

How the Mark will be accepted and Enforced.

"That very day was the Sunday *of their* heathen neighbors and *respective countrymen; and patriotism gladly united with expediency in making it* at once their Lord's day and their Sabbath. . . . If the authority of the church is to be ignored altogether by Protestants, there is no matter; because opportunity and *common expediency* are surely argument enough for so ceremonial a change as the *mere day* of the week for the observance of the rest and holy convocation of the Jewish Sabbath. That primitive church, in fact, was shut up to the adoption of the Sunday, until it became established and supreme, when it was *too late* to make another alteration; and it was no irreverent nor undelightful thing to adopt it, inasmuch as the first day of the week was their own high day at any rate; so that their compliance and civility were rewarded by the redoubled sanctity of their quiet festival." 1 {1873 JNA, HSFD 261.1}

It would seem that something more potent than "patriotism" and "expediency" would be requisite to transform this heathen festival into the Christian Sabbath, or even to justify its introduction into the Christian church. A further statement of the reasons which prompted its introduction, and a brief notice of the earlier steps toward transforming it into a Christian institution, will occupy the remainder of this chapter. Chafie, a clergyman of the English Church, in 1652, published a work in vindication of first-day observance, entitled, "The Seventh-day Sabbath." After showing the general observance of Sunday by the heathen world in the early ages of the church, Chafie thus states the reasons which forbid the Christians attempting to keep any other day:— {1873 JNA, HSFD 261.2}

"1. Because of the *contempt, scorn, and derision* they thereby should be had in, among all the Gentiles with whom they lived. . . . *How grievous would be their taunts and reproaches against the poor Christians living with them and under their power* for their new set sacred day, had the Christians chosen any other than the Sunday 2. Most Christians then were either *servants or of the poorer sort* of people; and the Gentiles, most probably, would not give their servants liberty to cease from working on any other set day constantly, except on their Sunday. . . . 3. Because had they assayed such a change it would have been but labor in vain; . . . they could never have brought it to pass." 1 {1873 JNA, HSFD 261.3}

Thus it is seen that at the time when the early church began to apostatize from God and to foster in its bosom *human ordinances*, the heathen world—as they had long done—very generally observed the first day of the week in honor of the sun. Many of the early fathers of the church had been heathen philosophers. Unfortunately they brought with them into the church many of their old notions and principles. *Particularly did it occur to them that by uniting with the heathen in the day of weekly celebration they should greatly facilitate their conversion.* The reasons which induced the church to adopt the ancient festival of the heathen as something made ready to hand, are thus stated by Morer:— {1873 JNA, HSFD 262.1}

"It is not to be denied but we borrow the name of this day from the ancient Greeks and Romans, and we allow that the old Egyptians worshiped the sun, and as a standing memorial of their veneration, dedicated this day to him. And we find by the influence of their examples, other nations, and among them the Jews themselves, doing him homage; 2 yet these abuses did not hinder the fathers of the Christian church simply to repeal, or altogether lay by, the day or its name, but only to sanctify and improve both, as they did also the pagan temples polluted before

with idolatrous services, and other instances wherein those good men were always tender to work any other change than what was evidently necessary, and in such things as were plainly inconsistent with the Christian religion; so that Sunday being the day on which the Gentiles solemnly adored that planet, and called it Sunday, partly from its influence on that day especially, and partly in respect to its divine body (as they conceived it), the Christians thought fit to keep the same day and the same name of it, that they might not appear causelessly peevish, and by that means hinder the conversion of the Gentiles, and bring a greater prejudice than might be otherwise taken against the gospel." 1 {1873 JNA, HSFD 262.2}

That this heathen festival was upon the day of Christ's resurrection doubtless powerfully contributed to aid "patriotism" and "expediency" in transforming it into the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath. For, with pious motives, as we may reasonably conclude, the professed people of God early paid a voluntary regard to several days, memorable in the history of the Redeemer. Mosheim, whose testimony in behalf of Sunday has been presented already, uses the following language relative to the crucifixion day:- {1873 JNA, HSFD 264.1}

This statement of reasons for Sunday observance is particularly worthy of attention. He tells the emperor that they assembled upon the day called Sunday. This was equivalent to saying to him, *We observe the day on which our fellow-citizens offer their adoration to the sun. Here both "patriotism" and "expediency"* discover themselves in the words of Justin, which were addressed to a persecuting emperor in behalf of the Christians. But as if conscious that the observance of a heathen festival as the day of Christian worship was not consistent with their profession as worshipers of the Most High, Justin bethinks himself for reasons in defense of this observance. He assigns no divine precept nor apostolic example for this festival. For his reference to what Christ taught his disciples, as appears from the connection, was to the general system of the Christian religion, and not to the observance of Sunday. If it be said that Justin might have learned from tradition what is not to be found in the New Testament relative to Sunday observance, and that after all Sunday may be a divinely-appointed festival, it is sufficient to answer, 1. That this plea would show only tradition in favor of the Sunday festival. 2. That Justin Martyr is a very unsafe guide; his testimony relative to the Lord's supper differs from that of the New Testament. 3. That the American Tract Society, in a work which it publishes against Romanism, bears the following testimony relative to the point before us:- {1873 JNA, HSFD 268.1}

How the Beast was formed!

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“He shall be grieved and return.” This may have reference to the desperate efforts which were

made to dispossess Genseric of the sovereignty of the seas, the first by Majorian, the second by Leo, both of which proved to be utter failures; and Rome was obliged to submit to the humiliation of seeing its provinces ravaged, and its “eternal city” pillaged by the enemy. (See on Rev.8:8.)

“Indignation against the covenant;” that is, the Holy Scriptures, the book of the covenant. A revolution of this nature was accomplished in Rome. The Heruli, Goths, and Vandals, who conquered Rome, embraced the Arian faith, and became enemies of the Catholic Church. ***It was especially for the purpose of exterminating this heresy that Justinian decreed the pope to be the head of the church and the corrector of heretics.*** The Bible soon came to be regarded as a dangerous book that should not be read by the common people, but all questions in dispute were to be submitted to the pope. Thus was indignity heaped upon God’s word. ***And the emperors of Rome, the eastern division of which still continued, had intelligence, or connived with the Church of Rome,*** which had forsaken the covenant, and constituted the great apostasy, ***for the purpose of putting down “heresy.”*** The man of sin was raised to his presumptuous throne by the defeat of the Arian Goths, who then held possession of Rome, in A.D.538. See GC 292.3.

Let the Protestant churches be clothed with power to define and punish heresy, to enforce their dogmas under the pains and penalties of the civil law, and should we not have an exact representation of the papacy during the days of its supremacy? {1897 UrS, DAR 546.3. 1912. 587.3}

The regulation was adopted by the colonists that only church members should have a voice in the civil government. A kind of state church was formed, all the people being required to contribute to the support of the clergy, and the magistrates being authorized to suppress heresy. Thus the secular power was in the hands of the church. It was not long before these measures led to the inevitable result—persecution. {GC 292.3}

Notes: Here is how the papal beast came to power, the nation was facing economic and political collapse, turning to religion to save it from impending ruin, from a rival religion unable to be proselytized. So it is today that Protestants are using the same means to achieve a union of Church and State, and the world will follow their example.

These are sufficient to show Sunday observance was a matter of Patriotism, showing allegiance to the nation—while fighting foreign enemies, and Expediency, securing the necessities of life—buying and selling—earning a living. And what is said of the two horned beast of Revelation 13:11-17?

It was just 35 years after Constantine passed the Sunday law that the Roman Empire fell.

The lesson learned from this history!

"If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy." --James Madison

"They that can give up a little liberty for a little security; deserve neither liberty or security."-- Benjamin Franklin.

"When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in a flag and carrying a cross." -- Sinclair Lewis, 1935

Now Notice!

But what is the "image to the beast"? and *how is it to be formed?* The image is *made by the* two-horned beast, and is an image *to* the beast. It is also called an image *of* the beast. Then *to learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast itself*—the papacy. “ {GC 443.1}{GC 445.2}

Note:— Do the Jesuits or Illuminati form the Image to/of the beast, it's made by who? the two horned beast, therefor they cannot be the cause of its formation nor of the Sunday law:—

When the churches of our land, *uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common*, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain *their institutions*, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy. {4SP 277.2}{4Sp 503.3}{GC 445.1}{GC88 445.1}{D&R 546.3; 518.2-519.3}

Note:— What are held by them in common? Which excludes the papacy or their influence GC 234.2? That Christ Changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and that they are setting up Christ's temporal kingdom necessary to His return. Both these do not exalt papal supremacy therefor it's not done by Jesuits to their subsidiaries. Notice:—

“But,” says one, “I supposed that *Christ changed* the Sabbath.” *A great many suppose so*, and it is natural that they should; *for they have been so taught*. And while we have no words of denunciation to utter against any such persons for so believing, we would have them at once understand that it is, in reality, one of the most enormous of errors. We would therefore remind such persons that, according to the prophecy, the only change ever to be made in the law of God, was to be made by the little horn of Daniel 7, the man of sin of 2 Thessalonians 2; and the only change that has been made in it, is the change of the Sabbath. Now, if Christ made this change, he filled the office of the blasphemous power spoken of by both Daniel and Paul,—a conclusion sufficiently hideous to drive any Christian from the view which leads thereto. {1897 UrS, DAR 557.3}

Why should any one labor to prove that Christ changed the Sabbath? Whoever does this is performing a thankless task. The pope will not thank him; for if it is proved that Christ wrought this change, then the pope is robbed of his badge of authority and power. And no truly enlightened Protestant will thank him; for if he succeeds, he only shows that the papacy has not done the work which it was predicted that it should do, and so that the prophecy has failed, and the Scriptures are unreliable. The matter would better stand as the prophecy has it, and the claim which the pope unwittingly puts forth would better be granted. When a person is charged with any work, and that person steps forth and confesses that he has done the work, that is usually considered sufficient to settle the matter. So, when the prophecy affirms that a certain power shall change the law of God, and in due time that very power arises, does the work foretold, and then openly claims that he has done it, what need have we of further evidence? The world should not forget that the great apostasy foretold by Paul has taken place; that the man of

sin for long ages held almost a monopoly of Christian teaching in the world; that the mystery of iniquity has cast the darkness of its shadow and the errors of its doctrines over almost all Christendom; and that out of this era of error and darkness and corruption, the theology of our day has come. Would it, then, be anything strange if there were yet some relics of popery to be discarded ere the reformation will be complete? A. Campbell (Baptism, p. 15), speaking of the different Protestant sects, says:— {1897 UrS, DAR 558.1}

But *today* in the *religious world* there are multitudes who, as *they* believe, *are working for the establishment of the kingdom of Christ as an earthly and temporal dominion. They desire to make our Lord the ruler of the kingdoms of this world, the ruler in its courts and camps, its legislative halls, its palaces and market places. They expect Him to rule through legal enactments, enforced by human authority.* Since Christ is not now here in person, *they themselves will undertake to act in His stead, to execute the laws of His kingdom.* The establishment of such a kingdom is what the Jews desired in the days of Christ. They would have received Jesus, had He been willing to establish a temporal dominion, to enforce what they regarded as the laws of God, and to make them the *expositors* of His will and the agents of His authority. But He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36. He would not accept the earthly throne. {DA 509.2}{GC 587.1}{5T 712.1; 714-715.1}{GC 603.2} {TM 366.1} {2SP 14.1}

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading *corruption* is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would *greatly improve the morals of society.* This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the *temperance work*, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter *represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society;* and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the *enemies* of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement *may advocate* reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible; yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, *His servants cannot unite with them. Nothing can justify them in*

setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men. {GC 587.1}

The National Reform movement, exercising the power of religious legislation, will, when fully developed, manifest the same intolerance and oppression that have prevailed in past ages. Human councils then assumed the prerogatives of Deity, crushing under their despotic power liberty of conscience; and imprisonment, exile, and death followed for those who opposed their dictates. If popery or its principles shall again be legislated into power, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who will not sacrifice conscience and the truth in deference to popular errors. This evil is on the point of realization. {5T 712.1}

The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance. God meant that His people should be far in advance of the position which they occupy today. But now, when the time has come for them to spring into action, they have the preparation to make. When the National Reformers began to urge measures to restrict religious liberty, our leading men should have been alive to the situation and should have labored earnestly to counteract these efforts. It is not in the order of God that light has been kept from our people--the very present truth which they needed for this time. Not all our ministers who are giving the third angel's message really understand what constitutes that message. *The National Reform movement has been regarded by some as of so little importance that they have not thought it necessary to give much attention to it and have even felt that in so doing they would be giving time to questions distinct from the third angel's message. May the Lord forgive our brethren for thus interpreting the very message for this time.* {5T 714.2}

The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time. The watchmen are asleep. We are years behind. Let the chief watchmen feel the urgent necessity of taking heed to themselves, lest they lose the opportunities given them to see the dangers. {5T 715.1}

The *National Reform movement*, that the *world and the church* have linked hands to bring about, *will manifest the same oppression, haughtiness, arrogance, and intolerance which have prevailed in past ages.* The powers of human councils *then* assumed the prerogatives of Deity, crushing under their despotic will, liberty of conscience and the right of individual responsibility; and imprisonment, exile, and death followed for all who opposed their dictates. {RH, January 1, 1889 par. 8}

It is time for God's people to work as never before, because of the increase of wickedness. The God-fearing, commandment-keeping people should be diligent, not only in prayer, but in action; and this will bring the truth before those who have never heard it. The world is overborne with falsehood and iniquity, and those whom God has made the depositaries of his law, and of the pure religion of Jesus, must be determined to let their light shine. If they do nothing to disabuse the minds of the people, and through ignorance of the truth our legislatures should abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance and support to the Roman fallacy, the spurious sabbath, *God will hold* his people who have had great light, *responsible* for their lack of diligence and faithfulness. *But if the subject of religious legislation is judiciously and intelligently laid before the people, and they see that through Sunday enforcement the Roman apostasy would be re-enacted by the Christian world, and that the tyranny of past ages would*

be repeated, then whatever comes, we shall have done our duty. {RH, December 24, 1889 par. 4} {RH, March 9, 1911 par. 17}

And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. And *had she but the power*, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. *Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose*, Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. *Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws;* in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured. {GC 581.1}

The Protestant churches, having received doctrines that the Word of God condemns, *will bring these to the front and force them upon the consciences of the people, just as the papal authorities urged their dogmas upon the advocates of truth in Luther's time.* The same battle is again to be fought, and every soul will be called upon to decide upon which side of the controversy he or she will be found. {CTr 323.5}

The vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, people, and tongues. *The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.* To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb, but as speaking like a dragon. . . . {TM 117.4}

At the time when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a *new power* coming up to echo the dragon's *voice*, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. *This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God*, is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized--the United States. {ST, February 8, 1910 par. 5}

10. *This beast* not only compels the earth and its inhabitants to worship the first beast, as above noticed, but *it causes them that dwell upon the earth to make an image* to the first beast. This can be done only by a union of church and state, or by so *subordinating the civil to the ecclesiastical power that the state will be compelled to enforce the tenets and requirements of the church. A religious amendment to the constitution of the united states would speedily insure this result.* {4Sp 503.3}

"The beast" mentioned in this message, whose worship is enforced by the two-horned beast, is the first, or leopardlike beast of Revelation 13--the papacy. *The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas.* . {GC 445.2}

As the Protestant churches reject the clear, Scriptural arguments in defense of God's law, they will long to silence those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible. Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing, and acknowledge the claims of the papal sabbath. {GC 592.2}

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Are you watching, Protestants are working for setting up of Christ's temporal Kingdom in Jerusalem. Islam is standing in the way now, Who'll be next, Those that preach against this temporal movement? SDA's have been warned by God's messengers of the real events to take place.

John. 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

“The steps of Christ are certainly marked out in the word. Go where they can be found today. Do not seek to go back to the land where Christ's feet trod ages ago. Christ says: He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” We can know far more of Christ by following Him step by step in the work of redemption, seeking the lost and the perishing, than by journeying to old Jerusalem. Christ has taken His people into His church. He has swept away every ceremony of the ancient type. He has given no liberty to restore these rites, or to substitute anything that will recall the old literal sacrifices. The Lord requires of His people spiritual sacrifices alone. Everything pertaining to His worship is placed under the superintendence of His Holy Spirit. Jesus said that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in His name to teach His disciples all things, and to bring all things unto their remembrance that He had said unto them. ***The curse rests upon Jerusalem. The Lord has obliterated those things which men would worship in and about Jerusalem, yet many hold in reverence literal objects in Palestine, while they neglect to behold Jesus as their advocate in the heaven of heavens.*** {RH, Feb 25, 1896 par 8}

The storm's approach is here!

Many are the false doctrines that are coming in. They say those who warn of them are calling the Church Babylon. But do they know EGW said “ministers will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy kindled from the hellish torch of Satan,” TM 409.3. Is it coincidence these false theories are being preached in Sunday sermons, that torch is kindle from what? Babylon GC 608.2 below. If you search on line you’ll find Sunday churches preaching this Illuminati trash also, to remove them from the 2nd and 3rd Angels message, the evil servant, Laodicea, Babylon, and the two horned beast.

The conflict is to wax fiercer and fiercer. Satan will take the field and personate Christ. He will misrepresent, misapply, and pervert everything he possibly can, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Even in our day there have been and will continue to be *entire families* who have once rejoiced in the truth, but who will lose faith because of *calumnies* and *falsehoods* brought to them in regard to those whom they have loved and with *whom* they have had sweet *counsel*. *They opened their hearts to the sowing of tares; the tares sprang up among the wheat; they strengthened; the crop of wheat became less and less; and the precious truth lost its power to them. For a time a false zeal accompanied their new theories, which hardened their hearts against the advocates of truth* as did the Jews against Christ. {TM 411.2}

Under the *zeal of Satan*, some have for a time the appearance of men in a flourishing condition; but it is only for a season. Satan carried them so far that *they do despite* to the Spirit of God. They spread themselves like a green bay tree. The Lord suffers them for a time. He allows them to manifest their envy and hatred against the people of God, as He has allowed Satan to develop his character, that he might stand before the heavenly universe, before the worlds unfallen, and the fallen world, in his true attributes, as a deceiver, an accuser of the brethren, a murderer at heart. {TM 412.1}

“ministers will stand in our pulpits *with the torch of false prophecy kindled from the hellish torch of Satan*,” TM 409.3; 411.2;

“The conviction is gaining ground in the world *that Seventh-day Adventists are giving the trumpet an uncertain sound*, that they are following worldlings.” {TM 86.2}

As the storm approaches (and it is now on the horizon), a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come

to view matters in nearly the same light (DA 635.1); and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, **employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls**. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2}

Para. and contents mine!

I had an Elder? tell me “if we preach these messages about Protestants they’ll shut us down,” its not expedient, besides everyone believes the illuminati. Well, do we preach to please or what God has directed? and do we preach what everyone believes or what God said? By these he admits these are false positions, by who has the power to shut us down—notice if the papacy had that power they wouldn’t be preaching about it!

Wasn’t this the plea of Israel to Moses? They had become accustom to their plight therefore they would not accept the word of God in acting upon it. Ex. 5:21; 16:3; ect. And notice everyone believes it—The protesters had thrown off the yoke of man's supremacy, and had exalted Christ as supreme in the church, and his Word in the pulpit. **The power of conscience was set above the State, and the authority of the Holy Scriptures above the visible church.** GC88 203.2 See study on Creeds, Dual Application, Hermenuetics.

Notice The reality of what this man said: 1). Fear of economic loss by Protestants has prevented SDA’s from *SERVING* God! 2). It admits they have shut themselves down. 3). ***False, alternative interpretations of prophecy do not contain the testimony of Jesus—Rev 19:20.***

Another is this country being founded on Christianity. Or is it Protestant? The two cannot be true at the same time. My kingdom is not of this world, and go to all nations, not make one!