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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 –Sunday Law- Truth vs Error

Sunday is the Battlefield for the Last Great Conflict

To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between TRUTH AND ERROR. **5T 451**

Fulfilment of 5T 451

The "Lord's Day Alliance" publication stated: Sunday has become the battleground upon which the future of the Christian Church may be decided. *The Lord's Day Leader now Sunday Magazine*, June 1960, p.15.

Test of Loyalty

The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of TRUTH especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon man, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. **GC 605**

Fulfilment of GC 605

The real Christian is known by the Sunday test. What does the Sunday test say about you? *The Lord's Day Leader now Sunday Magazine* December 1959 p.15

Minority vs Majority – Truth vs Error

Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. **5T 450**

In matters of conscience the majority has no power. **GC 201**

- Despite the biblical definition of Truth and the Constitution's guarantee of protection of the right to liberty of conscience and religion, both Protestants and Catholics will favor the majority over the minority and define truth in their own terms and not in God's.

Richard John Neuhaus, a Catholic priest, stated at the Catholic Campaign for America conference in Washington DC 11/17/1995 – 11/18/1995, "We Catholics belong in America in order to change the ways things have been done in America for so long. Catholics have a distinct responsibility because of their size (59 million in US at that time) and mission. The great question is truth – moral truth. Truth is determined BY THE MAJORITY as we are told by John Paul II in his encyclical Centisemus Annus.

Those who are opposed to a Sunday of rest argue that the majority has no right to legislate against the conscience of a minority. This is quite interesting but IT IS NOT TRUE. *The Lord's Day Leader now Sunday Magazine*, 1960 P.5

David M. Barney, an Episcopal minister wrote: "In the face of these two considerations, the rights of minorities and the commandment to keep the Sabbath, what grounds have we for supporting Sunday closing laws? In America, Sunday remains our common day of rest for want of any practical alternative.

Naturally it suits the Christian majority, but other religious and non-religious communities have adapted to it more or less happily. I cannot foresee having two or more days in which closing laws would be enforced. Since we have to choose one day in order for the whole community to enjoy it together, I see no alternative to Sunday. **David M. Barney**, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord, MA in his article *A View From the Parish*

Only by framing the Sunday closing laws do we have a chance for insuring a basic quality of life for our families and communities. **Bradley Googins, PhD**, Boston University, for publication by the Massachusetts Council of Churches, Jan 1993.

Pat Robertson, once leader of the Christian Coalition, wrote: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy is a command for the personal benefit of each citizen. Perhaps God's greatest gift to mankind's earthly existence is the ability to be free from work one day a week. Laws in America that mandated a day of rest from incessant commerce have been nullified as a violation of church and state. What idiocy our society has indulged in by refusing to acknowledge the wisdom of God. Since exaltation and promised rewards came from one day of rest and worship, I determined to remake my Sundays according to the biblical model. **Pat Robertson, *The New World Order*, pp 236, 237**

God never forces the will or conscience; but Satan's constant resort - to gain control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce - is compulsion by cruelty. Through fear or force he endeavors to rule the conscience and to secure homage to himself. To accomplish this he works through both religious and secular authorities, moving them to the enforcement of human laws in defiance of the law of God. **GC 591, 591.**

Trial and persecution will come to all who in obedience to the Word of God, refuse to worship this false Sabbath. Force is the last resort of every false religion. At first it tries attraction, as the king of Babylon tried the power of music and outward show. If these attractions, invented by men inspired by Satan, failed to make men worship the image, the hungry flames of the furnace were ready to consume them. So it will be now. **7BC 976**

Healthful Living Feature –Of Primary Importance

God's purpose for His children is that they shall grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ. In order to do this, they must use aright every power of mind, soul and body. They cannot afford to waste any mental or physical strength. **9T 153-156**

The question of how to preserve the health is one of primary importance. When we study this question in the fear of God, we shall learn that it is best, for both our physical and spiritual advancement, to observe simplicity in diet. **9T 153-156**

God demands that the appetites be cleansed, and that self-denial be practiced in regard to those things which are not good. This is a work that will have to be done before his people can stand before Him a perfected people. **9T 153-156**

The remnant people of God must be a converted people. The presentation of this message is to result in the conversion and sanctification of souls. We must have a true, abiding faith that this message will go forth with increasing importance till the close of time. **9T 153-156**

A solemn responsibility rests upon those who know the truth that all their works shall correspond with their faith, and that their lives shall be refined and sanctified, and they be prepared for the work that must rapidly be done in these closing days of the message. They have no time or strength to spend in the indulgence of appetite. **9T 153-156**

Questions

- 1 What is the final test brought to bear upon man in the great controversy and why?
Answer: The Sabbath is the great test of loyalty brought upon man in the final conflict because it is the battlefield upon which the great controversy between truth and error will be decided and the line of distinction drawn between those who serve and those who don't.
- 2 The Spirit of Prophecy says that in matters of conscience the majority has no power. How is this point viewed by those supporting a national Sunday law?
Answer: Those supporting the Sunday law oppose this point vehemently. The Catholics claim that truth is determined by the majority because Pope John Paul II said so in his encyclical; the Lord's Day Alliance, through its publication, Sunday Magazine, claims the majority has the right to legislate against the conscience of the minority; and Protestants believe there is no alternative to a Sunday of rest despite the clear word of God to the contrary.
- 3 What is Satan's constant resort to gain control of those whom he cannot seduce and how does he accomplish this?
Answer: He resorts to fear, force and compulsion by cruelty to control those whom he cannot seduce using both religious and secular authorities to enforce human laws in defiance of God's law.
- 4 What does the MA Council of Churches believe is the only way to insure a basic quality of life for families and communities?
Answer: In an article by Bradley Googins PhD for the MA Council of Churches, he claimed that only by the framing of Sunday laws can the basic quality of life for families and communities be insured.
- 5 What is God's purpose for you and I and how is it achieved?
Answer: God's purpose for us is that we grow up into our full stature in Christ by correctly using every power of body mind and soul.
- 6 What is a work that must be done before we can stand before God as a perfected people?
Answer: Appetites must be cleansed and self-denial practiced in regard to things that are not good in order to stand before God as a perfected people.
- 7 What is the objective of the health message?
Answer: The presentation of the health message is to result in the conversion and sanctification of souls so we might be prepared for the work to be done in the closing days.

Take Away Tips

- The Sunday law is the final battlefield in the closing conflict of the great controversy between Christ and Satan and truth and error. The way for this has already been prepared and the question is: are we ready.
- The movement for a Sunday law disregards the biblical definition of truth teaching that truth is determined by the majority because Pope John Paul II said so in his encyclical Centisemus Annus.
- In order to grow up into the full stature of men and women in Christ we must use aright every power of mind body and soul.

- Our appetites must be cleansed and we must stay away from all health-destroying indulgences before we can stand before God as a perfected people fitted to carry out the final work before Christ returns.