

“CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS.” JUDE 3

New Sunday Shopping Rules Make No Sense

Winnipeg Sun [Canada]
May 23, 2012
By Tom Brodbeck



Is there any point at all to having Sunday shopping laws given the long list of exemptions for retailers and the new guarantees for workers that they're not required to work on Sundays?

I mean really, at some point government has to give its head a shake with this restricted shopping business on Sundays.

The government proposed its new Sunday shopping bill Wednesday that will allow retailers to open at 9 am instead of the current noon-to-6 pm rule.

It's designed to give shoppers greater flexibility on weekends and allow businesses to better serve their customers. But it's also supposed to "protect the rights of families" who deserve Sundays off to be with their kids and loved ones.

Which is really a crock. Because the law has always allowed retail employees to refuse work on Sundays. And the new bill clarifies that even further with new consequences under the Employment Standards Code.

So the question now becomes, if employees don't have to work Sundays, why have any restrictions on Sunday shopping at all? It really makes no sense.

Seems to me the entire argument for having Sunday shopping restrictions has now fallen apart.

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Our Duty in This Hour

By Louis K. Dickson
Review and Herald
December 31, 1959

What stands between the people of God and the second coming of Christ is not time, but a task. This task is the giving of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, in the setting of the third angel's message, to all the world—to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. This task will not be complete until a people is made ready to meet the Lord.

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burn-eth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name" (Isa. 62:1, 2).

As this passage of scripture makes clear, Christ is seeking a people in whose lives men will see His righteousness. Not only will their lives be cleansed and their sins forgiven, but the righteousness of Christ will be seen in them. Christ's own life is to be revealed in His people.

Isaiah states this truth in yet another way: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee" (Isa. 60:1, 2).

This is the blueprint for the life of every child of God now. This is our task; this is our duty. One noted preacher rightly said: "The supreme need today is not for more Christians, but for more dedication to the Christian way of life on the part of those who call themselves disciples." The messenger of the Lord has declared:

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Concerned About Adventists' Skirts

Caribarena Antigua
April 30, 2012
By Joyce Spencer



Dear Editor:

I try to figure out each day what's wrong with our youth, but it stresses me out each time I think about it. I am writing this brief but important message to the leaders of the Adventist Church in Antigua. I was told that there is a president of the Adventist Church, so I am really appealing to him or her to address this issue. Do not only make the youth look pretty in their Pathfinder uniforms when they march on the streets with the drums, but let them understand that their lives must be a positive example for the other young people in Antigua and Barbuda.

I live at Clare Hall and some young people pass by my home to go to Pathfinder Club at the Clare Hall SDA church every Saturday afternoon. Their behavior is totally unbecoming. As an elderly person, it grieves my heart to see them behave the way they do. I am appealing to the Adventist president or the leaders at the Clare Hall SDA church to put these young people to sit down and talk with them, because people (including me) would not want their grandchildren going to that club after seeing these children's behavior on the streets.

Mr. Mason's wife used to look after those children at one time and, God bless her, I never saw such behavior from the young people during her time. I don't know where she is, and I hope she is still alive and can give some assistance, but it is very disturbing and paints a bad picture of the church and the leaders of the club.

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Adventists forced to Hire Gay Employees?

Churches Fight to Maintain Employment Rights

Record – Official SDA paper in the South Pacific
April 18, 2012
By Linden Chuang

The right of religious groups to refuse employment to gays or people in defacto relationships is under question, as the Australian Government looks at simplifying anti-discrimination laws into a single



Act. Under current federal anti-discrimination laws, religious organizations and schools are exempted from various aspects of anti-discrimination legislation. The government, however, is now involved in gauging the level of community support for such exemptions.

Representatives of religious schools believe the current exemptions to be warranted: "We believe an organization should have the right to employ people—appropriate people—who align themselves with the values and principles that the organization espouses," said Pastor Chester Stanley, President of the Australian Union Conference. "We would need to look very carefully and very closely at this. We would want to maintain our right as an organization to employ teachers who reflect the values that we are committed to as a Christian organization."

According to The Telegraph and The Advertiser, human rights and gay lobby groups say religious groups should

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Understanding Our Time

—by Pastor Raphael Perez

When John the Baptist proclaimed his prophetic message of Isaiah 40:3 “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD,” he understood that he was preaching a present truth message for his time. He also understood that his prophetic message was of God’s appointment for the solemn hour in which he was living. Isaiah 40:3 was the message to be preached, believed, and obeyed in his day.

In the same way, all who want to know God’s prophetic truth and work for these last days, which precedes the second advent of our Lord, must look to the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14:6-14. Notice how this important message ends:

“And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.” Rev. 14:14.

Any careful Bible student will know that this verse represents the second coming of Christ. The golden crown means that He comes as Lord of lords and King of kings. And the sickle means that He will gather the good and pure of all the nations into His kingdom.

The Three Angels’ Messages contain the truths that Christ wants the world to hear and follow in these last days. These truths include Christ’s righteousness, the everlasting gospel, obedience, the seal of God, the Sabbath, medical missionary work, and health and dress reform—just to name a few.

And since the preaching of these special truths leads us directly to the second advent of Christ, it is clear that Jesus wants these special messages to receive our utmost attention. These messages must be proclaimed in a loud voice, as open and as public as it can—worldwide!

It’s also clear that these angels represent the Lord’s people whom God will raise up to preach them to every nation. By God’s grace, every newspaper publication, every billboard, every radio program, every piece of missionary literature, every present-truth sermon by the living preacher is an influence for good that is part of God’s plan to reach millions of people with the sealing message.

For the glory of God, we are reaching millions of homes! Souls are feeling the power of this message as they are warned that Christ’s glorious appearing is near.

We cannot hesitate to utilize all of these agencies for the giving of the final warning message to the world. The results are proving to be excellent. The major cities and small towns and villages are being



Pastor Raphael Perez stands with 10 candidates during a recent baptism on May 12, 2012 in West Palm Beach, FL.

warned. What would be the result if at least ten percent of our churches and ministries had this kind of program to reach the public? What kind of report would we then be able to give? We would not just have hundreds of people enrolled in our free Bible studies; instead, we’d have thousands. Let us thank God for His guiding in the work that has been done until now. Yet careful thought should be prayerfully given as we prepare for future projects.

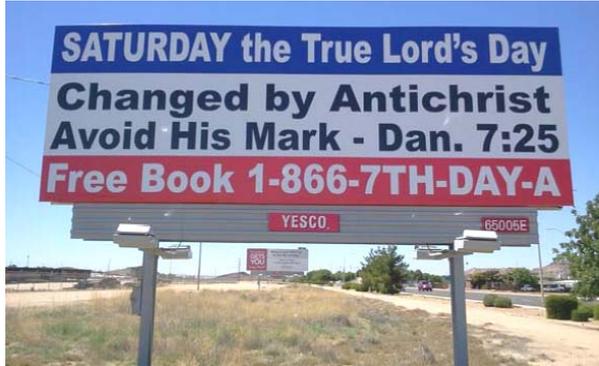
We will not shrink from our responsibility. Even though the financial burdens are heavy at times, yet God moves upon our supporters who enthusiastically help to support the continuation of all of our different projects. We praise His holy name!

“In the rise of the third angel’s message those who engaged in the work of God had something to venture; they had sacrifices to make. They started this work in poverty and suffered the greatest deprivations and reproach. They met determined opposition, which drove them to God in their necessity and kept their faith alive.” Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 256.

If at the beginning of the “rise of the third angel’s message” it was necessary for them to make “sacrifices,” it should be clear to us that even more sacrifices should be made as we see that this work is about to close. We know that many sacrifices will be made by those who believe this message and have dedicated themselves to see it proclaimed in all the world. We thank all of you who have continued in loyal support in the past and those who have come of late to stand with us in the front line. We depend on our God and on our faithful Seventh-day Adventist brethren who are at the forefront of the work for this time. We know that in this line of work there will not be many; but by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit we shall succeed in the course in which the Lord has lead us. God bless!

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Letters Dear Pastor Perez, I enjoy your materials very much and I always look forward to its arrival. Keep up with the Lord’s work. You are in our prays. Yours in Christ, **Archie Radish, Washington.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Church, Please send me your fee book that you advertised in the Washington Times: (1) Saturday the True Lord’s Day and (Can the Dead Speak to us? Thank you, **Edna Windson, Washington, DC.**

Dear Pastor Perez, I appreciate the work you do with billboards. It seems to me that this form of evangelism is extraordinary! May the Lord continue to bless each of you. Your sister in Christ, **Fabiola Triana, Texas.**

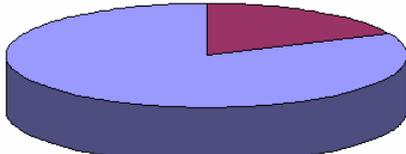
Dear Eternal Gospel Church, I saw your full-page ad in today’s Washington Times. It’s very interesting and useful. Bless you for doing this. Also, can I get the free book mentioned. Sincerely, **Mark Roudybush, Virginia.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Ministry, I would like to receive the free book that you advertised in the Nuevo Herald [Spanish edition of the Miami Herald]. In this world in which we are living, it is necessary to know the truth. I appreciate the work you are doing, **Ofelia Gonzales, Florida.**

Dear Pastor Perez, I just wanted tell you to keep the faith and may God almighty lead you, and show you the way, and help you to bring the sheep home to heaven, Sincerely, **Ben Ulysee, Florida.**

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operate under the same requirements as the rest of society—especially if they receive government funding for their activities.

A submission from the Christian Schools Australia [an association of Christian Schools] to the government, however, said parents choose to enroll their children in a Christian school because they desire an education based on Christian values and beliefs.

The group, which represents 130 schools, 46,000 students and more than 2000 teaching staff, said its teachers were regarded as role models who teach the doctrines and values of the faith to students by way of example.

Editor’s Note: This is the problem when religious schools, including Seventh-day Adventist institutions, receive government money either directly or indirectly. This act will inevitably lead to increased governmental control over religious schools. This interference does not just include the hiring of teachers but other policies as well. Take for example the school’s curriculum. If the government says that evolution must be taught as truth along with intelligent design in the classroom, as in the case of La Sierra Adventist University [see “Wilson Clashes with Church Evolutionists, The Eternal Gospel Herald, Vol. 7 No. 1], the school would have to choose to either accommodate the government’s new imposing regulations or it would have to close its door because they depend heavily on government’s cash disbursements.

“The Lord has a people, a chosen people, His church, to be His own, His own fortress, which He holds in a sin-stricken, revolted world; and He intended that no authority should be known in it, no laws be acknowledged by it, but His own.” Testimonies to Ministers, p. 6.

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“Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us.”—Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 311.

We must now most earnestly seek to enter fully into this experience if we would meet the challenge of this present hour. It is for you and me to demonstrate that through faith we have found a life in Christ that no uncertainty or perplexity can shake; that we have found a rock no storm can break; that we have found a light no dark veil can hide.

Christ’s Life to Be Manifested in Us

Then let Christ subdue our stubborn will; let Him break down our selfish ambitions and lead us to a full surrender; let Him soften our heart and make straight the crooked ways of our life. Then through us the glory of the Lord can be revealed, and His purpose fulfilled.

We need to take a long, long look at our way of life before men. Is it the way of faith, obedience, humility, selflessness, and service? We need constantly to ask ourselves the question, “Am I living by faith? Do I lay my plans at Christ’s feet to be followed or given up according to His will? Do I believe, really believe, His promises, not wavering because of circumstances or delay?”

In order to finish the work of God all selfish motives must be rooted out of our lives. All men must see the transformation wrought in us by the gospel, in order that Christ may be glorified before the world. Nothing short of this will suffice to finish the task set before us. By this alone will God be glorified in His saints.

Said the messenger of the Lord: “Let no one deceive his own soul in this matter. If you harbor pride, self-esteem, a love for the supremacy, vainglory, unholy ambition, murmuring, discontent, bitterness, evil-speaking, lying, deception, slandering, you have not Christ abiding in your heart, and the evidence shows that you have the mind and character of Satan, not of Jesus Christ, who was meek and lowly of heart... You may have good intentions, good impulses, can speak the truth understandingly, but you are not fit for the kingdom of heaven.”—Testimonies to Ministers, p. 441.

We have reached the hour when Christ purposes to be glorified in the lives of His people. By this shall all men know the truth, and the work be completed. What a responsibility, then, rests upon each of us to live as Christ would live! All else is insufficient and should be made of secondary consideration. Thoroughly furnished lives must now come forth to measure with the call of God. Let us go to our knees in earnest, prevailing prayer for faith to launch out into the deep in our personal spiritual experience, and fully reflect the image of Jesus, that men everywhere may know the reality of the gospel we preach.

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Besides, there are so many exemptions in the act that make the hourly restrictions a bit of a joke anyway.

For example, a grocery store can’t open outside of the prescribed Sunday hours, but a large pharmacy chain — which sells all kinds of grocery products — can.

A smaller store of any kind with six or seven employees cannot open outside of the legislated hours. But a retailer selling the same products with four workers or less can.

You can sell fresh fruit and vegetables, garden equipment, flower beds and plants any time you want on a Sunday even if you’re a big-box store. But you can’t sell a light bulb or a sheet of plywood at that same big-box store outside of the restricted hours.

So are the rights of employees at the big-box store selling plywood are more important than the rights of those selling tomato plants when it comes to family time on Sundays? It’s ridiculous, actually.

Instead of expanding Sunday shopping laws further, why not just get rid of the restrictions altogether. Would it really matter if a store wanted to open at 8 a.m. on a Sunday instead of 9 a.m.? If a store wants to stay open until 9 p.m. on a Sunday, is it really any of the government’s business?

And since employees don’t have to work on Sundays anyway, why does it matter? The next logical step would be to eliminate Sunday shopping restrictions completely so those who want to work or shop on Sundays can.

The state has no business telling workers they can’t make a living by working a retail job on a Sunday evening.

At the very least — and here’s my compromise — it should be left up to individual municipalities to decide whether they want Sunday shopping restrictions or not. Unfortunately, the bill won’t even allow that.

Manitoba’s Sunday shopping laws — the existing one and the proposed one proposed this week — don’t allow retail businesses to open on Sundays period, unless their municipality passes a bylaw allowing them to access the province’s restricted hours.

Why not have a provision in the act that allows municipalities to be exempt entirely from the Retail Business Holiday Closing Act? That way they could either have no Sunday shopping at all, they could implement the province’s restricted hour scheme, or they could have no restrictions whatsoever.

Editor’s Note: This article published in the Winnipeg Sun shows the inconsistencies, contradictions, and confusion that accompany Sunday Laws. More so is the danger that Sunday Laws pose to religious liberty.

“There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty.” Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 711.

Freedom of religion has been one of America’s most cherished liberties, and one of the reasons why America became great. Notice what one of the Founding Fathers said about this:

“No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burdened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer, on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.” Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom (1779).

Yet today, times have changed. Religious liberty is becoming a thing of the past. Great horrors await this nation if this trend continues:

“They are working in blindness. They do not see that if a Protestant government sacrifices the principles that have made them a free, independent nation, and through legislation brings into the Constitution, principles that will propagate papal falsehoods and papal delusions, they are plunging into the Roman horrors of the Dark Ages.” Review and Herald, December 11, 1888.

Pope Benedict XVI (R) is greeted by the Czech Republic's Prime Minister Petr Necas during a private audience at the Vatican May 25, 2012. REUTERS/Maurizio Brambatti/Pool.



AFP News, 5-12-2012—A life-threatening parasite transmitted by a biting beetle can cause a person's heart and intestines to swell and burst — but early symptoms are hard to detect. A disease spread by parasitic bugs is being dubbed the "new AIDS of the Americas" by researchers because its initial symptoms are hard to detect. According to a lengthy editorial in the journal *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, Chagas disease is slowly — and surreptitiously — spreading to the U.S. from Latin America. Chagas disease has infected more than 300,000 people living in the United States and up to eight million worldwide.



AFP News, 6-1-2012—Photo illustration shows a woman undergoing chemotherapy. Worldwide cases of cancer are likely to rise by nearly 75 percent by 2030, driven by demographic and lifestyle factors, according to a study published on Friday in the journal *The Lancet Oncology*. (AFP Photo/Philippe Huguen)

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Also important to address is the length of the skirts of the young ladies. Oh my! Oh my! Even as I write to you, my heart is pained. Why would a church club allow young girls to dress like that? These are things that good leaders see and address. I am appealing to the leaders of the church to please address this issue as soon as possible. *I had given a letter to a young man to take to the church about two weeks ago, but I never got a response.*

I also spoke with a woman who was attending that church, and she said she was not the leader but she would have a talk with them; but nothing has changed.

Young people, God is watching us all. Antigua and Barbuda is a small nation. Let us do our best to dress and behave our best so our lives can be a positive influence. I thank you all for listening and taking action.

Church Response—The Youth Director of the Antigua and Barbuda Seventh Day Adventist Coordinating Services, Pastor Kendol Doyle, has responded to the letter “Concerned About Adventists’ Skirts” penned by Joyce Spencer and published by Caribarena. Pastor Doyle stated:

“In the Church there are people of different ages of development and spiritual maturity and these may exhibit certain



Youth Director of the Antigua and Barbuda SDA Coordinating Services, Pastor Kendol Doyle, has responded to the letter by Joyce Spencer and published by Caribarena.

characteristics that does not necessarily represent the position of the Church. Another point that one has to take into consideration is that the Pathfinder Club does not only cater for Seventh-day Adventists.”

“What one has to note is that you have some persons that are in our Church who are not rich folks, they are part of the poor or at poverty level, and what sometimes they may wear as an individual may represent what they have and not necessarily what they would have liked to wear. We have close to 30 clubs in Antigua and I do not think that if one were to use the rule across the board that they would be able to come up with a general statement that there is a landslide generation lapse in terms of modesty or the dress code.”

Editor’s Note: “*God does not send messengers to flatter the sinner. He delivers no message of peace to lull the unsanctified into fatal security. He lays heavy burdens upon the conscience of the wrongdoer, and pierces the soul with arrows of conviction.*” DA 104.

We cannot excuse or justify unsanctified and unhealthy behavior. We need ministers who will speak the truth in love.

“The ministering angels present to him the fearful judgments of God to deepen the sense of need, and prompt the cry, ‘What must I do to be saved?’ *Then the hand that has humbled in the dust, lifts up the penitent.*” DA 104.

The End Time Events

“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.” Matthew 24:33

False Claims Regarding Sunday Laws

This picture has recently been circulating through several Seventh-day Adventist websites, through emails, and even through different publications. It is a picture of what is presumed to be a Catholic church sign posting its weekly sermon message. Yet the fact is that neither the church nor the sign are true. The picture comes from a website that lets you create your own message online using different designs. Design #11 is “Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Church” at: www.says-it.com/churchsigns

Though we know from the study of the Bible that the mark of the beast [Sunday law] will be enforced by the union of church [the Beast and its image] and state [the kings of the earth], we need to be careful not to create reasons for distrust and skepticism towards historic Seventh-day Adventism who are proclaiming this message. By circulating unverified news items or by passing on misinformation we lessen our own credibility and message in the eyes of the world. The apostle Peter reminds us: “For we have not *followed cunningly devised fables*, [false rumors] when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” 2 Pet. 1:16.

The Eternal Gospel Herald is dedicated to keeping you informed as to the latest developments on Sunday laws related issues, as well as other related spiritual studies and prophetic developments for this end time to help prepare us all to meet our King and Savior Jesus Christ. Our publication must not be based on winds of doctrine nor on undocumented speculations. May the Lord help us to be sound, sober, and grounded on the faith that was once given to the saints. We will follow every prophetic development and keep you informed in a timely, responsible, and accurate manner. Once again, we will not engage in speculations which only distracts the minds away from the message and mission of God’s people.



This picture which has been circulating the world through the internet is a fraud. It was created, no doubt, as a prank as sadly too many of our have fallen for it.



Here we created our own sign from the same website where the “hoax” originated from: www.says-it.com/churchsigns design #11.