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by *Mark Armstrong*



Secretaries of State at the signing of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (Iran Nuclear Deal).

SINCE the announcement of the “Nuclear Deal” with Iran in September 2015 we had the comfort of knowing that majorities in neither the House of Representatives nor the Senate would ratify such a murky arrangement, let alone agree to release over \$100,000,000,000.00 that Iran would undoubtedly use to insulate their theocratic regime, fund terror operations around the world and further their rogue nuclear weapons program.

The “deal” apparently could have been easily stopped had it been accurately described as a treaty. But for logistical reasons the administration argued that it

wasn’t a treaty at all but simply a “deal.” Somehow that meant that it would take a two thirds majority vote to stand in its way rather than a simple majority.

Every assurance that Congress would pull the plug on what is arguably the worst western capitulation since Neville Chamberlain returned to England from Munich having accepted the assurances of Adolf Hitler in 1938, proved utterly worthless. In Obama’s America, the semantic shell-game reminiscent of Bill Clinton arguing the meaning of “is,” actually carries weight in determining the rules under which the U. S. Senate operates.

No, the “deal” was done, Europe and the UN had agreed to go along with it and those who were elected vowing to represent the security interests of the American people and our natural allies were altogether powerless. Not only were they powerless to intervene, they were not (and still aren’t) even authorized to see the details of the arrangement which were agreed separately by the IAEA of the UN (International Atomic Energy Agency).

Iran (needless to say) has not accepted Israel’s right to exist. They have not altered their “Death to America, Death to Israel” posture. They have not agreed to halt

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Which Day is the CHRISTIAN Sabbath?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

The vast majority of professing Christianity believes Sunday is the day for Christian worship. But the Seventh-Day Adventists, Seventh-Day Baptists, Church of God (7th day), and the Intercontinental Church of God, plus many other groups insist that the Sabbath is our “Saturday,” and that Christians should abstain from working from Friday sunset until Saturday sunset. Is there any Bible Proof for Sunday observance?

I GREW up in a Sabbath-keeping home. I grew to dread the “Sabbath day.” Obviously, my father was an outcast. All around me, my schoolmates and neighbors went to church on Sunday. Every exciting, interesting event at school was geared to a Sunday-observing world.

I could not participate in many school activities for the simple reason that most important football and basketball games were played on Friday night. Our Sabbath began, my father said, at sunset Friday. That meant sports events, parties, practices, dances – a host of school and social events were taking place on the Sabbath. I was forbidden to attend or participate.

My father, Herbert W. Armstrong, was a preacher. He spoke each Saturday to a group

of about fifty or so in a small, clapboard church outside the city limits of Eugene, Oregon, which featured outdoor his and her facilities, a wood-burning stove near the small alcove, and hard, hand-made wooden benches.

On the right-hand wall beside the small stage with its little railing and pulpit hung a large scroll of the Ten Commandments. Each Sabbath, the entire congregation recited, in unison, the commandments.

Hearing them fifty-two times each year, it was easy to learn them by heart.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,” we intoned; “Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it,” we all repeated in unison. If I mumbled a little, or simply remained silent, those words beat against

my ears, and were indelibly stamped in my mind.

THE SABBATH AND SCHOOL

In the 1930s, the U.S. Supreme Court had not yet made it a criminal act to recite the Bible, or to pray, in school. Students were not then expelled, nor teachers or principals fired from their jobs for allowing the free exercise of religion in public schools.

Even further than that, about once each month, a volunteer Sunday-school teacher from one of the prominent Sunday-keeping churches would take an hour’s class, teaching us from the Bible. I remember a contest she initiated.

She drew up a large chart, placing each pupil’s name to the left, marking off about ten squares to the right. She then assigned various Bible verses, or short

chapters, which we were required to memorize. As we were able to stand up before the class and recite our memorized verses successfully, we saw her paste a brightly-colored paper star in one of the squares.

It was of course the little girls who seemed to have more stars opposite their names, rapidly building toward the finish line. This caused a feeling of competition. How could I let those little girls receive more stars than I did?

I remember telling my mother of my elation one day. The Sunday-school teacher had inadvertently assigned me to memorize the Ten Commandments!

She asked if I was supposed to recite them all, and I said yes. Then, she cautioned me: "If you recite all of the fourth one, you'll probably see stars!"

Somehow, she seemed to know that the Sunday-school teacher would not take it kindly if this little black-headed boy should stand before the class and chirp: "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it, thou shalt not do any work; thou, nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

If memory serves, she did not hit me up alongside the head when I recited the entire passage

but she did caution me: "Teddy, it is not necessary to recite the whole thing. Just 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,' is enough."

Gradually, as I grew up, I learned that other people thought we were very strange to be "keeping Saturday for Sunday." To them, "remember the Sabbath day" merely meant "one day in seven," or even "Sunday." None of them seemed to know, for some mysterious reason, that the Sabbath fell on the day the pagans named after Saturn, "Saturday."

Then, in the late 1930s or early 1940s, my father began to become convinced he should be observing the annual "Sabbaths" of God, as well! In the early years of the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles, only my own family

paid it any attention. Eventually, his patient teaching and preaching convinced the Eugene congregation they should be observing the holy days. Finally, they began traveling up the McKenzie River to an old resort called "Belknap Springs," remaining there for the entire eight days of the feast.

How embarrassing it was, as a young boy, to go down to the vice principal's office with a small piece of paper in my hand upon which my mother had written: "Please excuse from school on Thursday our son, Teddy Armstrong, for it is a holy day of our church."

"What kind of a strange church is it which believes Thursday is holy?" she would ask.

I didn't know how to explain. I was hugely embarrassed, and ashamed. I hated being put in



Herbert Armstrong speaking at the Feast of Tabernacles.

The ROOT of BLACK LIVES MATTER UNVEILED

by James Simpson



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THE Black Lives Matter movement (BLM) casts itself as a spontaneous uprising born of inner city frustration, but is, in fact, the latest and most dangerous face of a web of well-funded communist/socialist organizations that have been agitating against America for decades. Its agitation has provoked police killings and other violence, lawlessness and unrest in minority communities throughout the U.S. If allowed to continue, that agitation could devolve into anarchy and civil war. The BLM crowd appears to be spoiling for just such an outcome.

Nevertheless, BLM appears to be exercising considerable lever-

age over the Democratic Party, in part by pressuring and intimidating Democratic candidates such as Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders (VT) into embracing their cause. The movement could also assist President Obama's exploitation of racial divisions in society beyond his final term in office.

This report examines in detail, for the first time, how communist groups have manipulated the cause of Black Lives Matter, and how money from liberal foundations has made it all possible.

LEFTIST ORIGINS

Exploiting blacks to promote Marxist revolution is an old tactic.

The late Larry Grathwohl, former FBI informant in the Weather Underground, understood from personal experience how white communists exploited blacks and other minority groups. He said that Weather Underground terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn regarded Barack Obama, whose political career they sponsored, as a tool – a puppet – to use against white America. Obama's legacy at home will certainly include more racial division.

BLM launched in 2013 with a Twitter hashtag, #BlackLivesMatter, after neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman was acquitted in

the Trayvon Martin killing. Radical Left activists Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi claim credit for the slogan and hashtag. Following the Michael Brown shooting in August 2014, Dream Defenders, an organization led by Working Families Party (ACORN) activist and Occupy Wall Street anarchist Nelini Stamp, popularized the phrase “Hands Up–Don’t Shoot!” which has since become BLM’s widely recognized slogan.

Garza, Cullors and Tometi all work for front groups of the Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO), one of the four largest radical Left organizations in the country. The others are the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), and the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism (CCDS). Nelini Stamp’s ACORN – now rebranded under a variety of different names – works with all four organizations, and Dream Defenders is backed by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the ACLU, the Southern Poverty Law Center and others.

FRSO is a hereditary descendant of the New Communist Movement, which was inspired by Mao and the many communist revolutions throughout the world in the 1960s and 1970s. FRSO split into two separate groups in 1999, FRSO/Fight Back and FRSO/OSCL (Freedom Road Socialist Organization/Organización Socialista del Camino para la Libertad). Black Lives Matter and its founders are allied with the latter group. Future references

to FRSO in this article refer to FRSO/OSCL.

FRSO is comprised of dozens of groups. The radical Left model is based on alliances of many organizations that are working on separate issues but dedicated ultimately to the same thing: overthrowing our society in order to replace it with a hardcore socialist (read communist) one.

The goal is to present the appearance of a formidable mass of organizations. Some are large, but many are little more than a web-

BLM is one of many projects undertaken by the FRSO. Except for the website, blacklivesmatter.com, there is no actual organization. The website implicitly acknowledges this, describing #BlackLivesMatter as “an online forum intended to build connections between Black people and our allies to fight anti-Black racism, to spark dialogue among Black people, and to facilitate the types of connections necessary to encourage social action and engagement.”



Protesters with the Revolutionary Communist Party USA march against police shootings and “racism” during a rally in DC.

site or Facebook page. When necessary, they can all come together to promote the cause *du jour*. The deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and others were mere pretexts for socialist agitation. The real enemy is “the system.” This is why the BLM crowd denies the facts of those cases. As Stamp has said, “we are actually trying to change the capitalist system we have today because it’s not working for any of us.”

FRSO membership is disproportionately represented by blacks, gays and women, and self-consciously emphasizes those issues. Garza, who penned a “Herstory” of BLM, is a “queer,” black veteran activist involved in numerous FRSO organizations. Her resumé includes:

- Special projects director, National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA)
- Executive Director, People

BIBLE STUDY

by Dr. James Ricks

Improper Methods of Bible Study, or



How NOT to Do It!

BEWARE THE DANGER AND TEMPTATION OF “TUNNEL VISION”

“TUNNEL vision” often causes one to perceive only what one *wishes* to perceive from their Bible Study. Let’s look at one of the more blatant examples. In Acts 28:3-6, we read of the snake bite received by Paul and the miraculous powers given to protect him on his world changing evangelistic missions. There are people who now wish to prove their spirituality by tempting snakes as a regular church experience and expect to be immune as Paul was! The founder of this movement died recently of a poisonous snake bite.

Another much more popular example is that of the Rapture. Some read verses like I Thessalonians 4:16-17 and believe that all the real believers will be taken to heaven temporarily to avoid the great tribulation period entirely. They say cars will suddenly be driverless! “Tunnel vision” is the opposite of *considering the context*. The context of I Thessalonians 4:13-17 is the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead, or sleeping, saints! The Resurrection is the theme of the New Testament

and does not fit with the world’s false doctrines of Heaven and Hell. The world perceives what they want to perceive.

BEYOND JUST CONTEXT, USE COMMON SENSE FOR MEANINGFUL BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING

In Matt 5:30 Jesus uses hyperbole to drive home a point. A man years ago read this verse and because he had used his hand to sin, he cut it off. When he arrived at the hospital he would not allow them to reattach his hand. Twenty years later he sued the same hospital for not realizing that he was mentally unstable at the time and they should have forced him to get the surgery! Obviously Jesus was saying disobedience of the law can lead to the Lake of Fire, which will eternally consume you. We should do everything in our power to resist the temptations of sin. However we do not sin with our hands only, but with our minds and hearts. See Mark 7:20-22.

Proverbs 22:6 says that if we raise a child correctly they will not depart from it. This proverb, or general guideline, is clearly true. Really disturbed parents can ruin a child for life while good parents

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MYTH OF THE MODERATE MUSLIM

by Matt Barber

“When the sacred months are over slay the idolaters wherever you find them. Arrest them, besiege them, and lie in ambush everywhere for them.” – The Quran, Surah 9:5

WHEN it comes to the global scourge of orthodox Islam, the Western world, which Islamists expressly seek to “destroy from within,” is an upside-down realm wherein objective facts, logic and reason must yield to multiculturalist make-believe, “progressive” propaganda and political correctness run amok. Faithful Muslims want to kill you, and faithless progressives seem all too happy to help them along. Look at the ongoing Muslim invasion of Europe. This progressive paradise, a burgeoning multicultural dystopia, is beginning to look an awful lot like hell on earth.

Fact: Islam is about control. The word itself means “submission.” It is a socio-political pseudo-religion based upon the incoherent scribblings of one man – the “prophet” Muhammad, a warring tyrant who, as even the Quran concedes, was a murderous misogynist and pedophile. This unholy book is loosely plagiarized from the Bible’s Old and

New Testaments – Scriptures that, by contrast, were seamlessly transcribed over centuries by roughly 40 men under the direct and divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Muhammad taught, and the Quran stresses, that a central tenet of Islam is to convert, enslave or kill the infidel. An infidel is

anyone who is not Muslim or, depending on who’s doing the killing, belongs to a different sect of Islam. Those who fall into that elusive, perpetually mute category tagged “moderate Muslim” are also infidels. They’re bad Muslims and so, according to the Quran, not Muslims at all.

To be sure, “moderate Muslim”



Muslims fill the streets of Moscow during prayer.

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is a contradiction in terms. It is intrinsically oxymoronic. Whereas “moderate” (read: liberal) “Christians,” such as those belonging to the PCUSA, embrace certain apostasies that run directly counter to the biblical teachings of Christianity (e.g., the pagan embrace of homosexual sin and child sacrifice by way of abortion), “moderate Muslims” likewise embrace an apostate version of Islam that runs directly

ing, woman-beheading founder of Islam – demon incarnate – are, like he, characteristically violent. Whereas “Muslim extremists,” that is, faithful Muslims, kill people extremely; “Christian extremists,” that is, faithful Christians, love people, including their enemies, extremely.

Islam explicitly requires a worldwide caliphate (global domination and the violent imposition of Islamic Shariah law). This fact is not open for serious debate and is available for all to read, hear, see and, tragically, experience. Islam, therefore, is

the rest of us, to death.

According to the Islamic watchdog group TheReligionofPeace.com – a fantastic resource for the unfiltered facts on Islam – “The Quran contains at least 109 verses that call Muslims to war with non-believers for the sake of Islamic rule.” The aim of these verses is to dehumanize all non-Muslims, making it easier for Muslims of every stripe to slaughter them with impunity when the time is right. In addition to Surah 9:5, cited above, here are but a handful of Muhammad’s bloody calls to arms:

- “Strive hard against the unbelievers and the hypocrites and be unyielding to them; and their abode is hell, and evil is the destination.” – *Quran (9:73)*
- “O you who believe! Fight those of the unbelievers who are near to you and let them find in you hardness.” – *Quran (9:123)*
- “And when We wish to destroy a town, We send Our commandment to the people of it who lead easy lives, but they transgress therein; thus the word proves true against it, so We destroy it with utter destruction.” – *Quran (17:16)*
- “Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. And those with him are hard (ruthless) against the disbelievers and merciful among themselves.” – *Quran (48:29)*

From the *Hadith* (sayings of Muhammad):

- “The Hour will not be established until you fight with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say, ‘O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him.’” – *Bukhari (52:177)*
- “Fight everyone in the way of Allah and kill those who disbelieve in Allah.” – *Ibn Ishaq/Hisham 992*
- “Allah’s Apostle said ... ‘I have been made victorious with terror.’” – *Bukhari (52:220)*

counter to the clear teachings of the Quran.

While devout followers of Jesus Christ, who is Life – God incarnate – are, like He, characteristically peaceful; devout followers of Muhammad, the dead, child-rap-

inherently at odds with freedom, democracy and the United States Constitution. While devout followers of Muhammad readily admit this reality, the suicidal left yet remains hell-bent, head in the sand, on “tolerating” itself, and

“But the Bible says to kill unbelievers too!” cry the Muslim apologists. Nonsense. “Unlike nearly all of the Old Testament verses of violence,” observes ReligionOfPeace.com, “the verses of violence in the Quran are

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COLD SUN RISING

by Sam Khoury

New studies flip climate-change notions upside down.

THE sun will go into “hibernation” mode around 2030, and it has already started to get sleepy. At the Royal Astronomical Society’s annual meeting in July, Professor Valentina Zharkova of Northumbria University in the UK confirmed it - the sun will begin its Maunder Minimum (Grand Solar Minimum) in 15 years. Other scientists had suggested years ago that this change was imminent, but Zharkova’s model is said to have near-perfect accuracy.

SO WHAT IS A “SOLAR MINIMUM”?

Our sun doesn’t maintain a constant intensity. Instead, it cycles in spans of approximately 11 years. When it’s at its maximum, it has the highest number of sunspots on its surface in that particular cycle. When it’s at its minimum, it has almost none. When there are more sunspots, the sun is brighter. When there are fewer, the sun radiates less heat toward Earth.

But that’s not the only cooling effect of a solar minimum. A dim sun doesn’t deflect cosmic rays away from Earth as efficiently as a bright sun. So, when these rays enter our atmosphere, they seed

clouds, which in turn cool our planet even more and increase precipitation in the form of rain, snow and hail.

SOLAR CYCLES

Since the early 1800s we have enjoyed healthy solar cycles and the rich agriculture and mild northern temperatures that they guarantee. During the Middle Ages, however, Earth felt the impact of four solar minimums over the course of 400 years.

The last Maunder Minimum and its accompanying mini-Ice Age saw the most consistent cold, continuing into the early 1800s.

The last time we became concerned about cooler temperatures - possibly dangerously cooler - was in the 1970s. Global temperatures have declined since the 1940s, as measured by Pacific Decadal Oscillation. The PDO Index is a recurring pattern of ocean-atmosphere climate variability centred over the Pacific Ocean. Determined by deep currents, it is said to shift between warm and cool modes. Some scientists worried that it might stay cool and drag down the Atlantic Decadal Oscillation with it, spurring a new Ice Age. The fear

was exacerbated by the fact that Earth has been in the current inter-glacial period for 10,000 years (depending on how the starting point is gauged).

If Earth were to enter the next Ice Age too quickly, glaciers could advance much further south, rainforests could turn into savannah, and sea levels could drop dramatically, causing havoc.

The BBC, all three major American TV networks, *Time* magazine and the *New York Times* all ran feature stories highlighting the scare. Fortunately, by 1978 the PDO Index shifted back to warm and the fear abated.

CLIMATE SCIENCE VS THE SKEPTICS

By the 1990s the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) had formed the “97 percent consensus.” The consensus was that Earth was warming more than it should, not just due to natural causes but also human activity. This was termed Anthropogenic Global Warming. The culprit was identified as carbon dioxide generated from the burning of fossil fuels.

CO2 is a greenhouse gas and

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God Isn't Fixing This

by Jim Josephsen

IT is not as though the *New York Daily News* cowers from controversy or avoids provocation; therefore, it is no surprise that a recent cover story stirred a whirlwind of reaction. Released some two months ago and for the most part forgotten (in the wake of current news events), the acerbic headline nonetheless revealed a reality that many will find hard to accept.

Reporting on the mass shooting in San Bernardino, California, at the hands of two murderous Islamic jihadists back on December 2, 2015, the cover page of the *New York Daily News* read, "God Isn't Fixing This. As latest batch of innocent Americans are left dying in pools of blood, cowards who could truly end gun scourge continue to hide behind meaningless platitudes."

Missing the magnitude of this recent terrorist attack, of the deficiencies within the FBI and complicity of the current Administration, along with implications of future domestic security breaches, the *New York Daily News* left no doubt as to its anti-gun position. Likewise, the *New York Daily News* left no doubt as to its agnostic, perhaps even atheistic predilections by taunting those individuals moved to prayers during this latest cause of national distress.

The headline was clearly meant as a political statement attack-

ing the Republican Party and Presidential candidates on their stance to block anti-gun legislation and their appeal to keep 2nd Amendment rights secure and sure.

Many also took the headline as a means for the *New York Daily News*' editorial staff to disparage those who think God will somehow right this country; that God will somehow fix things.

In blogs, posts, tags, chats, editorials, opinions, articles and commentaries, the retorts seemed to light up the internet and the multitude of social media outlets. Journalists, editorialists, news commentators, theologians, leaders of faith movements and Christian apologists were among those providing points of view and opinions relevant to this controversial headline.

Many comments focused on the significance of prayer, while others attacked prayer's efficacy, demeaning prayer to meaningless platitudes, when action was called for. Many postings reflected the sentiment, just don't pray about it, do something about the gun violence ravaging this country; Do something about terrorism.

Responding to the confrontational headline, various theologians replied: "God is fixing this because God is Love. God is fixing this His way, in His infinite wisdom. When there is suffering and sorrow, He comforts those

who suffer through the gentleness and tender touch of others. God has compassion, only not in ways to which we are accustomed. Although we may not understand why God allows tragedies, we know God weeps with us during these times of pain. God hears our prayers. God is love; God cares."

These thoughts are nice sentiments, perhaps having even provided words of comfort during that time of national despair and the tragic loss of 14 lives that day. However, is that all? Are these the words, the sentiments God would communicate to the United States at a time of national distress?

As to the prayers offered up by politicians or by common everyday citizens, whether those prayers be offered up in church, over the television or internet or in the privacy of a home prayer closet, it is not up to an editorial staff at the *New York Daily News*, or journalists at large, to determine one's sincerity.

God will decide whose prayers are sincere and whose are disingenuous and self-promoting. God has determined whose prayers He will hear and those He will not hear and why He will not hear those prayers.

Is it possible that God is not fixing this? Are the prayers of the people and the politicians nothing more than meaningless platitudes? Are their prayers just

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their nuclear weapons program. They haven't even admitted what has been independently verified by the IAEA, they have been working toward nuclear weapons for years and bluntly lying about their activities the whole time! But Obama thinks he's building a legacy, and what a legacy it will be!

While the UN was instrumental in negotiating "the deal," no one apparently even flinched when Iran violated UN resolutions against its testing of an inter-continental ballistic missile just days before the agreement was announced. What are Iran's intentions? Do the Iranian mullahs intend to become model citizens on the world scene?

With Iran now fabulously wealthy, lining up additional tens of billions of dollars in trade with European nations and having successfully dodged any meaningful supervision of their nuclear activities and military capabilities, we're expected to exhibit blind faith that Iran won't use its newfound wealth to pursue its apocalyptic vision of the end of time.

Some have joked that the president has finally managed to bring the Arabs and Israelis together in a common interest. It means that Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and all the gulf kingdoms are united in their fear of a wealthy, unbridled nuclear Iran with expansionist intentions and an abiding hatred of Israel.

But the current U. S. administration's first priority is to bow the American knee to Islam, show deference and respect to the high holy men and their theocracy.

At this writing, the president has just visited a mosque in the United States for the very first time. Interesting that the mosque he chose is one in Baltimore with a history of support for radical jihadist causes and organizations. Speaking before a room of assembled Muslims, he scoffed at the fact that he refuses to equate terrorists or their attacks with the religion they invoke as inspiration. It was the typical scolding of Americans not in the room who can't understand how the obvious root cause of Islamic terrorist attacks have to be treated as some unknowable mystery.

Then there was the scene of the president seated at a long dinner table at the mosque with his hosts. With Obama in the center of the table, it looked like some sort of Muslim last supper. Whether

they ate with their bare hands, as the authentic culture would have it, was unclear. The women, fully wrapped and unrecognizable from behind, eventually turned to reveal their faces, spaced between smarmy males with crocheted skull caps on their heads. Someone commented they'd never seen the president look so genuinely happy. After all, he'd just taken his whole teleprompter setup to the pulpit of a formerly radical mosque to lecture, not his Muslim audience, but the American people that we have a "responsibility to call out those who insult" the Muslim faith.

Odd that we have a "Christian" president who's all wound up about insults. Every westerner who has visited the Middle East learned about this proclivity of Muslim culture. Before the Iranian revolution, before Imams of every stripe began preaching the literal practice of mercilessly killing innocent people going about their innocent business,



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are a blessing to their children. But the child still is a free moral agent and may choose the “dark side.” Many a teenager from a reasonable home has chosen drugs, alcoholism, gang violence, prostitution and worse, all to their parents dismay. Adam and Eve’s only parent was God and even they were led astray. Do not feel overly guilty if your children have problems in this evil society. Show them the way early so that they may later in life get a moral grip. Use common sense in evaluating each and every verse.

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

Be wary of biases from our past religious teaching. Many of those biases are based on the idea that the old, harsh God of the Old Testament has been replaced by a reformer - Jesus - who changed much of it. God put curses on those that would alter or do away with any part of His written word. See Revelation 22:18-19, Numbers 23:19, Deuteronomy 4:2 and Hebrews 13:8. God does NOT need to change! People need to repent and change. Christ said in Matthew 5:17-18 that he did not come to do away with the law but to show its deep spiritual fulfillment.

God gave the Apostles the power to make legal decisions regarding situations that required a ruling, the power to bind and loose. This was done with Godly insight which would never contradict God’s wishes or laws. “What about circumcision?” some have asserted. Note Leviticus 19:33; It was decided that since the Bible says, “Circumcise your heart,” that spiritual circumcision - or repentance - is all that is needed for Gentiles. Circumcision was a national sign for Israel. It would have been an enormous barrier for Gentile conversion. See Acts 10:28, 34, and 44. God did not want Christianity to

be limited to Jews and a few proselytes, but to go to the entire world.

GOD IS NEVER WRONG AND HIS LAWS ARE FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND

One must study God’s word with this in mind. We should ask ourselves, “Why did God say this?” and “How can we gain deeper insight?” It is a false and worldly assumption that the Old Testament is done away and enables people to get around the Fourth Commandment and stay in step with the world. Some have tried to misuse Ezekiel 20:24-25 to support such a misguided premise. If you see the clearer translation of this verse that is available in the NIV, it is obvious that God is angry with them for desecrating his Sabbaths and forsaking the laws given to them in favor of their own legal devices. God, through the prophet, is obviously not saying, “I gave you bad laws so you would suffer.” God let them suffer from their own bad laws and behavior and turned away from them. Are our court decisions hurting this nation today?

Even though we no longer live in a Theocracy governed by God, the principles behind His laws are still valid. In I Corinthians 9:9-11 the Apostle Paul is applying a minor law from Deuteronomy 25:4 to a Gentile New Testament church far away from Judea in Europe. He used this law as proof that he could have asked for a salary from the Corinthians but deferred because he did not want it to be a barrier to growth in numbers. He thought that some would be suspicious of this Jewish cleric wanting their money! He did it out of love, yet they did not appreciate his sacrifice. Note that the Old Testament is quoted liberally throughout the New Testament for doctrinal support and guidance! See Acts 24:14 to see what the main author of the New Testament believed! □

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such a position. I longed to be like my schoolmates – anonymous, one of the group.

My youthful years were punctuated with many embarrassing and shameful experiences. My family didn't keep Christmas or Halloween, or Easter, but they did keep the Sabbath, and the feast days of the Bible, like the Days of Unleavened Bread, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

In order to shed some of my embarrassment, I would go to a Sunday-keeping church on a rare occasion with one of my school friends. When a church-league basketball tournament was formed, I went with my friends to a "First Christian" church one Sunday each month to qualify to play on their basketball team.

I so wanted to be like everybody else. I didn't want to be singled out as "different" because of my father's religion.

After high school, I left home and joined the Navy. My primary goal was to get away from my father, who was autocratic. But behind this primary urge was the entire panorama of all his teachings; my resentment of the Sabbath, and other teachings.

In the Navy I could blend in. I wore the same uniform, slept in the same barracks, or, later, aboard the same ship. I ate the same food, including pork chops, about once each week, and had the same haircut. I was one with the others. I didn't stand out.

For four years, I ignored the

Sabbath, and the annual holy days. I had no idea when they fell during the year, except letters from home might inform me when the major festival of the year, the "Feast of Tabernacles," occurred.

I hitchhiked to Oregon over a long weekend late in 1949 to visit old school friends in Eugene and Springfield. The feast was being



The Feast of Tabernacles at Belknap Springs

observed up in Belknap Springs, even though my family had moved to Pasadena, California, in 1947. I went to Belknap in my Navy uniform, remaining only a couple of hours to say hello, and promptly went back to Eugene. I am sure my father was embarrassed by having his uniformed young son standing around with a cigarette in his mouth, with all those tattoos on his arms.

No one could have undergone a more complete rejection of the Sabbaths – both weekly and annual – than I did. I had dreaded it as a child. As a man, I rejected it entirely.

How could the whole world

be out of step except my dad? Who gave him the right to be right? How could all those huge churches, with millions of members, be wrong? Didn't the Roman Catholic Church, and the Methodist Church, and the Baptist Church, keep Sunday? Didn't dozens of others, like the Nazarenes, and Church of Christ, and Assembly of God, and

Pentecostal churches?

You couldn't tell me those huge churches didn't know what they were doing – that they didn't have any authority for what they believed and practiced!

Then how did it happen that I was to become, from about age twenty-three to my present age, such a strong advocate for Sabbath observance?

VAUNTED AUTHORITIES

I had heard my father recite almost endlessly his early experiences with religion. He had been brought up by a Quaker family. My mother's family were Methodists. Both believed there was a God, but neither one of

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them had ever been Bible students; neither one had ever studied the essential doctrines of their family's religions.

Then, my mother became grievously ill, with both blood poisoning and lockjaw. She went down to less than ninety pounds in weight and could not eat or

Then, following her miraculous healing, my brother, Richard David (killed in an automobile accident in 1958) was born in 1928, and I was born in 1930.

Because my mother had become very friendly with Mrs. Runcorn, and was obviously hugely thankful, humbly grateful, and spiritually elated over her healing, she wanted to know more about Mrs. Runcorn's religion – about her minister.

“...You shouldn't believe what any person tells you, but only what God tells you through the Bible.”

drink. This was in the days long prior to intravenous feeding.

A friendly neighbor lady, a Mrs. Ora Runcorn, suggested to my mother that their minister, who happened to be a Sabbath-keeper, was a man of faith who believed God could heal the sick. She asked my mother if she and my father would want this minister to anoint my mother, and pray for her.

Both my father and mother believed God could heal, but they did not know *if* He would heal. The entire story was written by my mother to a non-religious school chum in a letter she sent in 1927, three years before I was born.

She was instantly, miraculously healed! Long prior, she had been told she could never have any additional children. Eight years and six months had passed since she gave birth to her second daughter.

One of the most obvious points was the fact that the Runcorns “kept Saturday for Sunday.”

My mother asked about it.

Mrs. Runcorn did not reason, or explain, or argue, or attempt to teach. Instead, she asked my mother to read several lengthy passages of Scripture. She pointed to one, and then to another, without any comment or explanation, and asked my mother to read them.

But let my father tell you about it, for, after all, I had not yet been born, and she told him all about it. He wrote, in his autobiography:

“Some little time prior to this, we had been visiting my parents in Salem. My wife had become acquainted with an elderly neighbor lady, Mrs. Ora Runcorn. Mrs. Runcorn was an avid student of the Bible... One day Mrs. Runcorn gave her a Bible study. She asked my wife to turn to a

certain passage and read it. Then a second, then a third, and so on for about an hour. Mrs. Runcorn made no comment – gave no explanation or argument – just asked my wife to read aloud a series of biblical passages.

“‘Why!’ exclaimed Mrs. Armstrong in amazement, ‘Do all these Scriptures say that I’ve been keeping the wrong day as the Sabbath all my life?’

“‘Well, do they?’ asked Mrs. Runcorn. ‘Don’t ask me whether you have been wrong – you shouldn’t believe what any person tells you, but only what God tells you through the Bible. What does He tell you, there? What do you see there with your own eyes?’

“‘Why, it’s as plain as anything could be!’ exclaimed Mrs. Armstrong. ‘Why, this is a wonderful discovery. I must rush back to tell my husband the good news. I know he’ll be overjoyed!’

“A minute or so later, Mrs. Armstrong came running into my parents’ home, with the ‘good news.’

“My jaw dropped!

“This was the worst news I had ever heard! My wife gone into religious fanaticism!

“‘Have you gone CRAZY?’ I asked, incredulously.

“‘Of course not! I was never more sure of anything in my life,’ responded my wife with enthusiasm.

“Indeed, I wondered if she really had lost her mind! Deciding to ‘keep Saturday for Sunday?’ Why, that seemed like rank FANATICISM! And my wife had always had such a sound mind! There was nothing shallow

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Organized to Win Employment Rights (POWER)

- Board member, School of Unity and Liberation (SOUL)
- 2011 Board Chair, Right to the City Alliance (RTTC)

Cullors describes herself as a “working class, queer, black woman.” She claims the country killed her father, a drug addict. At a 2015 Netroots Nation conference, Cullors led chants shouting, “If I die in police custody, burn everything down... rise the f*** up! That is the only way motherf***s like you will listen!” Cullors founded and directs Dignity and Power Now (DPN), which claims

to seek “dignity and power of incarcerated people, their families, and communities.”

Cullors was trained by Eric Mann, a former Weather Underground leader who exhorts followers to become “anti-racist, anti-imperialist” activists. Mann runs another FRSO front, the Labor/Community Strategy Center. Like most professional leftists, he makes good money – over \$225,000 annually – living in “the system” he advocates destroying.

Tometi is the daughter of illegal aliens from Nigeria. While in college, she worked for the ACLU defending illegal aliens against “vigilantes” opposed to illegal immigration. She is currently the executive director of Black Alliance

for Just Immigration (BAJI).

THE FUNDING

FRSO/BLM organizations are generously supported by a universe of wealthy foundations. Some, like those employing BLM founders Garza and Tometi, receive money directly. Others, like Cullors’ DPN, are financed by organizations designed specifically to underwrite the activities of others. Amounts reflect donations received over approximately the past decade.

NDWA (Garza) – 2013 revenues were \$5.5 million. The NDWA board includes two members of CASA de Maryland, the Illegals’ version of ACORN. CASA also received a grant from NDWA in 2013, as did the radical Left Institute for Policy Studies.



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Protesting the shooting death of Mike Brown. Backers include PSL, ANSWER, NBUFDC, and REVCOM.

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NDWA receives funding from the following foundations:

Major NDWA Donors

Ben & Jerry's - \$30,000

Ford - \$1,910,000

Kellogg - \$250,000

Marguerite Casey - \$450,000

Nathan Cummings - \$500,000

Oak - \$489,500

Rockerfeller - \$134,000

Soros Funds - \$1,344,846

Surdna - \$235,000

Other - \$777,550

Total - \$6,120,896

POWER (Garza) – 2013 revenues were \$456,676, including \$92,173 in government grants. POWER evolved from the now defunct communist group STORM (Standing Together to Organize a Revolutionary Movement). Obama's former "Green Jobs Czar" the self-described communist, Van Jones, served on STORM's board.

MAJOR POWER DONORS

Akonadi - \$145,000

Ben & Jerry's - \$62,000

California Wellness - \$300,000

Hill Snowden - \$258,000

Marguerite Casey - \$655,000

Public Welfare - \$301,000

Robert Wood Johnson - \$125,316

Surdna - \$464,000

Tides - \$168,000

Other - \$694,864

Total - \$3,173,210

RTTC (Garza) – 2013 revenues were \$248,190. RTTC is a nationwide network of activist organizations that resists the gentrification of inner cities because it displaces "low-income people, people of

color, marginalized LGBTQ communities, and youths of color..."

Major RTTC Donors

Akonadi - \$120,000

Ben & Jerry's - \$25,000

Ford - \$1,325,000

Marguerite Casey - \$300,000

Soros Funds - \$600,000

Surdna - \$400,000

Tides - \$165,000

Other - \$402,000

Total - \$3,337,500

SOUL (Garza) – Despite its small size (2013 revenues at \$110,304), SOUL claims to have trained 679 organizers in 2013.

MAJOR SOUL DONORS

Akonadi - \$322,500

Heinz - \$255,000

Hill Snowden - \$142,500

Rockefeller - \$210,000

San Francisco - \$105,000

Surdna - \$460,000

Tides - \$298,000

Other - \$290,000

Total - \$2,083,750

BAJI (Tometi) – 2013 revenues were \$321,570. This modest organization only lists two full-time staff, yet receives support from many recognizable foundations.

BAJI FOUNDATION DONORS

Ben & Jerry's - \$10,000

Kellogg - \$75,000

Marguerite Casey - \$337,500

San Francisco - \$75,600

Soros Funds - \$200,000

Others - \$175,000

Total - \$873,1000

Cullors' DPN is underwritten by Community Partners, a Los Angeles based non-profit with a \$24 million budget (including \$4 million in government grants) that fiscally sponsors non-profits. It is not an FRSO organization.

Advancement Project (AP)

– an FRSO group that funds a variety of radical causes. AP sees America as a racist, oppressive nation and, according to Discover the Networks, "works to organize 'communities of color' into politically cohesive units while disseminating its leftist worldviews and values as broadly as possible by way of a sophisticated communications department." Its 2013 revenues were \$11.3 million.

Major AP Foundation Donors

California Endowment - \$7,354,814

Ford - \$8,466,000

Hewlett - \$2,465,000

James Irvine - \$2,542,500

Kellogg - \$3,000,000

Rockefeller - \$2,450,000

Soros Funds - \$8,565,275

Tides - \$1,260,540

Vanguard - \$1,691,000

All others - \$16,777,157

Total - \$54,572,286

Movement Strategy Center (MSC) – also facilitates funding, development and advancement of FRSO organizations. Its 2013 revenues were \$7.5 million, including \$156,032 in government grants.

MAJOR MSC DONORS

Akonadi - \$1,094,500

Ben & Jerry's - \$60,000

California Endowment - \$2,325,862

Ford - \$1,762,500

Robert Wood Johnson - \$378,750

Rockefeller - \$398,000

San Francisco - \$551,206

Soros Funds - \$1,100,000

Surdna - \$1,445,000

Tides - \$1,607,000

All others - \$4,541,469

Total - \$15,264,287

THE RETURN OF VAN JONES

Mainstream funders have helped fund BLM as well. For ex-

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its increase in the atmosphere could be dangerous, the panel claimed. Some of these scientists, particularly those working at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Nasa's Goddard Institute for Space Studies and Britain's Meteorological Office, have gone so far as to declare CO2 as the primary driver of climate on Earth. This modern "climate science" has stirred unprecedented controversy in the field. Sceptics, clinging to more traditional approaches, say the science has been corrupted by the billions of dollars in government funding for climate-change research and agencies and industries that claim to be "fighting climate change." The counter-argument is that the sceptics are backed by the oil, gas and coal industries or are affiliated with conservative political

groups.

The biggest bone of contention between the two groups is how the data are assessed. In the United States, the recorded temperature data go back to 1880, and elsewhere not even that far. Those data have to be "stapled

on" to the ice-core data used to determine temperatures in earlier times. This has led to controversial representations, such as the infamous "hockey stick" graph released by the IPCC that gave the impression the world is hotter now than ever. Many scientists slammed the graph as wholly unrealistic, insisting that previous eras, such as the medieval warm period and the Holocene maximum were warmer than today.

Another issue is the urban "heat

island" effect. Black asphalt roads and concrete structures absorb heat from the sun. Roy Spencer, a climatologist at the University of Alabama and former IPCC alumnus, charged in 2013 that the NOAA was "warming up" readings at rural temperature stations

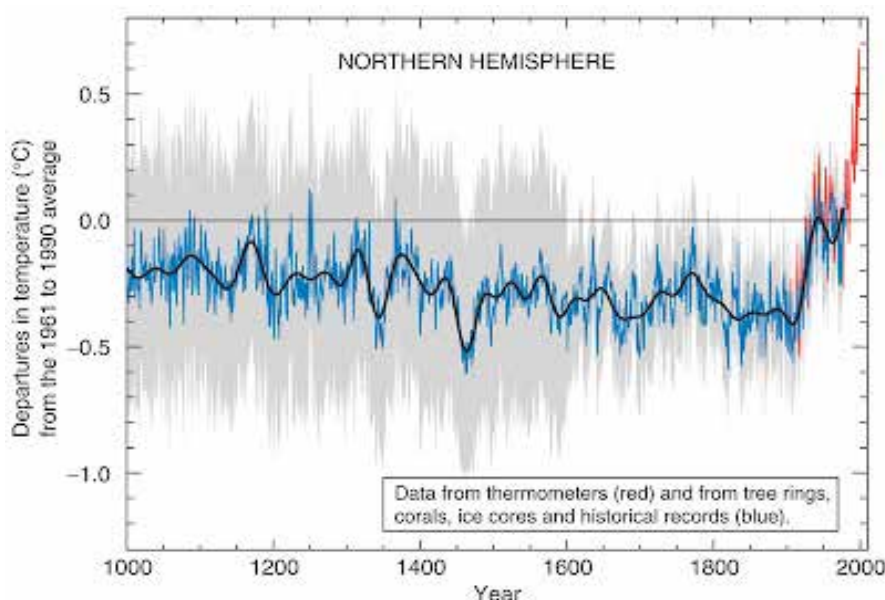
The NOAA was caught changing temperature data from the 1930s to make the decade appear colder.

to match the urban ones rather than the reverse. A spokesman for the NOAA responded but stopped short of denying it.

In the 2009 "Climategate Scandal," e-mails and documents from IPCC-affiliated scientists were leaked that indicated they had manipulated data and reports to jibe with the AGW theory. References were made to "hiding the decline" through the use of "tricks." Then in 2012 Anthony Watts, a meteorologist and self-described whistle-blower, caught the NOAA changing temperature data from the 1930s to make the decade appear colder than it had been. Another whistle-blower, blogger Tony Heller, although clearly aligned with conservative groups like the Heartland Institute, has amassed impressive data. He claims that, since 1997, the world has actually been getting colder and Goddard and the NOAA are committing "climate fraud." The NOAA has declined to respond.

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Around 2000, the PDO Index started to blow cold again, pos-



The IPCC's "Hockey Stick" chart.

Moderate Muslim

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mostly open-ended, meaning that they are not restrained by the historical context of the surrounding text.” (Christian theologian Dr. Michael Brown has penned a brilliant contrast/comparison

between the Quran and the Old Testament, which thoroughly debunks manipulative false equivalencies often drawn by those who wish to sow confusion.)

Still, we need only look to the many polls to affirm the alarmingly high percentages of Muslims (hundreds-of-millions in number) who seek, through

the most violent means imaginable, Islamic world domination. Below are but a few.

Bigfoot, the Loch Ness monster and the moderate Muslim: Even as we hear of the occasional sighting, most reasonable people remain skeptical as to whether, in reality, these mysterious creatures even exist. □

- 83 percent of Palestinian Muslims, 62 percent of Jordanians and 61 percent of Egyptians approve of jihadist attacks on Americans. *World Public Opinion Poll (2009)*.
- 1.5 Million British Muslims support the Islamic State, about half their total population. *ICM (Mirror) Poll 2015*.
- Two-thirds of Palestinians support the stabbing of Israeli civilians. *Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (2015)*.
- 38.6 percent of Western Muslims believe 9/11 attacks were justified. *Gallup (2011)*.
- 45 percent of British Muslims agree that clerics preaching violence against the West represent “mainstream Islam.” *BBC Radio (2015)*.
- 38 percent of Muslim-Americans say Islamic State (ISIS) beliefs are Islamic or correct. (Forty-three percent disagree.) *The Polling Company CSP Poll (2015)*.
- One-third of British Muslim students support killing for Islam. *Center for Social Cohesion (Wikileaks cable)*.
- 78 percent of British Muslims support punishing the publishers of Muhammad cartoons. *NOP Research*.
- 80 percent of young Dutch Muslims see nothing wrong with holy war against non-believers. Most verbalized support for pro-Islamic State fighters. *Motivaction Survey (2014)*.
- Nearly one-third of Muslim-Americans agree that violence against those who insult Muhammad or the Quran is acceptable. *The Polling Company CSP Poll (2015)*.
- 68 percent of British Muslims support the arrest and prosecution of anyone who insults Islam. *NOP Research*.
- 51 percent of Muslim-Americans say that Muslims should have the choice of being judged by Shariah courts rather than courts of the United States (only 39 percent disagree). *The Polling Company CSP Poll (2015)*.
- 81 percent of Muslim respondents support the Islamic State (ISIS). *Al-Jazeera poll (2015)*.

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about her. She had always had a well-balanced mind, with depth.

“But now, suddenly – THIS! It seemed incredible – preposterous!

“Loma,’ I said sternly, ‘this is simply too ridiculous to believe! I am certainly not going to tolerate any such religious fanaticism in our family! You’ll have to give that up right here and now!’”

The last thing in the world my father wanted to hear was that the Sabbath should be kept! As he explained, he thought my mom had taken up with religious fanaticism. He wrote: “I even threatened divorce, if my wife refused to give up this fanaticism...”

Many years later, when I had come home after four years in the Navy, including operating offshore Korea during the Korean War aboard an aircraft carrier, I began to face some of the same questions.

At first, I had no intention whatsoever of having anything to do with my father’s religion. I was still smoking. My life’s desire was to become a singer, perhaps entertaining in night clubs. I had told my Navy shipmates I hoped to break into the movies.

I began looking into religious literature, wondering if they could substantiate their doctrines. I picked up tracts and booklets at supermarkets, published by various religious organizations.

I remember a tract I read by a Protestant radio preacher about “law and grace.” He quoted a scripture to support his theory

that there was no “law-keeping” involved in the Christian life. Unfortunately for him I decided to look up the scripture he quoted.

He had written how the Bible said: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

This certainly seemed to say we could not be saved by any works we might perform, such as keeping the Sabbath or holy days!

But wait a minute! What was this? In the entire context of this statement, Paul had written, in the very next verse: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10)

The entire thrust of his little pamphlet was that we were to avoid such things as Sabbath-keeping, or feeling that we are under any obligation to obey any laws. It was all love, and grace, and faith. Just believe, and profess Christ, and presto! You are saved!

It took me a very long time to come to understand the difference between being saved as a gift of God through faith, while at the same time being obligated to *quit sinning*, since sin is the breaking of God’s Ten Commandments (I John 3:4).

It took me a long time to understand that when we repent of having broken God’s laws (Acts 2:38), God’s loving *forgiveness*, which is His “grace,” or undeserved pardon for having broken His laws, does not give us permission to continue breaking them.

Then, I knew none of this. I did know, however, that either this radio preacher suffered from one of the most severe cases of “tunnel vision” you have ever heard of, not even seeing the next verse which knocked his theory into a cocked hat, or else he was deliberately dishonest, not thinking most of his readers would ever check up on what he wrote.

My earliest reading into the doctrines of other churches did not begin to compare with the in-depth research I would accomplish in the months and years later.

I heard a big-name American evangelist insist that “Christianity is not a way of life,” but I had seen, in several places on only two pages of the book of Acts, that it was.

That proved a catalyst which stimulated a thirst for additional knowledge. If vaunted authorities, who represented a major excuse of mine against my father’s teachings (surely all these huge churches can’t be wrong?) were proved wrong from the Bible, then I was no longer pitting my father against other churchmen, but pitting other churchmen and my father against the Bible.

Later research astounded me. Let me give you an astonishing example.

Is there any greater “authority” for Sunday observance than the pope and the Roman Catholic Church? For, after all, the only authority by which Protestants justify Sunday observance is old mother Rome.

Here is what the highly respected *Catholic Encyclopedia* says about Sunday, and Sunday

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observance.

“SUNDAY, (day of the sun), as the name of the first day of the week, is derived from Egyptian astrology...Sunday was the first day of the week according to the Jewish method of reckoning [note: the Jews never called it “Sunday”], but for Christians it began to take the place of the Jewish Sabbath in apostolic times



Ruins at Karnak, Egypt. Obelisks, anciently used in sun worship, now commonly adorn Christian churches.

as the day set apart for the public and solemn worship of God. The practice of meeting together on the first day of the week for the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice is indicated in Acts xx, 7; I Cor., xvi, 2; in Apoc. 1, 10, it is called the Lord’s Day” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. XIV, p. 335).

What is the “Eucharistic

Sacrifice”? It is the “sacrament of the Lord’s Supper,” or “Communion.”

But Jesus Christ did not command the disciples to observe the ceremony of foot-washing, wine and bread every week (see our free booklet *Easter or Passover*). He made it a memorial occasion (Luke 22:19). Like all other memorials, such as birthdays, or Memorial Day, it was to be celebrated once each year, on the same day as the original event.

Notwithstanding these plain indications of Scripture, and the practice of Christ himself, the Roman Catholic Church began celebrating the “Eucharistic Sacrifice” each Sunday.

Now, note well that this vaunted authority says that you and I, when we turn to the three scriptures referred to, will find Christians gathered “for the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.”

Read up to the passage referred to in Acts, commencing with verse 6: “And we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days, where we abode seven days.”

Luke, who was the journalist, naturally included in his diary the fact that they had sailed just after the Days of Unleavened Bread. Why? For the simple reason that this annual holy day period immediately following the Passover, or Lord’s Supper, was still being observed. Paul had written to the Corinthian Church: “But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost” (I Corinthians 16:8). He had said, as Luke wrote a little later than this account of his trip to Troas: “I

must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem” (Acts 18:21).

Repeatedly in Paul’s writings, and in those of Luke, who chronicled the deeds of the early apostolic church, careful note is taken of the occurrence of God’s Sabbath days and the annual Sabbaths, or holy days, for, during all these many decades following the resurrection of Christ all these annual Sabbaths and the weekly Sabbaths were being observed by the apostolic church!

Now, continuing in Acts 20: “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow, and continued his speech until midnight.” But the days began at sunset. Since this was now “on the first day of the week...until midnight” the meeting took place on our “Saturday night.” The following dawn would have been the daylight part of our “Sunday.” But to continue:

“And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down from sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, ‘Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.’ When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so departed” (Acts

20:7-11).

Notice that the expression “breaking bread” merely means eating a meal. It does not connote a religious ceremony, or a “Eucharistic Sacrifice!” “Breaking bread” could include eating an entire meal, including meat!

Notice carefully again that this meeting took place sometime after sundown on our “Saturday night.” It was on the “first day of the week,” but the meeting continued through the night, until morning, which would be our Sunday morning.

On that day, the first day of the week, daylight part, what did Paul do?

“And we went before to ship [writes Luke], and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take

in Paul: for so had he appointed [decided], minding himself to go afoot” (Acts 20:13).

Assos was around a narrow peninsula from Troas. By ship, it required hours of sailing, and the prevailing winds would have required much tacking back and forth. Knowing this, Paul decided to remain with those Christian people as long as he could, speaking to them right on through the night (which is hard work!), and then walking nineteen miles during the daylight hours of that “Sunday.”

Talk about work!

This was no “Eucharistic Sacrifice,” as the vaunted Catholic Encyclopedia would have you believe. It was a meeting which took place from about Saturday

sundown until nearly dawn the next morning. Since the Bible always begins the days at sundown, the beginning of the “first day of the week” commenced at sunset Saturday.

Paul then worked all night. Then he walked an incredible nineteen miles from Troas to Assos, to meet Luke and the others aboard ship.

Did you read anything there about Christians meeting for the purpose of conducting the “Eucharistic Sacrifice”? No there is no “Eucharistic Sacrifice” mentioned here.

Did the Catholic writer who submitted the article on “Sunday” for the *Catholic Encyclopedia* not know any of this? Or...but let’s not judge. He can answer to

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ample, United Way has partnered with A&E and iHeartMedia to create Shining the Light Advisors, a committee of “nationally known experts and leaders in racial and social justice,” to oversee grant disbursements. These “advisors” include such radicals as Van Jones, Advancement Project co-director Judith Browne Dianis, and Rinku Sen, president of the Applied Research Center (ARC).

BLM’s mission includes a kitchen sink of favored radical Left causes, including support of poverty elimination programs, prison deinstitutionalization, illegal immigration and gay rights.

Highlighting FRSO’s orientation toward gay blacks, it describes how “Black, queer and trans folks bear a unique burden from a hetero-patriarchal society that disposes of us like garbage and simultaneously fetishizes us and profits off of us, and that is state violence.”

Its wide network of affiliates and partner organizations like CPUSA and ACORN allows BLM to turn out large crowds. Many participate simply to protest, commit violence, loot or all three.

FRSO was prominent at the Ferguson protests and videoed the event. It has even created a Black Lives Matter button. Following are more FRSO organizations involved with BLM. (Funding estimates provided when known).

- Black Left Unity – A Marxist/Leninist organization that supports favored causes of the communist Left, including unity with Cuba, war against capitalism and Occupy Wall Street.

- Black Workers for Justice – A North Carolina-based group which claims to struggle on behalf of “oppressed nationalities,” etc.

- Causa Justa/Just Cause – A Black/Latino solidarity organization allied with the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, RTTC and others. Its 2013 revenues were \$1.6 million, including \$689,484 in government grants.

- Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJ) – “a national alliance of US-based grassroots organizing (GRO) groups organiz-

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ing to build an agenda for power for working and poor people and communities of color.”

- Hands Up United – Works for “liberation of oppressed Black, Brown, and poor people through education, art, civil disobedience, advocacy, and agriculture.”

- Intelligent Mischief – Their Black Body Survival Guide is in the works and has raised over \$8,000 through IndieGoGo.

- Organization for Black Struggle (OBS)—This organization is affiliated with the CPUSA. Its website claims its allies as Black Workers for Justice and the Advancement Project. Chaired by FRSO member Montague Simmons.

- Revolutionary Student Coordinating Committee (RSCC) a militant group founded in 2012 by CUNY students. It is networked at different U.S. colleges. This group organized

the infamous pro-abortion “Hail Satan” chant at Texas capital. Its extremism has been captured on video.

- Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) is a “national network of groups and individuals organizing White people for racial justice.” SURJ quotes Garza saying that “We need you defecting from White supremacy and changing the narrative of White supremacy by breaking White silence.”

- Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE) – Its 2013 revenues were \$2.8 million. Led by Anthony Thigpen, a former Black Panther and board member of the Apollo Alliance. Apollo is the secretive alliance of labor, environment and other Left activists that formulated Obama’s trillion dollar “stimulus” plan. Board member Van Jones described Apollo “as sort of a grand unified field theory for progressive Left causes.” It is now a project of the Blue Green Alliance.

SCOPE FOUNDATION DONORS

California Endowment - \$3,627,037
Carnegie - \$300,000
Ford - \$4,860,000
Haas - \$750,000
Hewlett - \$1,475,000
James Irvine - \$2,750,000
Marguerite Casey - \$2,000,000
New World - \$1,540,000
Open Society (Soros) - \$650,000
Rockefeller - \$705,000
Tides - \$410,000
Others - \$3,678,857
Total - \$22,745,894

BLM groups have also joined with CPUSA, CCDS, DSA, SEIU, Color of Change and many others. Anarchist and top OWS organizer Lisa Fithian, who orchestrated the 1999 Seattle World Trade Organization riots, trained Ferguson protesters. Fithian says “Create crisis, because crisis is that edge where change is possible.”

Fithian echoes Richard Cloward and Frances Fox Piven – creators of the infamous Cloward/Piven Crisis Strategy – who spent decades attempting to provoke ghetto blacks to riot, because “Poor people can advance only



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words lost in the blackness, dissipating in the vastness of outer space?

Is it *possible* that God has closed His ears to the prayers of this country, a country burdened with the undeniable reality of escalating gun violence, as our city and suburban streets are blood stained; a country festering in increasing civil disobedience, precipitous moral decline, disrespect for authority, not to mention disobedience to God's Laws?

Can God not see the increasing terrorist attacks at the hands of radical Islamic jihadists, hell bent on killing anyone not submissive to their interpretations of their miserable religion? Has He turned a blind eye to the evil, brutal and homicidal behaviors of ISIS, al-Qaeda, Jabhut al-Nusra and isolated radical Muslims, people intent on destroying Western civilization and constructing a caliphate? Will He not lift a finger to intervene and stop the insanity? Is He ignoring His creation and closing His ears to the prayers of His people? Or has God already provided an answer?

"Surely, the arm of the Eternal is not too short that it cannot save, nor his ear too dull to hear: but your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies and your tongue mutters wicked things. No one calls

for justice: no one pleads the case with integrity or truth. ... They conceive trouble and give birth to evil. ... their deeds are evil and acts of violence are in their hands. Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are evil thoughts, ruin and destruction mark their ways. The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in

their paths ..." (Isaiah 59:1-8).

Notice the indictment God leveled against a people who took pride in being called His people; in most instances equivalent today to being called Christians. Notice what God has to say to people who prayed to Him, but found no response from God. God was not fixing their problems.

Today, God is not fixing the United States of America or any other nation, for the reasons just stated above. God's answer is consistent and is found throughout the Christian Bible. Notice:

"For he that will love life and see good days (you can amend this statement to read, for the nation that will love life and be a benefit to its citizens; for that nation to see good days, prosperity, economic success, health, stability and security from its enemies, stability and equity among its citizens), let him (let that nation) refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that

they speaks no guile. Let him eschew (depart and reject) evil and (in place of evil) do good. Let him seek peace and ensue it. For the eyes of the Eternal are over the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers. But the face of God is against them that do evil (1 Peter 3:10-12).

"The eyes of the Eternal are in every place, beholding the evil

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and the good ... The Eternal is far from the wicked: but he hears the prayers of the righteous (Proverbs 15:3, 29).

God will not play games and God does not deviate from His perfect will and character. What God spoke yesterday, He reiterates today and you can rest assured He will speak the same tomorrow.

Whether in the life of a lone individual or an entire nation (such as the United States), God is consistent and firm in His answer. He will not hear the prayers of the unrighteous; of those who live a life disobedient to Him and His laws. God does not hear the prayers of the arrogant, the self-righteous, the impertinent, those whose heart is set on evil; those who are self-centered, the unrepentant and perverse sinner.

The *New York Daily News* is right. God is not fixing this nation. Notice further, what God

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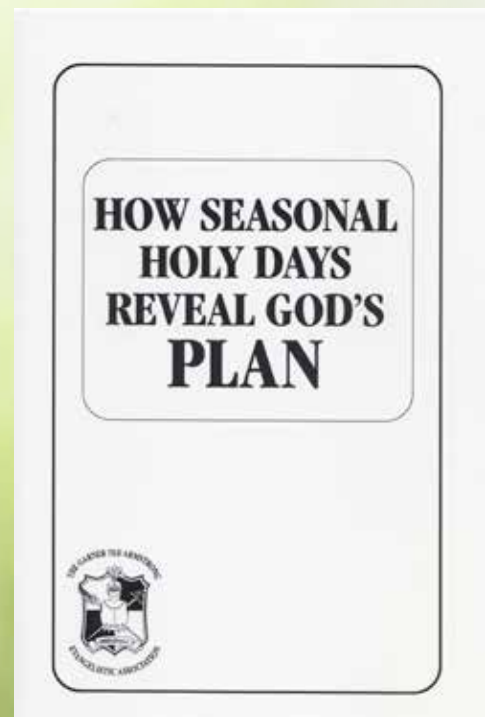
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Christ for what was in his mind at the time.

But, surely, we shall find Christians meeting on the first day of the week, Sunday, to celebrate the “Eucharistic Sacrifice” in the second scripture listed in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, shall we not? Let’s see.

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye” (I Corinthians 16:1). Read Acts 11:27-30. Agabus had prophesied of a terrible drought to strike Palestine. The church rallied, gathering stored nuts, dates, grains, and dried meats and fruit to send relief to people who might otherwise have starved.

Paul, eager to help, wanted the Corinthian church to generously devote a full day of work each week prior to his arrival in famine relief. Here is how he stated it: “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings [harvesting, collecting, gleaning] when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters [to me], them will I send to bring your liberality [your generous gifts of foodstuffs] unto Jerusalem” (I Corinthians 16:1-3).

What do you do when you “lay by yourself in store”? Why, you store up, or you save something. You place it close to hand, like in a storage shed, or your garage, or in your home.

Did you read one single word about a “Eucharistic Sacrifice” here? No? But the vaunted *Catholic Encyclopedia* said you would find Christians conducting a religious ceremony on Sunday! It said this was a meeting by Christians to celebrate the “Eucharistic Sacrifice.”

Was it?

No.

Then why did the Catholic writer lie? Or did he simply quote some other earlier writer who lied? Or did he, the earlier, just assume some even earlier writer was correct? Did not the learned doctor of theology who put this amazing assertion in the *Catholic Encyclopedia* even look up the scripture to which he referred, and read it, like you can do, in his own Bible?

Here, Paul urges the Corinthian church to WORK in their fields and orchards; to work at curing meat, drying fruit, harvesting grain; to work in the sweat of their brow ON SUNDAY, so they would be able to send a generous amount of famine relief to hungry brethren in Palestine!

But surely, then, we shall find at least ONE correct reference out of the three scriptures the *Catholic Encyclopedia* quoted which shows Christians keeping the “Eucharistic Sacrifice” on Sunday, shall we not? Let’s see.

John, the apostle, was given many visions by Jesus Christ to reveal to God’s people what would come to pass down into the time near the end of man’s civilization on earth.

The word apocalypse merely means “revelation.” It does not

mean “holocaust,” or “catastrophe,” or mind-boggling destruction and war. But because many of the prophecies of the book of Revelation do speak of catastrophes and war, journalists have mistakenly changed the usage of the word reveal (apocalypse) to read “disaster.”

The very first vision John saw was that of a Being who spoke with a voice like a powerful trumpet blast. John wrote: “I was in the spirit [as in a spiritual trance – seeing a vision] on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, what thou seest [in the visions to follow], write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches” (Revelation 1:10, 11).

Do you read of any meeting of Christians here? No.

Do you read of a “Eucharistic Sacrifice”? No. Instead, you read of how John was transported in spiritual vision into the “Day of the Lord,” or the “Lord’s Day.”

What “Day” is this? Notice, “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by work, nor by letter as from us, as that the Day of Christ [Christ is the Lord, so this is the Day of the Lord or the “Lord’s Day”] is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [the future time of GOD’S INTERVENTION IN HUMAN AFFAIRS – the Day of the Lord!] shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be re-

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vealed” (II Thessalonians 2:1-3).

This is the same expression as that of Revelation 1:10, and refers to the time of God’s intervention in Human affairs. For such an allegedly “vaunted authority” as the *Catholic Encyclopedia* to assert that the statement of John shows he was involved in a “meeting of Christians to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice” is utterly ludicrous.

Again and again, both Catholic and Protestant theologians list the above scriptures in a ridiculously weak, deceptive method to “prove” from the Bible that they have authority for Sunday observance. You have seen, from the pages of your own Bible, that none of the scriptures referred to by the *Catholic Encyclopedia* have anything whatsoever to do with Christians meeting for the “Eucharistic Sacrifice.”

BUT WASN’T THE SABBATH PART OF THE OLD COVENANT?

One of the greatest deceptions of all is the Sunday-observer’s attempt to do away with God’s Sabbath day by claiming it was an integral part of the “Old Covenant,” then showing the Old Covenant is “done away.”

Briefly, however, remember some vitally important points:

(1) The God of the Covenant with Israel is the member of the Godhead who became Jesus Christ of the New Covenant. Notice: “In the beginning was the Word [Greek: *Logos*, or “Spokesman”], and the Word was

with God, and the Word was God [the *Logos* was *Theos*]. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him [He is the Creator, not only of all material things, but of the Sabbath day (Genesis 2:2, 3)]; and without Him, was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men...He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name... the Word was made flesh, and dwelt [tabernacled] among us, (and we beheld His glory [the disciples, referring to Christ], the glory of the only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (John 1:1-14).

Read every verse, slowly and carefully, of John’s first chapter. Then, turn to and read Hebrews, the first chapter. Compare the two. There is not the remotest shadow of a doubt that these passages refer to the Member of the Divine Sovereign Family, called *Elohim*, and *Theos*, who came among humankind as “Jesus Christ” of Nazareth.

There are many other references, but how many times does God have to speak to us before we will believe? The Jesus Christ of your New Testament, the Jesus Christ who proposes to write His laws in our hearts and minds, is the SAME Member of the Divine Family who wrote the Ten Commandments with His own finger, who created Adam, who spoke to the patriarchs, who dealt with Noah, who called Abraham,

who spoke to Moses, who parted the Red Sea, who gave His laws at Sinai – the same Person who proposed the covenant with Israel!

(2) God’s laws were in full force and effect long prior to Sinai! Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, said your Savior, will be in God’s coming Kingdom. But they all lived long prior to the existence of the “House of Israel,” meaning the nations which came from Jacob’s children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

(3) The New Covenant concerns the same, identical laws with which the Old Covenant was concerned, but instead of presenting the letter of the law, and promising only physical blessings, the New Covenant presents the *spirit* of the law, promising *spiritual blessings*.

The New Covenant does not release us from the obligation to OBEY GOD! Smarmy, sticky, spiritual-sounding rhetoric to the contrary, the New Covenant makes God’s laws infinitely more binding. Any false teacher who tells you the New Covenant means you “keep the Sabbath in your heart,” meaning you don’t have to observe God’s seventh-day Sabbath, is lying.

Now think!

Imagine a book, which contains God’s laws. Imagine, placed beside it in another bound cover, a document called The Covenant. A covenant is an agreement between two parties about something.

God, as a young Suitor, proposed to Israel. He said, in effect: “If you will obey my laws, if you will be faithful to me; if you will have no other God’s before me,

then I will make you my own. I will bless you. I will provide for you, love you, protect and preserve you. I will give you healthy, happy babies, and healthy minds and bodies. I will give you peace in your land, and protection from your enemies. I will give you rain in due season, abundant crops, and good weather. You will become the greatest nation on earth.”

Read both Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, together with Exodus 20-24. After hearing God’s proposal, which contained the Ten Commandments, but was not exclusively confined to the Ten Commandments, the people agreed. This *agreement* was the “covenant.” It was an agreement ABOUT the law, but was not the law.

“And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Eternal, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice [it was a UNANIMOUS agreement], and said, *All* the words which the Eternal hath said will we do” (Exodus 24:3).

Here is the covenant God proposed. The people agreed.

Now, notice: “For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second” (Hebrews 8:7). So there was a FAULT with the first, or the “old” Covenant! What was this fault? Was it the *law*? Was it the covenant itself?

“For finding fault with THEM, He saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Eternal, when I will make a *new* covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the

covenant that I made [notice that the same Person of the Godhead is doing the speaking!] with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the Land of Egypt; *because they continued not in my covenant*, and I regarded them not, saith the Eternal. For this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, saith the Eternal, I will *put my laws* [THE SAME LAWS – GOD’S TEN COMMANDMENTS] *into*



View from Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people” (Hebrews 8:7-10).

The fault was with the people who broke God’s laws. It was not with the law, or the covenant, which was an agreement between God and the people about the law!

Who was this?

It was, according to your

Bible, the SAME Member of the Godhead who did the creating! God’s Word says: “For I am the Eternal, I CHANGE NOT; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed” (Malachi 3:6).

Does God “change everything” from time to time? Did people “get saved” even prior to the Old Covenant by some different method? After all, Christ said: “Ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of God!” Did other people then “get saved” under the

terms and conditions of the Old Covenant? Your Bible prophecies David will become king over all Israel in the Millennium (Jeremiah 23:5). Does God “save” all these people under the OLD COVENANT, and then “save” everybody else by a DIFFERENT standard?

What do you think? Do you have eyes to see, and ears to hear? Can you believe your own Bible, or will you believe, instead, what

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this wasn't nearly the problem it has become. But the whole "insult" factor has become a convenient excuse for Muslim defenders to justify homicidal insanity. Now, according to the Obama administration and the various U. S. agencies it has corrupted, we dare not "insult" their "faith" or we apparently deserve to suffer or die as a sacrifice to their jihad.

Who hasn't heard of honor killings? It is common practice in the Muslim culture and there are plenty of examples in the west, though our media is hesitant to give those examples much attention. If a daughter (even as an adult) "dishonors" or insults her Muslim family's honor by say,

wearing her hair without a covering, driving a car, or going out unsupervised by a male family member, she's in real danger of being killed by her own father or brother. Israeli jails house many Muslims who are incarcerated for murder, when they simply did what their culture demands. Their culture demands that they kill their own daughters or siblings for the sin of having insulted the Muslim family honor.

What has any of that got to do with any of us? We don't share their culture, and murder is a crime according to God's Laws, some of which have been blessedly carried forward and remain crimes in our culture. Simple murder is a crime in Muslim countries as well, unless it is within a family and done in the protection of "honor." This actually happened

in the vicinity of Dallas, TX in 2008, when Egyptian Yaser Abdel Said shot his two teenage daughters to death in the back seat of his taxicab. It took the FBI over a year to declare that the murders were indeed "honor killings," a designation that was considered an insult to the Muslim community. He escaped justice and has never been caught.

It is no doubt an insult for us to even dispute the integrity of "honor killings." But those types of murder are sanctioned in Muslim societies, although Muslim clerics reportedly do not publicly sanction the practice. But many certainly do call for death for infidels, and that means us. All of us. The very fact that we cannot be converted to their perverted "faith" is insult enough. Just as there is no remorse among those who carry out "honor killings," there is no remorse for the killing of infidels. Shrines are often built to honor the memory and the deeds of terrorists in Muslim societies.

When Iran uses the wealth and power that our pro-Islamic president has purposefully granted the regime to attack, kill and destroy, whether in Israel, Europe or the U.S., there will be no remorse. There will only be thanks and praise to Allah. Then we'll be told, assuming there's someone left to tell, it had nothing to do with Islam. □



Iranian Prime Minister Zarif is quite amused.

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has to say.

“Therefore I will judge you, O House of Israel, everyone according to his ways (his own self-determined, self-defined lifestyle), speaks the Eternal Sovereign God. Repent and turn away from your sinful ways, so your iniquities and unrighteousness will not be your ruin. Get rid of all your sins you are committing and get a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die O house of Israel? (Today we can say “O United States of America,” or “O Great Britain,” or “O Australia,” or “O Canada,” - the nations which today are composed of the descendents of the tribes of Israel, the nations today that claim to be Christian, God-fearing peoples). I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies say the Eternal. Therefore my answer is, Repent and live” (Ezekiel 18:30-32).

God's admonition has been consistent. What He spoke generations ago, he reiterates today. “As I live, says the Eternal God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his ways and live. Turn, turn (repent) from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of

Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11)

For an individual or for an entire nation, the reason is obvious and the answer is plain. “God isn't fixing this,” and the peoples' prayers are not being heard. Their prayers are not being heard, because their lifestyles, their ways have cut them off from God. If your lifestyle, your ways, your behavior mirrors that of society around you, then God is not hearing your prayers.

It is not that God cannot hear or His hand cannot intervene for this nation or for the individual or that God does not want to help. God is not hearing and He is not intervening because this nation and most people will not allow Him to. God will not hear the prayers of an unrepentant sinner, of one who is haughty, arrogant or unrighteous. God will not hear unless that individual repents and humbles him or herself before God.

God always provides hope and God will hear the prayers of the individual who will humble himself before Him. God's mercy and forgiveness is always available to anyone who asks Him to be merciful and forgiving. God's entreaty is, “if my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked

ways, then I will hear from the heavens and will forgive their sins and heal their land.”

God is not fixing this nation. Not that God cannot or that God will not. God will in his time and the Scriptures make it clear as to just how He will fix this nation and this world. He will fix this nation and this world on His terms and according to His will, when He sends Jesus Christ to this earth the second time to save it, yet to rule all nations with a rod of iron.

God has made it clear what has to be done in order for Him to hear the prayers of a nation or an individual. God has made it clear what you have to do in order for Him to hear your prayers. There is only one way God will even consider intervening and hearing the prayers of the people or the nation. “Repent and turn away from your sinful lifestyle” is what God requires. If you repent, then God will hear you.

For now, “God isn't fixing this” because the people are not allowing Him to. The fault lies with the world, with this nation, with the people - not with God! If you want God to hear your prayers, then you know what you need to do. God has clearly made it known what you need to do! □

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lying, deceitful, hypocritical false teachers tell you? Are you truly capable of thinking for yourself?

God says He is consistent. He says He never changes!

Notice further: “Jesus Christ THE SAME, yesterday [during the time of the Old Covenant], TODAY [right now!] and forever!” (Hebrews 13:8).

So the SAME One who gave His law at Sinai is the One who will, under the terms of the New Covenant, write His laws in our hearts and minds.

Does this sound like it “does away” with the Sabbath, or any other of God’s laws?

Study Christ’s famous “beatitudes,” and the entire Sermon on the Mount. Christ showed that, under the letter of the law, it was a sin to commit adultery, or murder. But He showed that, under the New Covenant, it is a sin to *even think about such acts!* Which is the MORE BINDING?

Christ lifted the Ten Commandments of God to a higher, SPIRITUAL plane, showing how they apply to every kind of human thought and deed.

THE SABBATH AS A PERPETUAL SIGN

One of the scriptures Mrs. Ora Runcorn asked my mother to read, several years before I was born, began in Exodus 31:12.

“And the Eternal spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily *my* Sabbaths [they were GOD’S Sabbaths, not the

“Sabbaths of the Jews”] ye shall keep: for it is a *sign* between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Eternal that doth sanctify you.”

Are there still generations of Israel on this earth? To be sure. God’s ordination of the Sabbath as an identifying sign between Himself and His people was to continue down through time – through generation after generation, in perpetuity.

Before I was born, my mother read these same words. She then read many other scriptures about the Sabbath day, both in the Old and New Testaments. By reading those scriptures, with no explanations from her neighbor, my mother could plainly see the Sabbath had never changed; that man had no authority to change what God had made holy.

She was to learn that God does not change. Jesus Christ of the New Covenant is the same person of the Divine Godhead, *Elohim*, who was speaking to Moses! He is the SAME today as He was then (Hebrews 13:8).

Continuing: “Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is *holy* unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death [God imposed the *death penalty*, capital punishment, upon anyone who would refuse to keep His Sabbaths]: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul [Hebrew: *nephesh*, or “person”] shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done, but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Eternal: whosoever doeth any work in the

Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a *perpetual covenant*. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Eternal [remember John 1:1?] made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed” (Exodus 31:12-17).

The great Eternal Creator, who has never changed, has not abandoned His requirement for His people to acknowledge Him as Creator, by observing His holy Sabbath days.

As you saw from the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, there is no authority whatever in the Bible for keeping Sunday as a day of worship. The bible upholds the Sabbath day from Genesis to Revelation. It is the day kept by the patriarchs. It is the day kept by the judges. It is the day kept by righteous kings of Israel and Judah. It is the day Christ kept, setting us an example that we should follow in His steps. It is the day of which He is Lord (Mark 2:26, 27). It is still incumbent upon Christians today (Hebrews 4:1-11). It is the Fourth Commandment, and has never been changed by the God who says “I CHANGE NOT,” or the Christ who is “the SAME, yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

The protesting daughters which came out of the great fallen woman (Isaiah 47:1-11, with Revelation 2:23 and Revelation 17:5) have cheerfully followed their mother church in adopting Sunday worship as a counterfeit

of God's Sabbath day.

Consequently, instead of wearing the identifying sign of the Sabbath day – that they are the people of God, called of God, obedient to God, following in the example of Christ – they wear the symbols of the great Babylonish mystery religion!

GOD WILL NOT COMPROMISE WITH HIS LAWS

Jesus cried: "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). He said: "Think NOT that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle [a period, or a comma – punctuation marks] shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17-19).

He did not say "Think not I am come to destroy, but to destroy!" The word fulfill means to do or "perform," Christ kept the laws of God and set us an example that we should follow in His steps. Not only has not the *Fourth Commandment* never passed from the law of God, but not a single dotting of an *i* or crossing of a *t*, or a single punctuation mark been changed, or deleted!

He said: "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of

my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, more than thirty long years after the resurrection of Christ wrote: "Wherefore the LAW IS HOLY, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12). He said: "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal

[physical, fleshly], sold under sin" (Romans 7:14). At the conclusion of this moving chapter, he wrote: "For *I delight in the law of God after the inward man*" (Romans 7:22).

The carnal, physical mind is a lawless mind - a mind which reasons around God's law, which is the TEN COMMANDMENTS, which includes the Fourth Commandment! Paul wrote: "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: it is not subject TO THE LAW OF GOD, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

My father before me, when he was yet carnal, was antagonistic against God's law! He hated the idea that the SABBATH day should be kept, and not Sunday! He threatened my mother, angrily! He shouted at her; he ranted and raved. He threatened to divorce her if she did not give up what he thought was "religious fanaticism."

Finally, he had to prove he had been wrong from the pages of his

own Bible, in an intensive, six-month study which took him to the same *Catholic Encyclopedia* quoted in the beginning of this article, and to all the other sources which attempt to justify the FALSE, counterfeit, *identifying sign of the beast* and his image.

When I was a teenager in school, I detested the idea of the Sabbath.

**Christ kept the laws of God
and set us an example that we
should follow in His steps.**

It made me appear "different" from all the other children, and I deeply resented it. Who gave my father the "right to be right"? How could all these churches be wrong?

I, too, had to slowly study, and finally PROVE the Sabbath must be kept!

Paul wrote that the carnal mind is hostile to the laws of God. Mine certainly was. Is yours, today? Are you hostile to the truth you have read here? Does it make you angry? Do you squirm, mentally, and reason and argue, and think of alleged "proof texts" which seem to you to "DO AWAY" with God's laws?

Then what are all these scriptures doing in the Bible?

John wrote: "And hereby we do know that we know Him [Christ], if we *keep His commandments*. He that saith, I know Him [as millions of Sunday-professing people do], and *keepeth not His commandments, is a liar*, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:3, 4).

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sibly causing global warming to “pause,” as the mainstream scientists describe it. IPCC-affiliated scientists as well as Nasa and the NOAA attribute the pause to other factors. This is when the plot thickens.

Solar cycle 24 - two cycles prior the cycle that’s expected to bottom out into a Maunder Minimum - was weak. In 2013-14 it reached its maximum far below average. Meanwhile extreme cold-weather anomalies have occurred around the world. Last year “polar vortices” slammed into the central U.S. and Siberia as a third hovered over the Atlantic. All 50 US states, including Hawaii, had temperatures below freezing for the first time in recorded history. Snowfall records were broken in cities in the U.S., Canada, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and elsewhere. Southern American states and central Mexico, where snow is rare, got heavy snow, as did the Middle East.

This past summer the cold didn’t let up, with more temperature records across the U.S. and rare summer snows seen in Canada, the U.S. and China. Birds have migrated early in the last two years. Antarctic sea ice set a new record in 2013 and it was broken again in 2014.

Not even Thailand was immune. In 2014 Bangkok hit its coldest low in 30 years, while 63 lives were lost in the North.

Scientists at the Climate and Environmental Physics and

Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of Berne in Switzerland have recently backed up theories that support the sun’s importance in determining the climate on Earth. A paper published last year by the American Meteorological Society contradicts claims by IPCC scientists that the sun couldn’t be responsible for major shifts in climate. Judith Curry, chair of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology, rejected IPCC assertions that solar variations don’t matter. Among the many studies and authorities she cited was the National Research Council’s recent report “The Effects of Solar Variability on Earth’s Climate.”

Other researchers and organizations are also predicting global cooling - the Russian Academy of Science, the Astronomical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Scientists, the Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism Russia, Victor Manuel Velesco Herrera at the National University of Mexico, the Bulgarian Institute of Astronomy, Dr. Tim Patterson at Carleton University in Canada, Dr. Lin Zhen at Nanjing University in China, just to name a few.

For now nevertheless, the IPCC and other authoritative agencies are sticking to their CO₂-dominant climate-forcing theory. They attribute the cold spells to a disruption in the jet stream caused by Anthropogenic Global Warming. Some of their theories have heads being scratched, for instance the “pause” in global warming they attribute to

heat being absorbed deep into the oceans. When Antarctic ice reached record levels in 2013, scientists were “baffled” because the water beneath the ice was warm, they claimed. In climate science old and new, nothing is certain.

We conclude with a bit of good news, though. Recent research has determined that the famous Stradivarius violin owes its unique, esteemed sound to the last Maunder Minimum. The solar condition changed the texture of the trees that provided the wood from which the instrument was crafted. So lovers of classical music can place their orders for the next generation of incomparable violins, coming - giving the trees time to mature - in about 100 years. □



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when ‘the rest of society is afraid of them.’” Rasheen Aldridge, seen above meeting President Obama, was a leader of the Ferguson protests. He has participated in numerous CPUSA events in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Another prominent CPUSA member active in BLM protests is Michael McPhearson, who leads the Don’t Shoot Coalition.

Carl Davidson and Pat Fry, co-chairs of CCDS, exploited the revolutionary atmosphere of the Ferguson riots to create an eight-point plan for “Left Unity” demanding “a common aspiration for socialism.”

Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE) is Missouri’s rebranded ACORN group. It created an illustrative chart offering a snapshot of the Left’s grievance agenda. Capitalism is always the problem. Socialism is always the solution.

Interestingly, MORE doesn’t believe in socialism when it is footing the bill. MORE promised to pay Ferguson protesters \$5,000/month to hang out and cause trouble. But just as ACORN stiffed its employees while preaching socialist generosity, MORE stiffed the protesters.

Islamist organizations have also jumped on the BLM bandwagon, reminding us of the unholy alliance that exists between them and the radical Left. In September 2015, the Muslim Brotherhood front-group Council on

American Islamic Relations (CAIR) joined BLM activists in storming California Governor Jerry Brown’s office. CAIR also participated in the Ferguson protests. Meanwhile ISIS is recruiting American blacks for its cause.

INTELLECTUAL GENEALOGY OF BLACK LIVES MATTER

“We must be ready to employ trickery, deceit, law-breaking, withholding and concealing truth... We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn

but perhaps most dangerous variant on this divisive theme.

Communists use language and psychology as weapons. Their constant vilification is a form of psychological terror. It puts America and Americans on trial. The verdict is always guilty. Facts don’t matter because the Left does not want to resolve the problems they complain about. They use those problems to agitate and provoke, hoping conflict becomes unavoidable – thereby creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. Their



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Revcom.us, website for *Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.*

toward those who disagree with us.” – Vladimir Lenin

That quote from the Soviet Union’s first leader captures the entire essence of the Left’s strategy. No matter what the issue, no matter what the facts, the Left advances a relentless, hate-filled narrative that America is irredeemably evil and must be destroyed as soon as possible. The BLM movement is only the latest

hated is tactical.

Obama’s favorite Harvard professor Derrick Bell devised Critical Race Theory, which exemplifies Lenin’s strategy as applied to race. According to Discover the Networks:

“Critical race theory contends that America is permanently racist to its core, and that consequently the nation’s legal structures are, by definition, racist and

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invalid... members of 'oppressed' racial groups are entitled – in fact obligated – to determine for themselves which laws and traditions have merit and are worth observing...”

Bell's theory is in turn an innovation of Critical Theory – developed by philosophers of the communist Frankfurt School. The school was founded in Frankfurt,

and should be exterminated.

The “White Skin Privilege” idea was created in 1967 by Noel Ignatiev, an acolyte of Bell and professor at Harvard's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute (Du Bois was a Communist black leader who helped found the NAACP). Ignatiev was a member of CPUSA's most radical wing, the Maoist/Stalinist Provisional Organizing Committee to Reconstitute the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC). POC was the intellectual forerunner to FRSO.

to socially acceptable means of protest, but reject in advance no means of attaining their goal (emphasis added).”

But do not be confused; “White” does not mean white. “White” in radical construction means anyone of any race, creed, nationality, color, sex, or sexual preference who embraces capitalism, free markets, limited government and American traditional culture and values. By definition, these beliefs are irredeemably evil and anyone who aligns with them is “white” in spirit and thus equally guilty of “white crimes.” Ignatiev still teaches, now at the Massachusetts College of Art.

The Black Lives Matter movement carries this narrative to unprecedented heights, claiming that only whites can be racists. And while justifying violence to achieve “social justice,” the movement's goal is to overthrow our society to replace it with a Marxist one. Many members of the black community would be shocked to learn that the intellectual godfathers of this movement are mostly white Communists, “queers” and leftist Democrats, intent on making blacks into cannon fodder for the revolution. □

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“The way to abolish the white race is to challenge, disrupt and eventually overturn the institutions...”

Germany in 1923. Its Jewish communist scholars fled Hitler's Germany in the 1930s, relocating to Columbia Teachers College in New York. Critical Theory – which discredits all aspects of Western society – rapidly infected the minds of newly-minted college professors, who then spread its poison throughout the university system. We know it today as political correctness.

WHITE PRIVILEGE

The “racist” narrative was turbocharged with the concept of “White Privilege,” the notion that whites – the dominant group in capitalist America – are irretrievably racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, fill-in-the-blankophobic, imperialistic oppressors who exploit everyone. Whites are the only true evil in the world

Writing under the alias Noel Ignatin, Ignatiev co-authored an SDS pamphlet with fellow radical Ted Allen, titled “White Blindspot.” In 1992 he co-founded “Race Traitor: Journal of the New Abolitionism.” Its first issue coined the slogan, “Treason to whiteness is loyalty to humanity.” Its stated objective was to “abolish the white race.” More specifically, the New Abolitionist newsletter stated:

“The way to abolish the white race is to challenge, disrupt and eventually overturn the institutions and behavior patterns that reproduce the privileges of whiteness, including the schools, job and housing markets, and the criminal justice system. The abolitionists do not limit themselves

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He said: “Whosoever committeth sin [all have sinned!] transgresseth also the LAW [which includes the Fourth Commandment!]: for SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW” (I John 3:4).

Notice further: “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” (I John 3:22). There are those that would say “love” is all that is required. But what IS the love of God?

Let your bible answer: “For this IS the love of God, that we keep His Commandments: and His commandments are not grievous” (I John 5:3).

At the very close of the Bible, God describes those who shall inherit eternal life as those who are commandment keeping Christians. “Blessed are they that DO HIS COMANDMENTS, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:14).

James wrote that if we break one commandment we are guilty of breaking them all (James 2:10).

Sin is the breaking of God’s law. When we repent of sin (Acts 2:38), we become deeply remorseful, sorrowful, self-aborrent, because we have broken God’s holy law. When the precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from SIN, when we are forgiven for having broken God’s law, God does *not* then say to us we are free to go out

and continue breaking His law!

No, when we are forgiven for having broken the law, we are now expected to live within God’s Ten Commandments. Think for a moment. What is so bad about a law which says we should have only the one true God? What is so bad about not bowing down to leering stones or logs, and calling them God? What is so bad about

is perfectly acceptable to break God’s Sabbath day by working on that day.

Soon, now, God says He will make “the earth empty, and make it waste, and turn it upside down, and scatter abroad the inhabitants thereof...the land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Eternal hath spoken this word...The earth also is defiled

God describes those who shall inherit eternal life as those who are commandment keeping Christians.

refraining from using God’s name in vain, or honoring our parents who bore us, or refraining from stealing, or committing adultery, or murdering?

All of us wish, with all our hearts, that all of our neighbors and fellow citizens kept all these laws! It is only when the theologians come to the *Fourth Commandment* – the SABBATH – that they become angry! Not a single Catholic or Protestant will argue against the other nine!

But God says to break the Sabbath is the same as murder! It is *sin* (Romans 6:23), and carries the same penalty as breaking any other of the Ten Commandments.

Soon, the time when human church leaders can wheedle, and argue, and reason, and indulge in smarmy, sticky, lovey-dovey sentimentality to deceive people about the Sabbath will be over. For only a little while, now, will God continue to tolerate false teachers who convince people it

under the inhabitants thereof: because they have *transgressed the laws*, changed the ordinance, *broken* the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left” (Isaiah 24:6).

Will you, and your loved ones, be among those few who are spared? Remember Christ’s command: “WATCH ye therefore, and pray always, that ye might be accounted worthy to escape all these things [the Great Tribulation] that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

ARE YOU PRESENTLY BREAKING GOD’S SABBATH DAY?

Will you continue to commit this sin, in the full knowledge of the consequences? There are those all around you who are described as “a rebellious people, lying children, children that will

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not hear the law of the Eternal: Which say to the seers [their ministers], See not: and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits” (Isaiah 30:9-10).

Sorry, I cannot do that, even

if others can. I must continue to “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins” (Isaiah 58:1).

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Eternal thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy

son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Eternal made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Eternal blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:8-11). □

IN HONOR OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

ANTONIN SCALIA

MARCH 11, 1936 – FEBRUARY 13, 2016

THE death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia represents a tragedy for the United States of America. He was the one who, more than anyone else in the judicial body, fervently believed in following the Founders’ original intent in his approach to every case.

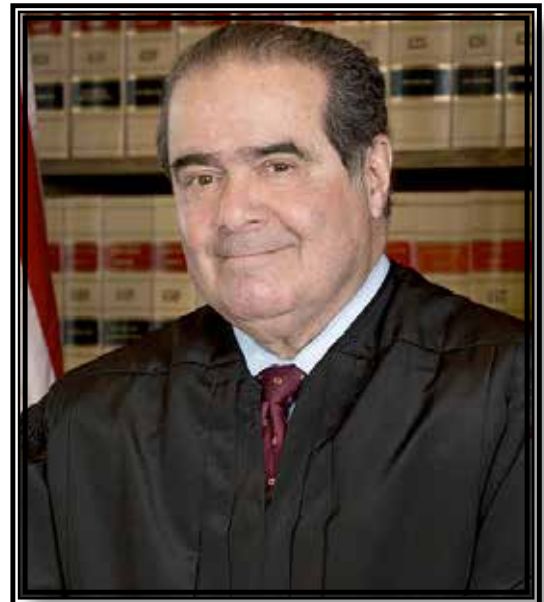
He was appointed by President Ronald Reagan, unanimously confirmed in the Senate, and over the past twenty five years has been a crucial factor in the maintenance of much that we still have left in the way of Constitutional rights and freedoms.

His passing in this Presidential election year has set off a wave of speculation about what will become of several key cases pending before the court, particularly those to do with Obama’s

executive orders contradicting established law. The administration found its unauthorized granting of documentation and residency to illegal aliens halted in lower court rulings, and a Supreme Court decision on the matter was expected in late Spring or early Summer. All those expectations are now in doubt as there are now only eight judges on the court and, to our national shame, many recent rulings have come as five to four decisions.

At least three and often four of our Supreme Court Justices have resorted to consideration of UN positions and European practices as justification for their decisions. Justice Scalia was not one of them, and is renowned for his scathing dissent directed toward the Court’s departure from the actual meaning and intent of Constitution. Yet, despite his fiery criticisms of some of his liberal / progressive colleague’s opinions he maintained friendships with them. Inexplicably, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, known for following her political and ideological positions rather than the language and intent of the Constitution was seen to be a close friend of Antonin Scalia.

Now that’s one big man! He was greatly beloved and respected, and all patriotic Americans will miss him.



LETTERS

Dear GTAEA

Thank you for the SUPERB 4th quarter issue of "WATCH" magazine. Especially enjoyed John Mitchell's expose' of the Federal Reserve fraud and the need to end fiat paper currency.

Please send a copy of the late Garner Ted Armstrong's book entitled "*The Real Jesus*."

Thanks again for your fine publications and may our savior Jesus Christ bless your ministry in the days ahead.

J.G., Jackson, MS

Dear, Mr. Armstrong,

Season's Greetings to you! May the Lord continue to bless you and guide you in your work, which is so vital for these times.

Many need to wake up to the Lord's truth and you are putting it out there. It needs to be heard!

Best Wishes,
E.G., Calipatria, CA

Dear GTAEA,

Thank you! We're always so excited to see what message the Sabbath will bring, thanks to your wonderful DVD program.

Wish we could be there with you!

S. & J.B., Irving, IL

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Thanks for the "WATCH" magazine. It's a really nice magazine with great information.

And thanks for all your letters and CDs. Keep up the good work!

S.S., Tulsa, OK

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Thanks to you, your late father, who I met several times, and your Grandfather.

God Bless you and continue with the work of God worldwide.

An Old Friend,
D.B., Reseda, CA

Dear GTAEA,

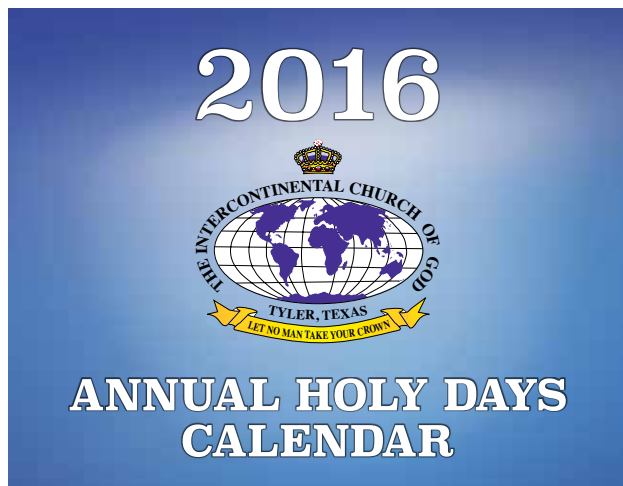
I thank you so much for all your free offers and the "WATCH" magazine. I have been watching your programs on TV, then lost you, then got you back again.

Your teachings are the truth - the only truth! I was raised Lutheran and celebrated all the pagan so-called holidays. But from your program, the Tomorrow's World, and Scripture, I learned the truth!

So it's been 10 years now and we only celebrate the feast days and do communion on Passover. I cannot find a church that celebrates the real Sabbath (Saturday) so we do it at home, myself and my husband.

Thank you again so much for preaching the truth that so many people don't know. May the Lord our Savior bless you in your Work!

Love in Christ,
G. & E. R., Freeport, IL



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