THE MARK OF THE BEAST THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL OF JESUS

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Ans: k. SOURCE: Martin J. Scott, Things Catholic Are Asked About, p. 136. Copyright 1927 by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. Used by permission. [FRS No. 57.]

Some non-Catholics object to ______ because there is no specific mention of it in ______. There is no specific mention of the word _______ in Scripture. The Sabbath is mentioned, but Sabbath means Saturday. Yet the Christians of almost all denominations worship on Sunday not on Saturday. The Jews observe Saturday. Nowhere in the ______ is it stated that worship should be changed from Saturday to Sunday. See note below.

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[p. 98] Q. (a) The Bible says "The	day is the Sabbath of the Lord," and we read in your
literature that it is the only	Sabbath there is. Will you please explain how the Sunday observance
originated? (b) Do you think the Seventh Day	keep the right day?
A. (a) If you follow the	alone there can be no question that you are obliged to keep
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Ans: q. "I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who can prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the ______. It is a law of the holy ______ Church alone. The Bible says: 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The Catholic Church says: '______. By my divine power I abolish the _______ day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week.' And lo! the _______ bows in reverent obedience to the command of the holy _______ bows in reverent obedience to the command of the holy _______ Church." T. Enright, C.S.S.R., IN A Lecture at Hartford, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1884. See note

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SOURCE: *The Christian Sabbath* (2d ed.; Baltimore: **The Catholic Mirror**, [1893]), pp. 5–7. [FRS No. 30; original editorials, FRS No. 125.]

[p. 5] The Israelite respects the authority of the Old Testa- [p. 6] ment only, but the Adventist, who is a Christian, accepts the New Testament on the same ground as the Old, viz: an inspired record also. He finds that the Bible, his teacher, is consistent in both parts; that the Redeemer, during His mortal life, never kept any other day than Saturday. The Gospels plainly evince to Him this fact; whilst, in the pages of the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles and the Apocalypse, not the vestige of an act canceling the Saturday arrangement can be found...

The Protestant world has been, from its infancy, in the Sixteenth century, in thorough accord with the Catholic Church, in keeping "holy" not Saturday, but Sunday... If, how- [p. 7] ever, on the other hand, the latter furnish the arguments, incontrovertible by the great mass of Protestants, both classes of litigants, appealing to their common teacher, the Bible, the great body of Protestants, so far from clamoring, as they do with vigorous pertinacity for the strict keeping of Sunday, have no other resource left than the admission that they have been teaching and practicing *what is Scripturally false for over three centuries*, by adopting the teaching and practice of what they have always pretended to believe an apostate church, contrary to every warrant and teaching of Sacred Scripture. To add to the intensity of this Scriptural and unpardonable blunder, it involves one of the most positive and emphatic commands of God to His servant, man: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

SOURCE: Martin J. Scott, Things Catholic Are Asked About, p. 136. Copyright 1927 by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. Used by permission. [FRS No. 57.]

Some non-Catholics object to Purgatory because there is no specific mention of it in Scripture. There is no specific mention of the word Sunday in Scripture. The Sabbath is mentioned, but Sabbath means Saturday. Yet the Christians of almost all denominations worship on Sunday not on Saturday. The Jews observe Saturday. Nowhere in the Bible is it stated that worship should be changed from Saturday to Sunday.

SOURCE: John Gilmary Shea, "The Observance of Sunday and Civil Laws for Its Enforcement," *The American Catholic Quarterly Review*, 8 (January, 1883), 139, 149, 152. [FRS No. 121.]

[p. 139] Strange as it may seem, the State, in passing laws for the due sanctification of Sunday, is unwittingly acknowledging the authority of the Catholic Church, and carrying out more or less faithfully its prescriptions.

The Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God, to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor, trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is purely a creation of the Catholic Church.

It is not the Jewish Sabbath; it is, in fact, entirely distinct from it, and not governed by the enactments of the Mosaic law. It is part and parcel of the system of the Catholic Church, as absolutely as Christian marriage is or any other of her sacraments, her festivals and fasts, her days of joy and mourning, her indulgences and her jubilees...

[p. 149] The Catholic Church created the Sunday and made the very regulations which have come down on the statute-books, and she still constantly, from her pulpits, her catechists' chairs, and the confessional, calls on her faithful to obey them, to sanctify the day, and refrain from all that descerates it...

[p. 152] Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the Church, has no good reason for its Sunday theory, and ought, logically, to keep Saturday as the Sabbath, with the Jews and Seventh-Day Baptists. For their present practice Protestants in general have no authority but that of a Church which they disown, and there cannot be a greater inconsistency than theirs in asking the state to enforce the Sunday laws

SOURCE: Bertrand L. Conway, **The Question-Box Answers** (New York: The Columbus Press, 1910), pp. 254, 255. Issued earlier by "The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle in the State of New York." [FRS No. 6.]

[p. 254] What Bible authority is there for changing the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week?

Who gave the Pope the authority to change a command of God?

If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh Day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew.

SOURCE: "The Question Box," The Catholic Universe Bulletin, 69 (Aug. 14, 1942), 4. [FRS No. 51.]

By what authority did the Church change the observance of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday?

The 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 guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter the Seventh Day Adventist is the only consistent Protestant.

SOURCE: F. G. Lentz, The Question Box (New York: Christian Press Association, 1900), pp. 98, 99. [FRS No. 54.]

[p. 98] Q. (*a*) The Bible says "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord," and we read in your literature that it is the only Bible Sabbath there is. Will you please explain how the Sunday observance originated? (b) Do you think the Seventh Day Adventists keep the right day?

A. (a) If you follow the Bible alone there can be no question that you are obliged to keep Saturday holy, since that is the day especially prescribed by Almighty God to be kept holy to the Lord. In keeping Sunday, [p. 99] non-Catholics are simply following the practise of the Catholic Church for 1800 years, a tradition, and not a Bible ordinance. What we would like to know is: Since they deny the authority of the Church, on what grounds can they base their faith of keeping Sunday. Those who keep Saturday, like the Seventh Day Adventists, unquestionably have them by the hip in this practice. And they cannot give them any sufficient answer which would satisfy an unprejudiced mind. With the Catholics there is no difficulty about the matter. For, since we deny that the Bible is the sole rule of faith, we can fall back upon the constant practise and tradition of the Church...

"From this same Catholic Church you have accepted your Sunday, as the Lord's day, she has handed down as a tradition; and the entire Protestant world has accepted it as tradition, for you have not an iota of Scripture to establish it. Therefore that which you have accepted as your rule of faith, inadequate as it is of course is, as well as your Sunday, you have accepted on the authority of the Roman Catholic Church." D. B. Ray, "The Papal Controversy," 1892, page 179.

"I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who can prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says: 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The Catholic Church says: 'No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week.' And lo! the entire civilized world bows in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church." T. Enright, C.S.S.R., IN A Lecture at Hartford, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1884.

"Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday or Catholicity and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible." James Cardinal Gibbons, "Catholic Mirror, Dec 23, 1983.

"Practically everything that the Protestants regard as essential they have received from the Catholic Church. They accepted Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change.

But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that in accepting the Bible, in observing Sunday, in keeping Christmas, and Easter, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman of the church, the pope." "Our Sunday Visitor, Feb 5, 1950.

SOURCE: Heinrich Julius Holtzmann, Kanon und Tradition ("Canon and Tradition") (Ludwigsburg: Druck and Verlag von Ferd. Riehm, 1859), p. 263. German. [FRS No. 72.]

Finally, at the last opening on the eighteenth of January, 1562, all hesitation was set aside: [Gaspar de Fosso] the Archbishop of Reggio made a speech in which he openly declared that tradition stood above Scripture. The authority of the church could therefore not be bound to the authority of the Scriptures, because the church had changed circumcision into baptism, Sabbath into Sunday, not by the command of Christ, but by its own authority. With this, to be sure, the last illusion was destroyed, and it was declared that tradition does not signify antiquity, but continual inspiration.

"But since Saturday not Sunday is specified in the Bible, isn't it curious that non-Catholics who profess to take their religion directly from the Bible and not from the Church, observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Yes of course it is inconsistant; but this change was made about fifteen centuries before Protestantism was born, and by that time the custom was universally observed. They have continued the custom, even though it rests on the authority of the Catholic Church and not on an explicit text of the Bible. That observance remains as a reminder of the Mother Church from which the non-Catholic sects broke away – like a boy running away from home but still carrying in his pocket a picture of his mother or a lock of her hair." "The Faith of Millions," the credentials of the Catholic religion, P. 473, Rev. John A. O'Brien Ph. D.

"Sunday is the mark of our authority... The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." Catholic Record, September 1, 1923.

To receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. The hand is a symbol in the Bible of work or the outward actions.

The forehead is the place where the mark or the seal of God is placed (Ezek 9:4; Rev 7:3). It is also the place where Satan seeks to place the mark of the beast (Rev 13:16). The law is where God's seal is found (Isa 8:16). Another word for seal in the Bible is the word sign (Rom 4:11). The everlasting sign between God and His people is the Seventh Day Sabbath (Ex 31:13-17; Ezek 20:12,20). The Lord accomplishes the sealing of His people by writing His law upon their hearts when they invite the Holy Spirit to come into their hearts (Heb 10:15-17). Jesus wants that law to be in our foreheads or minds by good thoughts of love to God and to our neighbour and in out hands by good deeds and works towards others (Ex 13:9; Deut 6:5-9; Mt 22:36-40; Deut 11:18,19). The mark of the beast, which will in the near future be Sunday worship, is the complete opposite of love to God and love to mankind. Satan

will cause the United States with its legislative power working along with the papacy and all the governments of this world to force people to worship on Sunday and to refrain from worshipping on the Seventh Day Sabbath of the Bible.

We are living in a momentous period of this earth's history. The great conflict is just before us. We see the world corrupted under the inhabitants thereof. The man of sin has worked with a marvelous perseverance to exalt the spurious sabbath, and the disloyal Protestant world has wondered after the beast, and has called obedience to the Sabbath instituted by Jehovah disloyalty to the laws of the nations. Kingdoms have confederated to sustain a false sabbath institution, which has not a word of authority in the oracles of God

The enforcement of Sundaykeeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy--of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sundaykeeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.

But Christians of past generations observed the Sunday, supposing that in so doing they were keeping the Bible Sabbath; and there are now true Christians in every church, not excepting the Roman Catholic communion, who honestly believe that Sunday is the Sabbath of divine appointment. God accepts their sincerity of purpose and their integrity before Him. But when Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshipping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of His authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome---"the mark of the beast." And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast."

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2. When does Sunday keeping become the mark of the beast? How will America and the Papacy along with the legislative powers of the world enforce Sunday keeping? What will they require everyone to do? Rev 13:17.

Ans: a. ¹⁷ And that	man might of	r sell, save he that had the,	or the
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"A refusal to obey the commandments of God, and a determination to cherish hatred against those who proclaim these commandments, leads to the most determined ______ on the part of the ______, whose whole energies are brought to bear against the commandment-keeping people of God. 'He causeth all, both small and great, . . . to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.'" Not only are men not to work with their ______ on Sunday, but with their ______ are they to acknowledge _______ as the Sabbath. "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

"Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that all, 'both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,' shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the _______ sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with _______ penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of ______. On the other hand, the law of God enjoining the Creator's rest-day demands obedience, and threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts.

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"The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of truth especially_______. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not. While the observance of the ________ sabbath in compliance with the _______ of the _______, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of an allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the _______ of the beast, the other, choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the _______ of God. See note below.

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Of course, I quite well know that ______ did come in early Christian history as a religious day, as we learn from the Christian Fathers and other sources, But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of ______, and christened with the name of the ______ god, when adopted and sanctioned by the papal ______, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to ______!" Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, author of "The Baptist Manuel," in a paper read before a New York ministers' conference held Nov, 13, 1893. See note below.

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CONGREGATIONALIST

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"The current notion that Christ and His apostles authoritatively substituted the ______ day of the week for the ______, is absolutely ______ any authority in the New Testament." Dr. Lyman Abbott, "Christian Union," Jan. 19, 1882.

It is quite clear that, however rigidly or devoutly we may spend ______, we are ______ keeping the _______. The Sabbath was founded on a specific command. We can plead no such command for the observance of Sunday... There is not a single ______ in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday.." "The Ten Commandments," R. W. Dale, D. D., pages 106,107. See note below.

LUTHERAN

Ans: g. The observance of the Lord's day [Sunday] is founded not on any command of God, but on the of the church." "Augsburg Confession of Faith," quoted in "Catholic Sabbath Manuel," PART 2,

Chap. 1, Sec. 10. "The Christians in the ancient church very soon distinguished the first day of the week, Sunday; however, ______ as a Sabbath, but as an assembly day of the church, to study the Word of God together, and to celebrate the ordinances one with another: without a shadow of a doubt, this took place as early as the first part of the ______ century." Bishop Grimelund, "History of the Sabbath," Page 60. "The [Catholics] allege the Sabbath _______ into Sunday, the Lord's day, ______ to the

Decalogue, as it appears, neither is there any example more _______ of than the changing of the Sabbath day. Great say they, is the power and _______ of the church, since it dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments." "Augsburg Confession of Faith," Art .28, par. 9.

"The festival of Sunday, like all other festivals, was always only a human ordinance." Augustus Neander, "History of the Christian Religion and Church," Vol. 1. Page 186. See note below.

METHODIST

Ans: h. "The reason we observe the ______ day instead of the seventh is based on ______ positive command. One will search the Scriptures in ______ for authority for changing from the seventh day to the first. The early Christians began to worship on the first day of the week because Jesus rose from the dead on that day. By and by, this day of worship was made also a day of rest, a legal holiday. This took place in the year 321. Our Christian Sabbath, therefore, is not a matter of positive command. It is a ______ of the church." Clovis G. Chappel, "Ten Rules for Living," page 61.

"In the days of very long ago the people of the world began to give names to everything, and they turned the sounds of the lips into words so that the lips could speak a thought. In those days the people worshipped the ______ because many words were

made to tell of many thoughts about many things. The people became Christians and were ruled by an Emperor whose name was _______. The emperor made Sun-day the Christian _______, because of the ____

blessing of light and heat which came from the sun. So our Sunday is a _____-day, isn't it?" "Sunday School Advocate," Dec. 31, 1921. See note below.

MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Ans: i. "I honestly believe that this commandment [the fourth, or Sabbath commandment] is just as _______ today as it ever was. I have talked with men who have said that it was abrogated, but they have _______ been able to point to any place in the Bible where God ________ it. When Christ was on earth, He did nothing to set it aside; He freed it from the traces under which the scribes and Pharisees had put it, and gave it its true place. 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.' It is just as practical and necessary for men today as it ever was – in fact, more than ever in such an intense age." D. L. Moody, "Weighed and Wanting," page 47. See note below.

PRESBYTERIAN

Ans: j. "God instituted the Sabbath at the creation of man, setting apart the seventh day for the purpose, and imposed its observance as a universal and perpetual moral obligation upon the race." "American Presbyterian Board of publication," Tract No. 175. "The observance of the ________-day Sabbath did not ________ till it was abolished after the [Roman] empire became Christian." "American Presbyterian Board of publication," Tract No. 118. See note below.

MORMON

(The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)

Ans: k. The Sabbath was to be a ______ covenant between the Lord and the children of Israel. 'Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. (verse 16). In verse 17 they are commanded to observe it as a ______ that they remember that the Lord made heaven and earth, and rested on the ______ day. In these quotations from Exodus 31, and in the Decalogue the most positive and weighty reasons are given by the Lord to the fathers

of the house of Israel, for keeping the sabbath day. The obligation is evidently as binding upon the ______-Day Saints as it was upon their fathers, and they will reap the reward of obedience." Franklin D. Richards and James A. Little, "A Compendium of the Doctrines of the Gospel," page 226.

See note below.

DICTIONARIES

Ans: I. "As the Sabbath is of divine institution, so it is to be kept holy unto the Lord. Numerous have been the _

appointed by _____ for religious services; but these are not binding, because of

institution. Not so the Sabbath. Hence the fourth commandment is ushered in with a peculiar emphasis – 'Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day.'... The abolition of it would be unreasonable." Charles Buck, "A Theological Dictionary," 1830 edition, page 537.

"But although it [Sunday] was in the primitive times indifferently called the Lord's day, or Sunday, yet it was denominated the ______; a name constantly appropriate to Saturday, or the

day, both by sacred and ecclesiastical writers." "A Theological Dictionary," 1830 edition, page

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ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Ans: m. "Thus we learn from _______ (H. E., vi. C. 8) that in his time public worship was held in the churches of Constantinople on both days... The view that the Christian's Lord's day or Sunday is but the Christian Sabbath deliberately transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week does not indeed find categorical expression till a much ______ period... The earliest recognition of the observance of Sunday as a legal duty is a constitution of Constantine in _______ A. D., enacting all courts of justice, inhabitants of towns, and workshops should be at rest on Sunday (venerabili die Solis), with an exception in favour of those engaged in agricultural labour... The Council of Laodicea (______)... forbids Christians from Judaizing and resting on the Sabbath day, preferring the Lord's day, and so far as possible resting as Christians." Encyclopedia Britannica, 1899, Edition, Vol XXIII, page 654. See note below.

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CONGREGATIONALIST

[&]quot;There is no command in thee Bible requiring us to observe the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath." Orin Fowler, A. M., "Mode and subjects of baptism."

[&]quot;The current notion that Christ and His apostles authoritatively substituted the first day of the week for the seventh, is absolutely without any authority in the New Testament." Dr. Lyman Abbott, "Christian Union," Jan. 19, 1882.

It is quite clear that, however rigidly or devoutly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath... The Sabbath was founded on a specific command. We can plead no such command for the observance of Sunday... There is not a single sentence in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday." "The Ten Commandments," R. W. Dale, D. D., pages 106,107.

LUTHERAN

The observance of the Lord's day [Sunday] is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church." "Augsburg Confession of Faith," quoted in "Catholic Sabbath Manuel," PART 2, Chap. 1, Sec. 10.

"The Christians in the ancient church very soon distinguished the first day of the week, Sunday; however, not as a Sabbath, but as an assembly day of the church, to study the Word of God together, and to celebrate the ordinances one with another: without a shadow of a doubt, this took place as early as the first part of the second century." Bishop Grimelund, "History of the Sabbath," Page 60.

"The [Catholics] allege the Sabbath changed into Sunday, the Lord's day, contrary to the Decalogue, as it appears, neither is there any example more boasted of than the changing of the Sabbath day. Great say they, is the power and authority of the church, since it dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments." "Augsburg Confession of Faith," Art .28, par. 9.

"The festival of Sunday, like all other festivals, was always only a human ordinance." Augustus Neander, "History of the Christian Religion and Church," Vol. 1. Page 186.

METHODIST

"The reason we observe the first day instead of the seventh is based on no positive command. One will search the Scriptures in vain for authority for changing from the seventh day to the first. The early Christians began to worship on the first day of the week because Jesus rose from the dead on that day. By and by, this day of worship was made also a day of rest, a legal holiday. This took place in the year 321. Our Christian Sabbath, therefore, is not a matter of positive command. It is a gift of the church." Clovis G. Chappel, "Ten Rules for Living," page 61.

"In the days of very long ago the people of the world began to give names to everything, and they turned the sounds of the lips into words so that the lips could speak a thought. In those days the people worshipped the sun because many words were made to tell of many thoughts about many things. The people became Christians and were ruled by an Emperor whose name was Constantine. The emperor made Sun-day the Christian Sabbath, because of the blessing of light and heat which came from the sun. So our Sunday is a sun-day, isn't it?" "Sunday School Advocate," Dec. 31, 1921.

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"I honestly believe that this commandment [the fourth, or Sabbath commandment] is just as binding today as it ever was. I have talked with men who have said that it was abrogated, but they have never been able to point to any place in the Bible where God repealed it. When Christ was on earth, He did nothing to set it aside; He freed it from the traces under which the scribes and Pharisees had put it, and gave it its true place. 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.' It is just as practical and necessary for men today as it ever was – in fact, more than ever in such an intense age." D. L. Moody, "Weighed and Wanting," page 47.

PRESBYTERIAN

"God instituted the Sabbath at the creation of man, setting apart the seventh day for the purpose, and imposed its observance as a universal and perpetual moral obligation upon the race." "American Presbyterian Board of publication," Tract No. 175. "The observance of the seventh-day Sabbath did not cease till it was abolished after the [Roman] empire became Christian." "American Presbyterian Board of publication," Tract No. 118.

MORMON (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)

The Sabbath was to be a perpetual covenant between the Lord and the children of Israel. 'Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. (verse 16). In verse 17 they are commanded to observe it as a sign that they remember that the Lord made heaven and earth, and rested on the seventh day. In these quotations from Exodus 31, and in the Decalogue the most positive and weighty reasons are given by the Lord to the fathers of the house of Israel, for keeping the sabbath day. The obligation is evidently as binding upon the Latter-Day Saints as it was upon their fathers, and they will reap the reward of obedience." Franklin D. Richards and James A. Little, "A Compendium of the Doctrines of the Gospel," page 226.

DICTIONARIES

"As the Sabbath is of divine institution, so it is to be kept holy unto the Lord. Numerous have been the days appointed by men for religious services; but these are not binding, because of human institution. Not so the Sabbath. Hence the fourth commandment is ushered in with a peculiar emphasis – 'Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day.'... The abolition of it would be unreasonable." Charles Buck, "A Theological Dictionary," 1830 edition, page 537.

"But although it [Sunday] was in the primitive times indifferently called the Lord's day, or Sunday, yet it was never denominated the Sabbath; a name constantly appropriate to Saturday, or the seventh day, both by sacred and ecclesiastical writers." "A Theological Dictionary," 1830 edition, page 572.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

"Thus we learn from Socrates (H. E., vi. C. 8) that in his time public worship was held in the churches of Constantinople on both days... The view that the Christian's Lord's day or Sunday is but the Christian Sabbath deliberately transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week does not indeed find categorical expression till a much later period... The earliest recognition of the observance of Sunday as a legal duty is a constitution of Constantine in 321 A. D., enacting all courts of justice, inhabitants of towns, and workshops should be at rest on Sunday (venerabili die Solis), with an exception in favour of those engaged in agricultural labour... The Council of Laodicea (363)... forbids Christians from Judaizing and resting on the Sabbath day, preferring the Lord's day, and so far as possible resting as Christians." Encyclopedia Britannica, 1899, Edition, Vol XXIII, page 654.

3. Would you like to honour Jesus our Creator and Redeemer by keeping His Seventh Day Sabbath; thereby showing your love for Him by spending a special time with Him at Church every week? ______