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The Forbidden Fruit is - Believing the Devil. Christians and Jews Disarmed: Surrendered Moral Authority to Devil-Media and the State. God Commanded Adam "You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die" Genesis 2:17-18. State and Church Leaders are eating Devil-Media's - poisoned fruit - and feeding - it to the masses. Knowledge from God - Truth, Light and Life - Knowledge from Devil-Media is the food of Deception, Darkness, and Death.

Who's words are you eating? By your words you will be "Acquitted or Condemned." Are you in the fight or have you surrendered truth? There is Power in God's Word: "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of this world. They have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretention that sets itself up against the knowledge of God" 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

Christian leaders and Rabbis - Surrendered to the State: "The knowledge of good and evil." Devil-Media and the State assume authority to dictate "evil is good" and Church leaders bow the knee. Devil-Media has planted that sexual perversion - must be honored poisoned fruit: States Daughters of Devil-Media are eating it and force feeding it to Americans. Churches are relishing its poisoned fruit and inviting - openly sexual perverts - into church and synagogues instead of calling for repentance. Thieves who repent do not identify themselves as thieves; homosexuals identify themselves as sexual perverts and capture hearts and pervert minds.

If a believer in God's word - Speaks out against the Evil of the State creating Law, all must honor - Sexual Perverts. Church Leaders confirm their - Disloyalty to God's Judgments and - Bow in Loyalty to Devil-Media Judgments - by **accusing them of "getting involved in Politics."** Psalm 12:8 NIV "The wicked freely strut about when - what is vile is honored among men. Are the last days here? Christ said "as it was in the day Lot left Sodom" the last days will be - Luke 17:29-30.

Foolish - intimidated and defeated - Preachers: Use 1 Peter 2:13-14 to Justify honoring what God decreed is Evil. And close their eyes to Diabolical - State Attack Laws against those who believe God. Peter said: Submit to those in authority who "Punish those who do wrong and commend those who do good." Today's Authorities Reward those who do wrong with Special Rights to condemn those who do good. Congress has approved the: **Equality Act from Hell**. President Biden promised to sign it into Law if it is approved in the Senate. It gives Sexual Perverts License to sue those who believe God's Word and openly disapprove of Sexual Perverts flaunting their sins. Only Sexual Perverts can be "Equality Act" Offended and only Christians and Jews who believe God, "Equality Act" Guilty. That establishes "Believing God" against the Law.

Surrendering to the State Moral Authority is State Worship. Isaiah 5:20 "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil."

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And woe to Americans who drink their poison. Honoring what God decreed evil is Devil-Worship - Leviticus 20:13. The State and Devil Media: Shouts “do Not Discriminate” Blind your eyes, heart and conscious to evil. Church leaders obediently “close their eyes” and divorce their conscious from God’s word. Non-Discrimination Law and Hate Crime Law - Why? To pander to Devil-Media and - Discriminate against and hate those who believe God.

Ezekiel 3:18:19 “When I say to the wicked man, you will surely die, and you do Not Warn him or Speak out to Dissuade him from his evil way in order to save his life, he will die for his sin, but I will hold you accountable for his blood.” But If you warn the wicked man and he does Not repent, he will die for his sin, “But you will have saved yourself.”

Because of No support from Church Leaders - Many in positions of authority have been muzzled: Fearful of Devil-Media - they will Not speak out against what they know is vile. Jeremiah 23:14 - Describes most in authority today: They “Strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that No one Turns from his wickedness.” Ministers of God’s Word: Instead of **Publicly** - Calling on Politicians and Judges to Repent - Plead with State Leaders to exempt their churches from Diabolical sexual pervert honoring - Laws. Judges, politicians, and Pastors are Driven like Dumb Mules by Devil Media! Educators: Realizing Church Leaders have muzzled themselves - teach their diabolical opinions as truth.

Radio and TV Preachers preach Christ and publicly plead for dollars: But will Not publicly call on Politicians and Judges to “Repent” for creating law forcing all to - Worship the Devil and honor what God decreed evil. Isaiah 66:2 “This is the one I esteem: He who is humble and contrite in spirit, and Trembles at my Word.” The fear of God is missing in Christian and Synagogue churches today; love of religion does not result in “Love of God” John 5:42.

Truth is power “God’s Word is Truth.” Jeremiah 23:22 “If they had stood in my council, and caused my people to hear my words, then they would have turned them from their evil ways and evil deeds.” Following Christs example would convict the hearts of many: “The world cannot hate you, but it hates me **because I testify** that what it does is evil” John 7:7. Do Church and Synagogue leaders “testify” to State authorities about the evils they force on Americans today? No! They preach Christ - Matthew 24:5 - as many deceivers do - use God’s word to boast of being “saved” love for false doctrines and troll for dollars. Calling yourself “saved” destroys faith that you will be saved; and replaces faith with pride and judgment of others who did not march to the preacher’s altar call.

State and Church Leaders Repent. God’s sacrifice that forgives sin and cleanses mind and spirit has been given. The day of your death is Judgment Day, you will Not remember being dead. The Son of God Crucified demonstrates the High Price God paid to Redeem mankind from sin. Do you Believe God or Devil-Media and the State? The one you believe is your God. God’s mercy is limitless to those who repent, and Judgment is final: Jesus Christ Crucified is Light that Shines Beyond the Grave.

A Person of Faith Explains “Dark Matter”

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Along with being a devout follower of Jesus Christ and committed to proclaiming and teaching His word, I have a deep interest in science, particularly astronomy. I have, therefore, read with interest recent articles about the discoveries of the Hubble and James Webb space telescopes.

One area that has caught my attention is what astronomers are calling “Dark Matter.” Simply speaking, Dark Matter is an unseen force that is holding the universe together. It cannot be seen, and astronomers don’t know what it is, but they say it is keeping the universe from flying apart.

For example, our solar system is being held together by the gravitational force of the sun. Since the gravitational force of an object depends on its size, this means that our sun is the perfect size to keep the planets in orbit. If the sun were smaller, the planets would all wander off aimlessly into space.

Now, our solar system, along with billions of stars and other celestial bodies, are all rotating around the center of our Milky Way galaxy. Then, our Milky Way galaxy is part of a cluster of galaxies that are all rotating around another center.

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Here is the dilemma. According to astronomers and astrophysicists, there is not nearly enough matter (mass) in the universe to produce enough gravity to keep everything from flying apart. There is some force that they cannot see or explain that is holding everything together. So, they call it "Dark Matter."



Now, the Bible gives a clear explanation for this dilemma, particularly in Paul's letter to the believers in Colosse. This letter has been called "Paul's full-length portrayal of Christ" for in it he sets forth Jesus Christ in all His Divine majesty, power, and creative glory.

In 2:15 Paul says that Jesus is the image of the invisible God and that by Him all things were created that are in heaven and on earth. Then, in vs. 17, he says, "HE WAS BEFORE ALL ELSE BEGAN AND IT IS HIS POWER THAT HOLDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER" (TLB). The writer of Hebrews concurs saying that Christ is "upholding all things by the word of His power" (NKJV).

If He can hold the universe together, He can hold your life together. He can hold your family together. He can hold your congregation together. He can hold this nation together. He must, however, be at the center. He must be Lord. Everything flies apart when He is not at the center. Make Him Lord of your life today and watch Him hold everything together.

Editor's Note:

Where this article says Colossians 2:17 it should be Colossians 1:17 and where it says 2:15 it should be Colossians 1:15. I think these may have been typos by the author. Laura Lee

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Not Under the Law
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Just what did the apostle Paul mean when he said, "for you are not under the law"? **Ro 6:14** For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

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Romans 6:14 starts with “Sin shall not have dominion over you”. Why, because we are “under grace”. How does sin have dominion over a person? **Ro 6:23** For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Without grace death is certain, therefore sin would have dominion over the sinner.

First one must know what the law is. What law? If it's God's law we're talking about, just what is that law?

The Bible student looking for and wanting to understand the whole truth and nothing but the truth, that student can know what Paul was talking about, first by seeking God as to what that truth is.

It (truth) can only come from the Bible, God's word, led by his Holy Spirit, only if you will let it guide you without your preconceived religious doctrines that well might be in error that you may once have been taught.

On the other hand, a specific doctrine that you now believe is correct, right out of God's word, may be indeed correct, if someone were to challenge you on a particular doctrine. Just maybe.

As we see in our studies, there are many false teachers-doctrines that don't square with God's word. **1Jo 4:1** “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”. False prophets teach false doctrine, albeit they present those doctrines mixed in with some small amount of truth, so it is indeed hard to glean out what part is true and what parts are lies. Nevertheless, the keen are aware to spot lies from truth and can do the gleaning if he or she is really seeking God as to the truth of any given matter.

How much plainer can it be that God of all creation has only one law based on two aspects of that one law.

Mt 22:36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? **Mt 22:37** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **Mt 22:38** This is the first and great commandment. **Mt 22:39** And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Mt 22:40** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets

A truly understanding student of Jesus will understand that the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” in Gen. was-is symbolic of disobeying God verses obeying God by the “tree of life”

Ge 2:16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Ge 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

So, what is it to obey God? Is it not by obeying His commandments? You think that God did not specify what those commandments are for Adam? Surely you know better! What was the penalty of disobeying God? “For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”. **For those who understand, its referring to the “second death”**.

Re 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: **on such the second death hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

And to the unrepentant law breakers, “for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”. **Re 21:8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Back to Paul's statement, “not under the law”. Is he saying, “since you are not under the law, you don't have to keep it”? **Ro 6:15** What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid”.

So, I ask you why keep the law if I am under grace” Didn't Paul say, “we are not under the law”?

People, the apostle Paul could have been referring to one thing only, and that is we are not under the death penalty that the law required if broken. “For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”. **Ro 6:23** “For the wages of sin *is* death”. That is the judgment that the law requires, if one were to break it. And what is sin? **1Jo 3:4** “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law”. Look at it this way. Man-governments

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have laws, if there were no penalty for breaking those laws, why have them in the first place? So too, God has laws and a penalty to go along with them if broken. Very simple.

The law if broken required a penalty by death (second). The true follower of Jesus, who demanded that we keep the law to enter into life, has received grace by Jesus shed blood. An unmerited grace of not having to die the second death for breaking God's law which all mankind has done.

By the way grace and mercy are on par with each other. Nu 14:18 The LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*. **De 5:10** And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

God's mercy leads you to repentance, which grace then is pardon for sin repented of. **Ro 2:4** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Need it be said that Jesus paid that death penalty you and I incurred by hanging on the cross and giving His ever-living life inherit in him to die a literal death in our stead. Payment that the law required, Jesus on our behalf paid in our stead, and God the Father having accepted Christ's death as payment. That is the Grace Paul is talking about. Freed from the second death penalty for sin-breaking God's Holy, righteous law-laws!

So, therefore we are not under the curse of the law, which is the penalty for breaking the law, the second death. The law of God is not a curse to live by it. It's life and blessing. Death is the curse for not living by it.

De 30:19 "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live".

What does it mean to choose life and how does one do that? Let Jesus answer that for you.

Mt 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: **but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

Ga 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

Granted, the law is not our master. Jesus Christ is our master, not the law. However, our Master has a law that we are required to live by and if broken and not repented of that law requires a penalty by death, "which is the second death", a curse indeed! Being freed from the death penalty is a blessing indeed.

Therefore, God showed Paul that grace frees us from the curse of the death penalty. God made clear through Paul that the true followers of Jesus live by his-her Master's law.

Ro 6:15 "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid".

Paul and Jesus were on the same page. **Mt 19:17** And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. **Joh 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

In conclusion, the ultimate "curse of the law" is the second death although there were other temporary curses pronounced as well.

Le 20:9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him.

Le 24:11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of *the LORD* and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

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Le 24:14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard *him* lay their hands upon his head and let all the congregation stone him.

Le 24:23 And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

De 28:15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee”. Read the rest of this chapter. It’s full of curses for not obeying God’s laws.

It couldn’t be any plainer. The curse is what we are no longer under because of grace, ultimately the curse of the second death. But you must love God for His grace to be applied to you! And if you love God and Jesus, you must and **will** want to keep His commandments to enter into everlasting life. Grace does not free you from keeping God’s law. Grace frees you from having to die the second death. Jesus by his grace pardons you from paying for your own sins’ penalty!

Look at it another way, if it were not for grace, you would certainly be under the law? So, just what does “under the law” mean to you, verses “not under the law”? The average biblical illiterate thinks that, “not under the law” means, you don’t have to keep it and if you are under the law, you must keep it.

As Peter the apostle wrote about Paul, **2Pe 3:16** As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

You see, Paul was not talking about whether the law is to be kept or not needed any more. He had to be referring to some other thing about the law, which was, “you shall surely die” as is made clear by the judgement (penalty) for breaking the law. There is no other message I get from his words but that because of unmerited grace, I am no longer under the law’s death penalty (which is the curse, not the law) for breaking God’s law!

If Paul had said, “We are not under the (curse) of the law”, everyone would conclude Paul was saying the law is a curse. So, we are left with the words, “we are not under the law”. Which leaves the Bible student to search out the rest of the scripture on that subject to find out what Paul was actually saying. To me it is quite clear what he was saying and that I have tried to make clear of what Paul meant, when he said, “not under the law”. God wants us to search out the deep things of Him to observe those who are seeking Him and looking for the truth that He makes known to those He is calling so they can teach truth to others in His kingdom as kings and priests of Jesus, the future king of all.

Granted some of what is written here is repetitive, so, if one reads the same thing more than once, it might just stick, maybe.

Cleansing Ourselves from Hidden Sins

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It is very easy for a believer to be ignorant of his true spiritual condition if he does not live before God’s face. This is clear from the rebukes that the Lord gave to the leaders of the seven churches in *Revelation*. To the messenger (elder) of the church in Laodicea, he said, “*You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked*” (*Rev. 3:17*).

“Everything that is in Jesus is ours - all His purity, all His goodness, all His patience, all His humility etc.”

God allows different situations to arise in our lives that will expose what lies hidden in our hearts. Through the years we have stored many unpleasant memories in our hearts as a result of the difficult experiences we have had with different people. They lie hidden at the bottom of our hearts - and we imagine that our hearts are clean. Then God allows some small thing to happen, that stirs up all this rotten stuff and brings them all into our minds. That is the time we must cleanse ourselves and forgive the people involved and decide to love them. If we don’t use such an opportunity to cleanse these things from our hearts, they will sink to the bottom again after the turmoil is over and remain in our hearts. We can then

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imagine that all is well. But it isn't so. Another small event can bring them all up to our mind again. So, we must cleanse ourselves every time something surfaces.

We see in the case of the elder brother of the prodigal son, how he had a wrong attitude towards his younger brother. Yet this surfaced only when his brother came back, and a feast was made for him. Then we see how he accused his brother with accusations that he imagined, without verifying whether his statements were true or not (for example, that his younger brother had "*wasted his money on harlots*" Luke 15:30). When we don't have a good relationship with someone, we will always believe the worst things about him.

The father told his older son "*All that I have is yours*". Instead of being occupied with what his father gave him, the elder brother was occupied with his own accomplishments: "*I never disobeyed any of your commands. I have served you all these years*". He was also occupied with the shortcomings of his brother, "*This son of yours has wasted your money*" (Luke 15:29-32). Like that father, God also tells us, "*All that I have is yours*". Everything that is in Jesus is ours - all His purity, all His goodness, all His patience, all His humility etc.

The lesson we have to learn from this story is just this: *Be occupied always with the riches of God's grace - and not with your own accomplishments, or with the failures of your fellow-believers.*

God allows different situations to arise in our lives that will expose what lies hidden in our hearts - and *we must cleanse ourselves every time something surfaces.*

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Holy Day Articles

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Checking the television listings on Sunday to see if there just happened to be anything worthwhile to watch, I was struck by a program title. It was "Christianity: A History" - it was being presented by Dr Robert Beckford. The TV listing had a comment about the program, it said that when the Roman Empire collapsed, a new chapter began in the history of Britain that was more significant than the Reformation, the Magna Carta and the Battle of Hastings combined - or so claimed Dr. Robert Beckford. Well, I thought, that's quite a claim to make. So I watched the program and soon found out why the reviewer had given the program just 3 stars! Personally, I would have given it maybe just 1 star for effort. The program seemed to be most interested in Holy Island, otherwise known as Lindisfarne, which is located just off the northeastern coast of England. But it was mainly interested in its most famous inhabitant, a Benedictine monk known as the Venerable Bede who lived from 673 to 735 and is known for several historical works, with perhaps the most famous being an 'Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation.' This was a record of the spread of Christianity and the Anglo-Saxon culture in Britain. You have most likely heard of the Venerable Bede. In England, when a form of professing Christianity was still taught in our schools, most schoolboys tried to remember only what they had to about Bede.

My question to you is what you feel to be the most significant event in the history of Britain. I would suggest, however, that there are undoubtedly a number of candidates, but perhaps the most significant event of all was the first, complete, translation of the bible into English. Myles Coverdale was the one who was responsible back in 1535. The general distribution of an English language bible was then possible through the ability to print it in large numbers by using the process invented some 80 years earlier by Gutenberg. This was the development of movable type, and it was Gutenberg who printed the very first bible using this process. But it was Coverdale then who took advantage of this development and made it possible for an English language bible to be made generally available. This laid the foundation for the King James Authorized Version of 1611 which is the one still generally used for bible study and reading. And what a coincidence when just last week I heard on the radio the English language is now being regarded throughout the world

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as the one, true world language. In some areas though it is still a limited language and apparently referred to as "Globish"! In more and more countries, the British or American visitor no longer needs even a phrasebook. In countries such as the Scandinavian nations, one just uses English without thinking about it. The Finns, the Swedes and the others really don't expect visitors to speak their languages. The same is true of Portugal. Science, the airlines, computers, and mass travel have served to spread the English language right around this world.

It became possible for the clear truth of God's word contained in the bible, to be spread far and wide. Most hotel rooms throughout the western world will have a bible in the drawer of a bedside cabinet. If someone cannot afford to buy a bible but wants one there is generally someone somewhere who could give them one. There is no excuse for not being able to find out what life is all about. Why Man is on earth. We do not have to be confused by the lies that emanate from that darkness known as the theory of evolution, in which so many otherwise intelligent people live. However, the world in which the professing Christian lives will lie through its teeth as to what the bible says. Is there anyone in the professing Christian clergy who gets their doctrines and beliefs from the bible. You may think that an extreme statement but why not check for yourself. One young boy, at least when he was a young boy, he is now in his middle age, but he, as a lad, made a classic statement. He said, "that if the bible taught the keeping of Christmas no one would keep it!" Out of the mouths of babes and suckling's, isn't that how the old saying goes! And how true! In my library I have a book with the title "4,000 years of Christmas," now you would think that this book is hostile towards Christmas, but in fact it isn't! But it clearly shows how Christmas is actually the old Roman Saturnalia! These days of wild revelry in Rome were dedicated to the god Saturn, otherwise known as the Greek god Cronos, they were taken over by the then professing Christian church as a way of getting the pagan Romans into the church.

To quote the book. "To the pagans, the days of Saturnalia were fun. To the Christians, the saturnalia were an abomination in homage to a disreputable god who had no existence anyway. The Christians, moreover, were dedicated to the slow, uphill task of converting these roistering pagan Romans. the church Fathers discovered to their alarm that they were also facing an invasion of pagan customs. The habit of the Saturnalia (or Christmas) was too strong to be left behind. At first the Church forbade it, but in vain. When a river meets a boulder which will not be moved, the river flows around it. If Saturnalia would not be forbidden, let it be tamed. The Church Fathers now sought to point the festival towards the Christian Sun (sic) of Righteousness. If that could be done, the festival in its turn must of necessity grow worthy of Him it celebrated.... The pagan Romans became Christians -- but the Saturnalia remained. The same policy was adopted with every other religious day throughout the year, so that today there isn't one religious festival or holy day which is Biblical. Christmas won't now be back for almost another year, but Easter and Good Friday will be here before too long. Neither are biblical. Easter, in fact, is the holy day of a pagan goddess, Astarte. What is more, Jesus Christ did not die on a Friday, and he was not resurrected on a Sunday. Added to which the word of God says this "If they speak not according to this word (which word? the word of God!) it is because there is no light in them." I would say that that is pretty conclusive.

Some months ago, I actually heard a clergyman on radio say that Jesus Christ could not be of the line of David as David's son died. And indeed, his first child by Bathsheba did die, but she had another son, Solomon. And it was of Solomon's descendants that Jesus Christ was born. Why was he born of the tribe of Judah, why was he a Jew? Because Judah remained faithful in its recognition of God and its acceptance of God's laws. The son of God was not to be brought up as a human being keeping pagan holy days and following pagan practices. Even so, the apostle Paul in the epistle to the Romans asked the question "what advantage is there in being a Jew?" He then answered his own question, he said that it was because God had made them responsible for preserving the scriptures, the word of God. The bible puts it this way: 'to them were committed the oracles of God' And they have done exactly that. They have preserved the Old Testament scriptures, and calendar, intact for thousands of years. The New Testament books were preserved by the early Christian church consisting mainly of Jews. It is due to their efforts that we have the basic word that we do today.

Another book I have is called the Tanakh. It is an original translation of the Hebrew scriptures preserved for all those thousands of years, into contemporary English. Words which tell of how the universe came into being, of how this planet was restored and man and a whole living environment created for him to learn who God is, what God has in mind for mankind. For there is a purpose being worked out here on earth as Winston Churchill said. These words outline the course of history from creation right up to the point that Jesus Christ came to show us what we had to do, how we must live life, in order for the next stage of mankind's development to be carried through. There is everything in these writings. What we should eat and what was not good for food. Time and again science discovers how up to date the bible is in just the area of nutrition and diet. There are comprehensive instructions as to how men and women should behave towards one another, what it is to be a woman, what it is to be a man. How marriage should be lived and its importance to the

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whole of human society. There are more instructions concerning the rearing of children. As I just mentioned, it is also a history book. It outlines the problems that people have met over the years and how they were handled, sometimes not in the way that would be appropriate today but was at the time.

The New Testament then carries everything forward from the birth of Jesus Christ. It shows how his birth and life were prophesied in the Tanakh, or Old Testament. It speaks to us as it goes through the development of human society, the problems it would have, the threats to the planet itself and how mankind would reach a point that, unless Christ intervenes, all life would end on earth. It also tells of Satan, how he came into being and of his efforts in the deepest, darkest bitterness to destroy any possibility of God's plan for mankind ever being carried through. The preservation of the word of God for all these millennia is a miracle in itself. That it was translated into English which was to become the most important language on earth when that seemed most unlikely is another miracle. That it was then made available in the multiple millions of copies in every known language is yet another miracle. That so few read it and see it as the inspired word of the Creator and grasp the incredible purpose for Man on earth is unbelievable. That there is so much determined, yet blind, increasing opposition to the word of God is sad, but can be seen as the last efforts of the Satanic forces to destroy everything God is doing. That so many people then don't see how they are being used by those forces. That the Jews have been targeted as they have been over the centuries can also be understood.

So was the presence at Lindisfarne, or Holy Island, of the Anglo-Saxon Benedictine monk and scholar known as "The Venerable Bede" and what he did, one of the most, if not the most, significant events in English history? The encyclopedia records that he was given the title of Doctor of the Church as a recognition of his ecclesiastical writings. And the book records that he is the only Englishman so honored. He was canonized a saint of the Roman Catholic Church in 1899. However, he is not looking down on us all. Prayers to him will remain unanswered. He is dead and, in his grave, awaiting his resurrection a thousand years after the return of Jesus Christ. It has been the mass availability of an English language printed copy of the word of God, the Bible, that has opened the way for the Anglo-Saxon peoples to understand God's plan in response to their individual desire to understand and to be able to contact our Heavenly Father. As we will read it, and at the same time ask God to help our understanding, we can begin to glimpse what lies up ahead for mankind. We can be on the ground floor of something really big. Something which transcends any work of space fiction! Which transcends anything you can imagine. Something which shows Mankind as being a greater creation than any other living creature. Now that IS significant.

Iron Sharpening Iron

(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)
New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Biblical Teaching of Sabbath Keeping

Article by Richard Douglas Mauck and Sandra Faye Mauck (Pulaski County, Kentucky)
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Richard & Sandra's Article:

Sabbath Keeping

Part I - Why It Was Established

On Wednesday June 6, 2018, my Father told me men changed the calendar that was from the beginning, and He allowed it to happen. He allowed it to happen so that all but a few would forever be mistaken when calculating Holy Convocation Days. The Sabbath would be sought after, but almost never found. Fallen men would attempt to worship this idol - the Sabbath Day - but never succeed. I took from them Moses' snake on a pole, and I took from them Gideon's Breastplate because men began to worship them. So too, I took the Sabbath from them because they were worshipping it.

Laura Lee writes:

Keeping the Sabbath that God made Holy from the beginning is not worshipping an idol. (Gen. 2:2-3) If I were you, I would be careful in thinking that such a message as stated above has anything at all to do with God. Keep in mind that Satan broadcasts all the time, twenty-four seven. It is more likely that your message above came from Satan himself.

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Richard & Sandra's Article:

1. Deuteronomy 5:13-15 KJV, "**13** Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: **14** But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of [Yahowah] thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. **15** And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* [Yahowah] thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore [Yahowah] thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day." Mark 2:27 KJV, "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath." These Scriptures identify why sabbath keeping was established by Yahowah. He gave it so that man, the servants of men, and the beasts of burden would have a period of rest each week. It was given, by a loving God, to increase their quality of life.

2. The sabbath was also given by Yahowah as a precursor, as a type, to His rest that is yet to come for all His children who become born again. This rest, that is to come, is discussed in Hebrews 3:7-19 continuing through 4:1-11 KJV, "**7** Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, **8** Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: **9** When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. **10** Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways. **11** So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)" Here the word rest is first spoken in this group of Scriptures. This is the teaching on which we are focusing. "**12** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. **13** But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; **15** While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. **16** For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. **17** But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?" Rest is written here again. This is the true sabbath rest that God has been teaching throughout the Bible. Not a weekly rest, but a spiritual rest now in the present, and an eternal rest forever. "**19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." and in Hebrews 4:1-5 KJV, "**1** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. **2** For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. **3** For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world." God has prepared a rest for us, but we must have the faith to enter into this rest. Beginning in Exodus 16 the Hebrews were taught to observe this rest by a weekly sabbath. However, they did not exercise and apply their faith. Therefore, God did not allow most of them to enter into His rest. "**4** For he spake in a certain place of the **seventh day** on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. **5** And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest." Here God shows the pattern and teaching He prepared for us even from the beginning, even from the seventh day of creation. He did not introduce the sabbath at this time however. But He did introduce the rest that He had prepared for us. It is the rest that God focuses on in Genesis 2:2-3 and here in Hebrews chapters three and four. In fact, the seventh day of creation week is a Friday, not a Saturday or Sabbath: see our treatise on the "Calendar of Scripture" parts I and II. His focus is not on the physical requirements of a sabbath rest day, instead His focus is on the **spiritual rest** from all our labors. His focus is on the **spiritual rest** that is ours when we rest in the finished work of Yahoshua on the tree of Calvary. We cannot strive to reach God and strive to maintain our salvation. We can only rest in the power and sovereignty of Yahowah. He did not need our help in creating the heavens and the Earth, He did not need our help in paying for our sins by Yahoshua's death on the tree, and He does not need our help in preparing an **eternal rest** for us. But He does want our faith and belief that He created the heavens and the Earth. And He wants our faith and belief that He did atone for our sins on the execution stake at Calvary. And He wants our faith and belief that we can enter into His rest. Without this faith we cannot please God, Hebrews 11:6. "Hebrews 4:6-11 KJV, "**6** Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: **7** Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. **8** For if [Yahoshua] had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. **9** There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. **10** For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. **11** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." This is what God was teaching in Genesis 2:2-3; this is what God was teaching in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5; and this is what God is teaching here in Hebrews 3 and 4. He is teaching of His rest, prepared for His people. The purpose of the old requirements to keep the weekly sabbath was not the beginning point nor the end point of His teachings and requirements; it was not the culminating point; it was not the ordinance above all ordinances to be observed by all for all time. No, not at all.

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Weekly sabbath keeping was only another tool along the way, used by God, to teach us the importance of entering into His spiritual and permanent rest.

Laura Lee writes:

Exo 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: **for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations**; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. **Exo 31:14** Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: **every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death**: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. **Exo 31:15** Six days may work be done; **but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest**, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. **Exo 31:16** Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. **Exo 31:17** It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, **and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.**

There are many scriptures throughout the bible showing that the weekly and annual sabbaths are all days of rest and they are all written into the law of God. So that means they are laws that God wants us to keep.

In the above scriptures Exo. 31:13-17 it shows that the weekly sabbath is a sign between God and His people, His elect, the ecclesia, the church, however you want to state it. In other words, God's chosen people will be found keeping the Saturday Sabbath of God, which is a day of rest. It even tells us that the penalty for sabbath breaking is death.

Why is the penalty for Sabbath breaking death? Because keeping the seventh day sabbath is part of the Law of God and when you do not keep the Law of God it is Sin. The penalty for sin is death. Yes, Christ died for our sins, but He did not die so we could keep on sinning. When Christ died it was not to abolish the Law of God. Christ died so we could repent and live. The only thing nailed to the cross was Christ and the death penalty for sin, not the law.

With that said, let's concentrate on the children of Israel. Who are the children of Israel? There were originally 12 tribes of the children of Israel and later one tribe was split into two tribes, now making 13 tribes. Through the generations these 13 tribes split into two groups. One group was called Judah even though it consisted of more than just the Jews. The other group is generally referred to as the "Lost Ten Tribes." We know where the Jewish people are, they are in Israel and scattered all over the world. We know where they are. It is the lost ten tribes that most people know nothing about because they lost their identity. So where are they today? Many of them are right here in the United States, others are in Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, etc. These people have no idea that many of them are the children of Israel and Sunday churches for the most part never teach people about this at all.

I remember when I first learned there was a group of Saturday Sabbath keepers. I had read my bible more than once, but it wasn't until God called me into His church that it hit me. As I was reading my bible, I came across scripture talking about the children of Israel and I knew instantly that I was one of them. There was no doubt in my mind and there still is no doubt. Now read the above scriptures especially this one:

Exo 31:16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath **throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.**

The children of Israel are not dead, they are very much alive they just do not know who they are until or unless God calls them into the ecclesia. So, if you believe you are somehow excluded from keeping the Sabbath you might want to rethink that whole idea.

Also, the seventh day of creation was the seventh day of creation because God said it was. Then you come along, and you tell God and all of us that "no" the seventh day was really the eighth day. Just who are you to call God a liar and put Him in your own little box?

Richard & Sandra's Article:

3. In the Old Testament, in the physical, under the Law of Moses, the sabbath of rest was to be observed under the penalty of death. In the New Testament, in the spiritual, under grace, the rest that God's people would enjoy comes not from a physical observance of the sabbath day; instead, it comes from the faith God places in your heart. You must hear Yahoshua, you must believe in the sacrifice He has made for you, and then you will be born again, and you will enter into

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His rest permanently. Once you have entered into His rest, there is no need for a weekly observance. It has been done, once for all. Not only that, but Yahoshua, at the execution stake, kept the sabbath for all for all time.

Laura Lee writes:

These are all beliefs from misled and lied to Sunday keepers.

The rest the children of Israel were locked out of was that they would not enter the promised land. God had them wander in the desert for forty years until they dropped dead. Only those who were twenty and younger were allowed to enter into God's rest meaning the promised land flowing with milk and honey.

For us today, entering into God's rest means that we enter the Kingdom of God, which is not here yet. Keeping a Sabbath rest is a forerunner to the actual rest which is yet to come. You will not enter God's rest unless you keep His laws and one of His laws is to keep the weekly sabbaths and the annual sabbaths. None of that was done away with Christ dying on the stake. What Christ died for was for your sins. Your sins have created a death penalty for everyone. Christ died to abolish death. He did not keep anything for you including the Sabbath Rest, you have to earn that by what you do in your life. You will not be born again unless you are first called of God and keep His laws. Grace is not going to save you and yet you cannot be saved by your works either. Most have a really hard time wrapping their mind around the fact that grace doesn't save you unless you keep the law of God.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

Commandments are the laws of God, you can find them in especially Leviticus and Deuteronomy but also throughout the first five books of the bible.

The only difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament is that in the Old Testament they could not keep the Law of God because for the most part most of them did not have God's Holy Spirit. Also keep in mind that the Israelites were slaves in Egypt for four hundred and some years. It wasn't that the law of God did not exist from the beginning, it was that these Egyptian slaves did not know anything about God until He came to rescue them from slavery in Egypt. So those parts of the law you kept telling us that God was using as a forerunner to the giving of the law on Sivan six was God teaching them the law from the time He came to Egypt to rescue them.

In the New Testament they were given God's Holy Spirit on Pentecost. People cannot keep the Law of God without God's Holy Spirit. Oh sure you can keep parts of it if you have common sense but you won't find too many people keeping weekly and annual sabbaths without God's Holy Spirit and without His Spirit your keeping any of God's Laws will be spotty. So the bottom line is the Law of God is still to be kept by everyone and not just the Israelite's.

Look at John 14:15 and 1 John 2:3 above. Those verses are in the New Testament and they both refer back to the Law of God in the Old Testament. Commandments is just another word for Law.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

4. The concept of a day of rest was introduced by Yahowah in Genesis 2:2-3 KJV, "**2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.**" This moment in history did not establish the ordinance of sabbath keeping. But it did introduce the idea of a day of rest. It also introduces the idea of a time of rest for all of God's people. For those who insist on keeping the Torah, and thereby alienating themselves from the Messiah, they will stop at nothing to convince others and themselves that sabbath keeping was instituted in Genesis chapter two. These same people have failed to comprehend the teachings of the Bible as shown in the first three paragraphs above. They insist that God must come into their box and observe the weekly sabbath too. They preach the gospel of man, not the gospel of God. Be warned. Stay away from them and their gangrene. They have taken the way of Cain, instead of God's way (Jude 11).

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Laura Lee writes:

I am sorry you feel that way. I did not write the bible, God inspired it to be written and if you want to continue to believe that God told you not to keep the Sabbath then go ahead and believe that. Whether you want to believe it or not Genesis 2:2-3 is the first time the Sabbath is mentioned in the bible, and I am very happy I was called and chosen to keep that Sabbath rest with God each and every week and on high day Sabbaths. Saturdays are big days for most people, it is when they do their housework if they work all week. They grocery shop, window shop, work overtime, play games such as boating, going to games etc. It is a hard day for most people to give up. You could even lose your job by keeping these sabbath days of God. It looks to me like the reason most people don't keep these Sabbaths of rest is because they are the ones that don't want to give up anything for God. Doing your own thing on the Sabbaths of God is the way of Cain, so you have that backwards.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

5. These teachers want to pull you back into observing the Torah. When the Torah was clearly against you and your salvation. Colossians 2:14 KJV, "**Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his [stake].**" Colossian 2:18 KJV, "**Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.**" Strive to enter God's rest. Trust in the Scriptures. Do not listen to the Judaizers who frequently come under the label of Seventh Day Adventists and Hebrew Roots. They have replaced the one true God with a god of their own making. Sabbath keeping is their god. It is easy to test. Denigrate their god, talk and teach against their god, and their hackles and offenses quickly rise. They must defend their god because this god cannot defend itself.

Laura Lee writes:

If I were you, I would be very careful what you say about the ever-living God and his laws. The handwriting of ordinances that was against you was the death penalty for sin. The Law is still in force.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

6.a. Let me rephrase the bottom line of this theology of sabbath keeping. The act, the performance of weekly sabbath keeping is no more important than the performance of physical circumcision. The important thing to remember is what the no-longer-required ordinance of sabbath keeping points to. It points to the sabbath rest of Almighty Yahowah. The rest He has prepared for His children. If God gives you a gift and chooses to deliver it to you in a UPS delivery truck and that truck arrives at your house on a Saturday, are you going to revere and even worship UPS delivery trucks on Saturday for the rest of your life? Of course not. That is a ridiculous notion and even a sick notion. Instead, you are going to praise, thank, and revere the God of all creation, the Almighty, Yahowah is His name, for the gift He gave you. UPS did not give you the gift, God did. The very same is true of the ritual of sabbath keeping. Keeping a weekly sabbath did not give you the gift of the rest of God. Stop making weekly sabbath keeping your golden calf (Exodus 32:8). Stop making weekly sabbath keeping your Gideon's ephod (Judges 8:27). Stop making weekly sabbath keeping your brazen snake (2 Kings 18:4). God is God and He will not share His glory with another (Isaiah 42:8). The gift is God's rest for man. The weekly sabbath was the UPS delivery truck. Foolish men, stop worshipping brazen serpents and UPS delivery trucks. Worship God!

6.b. Here is another story to help explain this concept.

I hire a man to dig a ditch for me. While he is digging Christ shows up. Christ says to the man, I'll finish this job for you. When Christ finished digging the ditch he dismisses the man and tells him he is no longer needed, the job is done. So, the man goes away. Work is honorable and there is glory in it, but a completed job has greater glory. The whole purpose of the hired man was to complete a job. But the job was too big, he never would have completed it if Christ hadn't come along and done it for him.

Then my foreman shows up and is very upset. He says to Christ, "Where is the man hired to dig the ditch?" Christ said, I fulfilled his requirements, I finished the ditch, the job is done, he was no longer needed, and I dismissed him. The foreman was wroth. He sought out the man and brought him back and told him to get back to work. But he had no work to get back to. So, he just started digging useless ditches all over the place. The foreman, having no understanding, was very happy. The foreman looked at Christ and said, "See, now we don't need You! You can go away, I have my workman back."

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7. Now that it has been explained and shown in the Scriptures why the sabbath of rest was established, let us move onto "Part II - When It Was Established"

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Laura Lee writes:

If Christ died for your sins, is it okay for you to keep on sinning? Apparently, it is by your standards. If you get rid of the law of God there is no sin, correct? So, what you are trying to tell us is that the law of God was nailed to the cross and you no longer have to keep any laws. How is that working out in our society today? In some states they are letting rapists and murders go free and they go out and kill other innocent people. Wouldn't it be better to have a just system of laws to keep us all safe? Without law there is nothing, but chaos and the devil is the author of chaos not God. So, you go ahead and believe that the law was nailed to the cross and see if that takes you into the promised land (Kingdom of God). The only thing that was nailed to the stake was Christ and the death penalty for sin. In case you don't understand that concept, let me explain it to you. You sin, you die. Christ dies for our sins which means we can be resurrected and live forever if we repent of our sins, because Christ dying does not mean you can continue to sin, you have to repent when you do sin. Sin is the transgression of Gods law, so if God's law has been done away as you say how will you know when and what to repent of?

Richard & Sandra's Article:

Sabbath Keeping

Part II - When It Was Established

1. Before proceeding with this treatise, it is very important that one first read "Sabbath Keeping, Part I - Why It Was Established". If you are one who worships the idol of sabbath keeping or are confused by those who teach the heresy of current day sabbath keeping, then you need to know that sabbath keeping was only a temporary tool God used to bring His children into His rest.

2. End of the week sabbath keeping was first brought to the attention of man, and only the Hebrews, circa two and one-half thousand years after the creation of man in the Garden of Eden. This brings us to circa 1,500 BC, and Exodus 16:22-23 KJV, "**22 And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. 23 And he said unto them, This is that which [Yahowah] hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto [Yahowah]: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.**" Prior to this, the sabbath was unknown to man and not in the Scriptures of the Holy Bible. How do we know that the sabbath was unknown to man prior to Exodus 16:23? Look at Deuteronomy 5:15 KJV, "**And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that [Yahowah] thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore [Yahowah] thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.**" See also Exodus 31:13. As you can read in verse fifteen, God gave the command to the Hebrews to keep the sabbath day of rest after He brought them out of the land of Egypt 430 years after He brought them into Egypt. This was circa 1,500 BC. If anyone can find an earlier date that God told anyone to keep the sabbath, or even told anyone that there was such a thing as the sabbath then please share this Scripture with us. We need to know.

Laura Lee writes:

You do know but you do not believe. It is in Genesis 2:2-3, the Sabbath is always a day of rest. Try it sometime you might enjoy spending a rest filled day with God and Christ.

Gen 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

To say the law wasn't given until Sinai is a total lie on your part. In Gen. 26:5 it clearly says that Abraham kept God's Laws and this is long before the Hebrews at Mount Sinai.

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Richard & Sandra's Article:

3.a. There are some who mistakenly believe that the sabbath was instituted by God in Genesis 2:2-3 KJV, "**2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.**" You will notice that the word sabbath is not in these two verses, nor in the book of Genesis at all. God did not call the seventh day of creation, the day on which He ceased from His creation activities, a sabbath day. Nor can it be shown in Scripture that the seventh day of creation falls into the Saturday slot. When God introduced the seventh day of creation as a day of rest, He was introducing His rest which He had prepared and desired for man to enter into, He was not introducing weekly sabbath keeping. In fact, the seventh day of creation week is a Friday, not a Saturday or Sabbath: see our treatise on the "Calendar of Scripture" parts I and II.

Laura Lee writes:

I've read it and it is just as foolish as this is.

Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Exo. 20:11 is referring to Gen. 2:2-3 so it doesn't matter if God didn't say in Genesis that the seventh day was a Sabbath day because He tells you for sure that it was in Exo. 20:11.

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. **Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it:** because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

If you don't enter into the Sabbath rest you probably won't make it into the Kingdom of God either because God has a strict rule about keeping the law.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

3.b. Furthermore, if God was introducing weekly sabbath keeping in Genesis 2, then why did He not do it on a sabbath day? There is no Biblical evidence to confirm that the seventh day of creation was a sabbath day. In fact, since Genesis 2 does not call the seventh day a sabbath, that would strongly suggest that it was not. If the doctrine of sabbath keeping was being introduced in Genesis 2, it would have benefited our tiny minds if our Creator had told us so, by at least telling us that He was talking about the sabbath. But He did not. He did not, because He was not introducing the doctrine of weekly sabbath keeping, instead He was introducing the doctrine of spiritual rest from our labors. See "Sabbath Keeping, Part I - Why It Was Established". There is more Biblical evidence to show that the seventh day of creation was not a sabbath. However, to explain this, one must have knowledge of the Calendar of Scripture and one must assume that God began creation on the first day of the first month of the first year of creation. Why would He not?

Laura Lee writes:

He would not, because you made up the calendar you keep. It is no place in scripture. And I gave you scripture proof that the sabbath was the seventh day of creation. You just don't believe, and no one can make you believe anything. You will have to find out the hard way.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

3.c. God further supports the doctrine of entering into His rest with sabbath days that are not the seventh day of a perfect week. Days such as the feast days of Scripture and those days that specify that no work is to be done. The weekly sabbath was only one of several tools God used to teach us the doctrine of entering into His rest.

3.d. But for those that mistakenly believe that sabbath keeping is a doctrine in and of itself, for those who preach and teach the gospel of man, it is very important to them to establish its beginning in Genesis 2, a place where it simply is not found no matter how much bantering they do about it. Because sabbath keeping is not an end to itself, sabbath keeping is merely a temporary tool used by our Creator to teach us about His sabbath rest. Sabbath keeping was given only to the Hebrews and only after they departed Egypt. Ezekiel 20:12 KJV, "**Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am [Yahowah] that sanctify them.**" See also Nehemiah 9:13-14 (Part III).

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4.a. Subsequently, God furthered the doctrine of entering into His rest by introducing the weekly sabbath rest in Exodus 16:23, and three weeks later making it part of the Torah and the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:8-11 KJV, "**8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of [Yahowah] thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days [Yahowah] made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore [Yahowah] blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**"

4.b. Once again, for those who erroneously teach that these verses confirm that weekly sabbath keeping was taught in Genesis 2, we will take a closer look at these verses. First, I will point out the obvious. It is highly doubtful that God would start a teaching in Genesis 2:2-3 (wherein the sabbath was never mentioned) and then totally drop the subject for two and one-half thousand years; then continue with the teaching in Exodus 20:10-11. In Exodus 20:10a the word sabbath is written again, but it is not referring back to Genesis 2 and calling the seventh day of creation the sabbath. Instead, it is referring to the seventh day of a complete week and drawing a comparison, a type, with the six days of work performed in Genesis chapter one followed by a day of rest. Why is there a difference between the seventh day of creation and an end of the week sabbath? As discussed in paragraph 3a above, there is no Biblical proof that the seventh day of creation was the end of a complete week; in other words, there is no proof that it was in the Saturday slot. It should be no surprise that the Scriptural Calendar does not look like Gregory's calendar. After all, Pope Gregory was part of the antichrist system and it was prophesied that this antichrist would think to change the times. Daniel 7:25 KJV, "**And he shall speak great words against the most High and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**" The changing of times has occurred from the Scriptural Calendar, with its Lunar and Sun times pieces, to a Sun only based calendar.

Laura Lee writes:

It looks to me like Pope Gregory is not the only one who changed times and laws. Why are these scriptures about the law all throughout the bible if there is no law? You are also changing times and laws. Your calendar is invalid, you have no authority from God to make up a calendar and then teach it to others. You are also claiming there is no law and those who teach it are either gangrene or filled with gangrene or something foolish like that. In other words, in order to protect your fake calendar so you don't have to keep God's law, you will curse those who do keep God's Law. You have been misled.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

4.c. In Exodus 20:11 the sabbath is written again. It says that "Yahowah blessed the sabbath day". The sabbath day which Yahowah blessed is the sabbath day mentioned in verse 8; and the seventh day and the sabbath day written in verse 10a; but it is not calling the seventh day of creation in verse 11 a sabbath day. Instead, it is merely using, once again, the pattern of the seventh day of creation as a type. It is saying that the pattern is that the seventh day following six days of work, is a sabbath. God even blessed and sanctified the seventh day of creation week, but He never called it a sabbath. Why is this distinction so important? It is important because those who want weekly sabbath observing to be a physical requirement for resting will never understand and strive for the spiritual rest - that God is teaching - that God has prepared for us and desires for us to enter. The Law is contrary to us and prevents us from entering into His rest. We will never obtain His rest, our salvation, by our own physical exertion and mental resolve to do so. It can only be obtained by trusting, believing, and having faith in the Almighty God, Yahowah is His name.

4.d. Besides, the sabbath rest was only given to the Hebrews in the Desert of Sin. Does that mean the rest of mankind is left out in the cold? Not at all. We all can enter into His rest, not by observing the Law or a weekly Sabbath, but by placing our faith and hope in the finished work of Yahoshua the Messiah upon the execution stake of Calvary.

5. Do not let this next point escape your notice, you may miss your salvation and end up on the road to hell. Even though the Hebrews fleeing Egypt to the Promise Land observed the weekly sabbath as required by the Torah, they did not enter into His rest. But those who believed the gospel enter into His rest. Hebrews 4:2-3,6 KJV, "**2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief.**"

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Laura Lee writes:

You are teaching against the law of God. By doing that, it will be a problem for you in the future and you won't be able to use the excuse that you didn't know that Sabbath breaking is a sin. Somehow, I just don't believe I am the first one to try to tell you that. You just aren't listening. For what it is worth all sabbaths are rest days. And if you want to spout off about types, here is one for you. Six thousand years was given to man to go his own way but the seventh thousand years is God's rest. Do you see the type or the pattern yet. The seventh day represents the seventh thousand years which is a rest. Do you still want to trash God's rest by teaching against a weekly sabbath?

Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

10 Wild Edible Greens to Harvest – Foraging Plants for Food
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Jz5W5luOjl (12.5 minutes. Showing from mid-Atlantic. Most if not all also found in central U.S. Watch video how to eat or prepare)

He should have included wild Amaranth (has a red root, loves to grow wild in gardens). Boiled, it tastes just like spinach with little vinegar on it! Same great taste with Stinging nettles!

1. Stinging nettle
2. Chickweed
3. Lambsquarters
4. Dandelions
5. Garlic mustard
6. Basswood leaves
7. Mulberry leaves
8. Purslane
9. Milkweed (hollow stem) (boil in 2 changes of water). Also do not confuse it with Dogbane (solid stem) which looks somewhat similar, which is poison.
10. Bidens plant also known as Beggars tick or Spanish needles

Mount Sinai

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Where is the real Mount Sinai? If this interests you, then watch the preview to "Journey to Mount Sinai." The second part will be released on May 15 and 17 at select theaters nationwide. The first part was released last October. The 2-

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part film explores six possible locations for Mount Sinai. Three were covered in the first part. The other three will be covered when the second part is released in May.

To find out if the film will be showing near you go to www.patternsofevidence.com. If you can't make it to a theater for viewing, both parts will later be available on DVD in addition to other films that they now have available on the Exodus. These films support the historical accuracy of the Bible.

In addition, a **free magazine** is available from the **Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology**. I have linked below their video that identifies the Pharaoh of the Exodus. Notice a portrait of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in the top left corner of the video interview. Christopher Eames also has a well-written article on their website where he argues for a Gulf of Suez crossing. He provides some critique of the Patterns of Evidence films. That article is also linked below if you want to consider it as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VChHt30IYj4> "Journey to Mount Sinai" preview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdZSYUJfBo8> Pharaoh of the Exodus video

[Where Did the Red Sea Crossing Take Place? | ArmstrongInstitute.org](https://www.armstronginstitute.org/where-did-the-red-sea-crossing-take-place/)

Holy Days 2023

Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023

Pentecost – May 26, 2023

Trumpets - September 16, 2023

Atonement – September 25, 2023

Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023

Last Great Day – October 7, 2023

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