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Welcome to LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature. Then we will provide answers to the questions posed and recommend some Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

TIME OF THE END FEATURE – Why Sunday & What Image?

Why Sunday - Origin of Sunday in Christianity

The Catholic Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine infallible authority given to her by her founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant claiming the Bible to be the only to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter, the SDA is the only consistent Protestant. *The Catholic Universe Bulletin, 8/14/1942*

In AD 321, Constantine made Sunday a public holiday and out into effect what might be called the world's first blue laws. The edict proclaimed, "All judges, city-people, and craftsmen shall rest on the venerable day of the sun. Despite the edict, many Christians continued the long-standing practice of observing the Jewish Sabbath as well, until the mid 360s when the church forbade it. *After Jesus, The Triumph of Christianity, The Readers Digest Association, Inc., Pleasantville, NY 1992, pp239, 271*

Constantine, while still a heathen issued a decree enjoining the general observance of Sunday as a public festival throughout the Roman Empire. A few years after the issue of Constantine's decree, the Bishop of Rome conferred on Sunday the title of the Lord's Day. **SR 329**

- Regardless of the controversy over Sabbath vs Sunday, the origin of Sunday as having Christian sacredness is clear. The Roman Catholic Church changed it on their own authority without Bible precedent; forbade Sabbath keeping and decreed that it be called the Lord's Day as appears in Revelation 1:10.
- From its origin, Sunday sacredness came about consequent to a union of church and state.
- The stark difference between Sabbath and Sunday is time. Sabbath began at creation made by God. Sunday began by man after AD 321 – the Pergamos church of Rev when paganism enters Christianity and the Roman Catholic Church takes forcible control of all other churches built by apostles and disciples.

Church and State Union in the Psalms

Shall the throne of iniquity [Satan/Papacy/church] have fellowship with thee [the state] which frameth mischief by a law? [Sunday Law]. They gather themselves together [union of church and state] against the soul of the righteous [God's commandment-keeping people] and condemn innocent blood [death decree of Rev 13:15]. But the Lord is my defense, and my God is the rock of my refuge. **Psalms 94:20-22**

When the legislature frames laws which exalt the first day of the week, and put it in the place of the seventh day, the device of Satan will be perfected. **7BC 976, RH 4/15/1890**

Image of the Beast

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon . . . saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which

had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. Rev 13:11, 14,15

The image to the beast is made by the two-horned beast, and is an image to the first beast. In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends. **GC 443**

The image to the beast represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. **GC 445**

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image to the Roman hierarchy. **GC 445**

“The proper use of the Lord’s Day can come about by free choice or it can be legislated. It is highly unlikely that it will be accomplished by voluntary action of the citizen generally. Therefore, the only way to accomplish the objective is by force of legislative fiat. **Harold Lindsell, Editor *Christianity Today*, May 7, 1976**

Healthful Living Feature – Lessons From Daniel

God always honors the right. The erect form, the firm, elastic step, the fair countenance, the undimmed senses, the untainted breath – all were so many certificates of good habits – insignia of the nobility with which nature honors those who are obedient to her laws. **CTBH 25-28 Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene**

The history of Daniel and his companions has been recorded on the pages of the Inspired Word for the benefit of the youth of all succeeding ages. The lesson here presented is one which we would do well to ponder. Our danger is not from scarcity, but from abundance. We are constantly tempted to excess. Those who would preserve their powers unimpaired for the service of God, must observe strict temperance in the use of His bounties, as well as total abstinence from every injurious or debasing indulgence. **CTBH 25-28 Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene**

Right physical habits promote mental superiority. Intellectual power, physical strength, and longevity depend upon immutable laws. There is no happen-so, no chance, about this matter. Nature’s God will not interfere to preserve men from the consequences of violating nature’s laws. **CTBH 25-28 Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene**

The fear of God, which is the beginning of wisdom, was the foundation of their [Daniel and his companions] greatness. His Spirit strengthened every true purpose, every noble resolution. **CTBH 25-28 Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene**

Questions

- 1 By what authority is Sunday established as sacred; when and how did it occur within Christian history?

Answer: Sunday was established by the authority of the Roman Catholic Church as sacred following the law passed by Emperor Constantine of Rome in 321 AD, when the bishop of Rome conferred upon Sunday the title of the Lord’s Day, and later forbade Christians from the longstanding practice of the time of observing the Sabbath.

- 2 What is evident then and is relevant now regarding Sunday sacredness?
 Answer: Sunday sacredness was the result of the union of church and state at the time of its origin and in the last days the Sunday law will again occur from the union of church and state.
- 3 What do verses 20-22 of Psalm 94 reveal about the union of church and state?
 Answer: These verses show that the throne of iniquity, which is Satan using the agency of the papacy, will gather themselves together with the state, which will frame laws that he, Satan decrees, against God's commandment keeping people. But praise God for He is our Rock of Refuge and our defense.
- 4 What must happen for the USA to form an image to the beast?
 Answer: For the US to form an image to the beast the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will be employed by the church to accomplish its own ends.
- 5 When will it happen that the USA will make an image to the beast?
 Answer: When the leading churches of the US unite upon such doctrines as they hold in common, and shall enforce the state to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have made an image to the beast.
- 6 How does God honor obedience to the natural laws of health?
 Answer: He provides certificates of good habit, the insignia of natural nobility evidenced in the erect form, the firm, elastic step, the fair countenance, the undimmed senses, and the untainted breath.
- 7 What is the main lesson to be learned from Daniel and his companions?
 Answer: Despite being constantly tempted by excess, if we are to preserve our powers unimpaired for the service of God we must observe strict temperance in the use of His bounties, as well as total abstinence from every injurious or debasing indulgence.

Take Away Tips

- It is clear in any discussion of Sabbath vs Sunday that Sabbath was ordained by the authority of God and instituted at creation while Sunday was instituted by the authority of man and instituted at a specific time in Christian history.
- The Bible is replete with examples of how church and state have and will again unite to legislate against God's commandment-keeping people. But fear not!! Truth is our Banner and God is the Rock of our Refuge!!
- The image of the beast HAS BEEN FORMED since apostate US Protestantism so controls the US government that it can employ the power of the state to achieve its own ends. The prophetic timeline is moving relentlessly forward.
- Optimum health is no happenstance or matter of chance. It depends on immutable laws which when obeyed will reap mental superiority, intellectual power, physical strength and longevity.