

Who's More Guilty—The Papacy changing only the 7th day to the 1st. Or Protestants doing away with all Ten!

There are many who try to blend these two systems, *using the texts that speak of the ceremonial law to prove that the moral law has been abolished; but this is a perversion of the Scriptures*. The distinction between the two systems is broad and clear. The ceremonial system was made up of symbols pointing to Christ, to His sacrifice and His priesthood. . . . But concerning the law of Ten Commandments the psalmist declares, "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89. And Christ Himself says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law.... Verily I say unto you", making the assertion as emphatic as possible "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:17, 18. . . . { PP 365.1 }

Through Christ a door of hope was opened, that man, notwithstanding his great sin, should not be under the absolute control of Satan. Faith in the merits of the Son of God would so elevate man *that he could resist* the devices of Satan. Probation would be granted him in which, through a life of repentance and faith in the atonement of the Son of God, he might be redeemed from his transgression of the Father's law, and *thus be elevated to a position where his efforts to keep His law could be accepted*. SR 46.3

Christ took upon Himself humanity for us. He clothed His divinity, and divinity and humanity were combined. He showed that that law which Satan declared could not be kept, could be kept. Christ took humanity to stand here in our world, to show that Satan had lied. *He took humanity upon Himself to demonstrate* that with divinity and humanity combined, *man could keep the law of Jehovah*. Separate humanity from divinity, and you can try to work out your own righteousness from now till Christ comes, and it will be nothing but a failure. FW 71.1

Obedience to the law of God is sanctification. There are many who have erroneous ideas in regard to this work in the soul, but Jesus prayed that His disciples might be sanctified through the truth, and added, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Sanctification is not an instantaneous but a progressive work, as obedience is continuous. Just as long as Satan urges his temptations upon us, the battle for self-conquest will have to be fought over and over again; but *by obedience, the truth will sanctify the soul*. Those who are loyal to the truth will, through the merits of Christ, overcome all weakness of character that has led them to be molded by every varying circumstance of life. FW 85.2

When errors arise and are taught as Bible truth, *those who have a connection with Christ will not trust to what the minister says*, but like the noble Bereans, they will search the Scriptures daily to see if these things are so. When they discover what is the word of the Lord, they will take their stand on the side of the truth. They will hear the voice of the True Shepherd saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Thus you will be educated to make the Bible the man of your counsel,

and the voice of a stranger you will neither hear nor follow. FW 86.2

True sanctification is nothing more or less than to love God with all the heart, ***to walk in His commandments and ordinances blameless.*** ***Sanctification is not an emotion but a heaven-born principle*** that brings all the passions and desires under the control of the Spirit of God; and this work is done through our Lord and Saviour. FW 87.1

Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. They see that they have rebelled against the Author of all just and righteous law. The setting aside of the divine precepts gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error. No language can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever—eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talents and eloquence now see these things in their true light. They realize what they have forfeited by transgression, and they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God has loved them. GC 655.3

The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; ***but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers. Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things; they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy.*** Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. ***"We are lost!" they cry, "and you are the cause of our ruin;" and they turn upon the false shepherds.*** The very ones that once ***admired*** them most will ***pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed.*** GC 655.4 See GC 283.2

Who's More Guilty—The Papacy bringing slavery into the Christian Era. Or Protestants surpassing them. Did Protestants steal men for the Papacy or themselves? West India trading company. 1660's Protestant National security from Dutch and Portugal and their National survival. In the U.S.:—

Mississippi Declaration of Secession. 1861.

Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery—the greatest material interest of the world. Its labor supplies the product which constitutes by far the largest and most important portions of commerce of the earth. These products are peculiar to the climate verging on the tropical regions, and by an imperious law of nature, ***none but the black race can bear exposure*** to the tropical sun. These products have become necessities of the world, and ***a blow at slavery is a blow at commerce and civilization.*** . . .

“These are such self-evident corollaries from our first principle [i. e., that “Every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided that he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man”] as scarcely to need separate statement. If every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man, it is manifest that he has a claim to his life: for without it he can do nothing that he has willed; and to his personal liberty: for the withdrawal of it partially, if not wholly, restrains him from the fulfilment of will. It is just as clear, too, that each man is forbidden to deprive his fellow of life or liberty, inasmuch as he cannot do this without breaking the law, which, in asserting his freedom, declares that he shall not infringe ‘the equal freedom of any other.’ ***For he who is killed or enslaved is obviously no longer equally free with his killer or enslaver.***” “Social Statics,” chapter 8, section I. American State Papers. W. Blakely pg.

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6. The two-horned beast appears in two phases,—with the gentleness of a lamb and the fierceness of the dragon. This has, to some extent, already been shown, in the inconsistency of sending forth to the world the doctrine of the equality of all men in respect to natural rights,—the right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,—and ***upholding by law all the evils of American slavery.*** Also, by professing to grant the privilege to all to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and then persecuting the Baptists and Quakers for following their conscientious convictions. But ***this will be shown more fully in the future, when Congress shall be called upon to make laws concerning religion.*** 4SP 502.6

This nation of slaves was to be taught of God. Jesus Christ, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud and fire, was to be their invisible leader, the ruler over all their tribes. Moses was to be the mouthpiece of God. For forty years God ruled over them as they journeyed through the wilderness. But the Hebrew nation is not the only nation that has been in cruel bondage, and whose groanings have come to the ears of the Lord of hosts. The Lord God of Israel has looked upon the vast number of human beings who were held in slavery in the United States of America. The United States has been a refuge for the oppressed. It has been spoken of as the bulwark of religious liberty. God has done ***more for this country than for any other country upon which the sun shines.*** It has been marvelously preserved from war and bloodshed. ***God saw the foul blot of slavery upon this land,*** He marked the sufferings that were endured by the colored people. He moved upon the hearts of men to work in behalf of those who were so cruelly oppressed. The Southern States became one terrible battlefield. The graves of American sons who had enlisted ***to deliver the oppressed race*** are thick in its soil. Many fell in death, giving their lives to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that were bound. God spoke concerning the captivity of the colored people as verily as He did concerning the Hebrew captives, and said: “I have surely seen

the affliction of my people ..., and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them.” The Lord wrought in freeing the Southern slaves; but He designed to work still further for them as He did for the children of Israel, whom He took forth to educate, to refine, and ennoble. Christ Himself wrought with His appointed leaders, and directed them as to what they should do for His people that had become so terribly degraded. They were to be kept separate from all nations, to be directed and counseled until, through a correct representation of the divine character, they should come to know God, to reverence and obey His commandments. SWk 41.3 RH December 17, 1895, par. 3

The law of God contained in the Ten Commandments reveals to man his duty to love God supremely and his neighbor as himself. The American nation owes a debt of love to the colored race, and God has ordained that they should make restitution for the wrong they have done them in the past. *Those who have taken no active part in enforcing slavery upon the colored people are not relieved from the responsibility of making special efforts to remove, as far as possible, the sure result of their enslavement.* SWk 54.1

The colored question is to assume *a more serious* feature than now presents itself. That field, which has been opened before our American people since the release of the blacks from slavery, has been kept open, and yet how little has been done. The diverting of the donations called for has been a serious matter with those who have done this, but you are not to dwell upon this matter and all that was comprehended in it, for the result will be, to the actors in every phase of injustice, *such as you would not care to see.* God calls for His people to unify. There will be a most decided increase of wickedness demonstrated among the blacks, and no less among the white people *who do not keep the law of the Lord.* 19LtMs, Lt 401, 1904, par. 3

Who's More Guilty—The Papacy claiming authority over Governments. Or Protestants repudiating their own U.S. Constitution. DA 509.2, 5T 451.

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}

Who's More Guilty—The Papacy system of hierarchy. Or Protestants *taking it as their own*. Mark 10:42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44 And ***whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all***. 45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

When men indulge this accusing spirit, they are not satisfied with pointing out what they suppose to be a defect in their brother. If milder means fail of making him do what they think ought to be done, they will resort to compulsion. Just as far as lies in their power they will force men to comply with their ideas of what is right. This is what the Jews did in the days of Christ and *what the church has done ever since whenever she has lost the grace of Christ*. ***Finding herself destitute of the power of love, she has reached out for the strong arm of the state to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees.*** {SSP 257.2} *Here is the secret of all religious laws that have ever been enacted, and the secret of all persecution from the days of Abel to our own time.* {MB 126.2}

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}

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}

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}

Who's More Guilty—The Papacy bringing a union of Church and state into the Christian Era. Or Protestants discarding that separation of church and state for which they so nobly fought. Matt. 22:18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? 19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, ***Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's;*** and unto God the things that are God's.

"The principles contained in this celebrated Protest . . . constitute the *very essence of Protestantism*. Now this Protest opposes *two abuses* of man in *matters of faith*: the first is *the intrusion of the civil magistrate*, and the second the *arbitrary authority of the church*. Instead of these abuses, *Protestantism sets the power of conscience above the magistrate, and the authority of the word of God above the visible church*. In the *first* place, it rejects the *civil power in divine things*, and says with the prophets and apostles, 'We must obey God rather than man.' In presence of the crown of Charles the Fifth, it uplifts the crown of Jesus Christ. But it goes *farther*: it lays down the principle *that all human teaching should be subordinate to the oracles of God.*"—Ibid., b. 13, ch. 6. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to utter freely their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the word of God presents, and *they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere*. The Protest of Spire was a solemn witness against religious intolerance, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC 203.4}

Note: Separation of Church and State. But does this mean the intrusions of the Church on the State to legislate: religion, religious doctrines, Man's personal duty to worship God—religious principles-laws are acceptable?—No! it works to separate both, the Church from the State and the State from the Church, so that either does not, or will not use the other.—Read on.

The Protest denied the right of civil rulers to legislate in matters between the soul and God, and declared with prophets and apostles, "We ought to obey God rather than men." It rejected also the *arbitrary power of the church*, and set forth the unerring principle that all human teaching *should be in subjection to the oracles of God*. 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*. The crown of Christ was uplifted above the pope's tiara and the emperor's diadem. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to freely utter their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the Word of God presents, and *they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere*. The Protest of Spire was a solemn witness against religious *intolerance*, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC88 203.2}

Notes: Everyone believes it, was not their authority. It rejects the "arbitrary authority-power of the church" over the State. Here is the reason for the 1st Amendment

Amendment 1 - Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression. Ratified 12/15/1791.

Congress shall make *no law respecting an establishment* of religion, *or prohibiting* the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The grand principle maintained by these Reformers—the same that had been held by the Waldenses, by Wycliffe, by John Huss, by Luther, Zwingli, and those who united with them—was the infallible authority of the Holy Scriptures as a rule of faith and practice. *They denied the right of popes, councils, Fathers, and kings, to control the conscience in matters of religion*. The Bible was their authority, and by its teaching they tested all doctrines and all claims. Faith in God and His word sustained these holy men as they yielded up their lives at the stake. "Be of good comfort," exclaimed Latimer to his fellow martyr as the flames were about to silence their

voices, "we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out."—Works of Hugh Latimer, vol. 1, p. xiii. {GC 249.1}

On page 137 of Spiritual Gifts, as found in Early Writings, by Mrs. E. G. White, we find testimony showing that the first part of Revelation 18 **has special reference to the religious oppression to be developed in the United States by professed Christians.** Thus: "*It will be more tolerable for the heathen and for papists in the day of the execution of God's judgment than for such men....* The names of the oppressors are written in blood, crossed with stripes, and flooded with agonizing, burning tears of suffering. God's anger will not cease until he has caused this land of light to drink the dregs of the cup of his fury, until he has rewarded unto Babylon double. 'Reward her even as she rewarded you, double unto her double according to her works; in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.'" DAR 674.1

Note: See below.

Babylon's Merchandise.—In these verses we have an enumeration of great Babylon's merchandise, which includes everything pertaining to luxurious living, pomp, and worldly display. All kinds of mercantile traffic are brought to view. The declaration concerning "slaves and souls of men" *may pertain more particularly to the spiritual domain, and have reference to slavery of conscience by the creeds of these bodies, which in some cases is more oppressive than physical bondage.* DAR 676.2

Charles Beecher, in a sermon in the year 1846, declared that the ministry of "the *evangelical Protestant denominations*" is "not only formed all the way up under a tremendous pressure of merely human fear, but they live, and move, and breathe in a state of things radically corrupt, and appealing every hour to every baser element of their nature to hush up the truth, and bow the knee to the power of apostasy. *Was not this the way things went with Rome? Are we not living her life over again?* And what do we see just ahead? Another general council! A world's convention! *Evangelical alliance*, and universal creed!"--Sermon on "The Bible a Sufficient Creed," delivered at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Feb. 22, 1846. When this shall be gained, then, in the effort to secure complete uniformity, it will be only a step to the resort to force. {GC 444.3} {GC88 444.2}

1SG chp. 33 pg.189-193

The Sin of Babylon.

These professed Christians read of the sufferings of the martyrs, and tears course down their cheeks. They wonder that men could ever possess hearts so hardened as to practice such inhuman cruelties towards their fellow-men, while at the same time *they hold their fellow-men in slavery.* And this is not all. They sever the ties of nature, and cruelly *oppress* from day to day their fellow-men. *They can inflict most inhuman tortures with relentless cruelty, which would well*

*compare with the cruelty papists and heathens exercised towards Christ's followers. **Said the angel, It will be more tolerable for the heathen and for papists in the day of the execution of God's judgment than for such men.** The cries and sufferings of the oppressed have reached unto heaven, and angels stand amazed at the hard-hearted, untold, agonizing, suffering, man in the image of his Maker, causes his fellow-man. **Said the angel, The names of such are written in blood, crossed with stripes, and flooded with agonizing, burning tears of suffering.** *God's anger will not cease until he has caused the land of light to drink the dregs of the cup of his fury, and until he has rewarded unto Babylon double. Reward her even as she rewarded you, double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.* 1SG 192.1. RH August 27, 1861, Art. A, par. 3. EW 275.2.*