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

— Isaiah 21:6 —

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EASTER

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THE Roman Catholic world zealously observes Lent, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Protestant churches follow their "mother" and keep Easter Sunday, while some of them regard Good Friday as a sacred day. But whence came these days, and why are they considered sacred? Do they have a Scriptural background? For what purpose do Christians keep them?

Lent, Good Friday, and Easter are not mentioned in the entire Scriptures. The word "Easter," through a mis-translation, is found in Acts 12:4; but the original word is not "Easter," but "Passover." Because of the silence of the Scriptures relating to this popular church day, many wonder why it is observed; while the great majority continue to observe it, after the manner of the multitude, without much thought as to its significance.

"Lent" is that 40-day period preceding Easter, in which certain abstinences are observed by the Roman Catholic Church adherents and members of some Protestant churches. There is no mention of it in the Scriptures, though it is claimed that it commemorates the fast of the Messiah, but that is a late explanation for his old custom.

"It ought to be known," said Cassianus, the monk of Marseilles, writing the fifth century, and contrasting the primitive faith with the Church of his day, "that the observance of the forty days had no existence, so long as the perfection of the primitive Church remained inviolate." Whence then, came this observance? "The 40

days' abstinence of Lent was directly borrowed from the worshipers of the Babylonian goddess. Such a Lent of 40 days, 'In the spring of the year,' is still observed by the Yezidis, or pagan devil-worshippers of Koordistan, who have inherited it from their early masters, the Babylonians. Such a Lent is held in the spring by pagan Mexicans—Such a Lent of 40 days was observed in Egypt...held expressly in commemoration of Adonis, or Osiris, the great mediatorial god."—Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, pp. 104-105.

"When the worship of Astarte was riding into the ascendant, steps were taken to get the whole Chaldean Lent of six weeks, or forty days, made imperative on all within the Roman empire of the West. The way was prepared for this by a council held at Aurelia in the time of Hormisdas, Bishop of Rome, about the year 519, which decreed that Lent should be solemnly kept before Easter." *Ibid.*, pp. 106, 107.

Lent, then, we have learned from Dr. Hislop, and may confirm with quotations from encyclopedias if space permitted, was an ancient pagan season, originally observed by them in honor of their goddess, Ishtar (Eas-

ter). It has no Scriptural authority.

Good Friday is said to be the memorial of the crucifixion of the Saviour, being Friday which precedes Easter Sunday. This too, however, is without Scriptural foundation; and is contrary to the facts.

We are told by religionists that Easter commemorates the resurrection of our Saviour. This holy day of the Church is not of Scriptural origin, does not commemorate the Messiah's resurrection; but like Christmas, Lent, Good Friday, Sunday, and other "holy days" of the Church, is borrowed from the pagans, and was not known as a sacred day in the primitive congregations of believers.

The Twentieth Century Dictionary says "Easter" was "originally a festival in honor of the goddess of spring, Eastre."

Dr. Hislop remarks, "Then look at Easter. What means the term Easter itself?... It bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than Estarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven, whose name, as pronounced by the people of Ninevah, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country. That name, as found by Layard on the Assyrian monuments, is Ishtar."—*The Two Babylons*, p. 103.

"The festival, of which we read in Church history, under the name of Easter, in the third or fourth centuries, was quite a different festival from that now observed by the Romish Church, and at that time was not known by any such name as Easter. It was called Pasch, or the Pass-over."—*Ibid.*, p. 104.

The pagan Easter remnants are still with us in the fancy attire, gay

clothing, hot-cross buns, dyed eggs, and bunnies on Easter Sunday. Rabbits and eggs, representatives of the goddess of fertility of nature, and used as such in the worship of Astarte, or Easter, are used today by Christians who do not know their true significance, and their paganism.

The origin of Astarte's egg, or the Easter egg, is related in this myth upon which the worship of the goddess Easter was founded. Hishop says, "An egg of wonderful size is said to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves having settled upon it, and hatched it, out came Venus, who was afterwards called the Syrian Goddess, that is Astarte. Hence the egg became one of the symbols of Estarte, or Easter."—*Ibid.*, p. 109.

"The hot-cross buns of Good Friday, and the dyed eggs of Pasch or Easter Sunday, figured in the Chaldean rites just as they do now. The 'buns' known by that identical name, were used in the worship of the queen of heaven, the goddess Easter, as early as the day of Cecrops, the founder of Athens—that is, 1500 years before the Christian Era." *Ibid.*, p. 108.

Even as early as the time of Jeremiah the prophets were condemning this worship of Easter, the queen of heaven. The prophet declared, "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven" (Jer. 7:18). One of the names of this "queen of heaven" was Astarte (Ishtar, Easter).

Today, hot-cross buns are not offered in worship, but they are eaten on the festival of Astarte. There is no doubt of their origin. Dyed eggs,

bunnies, hot-cross buns, and all such, in connection with the observance of Easter are from the heathen religions; and here is what the prophet declares regarding all such: "Thus saith Yahweh, Learn not the way of the heathen... for the customs of the people are vain" (Isa. 10:2, 3, Holy Name Bible).

Why then, if Easter, Lent, Good Friday, Sunday, Christmas, and other festivals, are of pagan origin, did the leaders bring these pagan elements into the Christian Church? The answer is that the Roman government authorities sought to make the entire empire of one faith, and that was the faith of the state church, the Roman Church. Numbers were what counted, and a single state church the aim of the authorities; so, to make it easy for the pagan elements, the festivals of the gods and goddesses of the pagans were brought into the state church, and thus the primitive faith disappeared and a new church arose—the state church of the Roman Empire, the Roman Catholic Church, from whence have been born the many Protestant daughters.

Hislop explains this amalgamation of the pagan religions with the decadent primitive faith, in order to make a state church, in these words: "To conciliate the pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and pagan festivals amalgamated; and by a complicated but skilful adjustment of the calendar, it was found no difficult matter, in general, to get paganism and Christianity—now far sunk in idolatry—in this, as in many other matters, to shake hands."—*Ibid.*, p. 105.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica has this to say relative to this appease-

ment policy of the apostate church, "Nothing, perhaps, has tended more thoroughly to corrupt Christianity than the introduction into it of superstitions which are really pagan themselves, or have been suggested by pagan practices. Paganism, unable to oppose Christianity successfully, has done much to corrupt it, and in numberless ways has made inroads upon its purity."

The propensity of the rude and uneducated converts from paganism to cling to the festival rites of their forefathers proved to be invincible, so that it was seen to be necessary to seek to adopt the old usages to the new worship rather than to abolish them altogether; moreover, although the empire had become Christian, it was manifestly expedient that the old holidays should be recognized as much as possible in the new arrangement of the calendar."

Once again we find the church men giving way to the heathen in order to win them to Christianity. Quoting from Frazer's *Golden Bough*, we find: "Taken altogether the coincidences of the Christian and the heathen festivals are too close and too numerous to be accidental. They mark the compromise which the church in the hour of its triumph was compelled to make with its vanquished yet still dangerous rituals. The inflexible protestantism of the primitive missionaries, with fiery denunciations of heathendom, had been exchanged for the supple policy, the easy tolerance, the comprehensive charity of shrewd ecclesiastics, who clearly perceived that if Christianity was to conquer the world it could do so only by relaxing the too rigid principles of its Founder, by widening a little the narrow
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Why the Sabbath?

THE LATE GEORGE A. MAIN

SOME do not understand why anyone should insist upon observing the Saturday Sabbath, and really choose to devote much or all of his time to working for its observance by others and to *opposing* laws which provide fines and imprisonment for Saturday observers.

For all who are interested in the religion of Christ, the following facts, which rarely if ever appear in Sunday sermons, in Sunday School lessons, or in religious periodicals but which have led many to Saturday observance, should be of profound interest.

To make the logic absolutely irrefutable a 3-part syllogism is used: 1. *The Major Premise*: Christ taught seventh-day Sabbath observance; 2. *The 2nd Premise*: Christianity means Christ's teachings; 3. *The Conclusion*: seventh-day Sabbath observance is a Christian's duty.

CHRIST TAUGHT: (These are Christ's teachings, not merely man's opinions):

- A. That the Ten Commandments, one of which requires seventh-day Sabbath observance, are the unchangeable will of God, even to the minutest "jot" or "tittle" (Matt. 5:17-19).
- B. That those only who do the will of His Father, that is, those who obey the Law of God, shall enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 7:21).
- C. That obedience to Christ's commandments is the one sure proof of our love for Him (John 14:15, 21; 12:50; 15:10).
- D. That attainment of "eternal life"

in the heavenly kingdom requires full and unconditional obedience to the Commandments — necessarily including the seventh-day Commandment (Matt. 19:16, 17, Mark 10:17-19, Luke 10:25-28; 18:18-20).

- E. That His followers must *teach* as well as *obey* the commandments in order to attain complete recognition in the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:19).
- F. That they worship Christ in vain who follow the traditions of men, of which honoring the sun-day of paganism is the outstanding offense, *instead* of the "commandment of God" (Mark 7:7-9; Deut. 4:19; II Kings 17:16, etc.).

CHRISTIANITY:

- A. Meant Sabbath observance to Christ (Luke 4:16); to the *Apostles* (Acts 17:2); and to *their followers* (Luke 23:56-24:1).—the Sabbath being then as now, the day *preceding* "the first day of the week," as also shown in Matthew 28:1.
- B. Means now, "the precepts and doctrines *taught by Christ*." the definition given by all dictionaries, known to all Bible students, and conformed by analogous definitions

of all other so-called "great religions." Mohammedanism, for example, is the religious doctrines founded by Mohammed; Confucianism, the principles of morality taught by Confucius. Likewise true Christianity must *forever* mean the Gospel-recorded teachings of Christ.

CONCLUSIONS:

The only possible conclusions from the foregoing premises include:

- A. That, as also taught by the Apostles, the Law of God is the only source of the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20; 7:7; James 2:10), and that substitution of any other day than the seventh as the weekly holy day is sin against God.
- B. That there should be no divisions among true Christians, all necessarily being of one mind and one accord, as also taught by the Apostles (Acts 3:20; 14:7; 2:1, 46; Phil. 1:27; 2:5).
- C. That the Creator and Christ are one and the same (John 1:1-3), and that they are therefore necessarily unchangeable (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).
- D. That in the complete absence of any *Scriptural* authority for the observance of the first day of the week, both Christ and the apostles warned their followers against the serious traditional practices of honoring the feast day of pagan sun-worshippers (Deut. 4:19; 2 Kings 17:16, Mark 7:7-9; Col. 2:8).
- E. That the Roman church correctly claims to have been solely responsible for the *apparent* change from seventh-day to first-day observance and correctly affirms that

Protestant Sunday-keeping is a recognition of Catholic supremacy in religious matters; but Protestants should never say (as many do) that "Rome changed the Sabbath to Sunday," for the Creator alone is able to do that and *He never has*.

- F. That as it has been from the beginning, to "fear God and keep his commandments" is "the whole duty of man," in the words of one of the wisest of inspired writers, Solomon (Eccl. 12:13).
- G. That any departure from the Commandments of God and the teachings of Christ, such as honoring the first instead of the seventh day, is both ungodly and unchristian.
- H. That, since the seventh-day Sabbath Commandment is the only one of the ten that is almost universally repudiated as well as disobeyed, and since teaching obedience to the Commandments is an essential of Christianity (Matt. 5:19), special emphasis, Christian emphasis, should be placed on the seventh-day Sabbath Commandment, even to the smallest "jot" or "tittle."

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The foregoing irrefutable syllogism should convince any Christian that it is his duty to observe and promote observance of the seventh-day Sabbath and to oppose all man-made laws intended to obstruct such Sabbath observance.

However, we wish to stress further the fact that nothing has transpired or can happen to change in the least the teachings of Christ; that there are countless Christians in Sunday observance

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Sabbath Rest a Balm of Healing

Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you" (Ex. 31:13).

PAUL V. BEEBE

FRRIEND, do you come to the close of your work week worn out? Is your brain tired, do you feel a need to be refreshed, renewed? Do you need a "healing balm"?

I have good news for you. Our heavenly Father in His infinite knowledge foreknew your needs and provided, in the very beginning, the means of refreshing. The means He provided is the holy, sanctified, blessed Sabbath Day, the seventh day of the week (Gen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 20:8-11).

"The world, weary and sin-sick, needs nothing more than it needs to feel the presence and power of a righteous and benevolent God. Men, busy and preoccupied with the burdens of life, need frequent reminders of God's interest in them. The holy Sabbath ordained of God in the beginning is the means at hand for this service."¹

"The Sabbath idea is in harmony with the Bible, religious history, and reason, and we advocate a sacred regard for the seventh day, not for the day's sake (alone) but for the idea's sake (also), having conviction that according to the 'logic of events' or the witness of history, the observance of that day is essential to the preservation of the great Sabbath principle."²

High above the "logic" of Sabbath

observance, though, is the fact that God in His infinite wisdom foreknew man's needs and limitations and created the weekly cycle, crowning it with the Sabbath. He did more than create the Sabbath for the benefit of man. He also purified it and set it apart from other days (sanctified) and blessed it as "my holy day."

"The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27).

Jesus the Christ—the Son of God—came to this world in the form of man, to give man a way to eternal life. Christ came to give man a way to live day by day. He came also to give us rest; but in giving us rest, did He do away with the Sabbath rest ordained of God? Ah no! rather, He filled the Sabbath full of new meaning: joy, happiness, peace and rest. In the light of Christ's redeeming love, man needs to give honor to the Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28). This Lord in appointing and sanctifying a day of rest, "in the beginning" (Gen. 2:3) had our welfare in mind. For in keeping holy the Sabbath Day man gains rest and ease from the stress and strain of life.

The secular world, though, has trodden under foot the Sabbath to such an extent that to a large portion of

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"Yes, Jesus Loves Me"

DONNA JEAN WHITE

I am 12 years old and very happy to know that Jesus died for me. This true love for the people of our world has helped me to love Him and His Word. I study the Bible and like to read Bible stories such as Arthur Maxwell's and stories from Dwight L. Moody. Mr. Moody tells how his Sabbath School teacher also gave him much courage and faith in reading the Bible.

I am especially happy to see Friday eve come when the sun goes down. I know that daddy is usually home early on Friday. I also look forward to Sabbath morning so we can attend church.

Our Seventh Day Baptist Church is



Donna Jean White

a long distance from our home, so we attend other Sabbathkeeping churches during the month. This has helped me to know many Sabbathkeeping Christians throughout our country. I know many Seventh Day Pentecostals, Seventh Day Church of God friends, some very loving Seventh Day Brethren, and many wonderful Seventh-day Adventists, since I loved attending their schools whenever possible.

I now attend the public school in Cary, Illinois, but still tell others about Jesus and His holy day. At one time I told my Girl Scouts I could not attend the activities on Saturday because we believe this day is God's Sabbath and go to church. They were wonderful to me and changed the activities to Sunday since very few of them went to church anyway.

It was late one night when I was about the age of three and daddy came home from work wet, cold, and tired. He was surprised to see me still awake and said, "Aren't you afraid?" I told him the angels were watching over me, and then he smiled. He asked me how I knew, and then I told him I just saw the angels before me. He came over by my side. Then daddy knelt down by my side and prayed. I was glad that he taught me the 23rd Psalm which says, "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

I am happy that Jesus is coming
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Psalm One Says It!

MONA DAVIS

THIS First Psalm gives me a profound daily and lifelong message. I personalize it for my life.

Blessed am I when I walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

Whom do we ask for counsel? Neighbors, friends, doctors, lawyers, or those who ignore Yahweh's Words? How few seem to give the answer from His Word and Law? Do not we all take the long way around instead of going straight to the Source of life, love, wisdom, and prosperity? I believe it is because we do not take time to listen to His voice and read His Word in the Scriptures. For He is unchangeable! Prayer is a great deal more listening than talking, but it takes concentration and ear training.

Do we lose our chance to reign with Him like Saul, who would have remained king of Israel if he had been so humble and obedient that he had listened diligently to Yahweh. When rejected, he sought counsel of the dead through the witch of Endor.

Too many leaders in America, failing both to listen and do, seek wisdom from horoscopes, psychic phenomena, and Ouija boards to know what to do and what lies ahead. Bewildered sheep in denominations depend wholly on some "prophet" or pastor to guide them, instead of the Spirit of Truth, which will show us things to come and bring all His Words to our remembrance. In this Babylon of voices, we must be strong

and stay close and firmly to the Master and each other.

But how many of us sit in the seat of the scornful? Or are we like Job's friends to whom he said, "He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease" (Job 12:5). Why don't we try love instead of scorn at those who are being tried and growing in more truth? This is an absolute necessity for edification and true unity of His body.

By His grace I will try to fulfill the perfect law of liberty to love Him with all my emotions, all my thoughts, words, and then action, using the stored treasures of knowledge, talents, and skills for His Kingdom on earth. This is using the Golden Rule, knowing that there is returned to me in like measure as I send out to others (Luke 6:38).

I Would Delight in His Law

Our grandson is studying law in postgraduate work. I am impatient with the vast literature of men's laws with the precedents which guide the judges. I tell him that the Ten Commandments are the only simple and workable law when they are fulfilled with love.

Matthew 25 tells us that our work must be to heal the sick, raise the dead, visit the prisoner and stranger, and spread with joy this glorious message of His Kingdom first in our

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The Mortal Wound

BY D. A. NEWSON

THE major beast of Revelation, the great false church, which had a mortal wound (Rev. 13:3), is now fulfilling the scriptures written of it. We know by reading Revelation 13 that this great church is to be united with ten nations and the beast with the two horns goes out to fight and force people to worship it, prior to judgment upon it.

Right now the Catholic Church, the obvious beast mentioned in Revelation, is having a very serious mortal wound inflicted upon it. Babylon (the Roman Church) is now in trouble. The Dutch Catholics may soon break off; Danish Catholics may break off to obtain greater freedom; the Spanish Catholics are protesting liberalization of Catholic views on religion; in Italy the church is having problems interesting the young; the West German Catholic Church is almost gone, as many have joined American-based fundamentalist churches. South American Catholics are dropping out to join secular philosophies or the more fundamentalist religions. Catholic Church in India is growing, but the problems and the poverty of the church there are creating more of a burden than a blessing.

In America the Methodist Church has worked among more liberal groups to have closer relations with the Roman Catholics and other religions. But the Methodists are not willing to accept the Pope as the authority he

claims he is. The Southern Baptists, Churches of Christ, Mormons, fundamentalists, non-war believing groups, and Pentecostals, besides Sabbath-keepers, are in no mood to accept joining with Catholic Church.

The Church of England also refuses to accept the Pope and likes the independence it has. The Scottish Presbyterian Church and Catholics are certainly arch rivals and have no interest in joining. Covenant church members and Lutherans also are not interested in rejoining the Catholics. The liberals are now in control of the Catholic organization and this is extremely discouraging to traditionalists.

There are many fundamentalist groups now growing in total membership, such as Churches of Christ, Southern Baptists, Mormons, and Pentecostals; and also, more basic to our concern, Sabbath groups also have been growing.

Among blacks in Africa and some other places, the false religion of Islam is spreading. Even U.S.A. has a minor influx of oriental religions, which are popular with the hippie element. All these cause concern among Catholic leaders. They are divided, with nations losing members and pulling against one another for control of the organization, not caring at all what the Pope feels. The American Catholic Church is also divided and working against itself.

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KEEPING POSTED

Missouri Blue Law Is Called Costly, Unfair

Labor, businessmen, and religious minorities joined in urging repeal of Missouri's Sunday sales law for reasons of economics, morality, and individual freedom.

Supporters of the present limitations on Sunday retailing were heard as the Missouri Legislature faced the first serious attempt to repeal the law since its enactment in 1963.

The repeal measure was sponsored by Senator Donald Manford and drew opposition from Senator Jack Gant.

On the morality issue Manford said there had been erroneous claims that his bill would legalize liquor sales on Sunday and increase traffic in pornography. The availability of items that could be sold under his bill on Sundays would not lead to a lowering of morality, he claimed.

The present Missouri law, Manford said, had led to confusion on what could be sold on Sunday, to differences in enforcement from one county to another and to a loss of jobs and tax dollars for Missouri.

H. Roe Bartle, former mayor of Kansas City who has numerous business interests, said individuals ought to be able to do what they want to

do, as long as it does not impose on others.

As a Presbyterian, he said he did not shop on the "Lord's day," but he stressed the point that Sunday was the Lord's day and agreed with a Jewish senator that Saturday was the seventh day of the week and therefore the holy day.

Bartle said Kansas City and every city was confronted with a serious crime problem, and said he thought it was a waste of time to have policemen on the job enforcing the Sunday sales law.

Adventists Restore Name To Church Paper

Seventh-day Adventists have restored the historical name to their general church paper. In 1960, with the trend toward abbreviating titles, the church paper's name was changed from *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* to simply the *Review and Herald*.

Editor Kenneth H. Wood, announced that the full title used when the paper was begun 121 years ago, will again appear on the magazine. He noted that many readers have lamented the shorter title which deleted the words "Advent" and "Sabbath." The two key doctrines of the church—belief in an imminent second advent,

and the keeping of the seventh day according to Biblical instruction—are implied in the full title.

Sunday Fines are Part of Costs

It's against the law to sell "unnecessary" items in New York City on Sundays. Merchants in busy Times Square ignore the law and pay the fines as part of business costs.

Businessmen claim they need Sunday business to survive and that the laws are outdated. The laws are generally confusing, including in the "necessary" category such varied things as foods, beer, drugs, newspapers, flowers, gasoline, cemetery monuments, and souvenirs.

Merchants report that policemen who ticket them are very nice people, and their relations are pleasant. One merchant is ticketed twice each Sunday. Fines range from \$5.00 to \$25, depending on the judge.

Hunting Barred on Sunday

Maine's House of Representatives rejected a bill which would have permitted hunting on Sunday. All but one of the 13 members of the House Fisheries and Wildlife Committee had opposed the measure.

We urge you to send any items of particular interest to Sabbath-keepers that you find. Clip them, write the name of the publication and date with your name, and send them—preferably by airmail—to the editorial office.

Why not join the Bible Sabbath Association?

WHY THE SABBATH?

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ing churches who know that the seventh day is the only Christian Sabbath and who would prefer to observe it, and that *recognition, observance, and promotion* of the only true Biblical Sabbath does not necessarily necessitate leaving one's present church or denomination.

If you discover any errors or think you find any errors in the foregoing syllogistic reasoning, you are urged to call them to our attention.

The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737, always stands ready to assist those who are interested in Sabbath truths by sending tracts, leaflets, and other printed matter or correspondence further establishing the seventh day as the only Sabbath of both Jehovah the Lord and Christ the Lord, and "made for man."

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gate which leads to salvation."

The early disciples always commemorated the death and resurrection of the Saviour in the Passover service (1 Cor. 5:7; 8:23-26). For the first two centuries Easter was not considered as the resurrection day. About 325, at the Council of Nice, Easter was put forth as the resurrection day, and the first Sunday following the Passover was made the resurrection Sunday, so that the Roman worship would never coincide with the Jewish feasts, or the Hebrew believers who worshiped the Master.

Bower's *History of the Popes* says "The eastern churches observed it

upon the 14th day of the first month (Abib), no matter what day of the week this might be; but the western churches kept it upon the Sunday following that day..."—pp. 18, 19.

Our plea is "back to the old pathway." Let's get back to the Scriptures, back to the pathway of the saints of old, back to the ways of the prophets, back to the example of the Saviour, back to the highway of salvation.

Let's forget Lent, Good Friday, Easter, all doctrines and commandments and holy days of men, which have come into the faith since the deaths of the apostles.

Let's forsake the ways of men, and

seek the Scriptural pathway. Follow Him, who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Follow the Saviour of men, and cease to follow Rome in the ways of paganism.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14: 12).

Yahweh bless you as you seek, know, and obey the truth.

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Speakers on this program are Frank M. Walker and Bob Rogers. Elder and Sister Harvey Otto are doing follow-up work in Phoenix, Ariz. Please pray each day for this ministry.

SABBATH REST A BALM OF HEALING

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people it no longer has purpose and meaning. The Sabbath is appointed of God; it has His stamp of approval as His day of rest.

What we in this age need to do is to wrest the Sabbath from the clutches of secularization. We urgently need to restore again our devotion as expressed through Sabbath rest and worship.

By a restitution of the Sabbath to its proper place and rightful owner, man can again find vital the hours of the Sabbath from sunset to sunset.

The Sabbath down through the ages has kept the followers of Christ's Way, when it has been observed. It has provided man with a special time to worship and give praise to the Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath.

"If we then use the Sabbath in a way that makes it a fitting and beautiful memorial of God's finished creation of the world and a symbol of the rest of our new creation in Jesus Christ (Heb. 4:9-11); if we use it so that it brings good to all men in all the relations of life—social, industrial and civic—it becomes in truth a blessed and sanctified day for all men, families, communities and nations."³

The object of God's plan for the Sabbath was (and is) to help place man, his family, and his property in a right and joyous relation with Him. When persons and things are in right relation with God the public welfare and private well-being are sure to follow. The Sabbath, when observed by man as God intended, can indeed be a "balm of healing" in divine

love to a broken world.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor him; not doing thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father" (Isa. 58:13, 14).

"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall ^{about} spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward" (Isa. 58:8).

¹A. J. C. Bond: The Sabbath, p. 24

²A. E. Main: Bible Studies on the Sabbath, VII

³Delitzsch: New Commentary on Genesis. Quoted from A. E. Main: Bible Studies on the Sabbath, p. 9

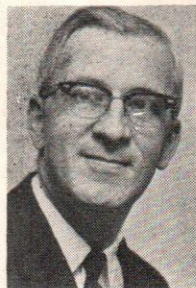
—From *The Sabbath Recorder*

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A Note
from
the Editor

Beneficial Flood

WHILE studying the Bible this morning, I read Romans 5:5: "...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." I was about to read the next verse, when something within me said, "Don't go on; there's a gem in this verse which you're about to miss."

I read it again, meditated on it, and then read from Today's English Version: "...God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us." The words "poured out" impressed me; I thought of myself as an empty cup, with no love except a greedy self love, and realized that I had to empty my heart of this false love to make room for divine love to be "poured out" into it.

I looked further, to read in the Phillips version: "Already we have some experience of the love of God flooding through our hearts...."

A new concept of God's love began to take shape. I thought of the floods I had seen in the past—one in my home town, in which the river overflowed through a break in the levee, covering the low-lying area with wa-

ter. I remembered seeing the Mississippi above flood stage, as parts of buildings, trees, and other things swirled downstream.

But these memories were of destruction, and I could not, at first, fit them into the description given in Romans.

I pondered, and the picture of debris going down the river would not leave my mind. But as I thought, it began to take new forms—it was not buildings and trees now; I saw God's love, like a mighty torrent, going through my heart and washing it completely free of undesirable traits that were there—selfishness, pride, impatience, envy, and a host of other things—tearing them loose from their foundations and carrying them far away.

Then I saw a levee—not of soil, but of my own will, built to so great a height that God's love in its fullness could not pour over it into my heart. Could my own stubbornness be playing the part of the little Dutch boy, keeping its finger in the holes of the levee to prevent anything more than a trickle from seeping through?

As I looked at my life in this light, Sabbathkeeping took on a new meaning. Perhaps it was motivated simply by breezes of custom, when, if the love of God were only allowed in, it could be harnessed, like water going through turbines at a hydroelectric plant, to put new power into Sabbathkeeping and other externals of the Christian life.

I was interrupted and could not read further. I felt, however, that from this one verse I had extracted a priceless gem.

Eugene Lincoln

PSALM ONE SAYS IT!

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hearts, then over all the earth with His will fully done as in heaven.

My husband and I are continuing our work as volunteer counselors for probationers here that we began in Colorado. We seek to reach the criminal, the unloveable, to give him the message that someone cares.

In His Law Do I Meditate Day and Night

Is this possible? Is this balanced? Deuteronomy 6 shows it as true education. The other day I listened to Rabbi Margolies of Beth Shalom Temple of Kansas City speak on this chapter. It is what we all need. "And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, . . . and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hands . . . as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house . . ." (Deut. 6:6-9).

He said that education begins in the womb with the spiritual, mental, and physical food of the mother. Modern science says that the fetus knows. Here is the goal toward which all creation moves—"And all thy children shall be taught of Yahweh; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isa. 54:13, Holy Name Bible). The whole environment of home is the real education of the child where he can hear and see the Bible read and lived.

Does It Pay?

And I shall be like a tree planted

by the rivers of water that bringeth forth fruit in its season. Its leaf also shall not wither, but whatsoever I do shall prosper!

Trees give shade, beauty, food, and products for living to man. "The tree of the field is man's life" (Deut. 20:19). I have studied trees from the Bible and also from the World Book and found it quite rewarding, comparing them to man's life. I have discovered that fruitfulness in its season is for the tree, and for man and for His Church Body.

True prosperity then comes from listening and doing. His law will prosper us in seven ways:

1. True education. Taught of Yahweh—great peace (Isa. 54:13, Deut. 6, 7, 28).
2. Health. Take sickness from us (Ex. 23:25, Deut. 7:15, Prov 3).
3. Fruitfulness of land, cattle, and children (Deut. 8).
4. Guide us continually—fruit of the Spirit (Isa. 58, Prov. 3).
5. Defense—fight our battles for us (Deut. 28:7).
6. We will be one—united in His Word, glory, love, and Name (John 7).
7. We shall be a blessing to all we meet (Gal. 3:29, Gen. 22:18).

APOLOGY

We offer our apology to Elder Garver C. Gray, whose article, "Sabbath Vs. Sunday," appeared on pages 10 and 11 of the March SENTINEL. Errors were made by the editor in preparing it for the printer. Foremost among these was the addition of the word *spiritual* before the word *Babylon* in item 8, column 2, on page 10.

—The Editor

THE MORTAL WOUND

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In addition to all the problems, which can be called a serious mortal wound that seems to be growing, are others. Many of the Catholic clergy have endorsed homosexuality, liberalized divorce rules, greater democracy, removing of the prohibition on birth control pills, weird political and religious ideas, and involvement in anti-war and leftist groups. Certainly many priests have remained traditionalist, but even this is out of step with the church, which is changing all the time.

Yes, we know that for a time the Catholic Church is to die as if a mortal wound were inflicted, so it is not surprising that the Catholic faith is losing respect and members. This is to happen for a reason—probably to give God's workers a chance to witness of the true message—not just of the Sabbath, but of other perfecting doctrines.

Then the ten nations mentioned in Rev. 13, along with the Babylon Church, will again be given power to destroy and persecute. So do not trust in the momentary decline of the Roman Catholic faith. History has shown that the Roman Catholic

church can be cruel. Don't trust in non-Biblical doctrines, but rely only on the Bible.

“YES JESUS LOVES ME”

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again and I will meet Him in the clouds up in the air. From there it does not make any difference where we go. If Jesus delays the second coming till I grow up, I dedicate my life to tell others.

“Yes Jesus loves me.

Yes Jesus loves me.

Yes Jesus loves me.

The Bible tells me so.”

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