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Irreligious Liberty Dinner

On May 24, 2012, The 10th Annual Religious Liberty Dinner was sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This year the featured speaker was Canada’s Office of Religious Freedom Minister John Baird. Minister John Baird has a long history of taking a hard-line stance in defense of same-sex marriage, homosexuality, and support for gay rights around the world. In 2006, Baird voted against reopening the issue on the legality of Same-Sex marriage in Canada, which currently favors gays and lesbians.



Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird speaks at the 10th annual Religious Liberty Dinner on May 24, 2012 [photo: Keegan Bursaw].

Adventists News Network reported on this event describing his moving speech: “Minister John Baird touched on Canada’s commitment to promoting *human rights* through its foreign policy.” (ANN, May 29, 2012, At Religious Liberty Dinner, Canadian Foreign Minister Promotes “Bedrock” Human Rights, by Bettina Krause).

The gay marriage issue has been in the national headlines across the world. These relationships are even being accepted by many secular Christian denominations. We should be concerned when Seventh-day Adventist church leaders bring men who have no absolutes in Biblical authority when it come to marriage, and have them speak in our conventions on religious liberty and human rights.

This also raises another issue in relationship to Canada’s so-called hate crime laws. We wonder if John Baird or any of the Seventh-day Adventist religious leaders have any plans to help repeal Canada’s hate crime laws that forbids Christians from preaching and teaching what the Scriptures teach about homosexuality?

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Christ Our Righteousness

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By Harry W. Lowe

In the Old Testament the idea prevails that God alone decides who or what is righteous. Man was never righteous in himself. He could be justified, or declared righteous by God, and earnest men sought this justification above all else: “In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified” Isa. 45:25.

In the New Testament this same idea prevails, often clothed in Paul’s theological terminology. For example, the righteousness of God is revealed to all men through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16, 17). From this follows man’s confession, God’s forgiveness, reconciliation, peace, justification, imputed and imparted righteousness, and the sanctification that endures throughout life.

1. The Message of God

“There is none righteous, no, not one.” Roman 3:10.

There is no change in the basic teaching of man’s lost condition apart from God. The same teaching is in Psalm 53:3: “There is none that doeth good, no, not one.”

“They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” Psalm 14:3.

Isaiah 64:6 declares that “all our righteousness are as filthy rags.”

“Man is Satan’s captive...He has in himself no power to oppose effectual resistance to evil.” Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 294.

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New Texas Billboards



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Pope Promotes Sunday as the Day of Rest

Pope Says Family Values are Key to Escaping Modern Ills

AFP News
June 3, 2012

The pope said traditional family values and Sunday rest were key to escaping the ills of modern society and reached out to divorced people at a mass to close the World Meeting of Families in Milan.

Welcomed by a million flag-waving pilgrims gathered at Bresso airport, Pope Benedict XVI looked tired but cheerful as he drove through the crowds in his pope-mobile Sunday, stopping several times to wave to children and kiss babies.

“Dear families, despite the relentless rhythms of the modern world, do not lose a sense of the Lord’s day,”

the pope said, describing the tradition of Sunday rest as “an oasis in which to pause... and celebrate the family.”



Pope Benedict XVI sits during a meeting with the families gathered for the celebration of the Feast of Testimonies at the 7th World Meeting of Families at Bresso Park in Milan June 2, 2012. REUTERS/Alessandro Garofalo

He lamented the modern-day “utilitarian

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The Last, Most Important Sign

—by Pastor Raphael Perez

We should never forget that the last and most important sign that will reveal to the world that the approach of Christ is at the door is the great evangelistic efforts of the Third Angel's Message. This is the final and the most supreme task of God's people before the close of human probation. This work is empowered with the latter rain and becomes the Loud Cry Message of Revelation 18.

"The last message of warning and mercy is to lighten the whole earth with its glory. It is to reach all classes of men, rich and poor, high and low." COL 228.

We must include every medium possible that is available. All means of communicating the final warning message before probation closes must be utilized to enlighten the world. This is what evangelism is all about. The world must be challenged with the testing issues of the last days - whether or not they will receive the seal of God or the mark of the beast!

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

"But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." Romans 10:18.

"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world." Rev. 16:14

"And all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast." Rev. 13:3, 4.

Here we see the two world-wide messages that will confront the world. (1) The everlasting gospel that will prepare a people for the coming of the Lord, and (2) the wine of Babylon will attempt to neutralize the warning messages with a false gospel that will lead men to receive the seven last plagues and eventually be lost.

This is a battle which we will be engaged in. This work will be carried forward by faithful men, women, and children.

"Holy angels have been employed in directing this work, they have in charge the great movements for the salvation of men; but the actual proclamation of the gospel is performed by the servants of Christ upon the earth." GC 312.

The power of the Holy Spirit will be poured out mightily upon a faithful people to empower a people who have been presenting the arguments of the Third Angel's Message to the world.

"It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28, 29.

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:

and ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

"The angel [Rev. 18] who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message, is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost...The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening." GC 611.

My brethren, we must seriously and honestly ask this most solemn question: How can we expect to participate in the latter rain message of Revelation 18 when we are not presenting the arguments of the third angel's message to the world? If we are not doing anything with the third angel's message how then do we expect to participate in Revelation 18 - when it is a combination of the first, second, and third angel's message, but with divine power!

Friends, now is the time to move forward with this most wonderful message. Now is the time to obey the command of Christ when He says, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord's return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory." DA 633, 634.

This is the time that we should be uniting more than ever. Let us be good stewards with our time and money to do what our God has been waiting to be completed for over 150 years. May the Lord help us make a true commitment in being involved with His last work. God Bless you. "Prepare to meet thy God." Amos 4:12.

Letters

Dear Pastor Raphael Perez, I want to greet you and your staff in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for sending me regularly The Eternal Gospel Herald and keeping me well informed of things happening around the world. May God bless you all and your staff. Keep us in your prayers. In Christ's Love, **Josefina, California.**

Dear Pastor Raphael Perez, After reading God's Divine Plan I was totally convinced that this is the best way to reach the most people in a short time for the least amount of money. Talk about getting the most bang for the buck! Whew! What a plan! The Eternal Gospel Herald is an awesome publication and you are doing an awesome work, but then again God is an awesome God! Keep up the great work! I will continue to support this work and encourage others too! Love in Christ, **Arnie, New York.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Ministry, I am greatly encouraged by your article "God's Divine Plan" as it relates to the newspaper publishing ministry. I feel the need to contribute to this cause. So many other souls will be reached with God's end-time message of Revelation 14:6-12. **J.D., New Hampshire.**

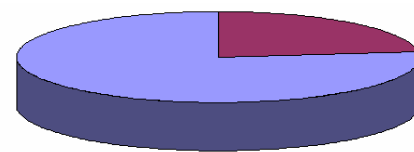
Greetings, A fellow inmate left me The Eternal Gospel Herald and I found it is very good and filled with information that I would not have found elsewhere. I am persuaded that I want to also be a true Adventist and accept the Three Angels Message. Would you please send me a free subscription of The Eternal Gospel Herald and The Antichrist Identified and any other information concerning Adventism? **Joseph, Washington.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Church, I've been receiving your newsletter for a long time, and I really enjoy them. Thank you for telling the truth as it comes straight from the Bible. I've been an Adventist for 78 years, and I'm afraid that some SDA churches are falling head long into Satan's hands. I pray for all of you, and am thankful you are doing what I cannot do. God is blessing you and He will continue as you are faithful. Please remember me when you talk with God. **LaVera, Arizona.**

Oklahoma Camp Ground

This project is so that we can accommodate more people during camp meeting due to our limited space.

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“In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” Jer. 23:6.

This verse begins with Judah and Israel, indicating that both the ten tribes and the two in the south would find deliverance in the coming One. Only in Christ is righteousness available to believers (Rom. 1:16, 17), hence neither the people nor the Holy City can be righteous apart from Him.

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.” 1 Cor. 1:30.

Men may not exult in themselves, for they are nothing aside from Christ. “In Christ” implies that believers are “alive unto God” (Rom. 6:11). When Christ is within, the believer receives divine wisdom, enabling him to understand God's purposes of redemption. Sanctification involves the impartation of holiness, the devotion of the life to God.

“The sanctification of the soul by the working of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity.” Christ's Object Lessons, p. 384.

2. The Departure from God

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.” Gen. 3:6, 7.

Disbelief of God's word, ambition to be higher and Godlike, produced disobedience, and sin produced self-consciousness, shame, guilt.

“Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Isa. 59:1, 2.

“Separated” comes from the word “divide.” “And God made the firmament, and *divided* the waters which were under the firmament.” Gen. 1: 7. A sinner is “divided” from God as surely as heaven above is separated from the earth beneath.

“It is not because He is unwilling to forgive, that He turns from the transgressor; it is because the sinner refuses to make use of the abundant provisions of grace, that God is unable to deliver from sin.” Prophets and Kings, p. 323.

“Everything that we of ourselves can do is defiled by sin; But the Son of God was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.” Christ's Object Lessons, p. 311.

3. The Return to God

“Without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5.

Various incidents tended to convince the disciples of the truth of this statement. In the practical realm of everyday life, for instance, seven disciples went fishing one night at Peter's suggestion, and “they caught nothing.” When Jesus was with them in the morning they caught a “multitude of fishes” (John 21:2-6).

Spiritually, the best in man is worthless: “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil” Jer. 13:23.

Yet in Christ's presence we must all live daily by the saving grace of Christ: “His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul.” Steps to Christ, p. 18.

“Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Eph. 2:9.

The failure of literal Israel to attain to God's standard of righteousness was because “they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law” (Rom. 9:31, 32). Almost anything we believe can become righteousness by works if it is not accompanied by saving faith and redeeming grace. Any doctrine or habit of life in the fanatic's hand may

be the doing of something which he thinks makes him better than others. The ministry of Christ may lead a believer into thinking that he is “holier than others,” and he may condemn others, even a whole church, if he thinks they are not living as they should.

“Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Rom. 5:1

“While self is unsubdued, we can find no rest. The masterful passions of the heart no human power can control. We are as helpless here as were the disciples to quiet the raging storm. But He who spoke peace to the billows of Galilee has spoken the word of peace for every soul However fierce the tempest, those who turn to Jesus with the cry, ‘Lord, save us,’ will find deliverance. His grace, that reconciles the soul to God, quiets the strife of human passion, and in His love the heart is at rest.” Desire of Ages, p. 336.

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” 1 John 5:4.

Only by the new birth, maintained as a daily experience, can men find the way back to God. To be born of God is to be “in Christ Jesus,” and believers enjoying this experience have “no condemnation” (Rom. 8:1).

4. God's Righteousness for His Saints

“Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.” Psalm 119:142.

“All thy commandments are truth.” Psalm 119:151.

“That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Rom. 8:4.

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matt. 5:48.

“This command is a promise. The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan...The ideal of Christian character is Christlikeness. As the Son of Man was perfect in His life, so His followers are to be perfect in their life.” Desire of Ages, p. 311.

“When he shall appear, we shall be like him.” 1 John 3:2.

“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?...He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart.” Psalm 24:4, 4.

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What good does it do to talk about liberty and to have these wonderful dinners when Christians are in danger of being sent to prison for teaching the Bible? This religious liberty dinner is meaningless for faithful Bible-believing Christians in Canada. Canada is truly *not* a model for religious liberty with these hate crime “speech” laws that they have. As ministers and laymen of the gospel we must preach the Everlasting Gospel as it is in Christ. We cannot ignore some parts of the Sacred Scriptures in our attempt to uphold other parts.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” 2 Tim. 3:16.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matt. 4:4.

“The church must show that she does not sanction their deeds, or she herself dishonors her Lord. She must say about sin what God says about it. She must deal with it as God directs, and her action is ratified in heaven. He who despises the authority of the church, despises the authority of Christ Himself.” Gospel Workers, p.502

In this time of world-wide immorality, when marriage is defined by whatever people's personal preference are, may the Lord help us to be faithful to His standard of truth and righteousness. May we also uphold the true principles of religious liberty—which includes exposing hate crime laws that seek to imprison those who preach the Bible truths.

— The Editors

Oklahoma Fall Camp Meeting October 5-7, 2012

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another.” Heb. 10:25

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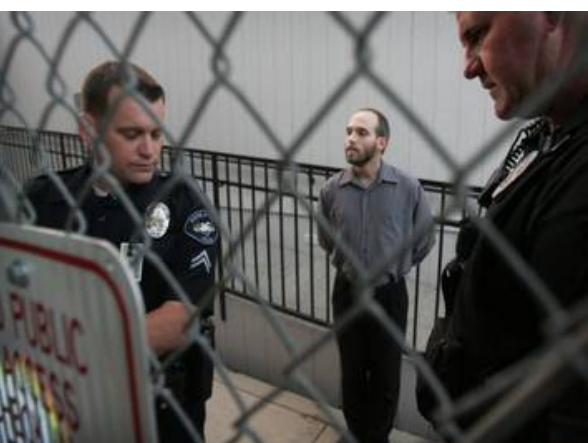
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CBS News covers the story of the trademark lawsuit and arrest of Pastor Walter McGill of the Creation Seventh Day Adventist Church.



ABC News also covered the story of the arrest of Pastor Walter McGill of the Creation Seventh Day Adventist Church.



Assistant pastor Lucan Chartier, center, a member of Creation Seventh Day Adventist Church in Guys, Tenn., is taken into custody at the Redlands Police station on West Park Ave. in California. He was later transferred to San Bernardino County Prison. Chartier turned himself in on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. A federal warrant was out for his arrest in connection with a complain filed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church against Lucan Chartier and Pastor Walter McGill.

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concept of work, production and the market," which "brings in its wake ferocious competition, strong inequalities, degradation of the environment, the race for consumer goods, family tensions."

Particularly in a period of economic crisis and social unease, families should celebrate Sunday as "the day of man and his values: conviviality, friendship, solidarity, culture, closeness to nature, play, sport," he said.

Editor's Note: We are living in a day when the call for Sunday legislation has become almost universal. Here in North America, the Sunday advocates are making a grave mistake by not allowing people to be free and reach their own decisions. All should follow their conscience, own judgment, and decisions with regards to the Sabbath day. The eyes of men and women are blind to the danger and fallacy of Sunday legislation.

According to prophecy, these Sunday laws will become more and more increasingly dangerous to religious liberty. This will result in the most significant struggle not just for individual freedom but will bring in the final battle in the great controversy between good and evil.

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Adventist Church Imprisons Pastors

Pastor Walter McGill and assistant pastor Lucan Chartier of the *Creation Seventh-day Adventist Church* in Guys, Tennessee were imprisoned on federal arrest warrants after being sued by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for “*illegally*” using the name “Seventh-day Adventist.” The General Conference of SDAs has registered and trademarked the name “Seventh-day Adventist” and now they can persecute, fine, or imprison those who openly and without permission wrongfully use the “*Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Corporate Identity*.” Because Pastor McGill’s small 11-member church in Guys, Tennessee is not part of the national denomination, he was taken to federal court for “trademark infringement.”

Pastor McGill was apprehended on July 13, 2012 by the Seventh-day Adventist Loma Linda University’s campus security and turned over to the San Bernardino County police while he and Lucan Chartier were in California visiting. Walter McGill served a 30-day sentence for “contempt of court” at the SDA Church’s behest. Assistant Pastor Lucan Chartier turned himself in to police on July 31, 2012 and served a 10-day prison sentence also for “contempt of court.”

The contempt of court charges stem from the fact that both McGill and Chartier refuse to give up the name “Seventh-day Adventist” because they believe that this name was given to us by God, and not by any man: “We are Seventh-day Adventists. Are we ashamed of our name? We answer, 'No, no! We are not. It is the name the Lord has given us.'” Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p. 384.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church Office of General Counsel representative, Todd McFarland, defended the church’s lawsuit: “Mr. McGill is free to engage in any ministry he wants, preach whatever he wants, say whatever he wants. What he simply cannot do is *falsely associate himself* with the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.” **Trademark Infringement Case Sees North American Pastor Imprisoned, By Elizabeth Lechleitner, Adventist News Network, July 30, 2012.**

Garrett Caldwell, Adventist world church Public Relations director and church spokesman, also defended the church’s actions: “People understand what identity theft means on a personal level and how devastating it can be to an individual or a family. When a congregation that has never had a connection with our denomination, and who does not wish to, because of differing beliefs, wants to simply *co-opt our name*, we should not overlook this or find this acceptable.” **Trademark Infringement Case Sees North American Pastor Imprisoned, By Elizabeth Lechleitner, Adventist News Network, July 30, 2012.**

This is your tithe money at work! How can we sleep at night knowing that our tithe money is being used by the church to place people in prison. Why do we keep supporting these activities with our tithes? Another important question is, “Where is President Ted Wilson in all of this?” Why doesn’t he stop these lawsuits immediately. He has the power and authority to do it. Why doesn’t he speak out against this? Pastor McGill and his 11-member congregation poses absolutely no threat to the multi-billion dollar SDA Church Corporation. This is unbelievable. How can we advocate religious liberty throughout the world and yet demonstrate such blatant disregard to religious liberty for fellow Seventh-day Adventists?

Pastor Walter McGill made the following statement after being released: “During my jail term, I overcame excruciating pain inflicted by shackles, chains, hand-cuffs, and discomfort from other sources. I turned the other cheek while suffering physical assault for my conscientious Sabbath observance; I endured false accusations, along with occasional humiliation and ridicule from both inmates and staff; and lastly, I was supernaturally spared serious bodily harm on two occasions as purported ‘gangsters’ threatened my safety. The public needs to understand that all court-ordered sanctions against me have originated from the Plaintiff’s [General Conference] church attorneys. This is a civil lawsuit, and the court relies on all lawful suggestions and demands from the plaintiffs [General Conference] in order to compose a contempt order. *It was truly the Seventh-day Adventist Church that required my incarceration, though their spokespersons consistently deny any accountability in this regard.*”

It is no secret that the Roman hierarchy is determined to see Sunday closing laws. Equally dangerous is the fact that in 1961, the Supreme Court of the United States decided that Sunday laws are constitutional. And now that six justices out of nine on the US Supreme Court who are avowed Roman Catholics, no doubt there will be far-reaching consequences that will soon affect all of us.

Pope Benedict XVI is continuing to spark enforcement of existing Sunday laws and is also encouraging the world, legislators included, to encourage new protections for Sunday. Such widespread agitation must be met with widespread *evangelism*. That is why our newspapers and billboards must continue to warn people against these things before the crisis arises. We must effectively disseminate the truth about the Saturday/Sunday, Mark of the Beast/Seal of God controversy as effectively as possible – not just across the United States but around the world.

All these assaults on freedom indicate that people must still learn that the state has no right to intrude into the sacred relationship of the individual and his or her worship with God. If we don’t do anything today, soon, the Lord will ask us why we did not share the great truths regarding the final events of the end time (Rev. 14:6-12). May we make the greatest effort to give these truths the prominence they deserve.