

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

The Sabbath Sentinel

MARTIN LUTHER
TEXT BY FREDRICK H. HEDGE

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1. Our strength and our fortress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength confide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threaten to un-do us,
 "Go, set a watchman, above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;
 Let him declare what he seeth."
 ISAIAH 21:6

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Our help-er He, a-ills pre-vail-ing.
 Were not the right man God's own choos-ing.
 We will not fear, fo-ri-umph through us.
 The Spir-it and the Ho-ly with us sid-eth;



For still our an-cient craft and power are
 Dost ask who that Sab-a-oth His
 The prince of darkness we can en-
 Let goods and they may

great qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.
 dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still, His king-dom is for-ev-er.

Martin Luther— The Man Who Started It All

By Eugene Lincoln

My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen.”

Brave words! Even braver when one considers the circumstances under which they were spoken. Dr. Martin Luther, theological professor of the University of Wittenberg, had been summoned before the Diet of Worms to defend his doctrinal ideas. He had challenged several tenets of the Catholic Church, among them the sale of indulgences, the sacramental system, and the relation of faith and works to salvation.

When Dr. Luther had nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, he had no idea of separating from the only church he had ever known. But he had started a trickle of truth that would develop into a flood threatening to wash away the established religious order of centuries.

While he served as a devout monk at the Augustinian monastery at Erfurt Luther had been plagued with doubts concerning his salvation. He had undergone rigorous self-punishment to atone for his sins—real and imaginary. He spent as long as six hours at a time confessing, in order that he might be



Martin Luther

saved from the punishment of an angry God. To be sure he had not left anything unconfessed, he would often review his entire life. One time his confessor exclaimed, “Man, God is not angry with you. You are angry with God. Don’t you know that God commands you to hope?” And another time he told Luther, “Look here. If you expect Christ to forgive you, come in with something to forgive—parricide, blasphemy, adultery—instead of these peccadilloes.”

One day, while studying the book of Romans, Luther pondered the statement “The just shall live by

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faith." A whole new life opened for him. Ashesaid: "Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before 'the justice of God' had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressively sweet in greater love. The passage of Paul became to me a gate to heaven."

Luther began making his views known, and 1520 Pope Leo X felt it necessary to issue a proclamation, or bull, against the teachings of this monk. The bull began, "Arise, O Lord, and judge thy cause. A wild boar has invaded thy vineyard. Arise, O Peter, and consider the case of the Holy Roman Church, the mother of all churches, consecrated by thy blood . . . Arise, all ye saints, and the whole universal Church, whose interpretation of Scripture has been assailed." When Luther received a copy of this bull, which excommunicated him, he publicly burned it, together with a volume of canon law.

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And these events had brought him to Worms. They brought him also to the place in which he would become "the father of Protestantism." The title is not historically accurate, for others before him had



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The papal bull of Pope Leo X that excommunicated Luther.

challenged the Catholic Church. But Dr. Luther succeeded where they had failed; he alerted the whole Western world to the doctrinal issues that were to make Protestantism.

Luther was born just 500 years ago—on November 10, 1483. The world owes much to him. He was human, and he was far from being perfect, as those who knew him best testified. But he was a brave man who followed his conscience and his understanding of the Lord's will, even when it meant the risk of death. And we honor him for his courage.

But we wonder: What if Luther had been persuaded by his co-worker Andreas Carlstadt to accept the Sabbath along with other Scripture truths that he did accept (Carlstadt believed in the seventh day as the Sabbath)? What would have happened then?

New Canadian Constitution Makes Little Change in Religious Liberty Area

By John and Merrily Bennett,
of Vancouver, B.C.



The new Canadian constitution, like the old, upholds the basic fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens, especially in the area of religion. When I spoke to Rabbi Solomon's and Dean Herbert O'Driscoll's (Jewish and Anglican western area officials) offices, I was told that the basic feeling and understanding was complete satisfaction regarding their parishioners' rights.

Many Canadians are not happy with other areas of the constitution, regarding land ownership, for example; but religious freedom appears unchallenged and indeed free, for the moment. Monseignor Stuart, editor of the B.C. Catholic

Church newspaper, stated in a telephone interview: "The Bill of Rights reflects past norms of recognition expressed under the B.N.A. [British North America Act, the former charter of Canadian government], and now it is up to the Supreme Court of Canada to interpret the law as it is put to the test in future court cases." He noted that "the eroding of Sunday worship preservation in B.C. is bound to affect Jewish and Moslem religious days, as it is not just a *day*, but a *principle* that is involved." He feels that disregard of Sunday is "just one of the signs of the erosion of moral values in our society."

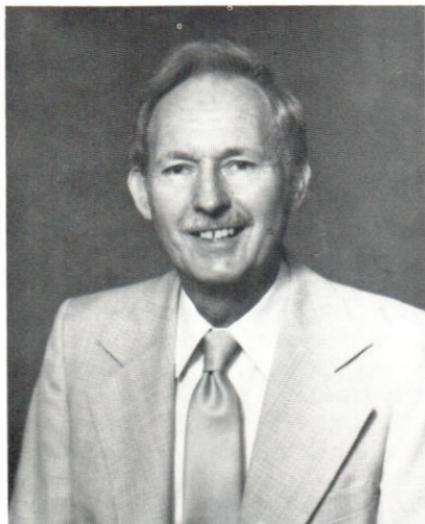
We'd Like for You to Meet Chaplain Leroy Bass

Chaplain Leroy Bass, who has served at Southern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled since 1978 is no stranger to most SENTINEL readers, for he has written many articles over the past 20 years.

Born January 7, 1925, in Springfield, Mass., he was the eldest of six children. He was baptized by immersion at the age of 18 and united with the Methodist church of Easthampton Mass.

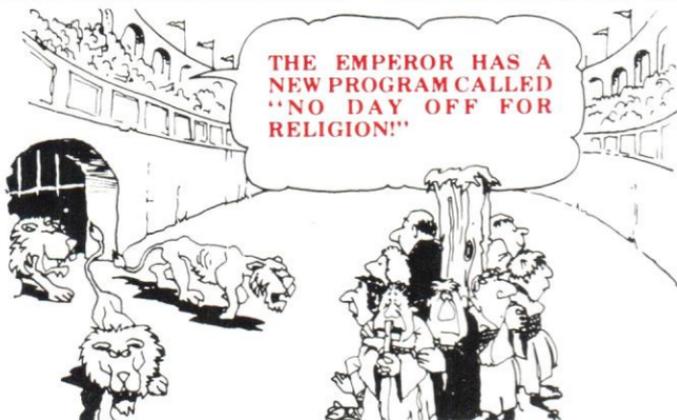
A veteran of World War II, he served in India and China in 1945-1946. He accepted the Sabbath while in India. Later he attended Atlantic Union College, graduating in 1955. The year before this, he had married Marjorie Ann Darrow. They have three sons and two daughters. Later he attended Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, graduating in 1966.

Chaplain Bass, who was ordained in 1961 at Paint Rock, Ala., has pastored Seventh Day Baptist churches in Alabama, Kansas, and Wisconsin and served as missionary



supervisor in Guyana, South America from 1966 to 1974.

He serves as an active leader in personal Enrichment Clubs under the auspices of the Narramore Christian Foundation, of Rosemead, Calif. He has been a valued member of the Bible Sabbath Association board of directors for four years.



Another Choice Bit of Sabbath History

By John Kiesz

In compiling *A History of the Sabbath and Sunday*, I inadvertently omitted what I consider an extremely valuable scope of Sabbath history. I was aware of this several years before I compiled this Sabbath and Sunday history, and then ran across it again after the book was printed. For those of you who have *A History of the Sabbath and Sunday*, I suggest that you insert the following quotation between Butlers' *Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs, and Principal Saints*, Art. St. Colombo, A.D. 597 and Sabbath History Seventh Century to the Reformation on p. 23.

"MARGARET, ST. queen of Scotland, born in Hungary about 1040, was a daughter of Edward the Atheling, son of Edmund Ironside; her mother was Agatha, most probably a niece of Queen Gisela of

Hungary and of the emperor Henry II Her religion was genuine and intense, was of the newest Roman style; and to her are attributed a number of reforms by which the Church of Scotland was considerably modified from the insular and primitive type which down to her time it had exhibited. Among those expressly mentioned are a change in the manner of observing Lent, which thenceforward began as elsewhere on Ash Wednesday and not as previously on the following Monday, and the abolition of the old practice of observing Saturday (Sabbath), not Sunday, as the day of rest from labour (see Skene's *Celtic Scotland*, book ii. chap. 8)."—Taken from *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 9th edition, vol. XV, p. 537.

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The Spiritual Sabbath— Does It Negate the Physical?

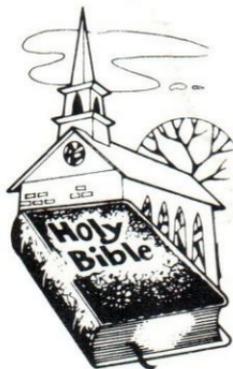
One of the arguments advanced against the Sabbath is that:

- under the New Covenant the Commandments have a spiritual application; Christians are bound only by the spirit, not the letter;
- the weekly Sabbath was a shadow of the spiritual rest we have in Jesus Christ. He carries our burdens; we have rest in Him seven days a week.

It is 100 percent true that we have spiritual rest in Jesus; but does the spiritual aspect or application of God's law nullify the physical? Does it do away with God's command to work six days and rest on the seventh?

Hardly!

Consider the fact that many of the commandments have spiritual applications. For example, the Sixth Commandment prohibits adultery. But we have a spiritual marriage relationship with Jesus Christ; He is our Bridegroom; we, members of the church, are His bride. We must absolutely be faithful to Him and not commit spiritual adultery by dishonoring Him or disobeying Him by following after other gods (Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 14:4; 19:9). Furthermore, the New Testament teaches that through Christ there is neither male nor female. We are all one in Him (Galatians 3:28). But who would dare suggest that because of all this we can ignore the physical aspect of the Sixth Commandment and commit adultery?



Preposterous!

We are still physical human beings who enter physical relationships. And God's law is very much applicable to those relationships (Matthew 5:27).

Why should the Fourth Commandment be any different?

Other commandments also have spiritual parallels. The fifth tells us to honor our parents; but we have a spiritual Father in heaven. Does this fact give us license to ignore the responsibility to our physical parents? The Eighth Commandment prohibits stealing. But through Jesus all things are ours—our Father owns the universe. Does this mean we can reach out and take what belongs to someone else?

Preposterous!

Why should the Sabbath command be any different? We do have spiritual rest in Christ. But this in no way alters the fact that we are physical human beings. We must engage in physical work; we

need physical sleep and rest; we need the rest and rejuvenation of the Sabbath day as much as any human beings ever did. And beyond that, we need to fellowship with and worship God—to be revitalized spiritually. We need to fellowship with other Christians. And all these needs—both physical and spiritual—are provided for in the command to cease from our physical toil on the seventh day.

So the spiritual parallel of the Commandment in no way negates the physical. It only adds to it. The Sabbath rest provides for both our spiritual and physical needs. *It was created for all mankind by a wise, loving Creator who wants His children to have the best (Mark 2:27,28)!*

—Focus on Truth

Christian Workers Executed in China

Two Hong Kong-based Chinese Christian workers, Ho Yan-kit (known as John Lee) and Lam Zhawing (Ah-Tong) were executed in Canton, China, on September 5, according to the New China News Agency.

The two well-known missionaries entered China March 21, 1983, on a Christian mission, but they were arrested March 29 and charged with the political crime of being Taiwan spies. The charges included “stealing important communist documents” and “attempting to establish urban guerrilla troops, and underground storage houses and a radio station.”

The news agency stated that Ho, the 39-year-old China worker

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and his close companion Lam were first sentenced to death by the Canton People's Intermediate Court. They appealed to the Supreme People's Court in Peking, but to no avail. The death sentence was finally confirmed by the Guangdong Provincial Higher Court September 5 and summarily carried out.

The immediate release of the news over Beijing Radio and the subsequent reporting of the event in seven Hong Kong newspapers was a stunning blow to the Christian community in Hong Kong, contacts in the British Crown Colony reported. Persecution against Christians inside China has been stepped up in recent months, according to underground church sources, and many home churches are forbidden to gather for services.

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The Royal Purple of God's Law

A certain king once sent to a weaver and said to him, "Make me a curtain for my palace and let it be according to this design that I send."

The weaver was happy to receive such a commission, and he set about his task at once. But when he looked over the pattern and saw that the groundwork was purple, he was troubled. "The established custom," he said, "is to use red for groundwork, but this calls for purple. Now, of a truth, I don't think the king will notice the difference at all and if he does, will think the red looks just as well; besides it's cheaper and more convenient for me. So the red goes in for groundwork; the rest will go in just as the pattern indicates."

Imagine the poor fellow's consternation when the king utterly refused the tapestry at any price. "The stamp of royalty is lacking," was the explanation. "There is not a hint of the royal purple in it; your red doesn't mean anything, except, perhaps, that you have obeyed your own convenience instead of me. I hope your convenience will reward you well for your loyalty, fellow."

Likewise, imagine the surprise and consternation of those who have woven a substitute sabbath into the great law of Jehovah, saying, "It looks as well as the one He ordered and is according to the custom." The two cases are parallel. The Sabbath commandment is the seal of God's law. It marks Him as Creator, and, consequently, king of all created things. It is the royal color He has chosen, and given as a sign between Him and His own. The king who ordered the purple in the curtain had reasons for so doing. The King who

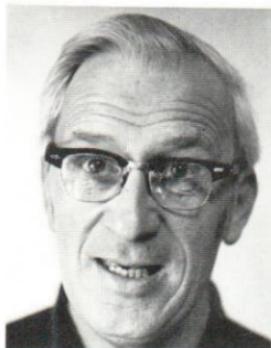


ordered the Sabbath in His law also had reasons for His order; and its change will be like changing the purple of the curtain. The stamp of royalty is again lacking, and disobedience is conspicuous.

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A Plea for Understanding



THE SPEAKER spoke forcefully, and the congregation listened intently. Then, after the speaker had scored an important point, a voice from the back shouted, "Amen!"

Some looked back wonderingly, and a few tittered. Frequently after that the visitor (I'm sure he was visiting) said loudly, "Praise the Lord!" "Glory!" and like expressions.

I heard someone in the row behind me whisper, "Should I ask an usher to throw him out?"

No longer could I think of the sermon. The shouts of praise had not bothered me, but the reaction of some had deeply disturbed me. How would they have felt in Bible times? The one healed leper whom Jesus commended had just glorified God "with a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). The apostle Paul used "a loud voice" on occasion (Acts 14:9,10). And when the Lord descends from heaven "with a shout" (1 Thessalonians 4:16), not many folks will titter.

Christians—and Sabbatharians foremost—need to understand those whose customs may differ from theirs. May no one who is led by the Spirit to shout ever be silenced in a Sabbatharian church.

Eugene Lincoln

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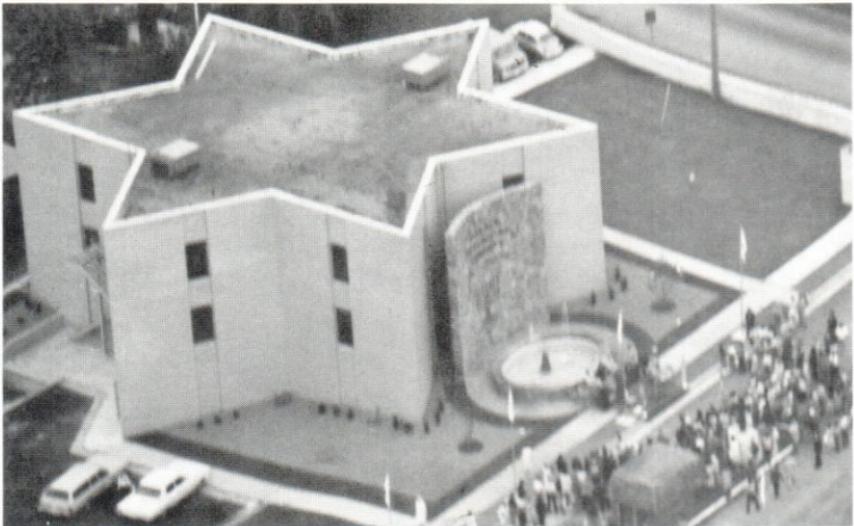
The Church of God (Jerusalem Acres) is a reformed movement from the Church of God Pentecostal movement that was a product of the Methodist-Holiness revival in the late nineteenth century.

Begun in 1957 by the late Grady R. Kent. The Church of God features in its beliefs the central theological concepts of traditional Christianity: the triune God, the eternal preexistence, virgin birth, inherent deity, sinless life, atoning death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. The church teaches justification by faith, sanctification as a second work of grace, the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking with tongues. The church believes in the universal brotherhood of all believers and in its distinctive role in that brotherhood as a fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

In 1973 The Church of God universally adopted the Sabbath as its day of worship. This was but an extension of the church's unique

approach to worship and service called New Testament Judaism. Through this concept the church has restored much of the Judaic heritage of the gospel of Jesus Christ, including a New Testament observance of the Passover (Lord's Supper), Pentecost, and Tabernacles as well as use of Biblical symbols like the Menorah (seven-branched candlestick). While maintaining caution that none of these elements of worship becomes a test of righteousness (righteousness is established by faith in Jesus Christ *alone*), The Church of God has found that New Testament Judaism has added depth and meaning to its experience.

The Church of God has congregations of varying size throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. John A. Looper is its present general overseer. Its general offices are located at Jerusalem Acres, Cleveland, Tenn.



Headquarters building, The Church of God (Jerusalem Acres) at Cleveland, Tennessee.

Why Do You On the S

By Gilber

If you have been in the habit of keeping the Sabbath as long as I have, you most likely have had people ask you, "Why do you always harp on the Sabbath?" To these people who ask such a question, it seems that we think the Sabbath is more important than anything else. It really is not. James 2:10 tells us, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

If you lived among thieves, you would be much concerned about the commandment that says, "Thou shalt not steal." If you lived among idol worshipers, you would be concerned about the commandment that says, "Thou shalt not have any other gods before me." If you lived in the Pacific Ocean where everyone kept the Sabbath, you would not try to get the people to keep the Sabbath.

There are such islands. Pitcairn Island was the first one where all the people kept the Sabbath. This island was settled first by part of the crew of the British ship *HMS Bounty*. These men had taken over the ship and put Captain Bligh in a lifeboat; they took some women from a friendly island, went to Pitcairn, burned the ship *Bounty*, and settled on this lonely island. That was about 200 years ago. Some years later a missionary stayed with them for some time and taught them about the Savior and His Sabbath. Now there are several other islands where all the people keep the Sabbath.

About 1950 a man who was in charge of missionary work in the South Sea Islands told me this story.



Always Harp Sabbath?

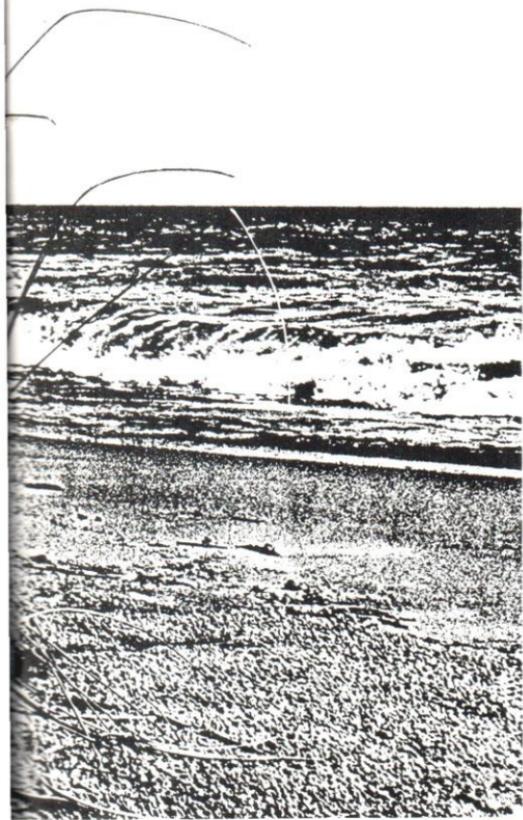
rt Sanford

This happened soon after World War II came to an end. On one island lived about two thousand savages of the worst sort. In fact, the government could not do anything with them and forbade anyone to land on that island. Anyone landing there would do so at his own risk.

A young couple wanted to teach these people about the love of Jesus, so they went there. They built a grass hut and planted a garden. They had a little girl with them.

The savages watched them for a while, and finally they decided to kill them. One night about fifty savages came with torches to burn the hut down and kill the missionaries. The couple and their girl were inside the hut praying. The hut would not burn. After much effort to burn the dry grass hut and no success the savages left. The next night they came again more determined than ever. Still the hut would not burn. They tried to break through the door, and it would not give way. After about a half hour of trying they did manage to break in, and they killed the mother and girl and thought they had killed the man. They threw them in the ocean. The next morning the crew of a fishing boat saw something in the water. When they came near, they saw that it was a man still alive floating in the water. He had been badly beaten. As he needed medical care, they reported it to the government.

A warship was sent to the island and about fifty men thought to be responsible were taken aboard the ship to go to another island to stand trial. On the way the



missionary could not be found. After searching the ship, they found him in the hold with the savages. These savages had promised to protect the missionary with their lives if he could get the government to drop the charges and return them to their island. Also the missionary was to teach them the love of God and a better way of life.

This was done, and in a few years all were Sabbathkeeping Christians.

After they had killed this man's wife and child, he still loved them enough to want to teach them and help them; this was a love that they had never known. This is truly the love of God, and it touched their hearts. Most of these savages had never known love; they worshiped the spirits or gods in order that they would not harm them. They worshiped through fear and not love.

Jesus never tried to get people to keep the Sabbath. He did have much to say about how to keep it. Jesus healed many people, and if they came to Him on the Sabbath to be healed, He would heal them the same as on any other day. The Jewish leaders did not agree with this and thought that Jesus should not heal on the Sabbath. Jesus did not keep the Sabbath according to the man-made laws of the Jews, but He kept the Sabbath as His Father

in Heaven would have Him and us keep it. He taught that it was well to relieve suffering on the Sabbath as well as any other day. Jesus spent much time in prayer talking to His Father, and I am sure that His Father directed Him.

John 15:10 tells us whose commandment that He kept and it was not the commandments of men: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." Jesus did not harp on the Sabbath, trying to get people to keep it, but He was much concerned about how to keep it.

Before Jesus left the disciples to go back to heaven, He told them, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19,20).

All except Judas, who killed himself, did this, and what they taught is written in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These four books tell us how to keep the Sabbath but say not one word about keeping Sunday. Let us follow their example and keep the Sabbath as Jesus taught His disciples to keep it.

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Ecclesiae potestatem esse,
quod dispensaverit de
precepto Decalogi.

They [the apostate church
authorities] allege the change of the
Sabbath into the Lord's day, contrary,
as it seemeth, to the Decalogue; and
they have no example more in their
mouths than the change of the
Sabbath. They will needs have the
Church's power to be very great,
because it hath dispensed with a
precept of the Decalogue.

—From Philip Schaff, *The Creeds of Christendom*,
(1877 edition), Vol. 3, p. 64.

Shall We Loiter With the Message?

Shall we loiter with the message while the world is drugged
with sin?

Shall we stand by unconcerned while mankind hungers from
within?

Shall we ponder who is worthy of the Master's saving call?

Shall we think of special branches when the Savior died for all?

Yes, He died, and He is risen—died to prove eternal life—

Died to reconcile the sinners, to give hope through worldly
strife!

Shall we loiter, then, and slumber while there's work for us to
do?

While we have the urgent message He entrusted me and you?

Tell the world that you love Jesus, tell the story hundredfold!

Tell all souls that He is coming to take us to streets of gold!

He is coming— He is coming, sure as each new day unfolds,

And the promise of salvation in His holy hand He holds!

He is coming with the angels to a dying, thirsting world,

For His followers who have rallied to the message He
unfurled!

He who came as babe of Bethlehem, who died to set us free—

He who rose on that glad morning, is now calling you and me!

—Rahya Montouri

The Snares of Satan

By Ralph Charron

AS THE PEOPLE of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overcoming and overthrowing their faith. He sees that the popular churches are already lulled to sleep by his deceptive power. By pleasing sophistry and lying wonders he can continue to hold them under his control. Therefore he directs his angels to lay their snares especially for those who are looking for the second advent of Christ and endeavoring to keep all the commandments of God.

(Take note that from here on Satan is talking.)

Says the great deceiver: "We must watch those who are calling attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah; they will lead many to see the claims of the law of God. Hold the minds of the people in darkness, and we shall secure the world and the church also.

"The Sabbath is the great question which is to decide the destiny of souls. We must create and exalt the Sabbath of our creating. We must cause it to be accepted by both worldlings and church members; now the church must be led to unite with the world in its support. We must work by signs and wonders to blind the eyes to the truth and lead them to lay aside reasons and the fear of God and to follow custom and tradition.

"I will influence popular ministers to turn the attention of their hearers from the commandments of God. That which the

Scriptures declare to be the perfect law of liberty will be represented as a yoke of bondage. The people will accept their ministers' explanation of Scripture and will not investigate for themselves. Therefore, by working through the ministers, I can control the people according to my will.

"But our principal concern is to silence Sabbathkeepers. We must excite popular indignation against them. We will enlist great men and worldly-wise men upon our side, and induce those in authority to carry out our purpose. Then the Sabbath that I have set up will be enforced by the most severe and exacting laws. Those who disregard them will be driven out from the cities and villages and made to suffer hunger and privation. When once we have the power, we will show what we can do with those who will not swerve from their allegiance to God. We led the apostate church to inflict imprisonment, torture, and death upon those who refuse to yield to her decrees; and now that we are bringing the Protestant churches and the world into harmony with this right arm of our strength, we will finally have a law to exterminate all who will not submit to our authority. When death is made the penalty of violation of our Sabbath, then many who are now ranked with commandment-keepers will come to our side.

"But before proceeding to these extreme measures, we must exert all our wisdom and subtlety to deceive and ensnare those who honor the

true Sabbath. We can separate many from Christ by worldliness, lust, and pride. They may think themselves safe because they believe the truth, but indulgence of appetite or the lower passions, which will confuse judgment and destroy discriminations, will cause their fall.

"Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with the cares of this life. Present the world before them in its most attractive light, that they may lay up their treasures here and fix their affections upon earthly things. We must do our utmost to prevent those who labor in God's cause from obtaining means to use against us. Keep the money in our own ranks. The more means they obtain, the more they will injure our kingdom by taking from us our subjects. Make them care more for money than for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and the spread of the truths we hate, and we need not fear their influence; for we know that every selfish, covetous person will fall under our power and will finally be separated from God's people.

"Through those that have a form of godliness but know not the power, we can gain many who would otherwise do us harm. Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God will be our most effective helpers. Those of this class who are apt and intelligent will serve as decoys to draw others into our snares. Many will not fear their influence, because they profess the same faith. We will thus lead them to conclude that the requirements of Christ are less strict than they once believed, and that by conformity to the world they would exert a greater influence with worldlings. Thus they will separate from Christ; then they will have no strength to resist our power, and ere long they will be ready to ridicule their former zeal and devotion.

"Until we strike the great decisive blow, our efforts against

commandment-keepers must be untiring. We must be present at all times and all their gatherings. In their large meetings especially our cause will suffer much, and we must exercise great vigilance and employ all our seductive arts to prevent souls from hearing the truth and becoming impressed by it.

"I will have men holding false doctrines as my agents mingled with just enough truth to deceive souls. I will also have unbelieving ones present who will express doubts in regard to the Lord's warnings to His church. Should the people read and believe these admonitions, we could have little hope of overcoming them. But if we can divert their attention from these warnings, they will remain ignorant of our power and cunning, and we shall secure them in our ranks at last. God will not permit His words to be slighted with impunity. If we can keep souls deceived for a time, God will give them up to our full control."

(Don't forget that Satan is still talking.)

"We must cause *distraction and division*. We must destroy their anxiety for their own souls and lead them to criticize, to judge, to accuse and condemn one another, and to cherish selfishness and enmity. For these sins, God banished us from His presence; and all who follow our example will meet a similar fate."

Now that we know what Satan has in store for God's people, we must take time out and map out the course that will take us to the Holy City and to welcome Jesus Christ, our Brother who died that we might live.

I ask that all our members remember me in their prayers.

If one man call thee a donkey, pay him no mind. If two men call thee a donkey, get thee a saddle.

—Yiddish Proverb

Orchids and Onions

In the July issue, Mr. Kristian Kristiansen reviewed Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The Missing Dimension in Sex* quite favorably. A price of \$10 was stated for the hardbound copy. However, your readers may obtain a softcover copy gratis by writing to Mr. Armstrong at P.O. Box 111, Pasadena, CA 91123 or by calling toll-free (800) 423-4444.

Thank you for the sample copy of the SENTINEL.

—James E. Baldwin
Charleston, NH

Editor's Note: Thank you for this info. Incidentally, thank you to several readers who pointed out the interesting type in listing the name of the book; it was called The Mission Dimension of Sex. Amazing what a difference two letters can make!

I enjoy this magazine so very much I don't want to miss a copy. Please renew my subscription.

The variations of discussions on the Sabbath makes it an interesting bit of literature.

—Gladys Gann,
Calera, OK

It is always a joy to receive THE SABBATH SENTINEL. And I did rejoice this year when I saw Isaiah 21:6 replace Isaiah 21:9 on the front cover. (*Editor's Note: Sorry about that typo! No explanation—it just happened.*)

A Note From the Editor in July issue really blessed my



heart. I never read a story like that but what 1 Corinthians 9:26 comes to mind.

Well, in Muncie, Ind., there were really some elephants. And I do feel sure that the amendment Senator Jennings Randolph introduced to the Equal Employment Opportunities Enforcement Act of 1971 strengthened protection; the emergency medical technician was reinstated after a dispute over working on Sabbath.

—Mrs. Murray Craig
Muncie, Ind.

I haven't given up. I have been so hard pressed at times that I haven't answered any of my letters. I love the Lord and welcome any correspondence from God's helpers.

May God bless your work. I look forward to hearing from you and from anyone else who would like to write.

—Clarence L. Kelley,
Star Route
Louisa, KY 41230

I guess I should have written before now. The Sabbath is one thing, but too many of your articles I can't support. Sorry!

—Arthur Kirk,
Nevada

Thank you for the *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups*, which I received about two weeks ago. I would appreciate it if you could send me your new publication, *A History of the Sabbath and Sunday*. I also greatly valued reading THE SABBATH SENTINEL, which you were sending to my father (now deceased), Dr. A. Kube. Would you be interested to receive our quarterly newsletter *Link*, of which I am now editor, in exchange? (*Editor's Note: Yes!*)

May the Lord richly bless your ministry.

—Stefan A. Kube,
Australia

I will be 77 years old the first day of next month, and I am happy in the Lord, keeping His Sabbath, which is a sign of His beautiful and creative work.

—Wencie Chapman,
Indianapolis, Ind.

It is a shame we cannot attain the goal George A. Main envisioned: having a permanent headquarters building with a permanent salaried staff. Have you ever read up on the support the Lord's Day Alliance gets for its building and staff?

—George Dellinger,
Westfield, Ind.

We have people who are interested in corresponding with Sabbathkeeping Christians. We feel that this would be a good way to help us understand one another better.

—Gerald Wheaton,
Christian Pen Pals
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Last year a brother in Melbourne sent me some of your literature and information concerning you. I was greatly encouraged to hear of a group such as yours upholding the Sabbath truth. My family and I meet in a small house-fellowship on the north coast of Tasmania with one other family and occasional visitors.

—Gray Hodge,
Somerset, Tasmania,
Australia

We truly enjoy reading THE SABBATH SENTINEL. It is great in every way; the size is perfect, the articles are very interesting and beneficial, even the ads are noteworthy, and the grade of paper used for the printing gives a nice look to the magazine as a whole. All of the above combines to make ideal reading that we look forward to month after month.

We appreciate those who share the responsibility of getting it out to the many subscribers, for I am sure that is no small job.

May God continue to bless the work that your association is doing.

—Mr/Mrs. Jack B. Jenkins
Little Rock, Ark.

I want to commend you for the patience and effort you expend in your work for the SENTINEL. Striving for it to please Yahweh, and following His leading, fear not for its survival. Pleasing Yahweh is primary. Even if we wanted to, we could not please every man.

For the SENTINEL you might suggest as we do with *The Faith* magazine: no subscription price, no charge for ads (but we run few), no mention of financial aid or legal bequests, etc., leaving it entirely in Yahweh's hands, that if the magazine please Him and He wants it to go, the necessary money will come in.

—George Kinney,
coeditor of *Faith*
Milford, Mich.

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