created all things, the God who ceased on the seventh day of creation, the same God that sanctified the seventh day also sanctifies us.

That is why I keep God's Sabbath and Feasts! (Lev. 23:2)

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In Memory of

Kenneth V. Ryland

Patti Ryland

Kenneth Verne Ryland was born on July 8, 1944 in Independence, Missouri to Verne and Mary Lou Ryland. He died June 15, 2019, Wichita, Kansas.

He was the youngest of three children; his older siblings are John Ryland and Sandra Leight.

Soon after his birth, his family moved to Caldwell, Kansas, where he spent his childhood keeping his parents on their toes. He was a daredevil; constantly riding his bike off the porch, jumping off the roof, and even breaking his collarbone by being catapulted in a sheet by his siblings. In high school he spent his time playing football, baseball, basketball and running track, where he set the state record for high hurdles.

After graduation he attended the University of Mississippi on a baseball scholarship. One of his favorite memories was pitching in the 1964 college World Series. During the summers he spent his time playing semi-pro baseball with the Liberal Bee Jays. An injury to his rotator cuff cut his career in baseball short. He graduated with a double major in Political Science and Spanish from Ole Miss then attended Wichita State University to pursue a Masters in Political Science. He then moved to Big Sandy, Texas to attend Ambassador College, where he received a degree in Theology. Simultaneously, he attended Stephen F. Austin University where he earned a Masters Degree in Spanish.

His work as an editor and writer lead him to California to be the editor of the Spanish language publications for the World Wide Church of God. During this time he was given the opportunity to travel in Central and South



America. Eventually, he came back to Wichita to work for Beech Aircraft as a senior editor and writer. He was also the editor of the Sabbath Sentinel from 2002 to 2015.

Most importantly, he honored God in all he did. He truly lived his faith and beliefs. It showed in all he did and how he acted. His faith was solid. He could discuss Apologetics for hours. It was his favorite thing, to study, talk about and teach God's word. When he ran for State Senate his beliefs were unbending. In every speech, conversation or article he stressed his faith in Christianity and his character was evident. One long time friend commented "Ken, in all of those years, was a wonderful example of all of the very best of that Christ-life, and I consider him to have influenced me positively in all of the ways of living that matter in that respect. "

Ken's love of his family was unconditional. His wife Patti and kids were his priority. He was Patti's rock, always willing to listen and give wise and Godly counsel along with loving support. He was also the best dancer ev-

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er! He loved sitting with his kids, talking to and praying with them on their beds each night. He was always there for the kids' games, scouts and music. He joined them in judo classes, Father/Daughter dances, and games of HORSE on the driveway. His joy of spending time with his kids included roller skating with them until he broke his leg doing the limbo on roller skates. He delighted in his grandchildren, loving every antic, story and event. He hated all melons, and cucumbers; even those grown in the front yard from seeds the kids spit out during the summer. While in the care home we often fed him melons and cucumbers and laughed about how when he sees us next, he is going to question, "why did you feed me watermelon and cucumbers?"

Many people mentioned the influence Ken had on them. He mentored many people in Spanish and writing when he was an editor. He was always encouraging, sometimes even publishing their early writings in the Sabbath Sentinel when he was editor. Many have gone on to be accomplished writers of books and articles. One of his other passions was technology. He was always ahead of his time and even purchased a computer in the early 1980's to encourage his children to learn how to code. Those who knew him also mentioned the fun he had and the jokes he enjoyed. He loved a play on words, puns and bad jokes, sometimes they were groan worthy. An example would be, "Do you have a sewing machine, because I am ripped," as he flexed his arms; or "what do you do when you're trying to be cheesy but everyone else around you is lactose intolerant."

Ken's life was spent serving God and encouraging others. Ken would want each of you to know that God is here. He desires fellowship with each and every one of you. He loves you, and has since before you were born. He always has a better plan and his peace is beyond understanding. Ken would encourage you to embrace this gift.

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Our Past, Our Present and Our Future

Darl Arbogast

I read the article 'Wanted: Black Robe Regiment' in the Sabbath Sentinel (July 2018) with great interest. Today, Sabbath keepers are vastly outnumbered by Sunday keepers and to turn that around would take a miracle—but by believing "faith can move mountains." We may not wear a uniform of a regiment but we can join forces like a regiment in the Army of God; we are known by the company we keep.

Recently I sent letters to President Trump, Marsha Blackburn and Bob Corker regarding 'What Caused the Ills we face as a Country.' They have responded but there is a limit to what can be done. They are sympathetic but their hands are tied by our own Constitution. An Amendment to the Constitution would be required to correct the following:

- Wording of our Constitution allows all pagan religions equal status with Christianity.
- We call our nation a Christian nation but our Constitution allows every existing pagan religion on the earth citizenship and to worship here; not only that but what is equally ridiculous is we allow them to participate in our political system, run for political office and write our laws.
- The freedom of religion clause should be amended to say freedom to all Christians and Christian practicing people, God fearing people or words to that affect.
- This Amendment would be a long complicated process and it would not pass.

Writing an Amendment like this is a political and a

spiritual combination. Spiritually it would be short circuited because most professing Christians claim Sunday as their Sabbath. Politically no one wants to open a can of worms—neither the Democrats nor the Republicans.

Question: What does God say in Genesis 2:1 thru 3 and Exodus 20:1,8 regarding the Sabbath? The Bible tells us Sunday worshippers teach an erroneous Christianity. 1 *Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.* 2 *And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.* 3 *Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

1 *And God spoke all these words, saying: 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ..."*

The issue of the Sabbath looms large within Christian circles. Many Church going friends are well educated, good outstanding members of our society but they disobey the Words of the Holy Bible, they reject the words of our God referring to the fourth Commandment as they hold preference to Sunday worship instead.

We understand that their eyes are blinded and they cannot see why it makes any difference to God; but it does! If our nation is to be saved, the people of our nation need to understand and obey God. Two very important things God wants us to keep are the Passover and the Sabbath. Both of these probably have more meaning than any one person can visualize completely. We could lose the greatest Country

this world has ever seen through careless disregard for God. He is the One Who gave us this land to live in. However, to keep our land we must heed and obey Him.

Another important matter to look at is the complete picture of sacrificing babies! The Israelite women came to be like the other nations and sacrificed their babies to Moloch and Chemosh, the deities of Moab and Ammon.

Aborting our babies clinically today amounts to the same thing only today these gods are narcissism, greed, convenience and pleasure. Our laws permit abortion for any reason but know this, God is not pleased. Murder is sin!

Ancient Israel and Judah went into captivity for killing their babies and America is in grave danger, too, for allowing abortion.

I see that our job right now, today, is to declare righteousness and expose evil! We need to flood the media devices with the truth about the Sabbath. In the past, far too many, for too long, have been timid and afraid of “push back” from Sunday keepers. God has given us a myriad of tools to preach the true gospel so why are so very few speaking out and why are we not doing more? Perhaps by joining forces, working together to become stronger, ignoring intimidation by blatherskites or being held back by corporate church leaders, we can accomplish more and be better witnesses.

God can and will protect our nation if we obey Him! A military with lots of weaponry is not the answer because God will grant victory to our military if we as a nation please Him. Our message and our plea to the people and to our leaders should be “Get your Heart Right with God”! We as a people are not perfect therefore asking God for forgiveness and asking for His answers solves all problems.

Most Sunday preachers preach a “Sweet Jesus” message but the Bible tells us Jesus sent the angel of death to slay 185,000 Assyrians in one night, Isaiah 37:36 NKJ - 36 *Then the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses--all dead.*

Jesus killed each first born of Egypt in one night and in the future 200 million people are yet to be killed by Him and the angels. In Ezekiel 33:11 NKJ - 11 *Say to them: “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?”*

It is probably true Jesus regretted doing these things but He did it and will do it again!

Remember tough love and that Jesus the Christ has the power to resurrect. He is the Creator and Giver of life. Jesus declared justice, mercy and faith to be the weightier matters of the law. 1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJ - 13 *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

Matthew 23:23 NKJ – (Jesus said), 23 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*

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Birth and Death of Jesus

Ray E. Daly

There has been much study done, and many words spoken and written, regarding the year of Jesus birth, and the year of his death. Over the last dozen or so years, I have come to the conclusion that the teachings of pseudo-Christianity, and even the Sabbath observing churches, regarding the year of Jesus birth, have been almost totally wrong, as I will show.

The general teaching of the year of Jesus' birth centers around 2-5 BC. Though I have read of a 7 BC, and an 8 and 10 BC. A friend pointed out to me that the Russian author, Isaac Asimov, mentions Jesus birth may have been as early as 20 BC. As for myself, I have come to believe that none of the years mentioned is correct. One of the most misunderstood teachings is that Jesus died at the age of 33 1/2. Neither history or Scripture supports such a teaching as will be shown in the following. Let's begin with Jesus birth.

From The Amplified Bible. Luke 2:1-2. *"In those days, it occurred that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus, that the whole Roman empire should be registered! This was the FIRST enrollment, and it was made when quirinius was governor of Syria!"* The purpose of this registration was two fold. First, of course, was to determine the percentage of taxation, and the second was to have a census of possible draftees into the military.

Let's examine first, the origin of the Roman census. As we will see, the one of Luke 2, was not the first ordered by Rome.

I have before me, a book titled, "*The Wall Chart of World History: From the Earliest Times to the Present.*" What this wall chart does, is to trace the pathways of the nations from the time of the creation of Adam. The chronology is based primarily on the teachings of Archbishop Usher, of Ireland.

The "Wall Chart" shows that a census was ordered by

Octavius, in the year 28 BC. Octavius took the name Augustus, and the title Caesar, in the next year, 27 BC.

Whereas the census of Luke 2:1-2 was to be made of all peoples within the Roman Empire, the original census of 28 BC, was only meant to enroll those who were Roman citizens. The chart points out that there were 16,500,000 Roman citizens in the empire, along with 4,164,000 in Rome itself.

If the first census was in 28 BC, then at what time did the census of Luke 2 take place? The first one, in which all the (Roman) world was to be registered? The answer is shown from continued study.

From: "*The Bible As History*", by Werner Keller. Translated by William Neil.

"The census, as the Romans themselves called it, took place in the Empire EVERY FOURTEENTH YEAR. It affected not only the "cives Romani", the Roman citizens, but also those of Spain and Gaul. It covered Egypt as well as Syria and PALESTINE!" (p. 343)

I recall reading of an archaeological find in Egypt, which was a stone tablet which mentioned that a census was to be taken every fourteen years, although, I cannot recall the source of the information.

While the secular evidence clearly shows that Jesus was born around 14 BC, of and by itself, that is not enough, although I feel that secular evidence is correct. Still, the fact that none of churchianity will accept the 14 BC birth year, and as well, the Sabbath observing churches, is of itself support for the above year. There is the saying that, "Can all those churches be right?" and the answer is, "absolutely not." At the same time, "Can all those churches be wrong?" and the answer is "absolutely yes."

However, there is Scriptural evidence, that very much supports the secular teachings. In the following account, the unbelieving Jews (notably the Pharisees) are again

attacking Jesus and his words. John 8:56-7. "*Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. And he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews to him, You are not yet FIFTY YEARS OLD, and have you seen Abraham?*"

Please step back for a bit, and question whether your past teachings of the year of Jesus birth are really True or not! Or, is it possible that the years 2-5 BC may have originated from the enemy of all Truth? After all, the origins of 2-5 BC could be from the author of untruth, through his false ministers, and false churches. Since we know that The Almighty can reveal the Truth, to counter the lies of Satan, then is it not possible that he has done just that with the information I have presented so far?

Think about it. Why would the Jews use the words of John 8:57, "You are not yet fifty years old"? The TRUE answer is quite simple. The Jews knew exactly how old Jesus, the son of Mary, really was. They would even have known the day of his birth by virtue of his circumcision at eight days old. The Jews were very precise record keepers. Plus, the Jews also knew who Jesus brothers and sisters were, and the dates they were born as well. If Jesus was only in his early thirties, why didn't the Jews say of him, "You are not yet thirty five years old"? Or, at the least, "You are not yet forty years old"? But they did not say either of the above two questions. They said, "You are not yet FIFTY YEARS old", and they did so because they knew he was already well into his forties.

What makes it so difficult for people to change something they believe in, even when what they believe has been proven not to be true? I have shown that both Scripture and secular history clearly supports a 14 BC birth for Jesus. And, it is possible that it could have been 13 BC, if it took a year to actually institute the census. But, it wasn't 5-2 BC.

Even Strong's Concordance offers support for an earlier birthdate for Jesus. #3813 'paidion'; a childing; an infant; a HALF GROWN boy or girl. Now, if you add the words, "half grown boy", to John 8:57, and then include the historical evidence presented, 14 BC, is very much plausible.

The following, concluding comments, are my own thoughts, and not specifically covered in Scripture. Well, they actually are supported, if common sense is used in

seeing Jesus was in his forties, when the words of John 8:57 were spoken. I offer the following "what if's."

1) What if? Jesus was born on a "Jubilee Year", in c.14-13 BC? If this were so (and evidence shows it is), then the next Jubilee Year would have been in 36-37 AD.

2) What if? Jesus was crucified when he was 45 1/2 years old? Which is supported by the words "You are not yet fifty". Would this not mean that there remains a final 3 1/2 years of his ministry, to be complete? Meaning, when he does return, it would be 3 1/2 years, before he officially begins his 7th millenium reign.

3) What if? Jesus would return 3 1/2 years before the next Jubilee year, which is still in the future? If 36-7 AD was the first Jubilee Year of our present era, would not 2036-7, be the next Jubilee Year? Yes, that is what it would mean.

I realize that the above does not fit into the time frames that most religionists consider today, to be the time of Jesus return. And, the absolute Truth is, that we do not know. Although, we are expected to be "watching", so that we will be close, and thus know how to react. It would seem that the meanings, and intents, of the fall Holy Days, would offer some measure of "guesswork"? There is the verse that says, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east..." (Zech. 14:4) We do not know the "day or hour" when that specific time is. But, there is something else that should be considered.

4) What if? Jesus returns a number of years BEFORE he sets his feet down on the Mount of Olives? (See Rev. 6:16) But waits in the heaven, until the words of Ps. 110:1 are fulfilled? "Sit you at my right hand, UNTIL I make your enemies your footstool". Meaning, that his actually "putting his feet down on the soil of Zion", would be some time later. (See Rev. 14:1)

This is enough for this article. Evidence has been presented, from Scripture, and History. Please consider it carefully and offer other evidences if you have them.

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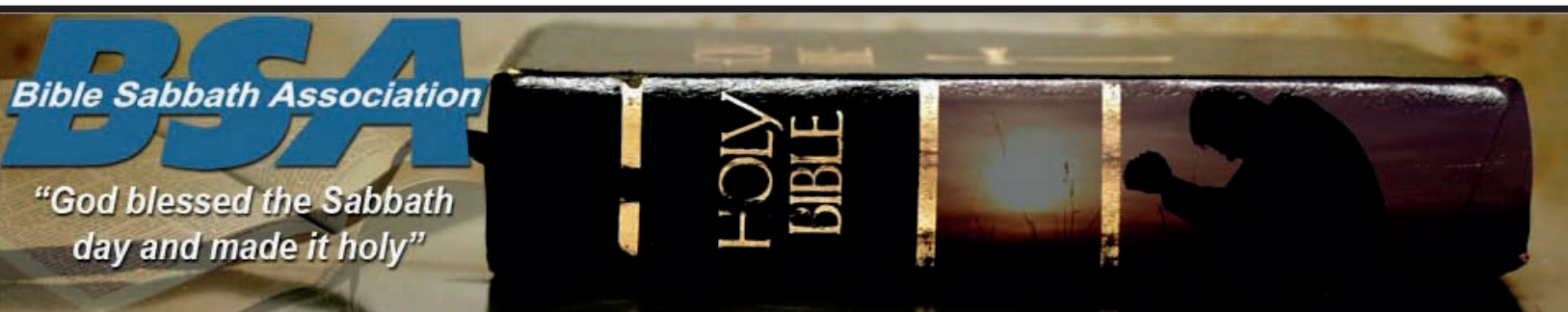
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