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THIS MONTH'S COVER PICTURE

"Praying Hands," photographed by Estel Huffaker, is a reminder that prayer can work wonders in getting others to accept the Saviour and His truths. It should also remind Bible Sabbath Association members that every Friday evening has been chosen as a special time to pray for the success of the work of promoting God's Sabbath. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

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

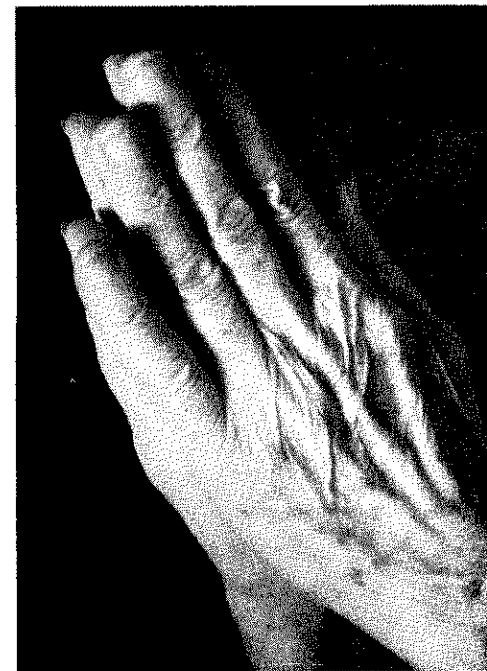
—ISAIAH 21:6—

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"... the prayer
of the upright
is his delight."

—Proverbs 15:8



"I am the way, the truth, and the life."

—JOHN 14:6—

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"A Type of Salvation By Grace Through Faith..."

THE SABBATH

and Our Eternal Rest

A Condensed Sermon by W. Allen Bond

IT HAS BEEN claimed by many Christians today that there is no definite New Testament teaching that Christians are to keep the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath. So, when we find specific reference made to the seventh day of the week in Hebrews 4:4, our interest is aroused, and we desire to know what bearing this has on the Sabbath truth today.

First of all, let us consider the book of Hebrews as a whole. It was written to Christians, Jewish Christians, showing the superiority of Christ over Moses, and showing how the ceremonial law was fulfilled in Christ, as a part of God's eternal plan. It also shows that Christianity, rather than being contrary to the Old Testament religion, is a continuation and unfolding, and that salvation has always been by grace through faith.

In the particular part of Hebrews before us now, we read something about a rest that is from God and with God. And the emphasis is upon entering that rest now, with a strong warning against unbelief, for entrance into this rest is by faith. Then the Old Testament illustration is used of how the children of Israel turned back at Kadesh-Barnea through lack of faith, and failed to enter the promised land of rest that awaited them. It should be noted that this

Canaan rest was a type of a future rest, but it was also more than a mere type. It was very real in itself. It was a present rest, to be entered "now."

In Hebrews 4:4 we find the seventh day of the week referred to as the day on which God finished His creation work and entered into His rest. God entered that rest at that time, and He has been in that rest ever since. So it is a present rest. By faith men can now enter into that rest. Just what sort of rest is this present rest? For one thing, the weekly seventh-day Sabbath is a present rest. It is very real in itself. The fact that Christians have been unable to get away from a weekly rest day shows that the Fourth Commandment has, in a general way, been stamped on men's hearts. In other words, the Sabbath is needed now for its own sake.

The seventh-day Sabbath is also a picture or type of salvation by grace through faith. It speaks of ceasing from works. And the New

Testament gospel is clearly one of salvation by faith *now* in the finished work of Christ, and resting from (not depending upon) our own good works for salvation. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). How sad, then, that so many who contend for the seventh-day Sabbath have not yet entered into the joy and peace that comes by trusting completely and only in Christ's atonement as the basis for a right standing with God! Thus the very Sabbath they would promote stands as a testimony against their legalism (trusting in good works of the law for salvation). And how fitting it would be if those who preach the full gospel of salvation all of grace would observe the seventh-day Sabbath which is such a perfect picture of such a salvation, even as God intended that it should be.

Along with the strong emphasis in Hebrews upon "now" and "today" in regard to the entering into God's rest, we are faced with the clear indication that there is reference to a future rest, also. This is only natural, for to be a picture or type of salvation, the Sabbath would need to refer to something still future as well, for our salvation is not yet complete. The atonement is complete, but our possession of it is only partial. Only when our bodies have been resurrected and transformed, and we have entered the time of being "forever with the Lord" will our redemption be completed. Now, our point is just this. If the Sabbath is a

type of something yet future, then it cannot be done away with before the anti-type comes. In this regard we might turn to the commentary by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown, where we read the following regarding Hebrews 4:9: "This verse indirectly establishes the obligation of the Sabbath still; for the type continues until the anti-type supersedes it: so legal sacrifices continued till the great antitypical sacrifice superseded it. As then the antitypical heavenly Sabbath rest will not be till Christ comes, our gospel Joshua, to usher us into it, the typical earthly Sabbath must continue till then."

Some will object to this line of reasoning by saying that *all* types were done away when the Christian church was founded. True, many types were fulfilled then, but certainly not all. Christians do not merely look back to Calvary! We look to the future for the greatest fulfillment of prophecy and also of type. We all need to re-examine our thinking along these lines. Another angle relative to types is the fact that we have some types that serve as memorials and types for that which is past rather than future. A clear example is baptism, a type of the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection for our sins many years ago. And in our communion service we have types of the past sufferings of our crucified Lord, along with a type of our present partaking of Christ Himself, and the future time of communion at His second coming.

Thus we see why the Sabbath remains valid in this gospel age.

It is a memorial of God's rest which He entered after the six days of creation, and which still continues. It is a type or picture of the gospel of grace we now preach, that salvation is by resting in a finished work, and it is a type of a future heavenly Sabbath that still awaits God's people. All of these facts we find embodied in this definite reference to the seventh-day Sabbath in the book of Hebrews.

What, then, is the conclusion to this whole matter? First of all, you should make certain *today* that you have entered into God's present rest of salvation by trusting completely and only in the finished work of Christ on Calvary's cross, where He died in your place and as your representative. Don't wait for some future time. God says that *today* is the day of salvation. Next, having made sure of your salvation, and having put no trust at all in your own righteousness or ability to commend yourself to God by good works or deeds of the law, commit yourself to observe God's Sabbath out of love for Him and in obedience to His Word, glorying in the knowledge that the seventh-day Sabbath is such a wonderful picture of our present salvation, and a prophetic type of our heavenly rest yet to come, and also the eternal memorial to God's eternal rest in a finished creation. Having done this, you will find the truth of our Lord's words, "my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Your Sabbath experience may inspire someone else; write it up and send it to our editorial office.

Indeed Yes

Our Bible Sabbath Association radio program, "Echoes from Eden," is still on the air on TWO powerful stations. Some changes have been made which we hope will be for the better, but I am sorry to report that it was needful to cut down the number of radio stations carrying our programs for lack of funds. Many have been faithful in support of this work, but others have not caught the vision. Will you help us add another station before Nov. 15?

You may be able to hear one of our programs. Tune us in and WRITE us, telling where you pick it up. This will help greatly.

Many of you can hear XEG, a 150,000-watt station in Monterrey, Mexico. We have a 15-minute program EACH TUESDAY 11:00 p.m. (CST)—10:00 p.m. (MST) or 9:00 p.m. (PST)—1050 kc on your dial.

We are also heard each Tuesday evening (15 minutes) on XERB, 1090 kc. This is a 50,000-watt station near San Diego, California. Tune in at 7:30 p.m. (PST), West Coast friends, and write us, please.

Don't forget to pray much for this work, brethren.

—Frank M. Walker,
Route 1, Boise, Idaho

The Early Bird . . .

is sure of getting his Bible Sabbath Association '63 calendars in time to send to friends as gifts. These calendars, with Sabbaths in red, can be obtained for 25 cents each, with quantity discounts. Send orders to the Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma.

The Lord of God's Sabbath

By W. C. Polzin

IF THOU WILT enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matt. 19:17). "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10). Jesus stated that for us to enter into life we must keep God's commandments even as He, Jesus, Himself did.

"Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not" (Ex. 20:20). God did speak to the people. "The Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever" (Ex. 19:9). "For the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai" (Ex. 19:11). "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled" (Ex. 19:16). God came down "upon Mount Sinai, and spake with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and com-

mandest them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant" (Neh. 9:13, 14). "God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it" (Gen. 2:3). "And God spake all these words saying, . . . Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Ex. 20:1 and 8). "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Ex. 20:11).

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. . . . Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?" (John 7:16, 17, 19).

"On the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and

he rested on the seventh day. . . . God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it" (Gen. 2:2, 3).

Jesus, of which day are you Lord? "The Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (Mark 2:28). Is the Sabbath made for man? "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). Is the Sabbath the seventh day? "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work" (Ex. 20:10). Is then Sunday the first day of the week? "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre" (John 20:1). She came on a Sunday to the sepulchre early in the morning, as Sunday is the first day of the week. In the English Bible translation we read "Early on the Sunday morning." Which day did Jesus keep? "As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day" (Luke 4:16). On what day did Christ teach the people? Jesus "came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days" (Luke 4:31). Which day is God's Sabbath in the modern calendar? The seventh day, Saturday. Which day will you keep?

God said, "I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God" (Eze. 20:19, 20).

"Exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are

made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; while it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke; howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he [God] grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?" (Heb. 3:13-18).

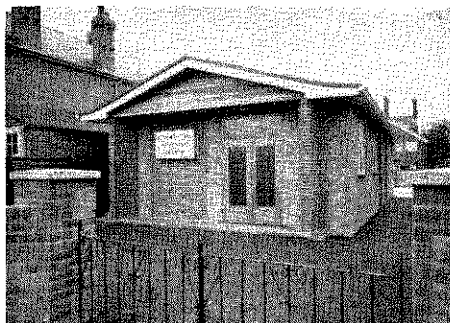
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit" (1 Peter 3:18). "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God" (1 Peter 4:1, 2).

Christ said: "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). "Being made perfect, he [Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:9).

Ask the Undertaker

By James W. Ginbey, Pastor

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Slough, England



FOR TWENTY-THREE years, almost from the time of its founding, a group of Seventh-day Adventists has been fellowshiping in an uncommodious hall, in Slough, England. The hall belongs to a political party and is often draped with slogans, campaign material, etc.

Every Sabbath morning a faithful deacon arrived two hours before the service to prepare the hall, which was usually dirty and disarranged. Only a curtain separated it from the entrance to the office of the organization, and a local Member of Parliament met his constituents on Sabbath mornings in the office; consequently there was considerable disturbance. Sometimes distracting noises of machinery and office equipment would emit from the office. Sometimes caterers would be preparing

for a wedding party and carrying things through the hall to a side room; and other times musicians brought their instruments for a later fixture in the hall. Very often it was hard for our worshippers to concentrate.

Other disadvantages of the hall were that it was used regularly for Spiritualist meetings, and to the general public sometimes Seventh-day Adventists seemed in the same category. Under these circumstances we were little known. No wonder therefore that Sabbathkeepers coming from other places had difficulty in finding us. Taxi-drivers did not know where we worshipped and on one occasion, a driver had to go to an undertaker to find out where Adventists met.

It is hardly surprising that from its founding this group of Sabbathkeepers had the desire for a place of worship of their own. However, lack of funds prevented such a proposition. In faith, a building fund was started. It took many years to collect a few hundred pounds.

Then about eight years ago a piece of land was purchased, centrally situated and at a reasonable cost because the owner was fav-

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The Astronomer Didn't Answer

Adler Planetarium and Astronomical Museum
Chicago 5, Illinois

Gentlemen:

A copy each of *The Calendar* and *The Star of Bethlehem* have come to hand from a friend. Both were quite interesting reading material. However, I was shocked to note at the close of *The Calendar*, hoping to cure the defects of the existing Gregorian Calendar, you have come to the support and wholehearted espousal of the World Calendar, one of the most gigantic frauds ever devised by the mind of man to mislead and delude humanity.

You can't simply ignore days and give them no name. Mankind's whole way of life, determined by the Fourth Commandment, calls for weeks of seven days. I certainly cannot, in the light of Scriptural truth, agree that the origin of the seven-day week has been lost. The Fourth Commandment very clearly indicates the creation period and its Sabbath the everlasting memorial of Creation, the seventh day as comprising a week, or shall we say period, later to take on the name "week." Each recurring seventh day after the first one was to be a day of rest, the Sabbath. This was not for the Jew only, but was for the whole of mankind (Mark 2:27, 28). Would the Crea-

tor give us a day of memorial and then let us lose it? Certainly not. That is the reason why, right in the center of the Ten Commandments we find the Sabbath Commandment. As the Father, the Creator created all in seven days, resting the seventh, He set a pattern and insured its perpetuation by means of the Fourth Commandment. Is it by mere chance then, to preserve it in other than written form, the Father saw to it that, as you indicate, the four principal phases of the moon indicate a recurring seven-day institution?

Let me further call to your attention that we would be doing right smart and well for ourselves to heed the Jews and Israelites in these matters. A reading of Acts: Your attention directed to chapter 7, verses 37 through 39, should give more than a hint that the "oracles" were entrusted to the Jews. Also, specifically this is stated in Romans 3:1, 2.

There is a basis for the week and it has never been lost!

The introduction of the World Calendar can in no wise clear up the confusion regarding the week, but can only serve to befuddle and blind the eyes of humanity further to the Truths as they come from the Holy Scriptures.

What denomination, Sunday-observing or Sabbath-observing, or even observing any other specific

day of the week as a holy day, wants that day to become confused by observing it on some other day of the week every year? It's madness!

Blank-day Calendars are deadly so far as conscientious religious observance of a particular day is concerned. A confused and morally decadent Christianity can only be further induced into the sleep of destruction by being brought into the direct disobedience of the Fourth Commandment. This, of the Ten Commandments designates the day of each recurring week and does not allow or permit the inclusion of an eight day once or twice a year.

This Association of Sabbath-believers and promoters and all other non-affiliated bodies of seventh-day observers are unalterably opposed to any such fraudulent device as is found in the World Calendar. It is glossed over by its founders and promoting association. Rip off those wraps, we implore you, and take your support from such a dangerous and inherent evil source of teaching.

I am enclosing a booklet of our own, entitled *The Standard (Alternate Month) Civil Calendar*. This was devised by a brilliant scholar of the Word of Yahweh, the Creator. This was our Brother George A. Main, consulting engineer, who had a hobby and a very deep religious interest in a calendar that would preserve the Sabbath from week to week.

You will note that Mr. Main, now deceased, graduated from Lewis Institute of Chicago, and had other scientific training from Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

Through the years he studied this matter and has qualified himself to be heard. He speaks with authority, but not with deceit as do the promoting leaders of the lying, fraudulent World Calendar.

We honestly believe that you have been deceived into thinking that the world calendar offers the real solution to the calendar problem. It does anything but that. It tries to do that which it is impossible to do. We of the Bible Sabbath Association do not propose to evenly divide the year. We do not inject false no-name days into the week. We stand for recurring seventh-day Sabbaths or cycles of time and must remain unalterably opposed to any other scheme such as is proposed by the World Calendar Association. We believe that when you understand our point of view, you will withdraw any support of the World Calendar and give our calendar the rightful publicity it deserves. No one has been able to find a flaw in it yet. We challenge anyone to do so.

We are also enclosing a sheet titled "Calendar Revision," a warning of the pitfalls to be found in blank-day and "Day-Date-Rotation" schemes. Leaflet No. 3, *What Everyone Should Know About Calendar Revision*, is also tendered herewith.

It is also suggested that you contact the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. for further information about the false claims set forth by the World Calendar manipulators, real craftsmen turning out claims of the im-

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From the
Mailbag



Conducted by Mrs. Ruby C. Babcock

"A few months ago you sent me a copy of your directory upon inquiry, and I bought two calendars from you, which I am enjoying.

"I have been a Sabbathkeeper for 26 years and delight in being obedient to the Lord in this as well as other ways. I firmly believe that the seventh day (Saturday) is the Bible Sabbath hallowed and sanctified by the Lord and which no man has the right to change.

"I started off in a Sabbath-keeping group at 13 years old, but when I had a chance to study... with a mature mind and much prayer, I left that church to become an 'independent.' I found this to be hard on my children who were growing up without church roots, so I joined a Sabbathkeeping church in Berlin, New York, five years ago. The last of my six children will be baptized this next month along with my husband, who has been organist and choir director for this church since we've been going there. My husband is an electrical engineer with the Pittsfield General Electric, which necessitates our living here—30 miles from Berlin.

"It is my feeling that each Christian is an ambassador of Christ and should witness wherever he goes, and this has been the motivating force behind the project that I now find myself caught up in.

"For some time I have wanted

a reading room where Sabbath information can be had—even as the Christian Scientist people have theirs in every town, especially in the East (USA).

"I have tracts, booklets and literature from quite a few Sabbath-keeping churches and denominations, and with the exception of Bibles, am all set to start. I have the furnishing necessary, with the exception of tract racks and book shelves and a partition in the office I hope to rent in the near future, to separate the reading room from the office.

"My family will carry the biggest share of the expenses of rent, lights, insurance and telephone, but I still will need to rely upon organizations and churches sympathetic with our Sabbath promotion work. I will need to advertise, though in a small way, which will involve additional expense.

"I had thought to defray some of the expense by taking in typing to be done at the office, but the accounts of the typing service and the reading room would be kept separate and each contribution listed and receipted.

"Below is the stamp I have had made and the P. O. Box.

Sabbatarian Reading Room
Box 400

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

"Would you be able to put this address in your next directory? I hope to have this made into a non-profit organization, but cannot get recognition from the Government for tax deduction purposes until it has been incorporated for one year, as I understand it.

"Any advice, prayers, help, etc. you might be able to give me would be very deeply appreciated."

—Mrs. Myrtle W. Cushman,
154 Mountain Drive,
Pittsfield, Mass.

Editor's Note: The wording of the third paragraph has been changed slightly to avoid mention of denominations involved. In a future issue we hope to have an article—perhaps with a picture—concerning this unique undertaking.

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"Some Wisdom:—

"The just shall live by faith
Good faith is good belief,
Good belief is good being. . .

"Good choice and good understanding and good works are constructive, and the first things we can do to get good attainment."

—Fred O. Webster,
Alberta Beach, Alberta, Canada

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"The Morrison Agency would like to be numbered among your subscribers, beginning with the month of October, this year. . .

"One member of our personnel is an avid SABBATH SENTINEL fan, feeling there must be two witnesses to every point of truth. His church is one witness and the SENTINEL is another. Our agency would like to get hold of a copy of your August number with which to do missionary work locally."

—Morrison Agency,
P. T. Morrison, Gen. Agt.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Sticks and stones are thrown only at fruit-bearing trees.

ASK THE UNDERTAKER

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ourable to the purpose for which we wanted the site. (Had we wanted to purchase land today the price would be almost prohibitive.) For years no further progress was made. Even after plans had been drawn up, delay followed delay. Meanwhile, every Sabbath morning in Sabbath school a model church was passed around, into which the members placed their gifts towards the building. From time to time sales of work were held. Finally word came through about a year ago that plans were accepted by the local council and a builder was ready to commence work.

You can imagine how often the members went to look at their church being built. Finally the great day arrived when everything was ready for opening. On the first Sabbath morning—March 10 of this year—it was a wonderful experience to be there. Tears of joy were flowing as in peace and quiet and reverence, thankful praise ascended to God, who had made it possible.

Don't Deny Yourself

the Pleasure and the Inspiration which the cheery new Sabbath Calendar can bring you. It is a delight for 365 days, and especially for 52 Sabbaths printed in red. Send your 25¢ right now, to be sure of getting one.

BIBLE SABBATH ASSN.,
Fairview, Okla.



Spotlight on the Sabbath

Economic Hardship"

The American Jewish Congress and the New York Board of Rabbis have called for legislation that would grant Sabbathkeepers an exemption from the state's Sunday closing law. Speaking for both groups at a public hearing of the Democratic state platform advisory committee, Marvin Moses Karpotkin said the present law imposes "discriminatory economic hardship and burdens."

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Pioneer

Mrs. Myrtle W. Cushman has opened what is perhaps the world's first undenominational Sabbatarian Reading Room in Pittsfield, Mass. There is an item about this in the "Mailbag" column of this issue.

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Warm and Getting Hot

Debate on the issue of Sunday closing is growing increasingly heated in Florida because of increased Sunday sales in that state, and the matter may become a "hot" issue in the next meeting of the legislature in 1963. Discount houses in Tampa obtained a temporary injunction from an act of

the city council which prohibited Sunday sales of certain items. Efforts to force Sunday closing in Miami have been a failure, but Luther Pierce, executive director of the Greater Miami Council of Churches, stated he was "encouraged" by last year's Supreme Court decision.

Sunday closing laws have been tabled in Gainesville, Lakeland, and Coral Gables and repealed in Pensacola.

Commenting on a prediction that bills for Sunday closing of stores will be important in the '63 session of the legislature, State Senator Cliff Herrell said: "The legislature may pass such a law but I don't think it will be enforceable in your and my time. When people stop shopping on Sunday, then these stores won't open."

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What Else???

The Voters Action Association, which is fighting any liberalization of Ohio's Sunday laws, has decided which day of the week is best for working to get publicity for its cause.

What day? Sunday, of course!

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Significant Omission?

A Jewish Rabbi—Marc H. Tannenbaum of New York—and a Methodist minister—Dr. A. Dudley Ward of Washington—have both made similar observations that a statement by the Catholic Church favoring religious freedom would go far to remove suspicions on the part of non-Catholics. The rabbi noted that the re-

cent encyclical, *Mater et Magistra*, failed to deal directly with religious freedom. It is perhaps significant that in many countries, Sabbathkeepers are the group which face the most disapproval from the prevailing religion.

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Drive Against Drive-Ins

Fourteen more drive-in theater employees were arrested in Lancaster, Penn., for illegally showing movies on Sunday. Bible Sabbath Association member Elder J. G. Johnson, in a letter to the mayor of Lancaster, noted that "there is no place in the Bible that says that Sunday is the Sabbath, neither does it call Sunday the Lord's Day..." He asked, if going to shows is worse than playing golf on Sunday.

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More Important Business

Charles Pam, an Orthodox Jew who operates a grocery in New York City, refused to pay a five-dollar fine for selling canned goods on Sunday morning. The law permits such sales of "cooked foods" only from 4 to 7 p.m. on that day. Pam says that he closes his store every Friday evening to Sunday, and maintained that "the state has no right to stigmatize any citizen for the way he observes or fails to observe a religious day of rest." He added that policemen have more important Sunday business than to crack down on a corner grocery. Enforcing Sunday laws to the hilt, he said, would call for Sunday action against radio and TV stations, newspapers,

drug stores, gas stations, news stands, sightseeing buses and boats, and church bingo games.

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Blue Who's Who

During June, a controversy raged in Muscogee County, Georgia, as the county commission and the city commission of Columbus, the county's largest city, agreed in principle but disagreed in practice on the enforcement of Sunday closings after July 1. Earlier, a grand jury had recommended that seven types of business be allowed to remain open, while others should close. The county commission, saying that exemption would establish a dangerous precedent, called for immediate enforcement with no exemptions; the city group favored delaying enforcement until the state legislature has a chance to review Georgia's blue laws. At a public hearing, the owners of about 80 small businesses, mainly groceries, insisted they would be forced into bankruptcy if not allowed to remain open on Sunday.

We urge you to send us any news items about Sunday laws and their enforcement that you find in your local papers. Clip them, write the name of paper and date, and send them—preferably by airmail—to the editorial office.

Conscience sometimes gets the credit that belongs to cold feet.

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Some children are afraid of the dark, and some adults are afraid of the light.

THE ? BOX

The Question (from August issue):

Since six Scriptures quote the Son of man as putting a three-day limit on the time between His death and His rising from the dead, how could He die at the ninth hour on the fourth day of the week, and three days and three hours later, near sunset on the Sabbath day, rise from the dead the third day? Wouldn't that be a fourth day resurrection?

The Answers:

The Son of man told His disciples that He would be put to death, and the third day rise again. God counts three evenings and three mornings (Gen. 1:1-3) as being three days.

The Jews wanted a sign from Him; He said "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19-21). The temple was destroyed when He died on the cross. To the Pharisees He said, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:38-40). When Jesus died on the cross the Spirit departed from Him and He went to the heart of the earth: there He spent the three days and three nights exactly as He said that He would. At the end of the three days and three nights, He took His life again (John 10:18) just as He said that He had power to do.

Therefore, since the Son of Man died at the hour of the daily sacrifice (the ninth hour or immediately after) on the fourth day of the week, He arose from the dead to immortal life at the ninth hour on the Sabbath Day. The hour of

death, three days and three nights later, became the hour of life.

—Wm. Gwyn

In Matthew 12:40 Jesus said, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly [Jonah 1:17]; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

It is true that about the ninth hour Jesus died on the cross, but they didn't get around to putting Him in the grave until toward evening, just before sunset.

So Wednesday evening and Thursday to sunset is one night and day; Thursday evening and all day Friday is second night and day; Friday evening and all day Saturday is third night and day. Jesus was in the heart of the earth 3 days and 3 nights according to the Scriptures.

—M. B. Devor

The understanding I get is that He would be in the earth three days and three nights; therefore, from Wednesday just before sundown of the high Sabbath to just before sundown on the weekly Sabbath would be three days and three nights, and if Jesus had risen in the morning of the first day, He could not have appeared to the disciples in the evening of the first day, because the evening is before the morning.

—Elder J. G. Johnson

The truth of the time of Christ's rest in the tomb is simply that He was not entombed any literal seventy-two hours. A prayerful reading of Luke 24:13-25 clarifies the point. The chapter begins with a notation of time—"Now upon the first day of the week." The verses state, "Two of them [disciples] went that same day to a village called Em-

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Exploring Inner Space

MUCH EMPHASIS in the present world seems to be on rockets and satellites; now we are told that early in December the United States will have a rocket passing within a few thousand miles of Venus, sending back signals to tell what conditions are like on that planet. It seems ironic—and potentially dangerous—that man seems bent on exploring and conquering outer space before he has learned to control his evil and self-destructive impulses—or to let them be controlled by the Master Planner and Creator of the Universe. A recent news item told of a large Christian denomination planning to send missionaries to the planets to “convert” any possible intelligent beings found thereon!

How tragically humorous that man, who has forgotten God’s Law—or at least a portion of it—should have the audacity to impose his mixture of paganism and Christianity upon other worlds!

What a difference would be seen if we took time to explore “inner space”—our own souls and how to improve their condition.

The logical way to begin such an exploration would be to set aside the Sabbath each week for worship, prayer, and meditation. Even those who already keep the Sabbath would profit if their past experience has been like ours at times; some Sabbaths we have

found ourselves so occupied with being “good” church members that we have not had the time to be “good” Christians—preparation for a Sabbath school program has replaced prayer, attendance at and participation in a formal service has been called worship, and a Sabbath afternoon feverishly spent in doing “good works” has left no time for quiet moments. At such times we have noted the setting sun at the end of the Sabbath with a feeling of relief.

Jesus said to His tired disciples: “Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). To this someone has added that unless we “come apart and rest” on the Sabbath, we shall simply “come apart.” We need times of self inventory—letting the Lord show us our needs—before we are able to help others. David realized this when he wrote Psalm 51. The first twelve verses are a candid confession of faults and plea for cleansing of heart and soul. Then—and only then—he realizes he is spiritually prepared to “teach transgressors thy ways.”

Let us set an example for the world and prepare ourselves for our place in God’s work by “keeping” the Sabbath which He has given to us.

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The Astronomer Didn’t Answer

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possible to delude every soul in this already benighted world.

The Seventh-Day Adventists, it will be noted, have capable and brilliant scientists in their midst. These men, too, have studied the World Calendar plan. They can say nothing good for it, but on the other hand can point out the utter confusion and chaos that would result in the adoption of such a scheme, should the people rise up in their determination to keep the true Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. If you do not already have it, haven’t already seen it, I would recommend that you obtain, if possible, a copy of *World Calendar versus World Religion*. This is a Seventh-day Adventist treatise dealing with proposed calendar reforms . . . containing an expose of the World Calendar in considerable and unanswerable detail, so far as pointing out its deplorable defects. They do not offer a counter proposal. We DO and we challenge anyone, as already stated, to find a flaw in it. We do *not* profess to do the impossible, let me repeat. We deal with facts and are governed by them.

It is hoped that you will pardon this rather lengthy letter, but it is high time, with all the present confusion in the world, not to be projecting wandering holy days into the lives of all peoples, hence confusing them and causing conscience to either be cast aside or real strife develop through insistence upon having an unbroken weekly seven-day cycle of time

with the recurring Sabbath at the close thereof, just as planned and set down by the One who hung the world on nothing and set it out in the unimaginable expanse of space, surrounding it with heaven’s clockwork and precision, the stars, planets, the moon, and other astral host which no man can number.

Isn’t it time for all of us to get on a sound footing rather than to succumb to the sophistries and fallacious reasonings of those who have little or no interest in anything other than that which bolsters their own ego and makes a name for themselves in the pages of history? The Creator of all things, including time, which is measured by the calendar, has a right to be included in our thinking and planning. Let’s give Him the exaltation which He not only deserves but DEMANDS of those who would care to assure themselves of future life and eternal blessing which is promised to the faithful and true servants. Please do consider the dangers we have tried to point out. No longer lend the hands of the fine planetarium and society to do the bidding of those who seek to foster plans and devices detrimental to every man, woman and child in this wide world.

Sincerely for the sake of Truth,
The Bible Sabbath Association
Albert G. Gearhart, President

Editor’s Note: This letter was never answered.

Remember the Bible Sabbath Association’s radio program, “Echoes from Eden,” with your prayers and offerings.

THE ? BOX

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maus." In the conversation with the Stranger who joined them, they tell of the events that have occurred, noting, "how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and had crucified him" (verse 20). Then they concluded, "And besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done" (verse 21). So do a little counting back, and one comes to the day of the crucifixion, Friday, the sixth day, the preparation day of Luke 23:54.

—Elder Wm. H. Grother

It is well to have an open mind on all subjects which do not have a definite bearing on our eternal life. The day our Lord arose from the tomb in glorified bodily form has no bearing on our eternal life. The fact of His resurrection has.

There is a very interesting tract put out by The Church of God Publishing House (7th Day) of Stanberry, Missouri, sent free for the asking.

We can understand one reason why our Father in Heaven had His only begotten Son rise on the Sabbath, if that be the case. It would be because He foresaw apostate Christians would link Sunday keeping with His resurrection.

The fact is, there is no possible connection between what day Christ arose and the specific command to keep holy the seventh day of the week, a perpetual covenant between God and His people as a sign He has called them holy and is keeping them holy (Exodus 31:13, 16).

—P. T. Morrison

Some of our very best Christians read the Bible to mean that Christ rose as it began to dawn towards the first day of

the week, *i.e.*, just before sundown Saturday evening. The only object we can see in God's raising His Son Saturday, would be to let Him spend the night in prayer.

—Paul Thackwell

The New Question:

When I once told a prospective employer that I wanted Sabbaths off, he said, "You've got three strikes against you already." I have a friend who doesn't tell, when applying for a job, that he keeps the Sabbath; he waits until Friday evening. That doesn't always go over so well with the employer. Just what is the proper way to tell of your Sabbath belief when getting a job?

We invite you to send us your questions related to the Sabbath and your answers to the above question. Names of questioners will not be used; names of those sending answers will be used unless we are requested not to do so. We reserve the right to change or shorten in the interest of clarity or brevity. Opinions are not necessarily those of the Bible Sabbath Association.

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