

Sunday Law Update - April 2008

What is this Sunday Law agitation all about? Who should we believe? What should we believe? Or should we just ignore it all?

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A retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor, who after giving a lifetime in service ministering to various local churches, was appointed to a high position in the Christian Coalition after being a friend in time of great need to its president. This has enabled him to be present at Sunday Law planning meetings in Washington, D.C. which we would not otherwise learn about.

There are those who doubt that those November meetings ever occurred because they were not told about them.

My concern has been to provide you with information about developments behind the scenes and early beginnings of a carefully orchestrated Vatican project that may eventually snowball into an immense campaign to push a National Sunday Law through the U.S. Congress.

How should we relate ourselves to all this? There are three possibilities that each one of us can select from:

First, we can accept the position of certain high-placed church leaders who maintain that the entire idea of secret meetings to push through a National Sunday Law is just a hoax. Having recently produced my third large book filled with documents about the General Conference's ever-deepening cosy relationships with the Catholics and Protestants, it is understandable why certain leaders would be deeply upset by the thought of an approaching National Sunday Law,—for warning our people about the possibility of such laws—and that they could be dangerous if enacted—would dramatically change our church's comfortable acceptance by the other denominations.

Second, we can accept everything we hear or read about this as a definite fact.

Third, we can suspend judgment about these secret meetings, consider all the information carefully, and wait for further developments. **This is the position I recommend, and the one I am following.**

Can any of this information be believed?

The retired pastor whose veracity is being doubted by some is the individual who has obtained the information about the November 2007 Sunday Law meetings. But he has not been the source of the vast amount of information I have provided you with.

For I have, fortunately, been able to uncovered a wealth of other corroborating facts about the activities and plans of U.S. and overseas ecumenical organizations, as well as of Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI)—which point directly to a Catholic plan, under the direction of Pope Benedict XVI, to work closely with the other churches to push through a series of Sunday Laws, with the first one to be enacted in America. That large amount of information

did not come from any one person, but from a variety of documents listed at the end of page 2.

Unfortunately, some regard this whole matter of an approaching Sunday Law as utter foolishness, saying that the idea of a Catholic/Ecumenical conspiracy to coerce the U.S. Congress to enact a National Sunday Law would be totally impossible for years to come.

Yet both the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy have predicted that this is exactly what is going to take place! The working out of religious and secular events, combined with increasing natural disasters, clearly indicate that we are living at the end—and that such a law is imminent. Carefully read again pages 433-450, 563-592, and 603-612 of *Great Controversy* this coming Sabbath afternoon. Continue reading during your personal and family worships until you have completed it. It is worth reviewing this information frequently.

For an additional in-depth understanding of events soon to take place at the beginning of the Final Crisis, read *The Threefold Union* (pp. 23-29), *The National Sunday Law* (pp. 30-44), and *The Image of the Beast* (pp. 45-50) in our 336-page, 8½ x 11 hardback, *The End of Time* (\$13.00 ppd. in U.S. or \$4.75 per copy in boxfuls of 8 @ \$38.00 + \$12.00 = \$50.00).

But is it not true that the status of U.S. politics right now is totally opposed to such a possibility? That is true. As the situation now stands, either Obama or Clinton will be our next president. The Democrats are very secular, and consider such matters as a Sunday Law to be beneath their notice. As for McCain, he is remarkably secular also.

Mccain foolishly seeks the help of Bush in helping him campaign for the presidency, yet the American public want to escape from everything savoring of Bush. McCain wants to keep the boys being shot and maimed overseas, so he can spend years trying to win a war which cannot be won. The public wants them brought home.

So Obama or Clinton will probably be our next president; and with it will come socialized medicine, gay rights, abortion Supreme Court appointees, and other problems.

There is surely good reason to forget about the possibility of the enactment of a National Sunday Law!

Yet there are four facts favoring enactment of such a law which should be kept in mind:

First, the immense increase in immorality, natural disasters, and international crises appear to be rapidly lessening the distance between us and the end of time.

Second, the Spirit of Prophecy has repeatedly warned that **final events will suddenly break upon us when least expected.**

Third, pleasing an aroused public always catches the

2 attention of Capitol Hill—and not until the public is so aroused, will that law be passed.

It is my firm belief that **it will not be secret planning meetings about Sunday desecration that will prod Congress to enact a National Sunday Law**. Although such meetings are highly significant in providing faithful Advent believers with advance warning of what is coming, they should be understood for what they are intended to be: the preparatory enlisting of commitments by various important religious and political leaders. A groundwork for future cooperative action is quietly being laid.

I believe that **it will require a nationwide campaign** by the member churches of *Christian Churches Together* (CCT) **to shake the halls of Congress into enacting such a law**. Neither secret meetings in Washington, D.C. nor papal pronouncements will do it. Even the most worldly of the members of Congress will agree to enact such a law if pushed hard enough—by a large enough group of voting Americans.

If CCT, with its millions of church members, sets such a movement on foot—many other Americans will readily unite their voices in calling for such a sweeping law. They also want something that might put an end to the increasing immorality and natural disasters. If told that strict nationwide Sunday protection will do it, large numbers would be willing to lend support to such a law.

Fourth, enactment of a National Sunday Law will make good political sense. Whichever party leads out in doing it will be received with great favor in later elections. **The great majority of Americans would be in favor of such an overarching law which would bring the kind of “goodness” to the nation that most everyone could approve of: a high-sounding profession of national righteousness, which requires no putting away of sin or genuine obedience to God’s requirements.** Such a total counterfeit of true godliness could receive the approval of Protestants, Catholics, secularists, homosexuals, addicts, abortionists, and crime syndicates.

If the retired pastor who attended the Washington, D.C. meetings is trying to remain unnamed so he can continue to obtain further information, why has he let a leading independent ministry leader publish it all over the world?

Here is the background of this: The retired pastor was asked by that person to give him a confidential report on his work. The pastor said he would do this with the proviso that the information remain confidential—and definitely that his name not be divulged.

I am told that this was the agreement; but, tragically, it was violated. A newsletter and CD were sent out to people all over the world, which gave the name and location of the retired pastor! I am told that this disclosure has even been placed on the internet. When the Protestants and Catholics learn of it, that will probably end the pastor’s ecumenical contacts.

The one who disseminated that information so widely may have been very sincere in his intentions, but because of this breach of confidence, there is a very good possibility that, from now on, that retired pastor will no longer be able to obtain further secret

information about the stealthy plans of the Catholics and their efforts to enlist the aid of Christian denominational and political leaders in working toward the time when a nationwide campaign to demand Congress to enact such a Sunday Law—can suddenly be made public.

What is the background of this retired pastor, who is sitting in on these meetings and obtaining this information?

This minister spent over 40 years as one of our denominational pastors. Although now retired, he continues to be quite active.

In order to learn what they were doing and obtain an idea of their long-range plans, he first attended some meetings of the Christian Coalition back in 1989.

Back then, Pat Robertson, the founder of *Christian Coalition*, was still its leader. In the meetings, he would fervently speak about the fact that so many different denominations had joined his organization. As he listened, the retired Adventist pastor recognized that their goals fit in with predictions made in *Great Controversy*. So he decided to keep attending the meetings. Fortunately, his home was not too far from where those meetings in Washington, D.C. and Virginia were held. He thought that he might learn things which could eventually help the people of God. **He had become what, in the world of espionage, would be called a “mole.”**

On March 29, 1994, the leaders of *Christian Coalition*, which at the time included Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Gary Bower, Ralph Reed, and several others (including a Jewish rabbi and James Dobson also present), stacked their hands together and declared that they were one—and would work together to achieve common goals for America.

The retired pastor and his wife were present at this meeting as observers. **He was convinced that the intention of these leaders was to use this and other Christian organizations to gain control of state and federal legislatures.** By doing so, he was convinced that they would ultimately work toward enactment of a National Sunday Law, in fulfillment of predictions made in Revelation 13 and *Great Controversy*.

The years passed and this retired Adventist minister continued to attend *Christian Coalition* meetings. Do not consider it strange that they would let him attend, for they like having representatives from many different denominations involved in their work.

But do not our church leaders also attend similar meetings?

Some of our church leaders in nearby Silver Spring, Maryland, are deeply involved in ecumenical and inter-church dialogues—but for a different purpose: They genuinely believe that, by downplaying our teachings and coming as close to other denominations as they can, they will be able to increase our influence with the other churches.

If you need abundant evidence of this, order the following three books, read, and be astounded:

Seventh-day Adventist/Vatican Ecumenical Involvement Book 1: History—80 pp., 1999, 8½ x 11, \$7.00 + \$2.50.

Seventh-day Adventist/Vatican Ecumenical Involvement Book 2:

Documents—146 pp., 1999, 8½ x 11. Book 2: 8½ x 11, \$11.00 + \$2.50.

Adventist Ecumenism to 2008 The most significant portions of every major ecumenical document from the early 1990s to the end of 2007. 152 pp., 2008, 8½ x 11, \$15.50 + \$2.50.

In marked contrast, this retired minister, well-aware that the Spirit of Prophecy had said that a Sunday Law would be the key issue that would hurl us into the Final Crisis of the Mark, was trying to obtain information about plans for such a forthcoming law.

Oddly enough, the General Conference had totally overlooked the source of information that this retired minister was tapping into: the Religious Right political organizations. Our church leaders were working exclusively with ecumenical meetings, dialogues with other denominations, and attendance at World Council of Churches meetings.

How could this retired pastor gain such a high position in a leading Religious Right political organization?

A very pastoral type of individual, this godly minister is a person in whom people feel they can confide. One was the current head of *Christian Coalition*. Over the years, she had proved herself to be an extremely capable member of the organization—for, more than her fellow workers, she had the ability to thoroughly organize state and local chapters and, through them, do that which no other Protestant Religious Right organization in America could do as well: get out the vote at election time, through grassroots door-to-door work all over the nation. It had been through her efforts that George W. Bush had won the 2000 election.

By the turn of the century Pat Robertson, the organization's founder, was fading into old age. He wanted to cut loose from the *Coalition* and focus on his radio broadcasts, headquartered in Virginia. The logical successor was this lady.

Over the years, through repeated contacts with him at the meetings, she had learned that, although this Adventist retired pastor could not be swayed from his beliefs, he had proven to be a remarkably stable individual and reliable friend.

So in 2004, she sent him a letter, informing him that he had been selected as the new leader of the Christian Coalition chapter for the state where he lived. The letter also discussed plans for upcoming *Coalition* leadership council meetings in Washington, D.C., as well as legislative briefings that he would be able to attend along with other *Coalition* leaders. Fortunately, his retirement home, not far from Washington, D.C., made it possible for him to be present at many *Coalition* meetings, which most chapter leaders living farther away could not attend.

Upon receiving the letter, the pastor said, "I didn't ask for this, but I'll take it."

Later, when she suddenly lost her husband due to a heart attack, it was this pastor who prayed repeatedly with her. **By this time, he had become one of her closest friends.** Amid her many heavy responsibilities, as

head of *Christian Coalition*, she frequently phoned him 3 for advice, counsel, and encouragement.

Later still, she asked him if he would be willing to serve in a still higher position in Christian Coalition. Although he never hid his status as a Seventh-day Adventist, **this placed him, as a credentialed leader, in a position to be able to attend the most secret meetings of Coalition leadership with other Christian organizations.**

Over the years, he had been on my mailing list and was well-aware of our concerns to alert the Advent people to current problems and moral crises. **He knew about the several in-depth reports and books I had written on the growing danger of Adventist involvement with the ecumenical organizations.** He had also received my several initial warning reports about this new U.S. Catholic/Protestant ecumenical organization: *Christian Churches Together*.

By the spring of 2007, I had already published three alerts on this new organization (*Christian Churches Together* [WM-1252; January 2005], *Edging Closer to the Sunday Law* [WM-1253; January 2005], *The Protestant/Catholic Union* [WM-1309-1310; January 2006]).

Then this retired pastor made the first of several phone calls to me. Developments were occurring which the Advent people needed to know—and he could not spread the information as widely and quickly as I could.

Deeply concerned, I then dug into the background of Christian Churches Together (CCT) and produced a complete documentary, primarily from CCT and Vatican news releases, on this dangerous organization (*Christian Churches Together: History and Organization* [WM-1386-1889]).

The die had been cast at the February 2007 meeting of CCT: The agreement had been made to work toward a U.S. National Sunday Law. As you will recall, it was included as Point Seven in a *Ten Point Objective*.

These were goals, destined to eventually be released one by one to the public, which *Christian Churches Together* would work toward the fulfillment of. **Reading through the list, it was obvious that each would require Congressional enactments.** It was also obvious that a number were just "fillers" (such as the one to ban flag burning) which, although popular with most Americans, was not really necessary since rarely was anyone burning the U.S. flag.

But that seventh item was crucial: It called for a National Sunday Law!

In October, I was deeply impressed that I must write an in-depth documentary update covering all the worldwide ecumenical organizations, along with Catholic and Adventist involvement in them. Doing this took an entire month. In the course of doing it, **I discovered the mirror image organization, named Global Christian Forum**, which was started only one year before *Christian Churches Together*. Like *Christian Churches Together*, it was also started by the Catholic Church, which has leading membership in both.

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In the course of working my way through the dozens of ecumenical documents I included in that book, I was stunned at the rapidly increasing extent to which the highest levels of our denomination try to maintain the closest friendships with the other denominations and ecumenical organizations. It is almost ingratiating, the way they bend over backward to accommodate the Sundaykeeping organizations. This does not bode well for the future—when a strict National Sunday Law is enacted. In view of such a situation, there should be little surprise that they would rather not believe that a Sunday Law might be coming within the not too distant future. Such a situation would upset the cosy nest they are now in with leading churchmen of so many other denominations.

Why were the November Sunday Law meetings necessary?

You will recall that I earlier mentioned that the November 14 meeting had been postponed to later in the week and to a different meeting place, because so many excited phone calls came to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and the Christian Coalition headquarters in Washington, D.C., plus a visit from someone from the General Conference, wanting to attend the meeting.

In pushing forward with his Sunday Law agenda, Pope Benedict works through the U.S. Conference of Bishops, which has assigned the actual organizing to Catholic Campaign for America (CCA). The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, in Washington, D.C., is their political action center at our nation's capital. Catholic Campaign for America works closely with Christian Churches Together (which they directly control through their representatives on its steering committee) and with Christian Coalition of America, the leading U.S. Protestant political right organization.

Although the Ten Point Objective had been approved by Christian Churches Together, yet there was a need to broaden the base—and enlist the cooperation of important Christian Right political leaders in this forthcoming crusade to bring America back to Sunday sacredness.

But the matter was still sensitive enough that there was a need for a secret meeting. Why was it secret? First, because the agenda had not yet been disclosed to the general public or the press. Second, because a Catholic would be presenting the need for such a Sunday Law. This is not their usual manner of operation. They prefer to work through Protestant organizations. But, in order to lay this initial groundwork, CCA felt that a high-placed Catholic should make the initial presentation to Religious Right political leaders. Once they were found to be agreeable to the project (and the meeting on November 16 significantly revealed that they were very agreeable!), it would be easier to continue developing plans through personal contacts.

The meetings in November 2007 focused on the

need to sacredly protect “the Lord’s Day” from desecration throughout the United States. The reasons cited by the Catholic spokesman were twofold: It would bring morality back to the nation and it would lessen the increasing natural disasters. He claimed that this would turn away the wrath of God because of our nation’s desecration of Sunday. He did not realize that he is helping to fulfill prophecy.

I have told you that I would keep you informed on new information as I receive it, and I will continue to do so. But I will maintain confidences when it is necessary.

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As mentioned in my previous report on this matter, it was predicted over a hundred years ago that the occurrence of an increasing number of natural disasters would be cited by Sunday Law advocates as a reason for its enactment! Here is one sample statement:

“David prayed, ‘it is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law.’ This prayer is no less pertinent at the present time. The world has gone astray from God, and its lawless state should strike terror to the heart, and lead all who are loyal to the great King to work for a reformation. The papal power has thought to change the law of God by substituting a spurious Sabbath for that of Jehovah; and all through the religious world the false sabbath is revered, while the true one is trampled beneath unholy feet . . .

“It is on the law of God that the last great struggle of the controversy between Christ and His angels and Satan and his angels will come, and it will be decisive for all the world . . .

“Men in responsible positions will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but from the sacred desk will urge upon the people the observance of the first day of the week, pleading tradition and custom in behalf of this man-made institution. They will point to calamities on land and sea—to the storms of wind, the floods, the earthquakes, the destruction by fire—as judgments indicating God’s displeasure because Sunday is not sacredly observed.

“These calamities will increase more and more, one disaster will follow close upon the heels of another; and those who make void the law of God will point to the few who are keeping the Sabbath of the fourth commandment as the ones who are bringing wrath upon the world. This falsehood is Satan’s device that he may ensnare the unwary.”—Southern Watchman, June 28, 1904; Christian Service, 155.