



Pope Francis: We Need to Keep Sunday to be Happy

The Pope's 10 tips for happiness

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Just when I thought my amazement with Pope Francis had run its course, he did it again. In a long interview with an old friend who was writing for an Argentine magazine, the pope put forward a 10-point plan for happiness. From where I sit, it seems, well, pretty good if not perfect.



1. Live and let live. It's an echo of the Pope's earlier remark on gays: "Who am I to judge?"
2. Give yourself to others. That is, give your money and your time to those in need. Don't just sit around like stagnant water. Give all you have and then some.

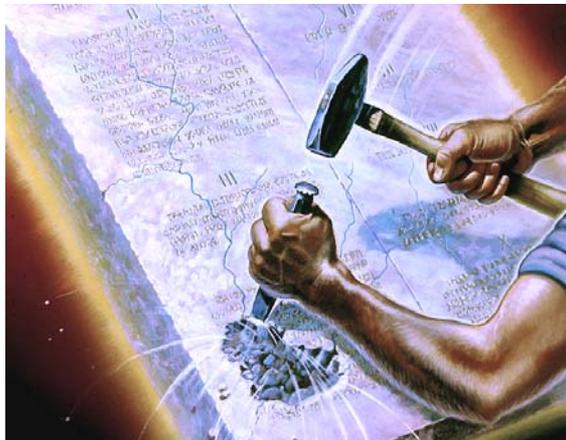
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Tel Aviv to allow some businesses to open on Shabbat

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The Tel Aviv municipality passed a bylaw that will allow some grocery stores to remain open on Shabbat.

Under the measure passed Sunday, about 15 percent of the city's grocery stores will receive permission to remain open on Saturdays. They will be spread out throughout the city, with fewer open in areas that are more religious and more secular areas.



It is illegal in Israel to open retail businesses on the Jewish Sabbath, which begins at sundown Friday and ends after sunset Saturday. Businesses that remain open have levied modest fines.

News Media Pushes for Sunday

Turn it off and tune Him in East Valley Tribune August 12, 2014

Welcome to August! As you know, this month ushers in the busyness of the fall. It's the beginning of school for the kids, football games to watch on the weekends and many fun fall activities. And on top of all that, many of us will be working hard at our jobs during the day, despite the fact that we will often times bring our work home too.



Many times we will overcommit ourselves this fall by signing up or scheduling a ton of activities. And before we know it, time has flown by, it's November, and we're exhausted.

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Evangelicals Unable to Resist the Papal Power

“The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” Great Controversy, p. 588.



Above: Televangelist and mega-church pastor Kenneth Copeland lays his hands upon the breast of Pope Francis and prays with him. Below: Televangelists and mega-church pastor James Robinson high-fives the pope with sheer joy and excitement.

Every day it seems that more and more Protestant leaders are lining up to meet with the Pope. Evangelicals are going to Rome, not just to meet with the Pope, but to touch him, to laugh with him, for fellowship with him and to bond with him.



This is what prophecy has declared would take place. The Protestant Reformation has gone full circle—from fleeing *from* Rome for their lives with godly fear to fleeing *to* Rome with teary eyes and humility. “Rome never changes,” says the book Last —continued on page 3

The Third Way—Adventists' New Interfaith Outreach

“If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us.” Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 29.

We are living in a hostile culture; a culture that is hostile to the truth. The enemies of present truth have declared war against the great end-time messages of God's word and against the work of the third angel. And Satan is trying to get us to not preach the plain truths and the strong warnings of Bible prophecy that would expose his schemes.

Take for example the recent publication of the American Diversity Report. Dr. Lisa Diller is chair of the history department at Southern Adventist University. She recently published a paper on July 17, 2014 in the American Diversity Report [AmericanDiversityReport.com] entitled “Interfaith Dialog: Adventist Style.” In her report she sings the praises of the “Third Way” Conference recently held in Chattanooga, TN.

Dr. Lisa Diller claims that the old ways of ecumenical dialog are flawed, and that a “Third Way” is needed. She defines this “Third Way” in her own words:

“So many times ‘tolerance’ goes along with a weak identity, weak loyalty to a tradition. On the other hand, people who are really strong in their beliefs can sometimes behave in hostile ways or perceived hostile ways to outsiders. The idea for the conference was that there was a ‘third way’—a way to have a strong identity that is generous and benevolent to outsiders.” continued on page 3

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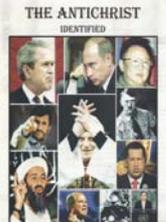
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Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

—Pastor Raphael Perez

“Our message is a life-and-death message, and we must let it appear as it is, the great power of God. We are to present it in all its telling force. Then the Lord will make it effectual. It is our privilege to expect large things, even the demonstration of the Spirit of God. This is the power that will convict and convert the soul.” *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 60, 61.

On July 3-7, 2014 I had the opportunity and privilege to travel to the Caribbean island of the Dominican Republic to share in the gospel work with the faithful souls that God has there.

As in most Latin American countries, the Dominican Republic is predominantly a Roman Catholic country. The capitol of the island is Santo Domingo, Spanish for “Holy Sunday.” As you can imagine there is a great need in this country for the Seventh-day Adventist message of mercy and truth to be shared with all the souls that have been kept in darkness for so many centuries.

God blessed us during these meetings as several souls gave their lives to Jesus and followed Him in Baptism.

“Let the people understand that you have a message that means life, eternal life to them if they accept it...But if they reject this message it will be to them a savor of death unto death. Therefore there is need to work diligently.” *Evangelism*, p. 297.

These souls are just the small fruits of the labor that is being done in the Dominican Republic. It has been such a blessing to see people come to the Lord and have their lives changed. Sadly, we know that the enemy of souls is always trying to counteract the work of God. Two of the young girls who were scheduled for baptism received opposition from their families. One of the girl's mother was shouting at her with a rod in her hand ordering her to come out from the meetings. She created such a commotion that the young girl eventually left and we heard that she received a beating from her mother when she got home. Another girl received the same threats and warnings from her parents, but she decided to follow through with her baptism and we baptized her. We praise God for all His mercies.

Pray for these precious souls, not just in the Dominican Republic but all around the world—that God may be glorified and that many more may come into the kingdom before it is too late. Yes, we have a great work to do. This is the reason why I am always pleading with all of you to keep us in prayer. Without your prayers and financial support it would be impossible for our ministry to carry on with this world-wide work. May Our Heavenly Father keeps us all faithful until His coming.



Oklahoma Camp Meeting October 10-12, 2014

Letters Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, I have finally

decided to join the SDAs because I believe the doctrines and standards they uphold are Biblically sound and of divine appointment. Would you please be so kind as to add my name to your mailing list. I would very much like to receive your “Eternal Gospel Herald.” Thank you and God bless, **Jerry Reese, Florida.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Herald, Thank you so much for your papers. It is just about all I can really trust as in information about things going on in our world. May God continue blessing your efforts. **Muriel Bruns, California.**

Dear Eternal Gospel, Thank you so much for sending the literature, DVDs, and the Gospel Herald newsletter. They really help to encourage us and to let us know that God is working mightily. Our prayers are with you all. Sincerely, **Juanita Brownlow, Washington.**

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This conference was put on by Adventist Forum Conferences and invited other panelists besides Dr. Lisa Diller such as Brian McLaren, a popular Evangelical from the emerging church movement who is against proselytizing and who believes that all the religious traditions are equal. Deborah Levine, a Jewish woman and Amin Issa a Muslim were also present and spoke at the event. Another panelist was Samir Selmanovic, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and the founder of "Faith House Manhattan", an interfaith house of worship for Christians, Muslims, Jews and humanists/atheists.

The purpose of these Adventist-sponsored conferences are an attempt to create a global multicultural community that is not “hostile” to all the many diverse religious traditions. This is an attempt to develop an open path of unity through religious dialog. It is a call to come together and to address all the social problems of the world. It is a “new” work of hospitable appreciation to all the other faiths as they work together towards communal understanding and common works of social justice. The end result is that we all become allies, working side by side with the different religions to change the world and make it a better place. The only thing is that we must abandon all “hostilities” or “perceived” hostilities against others. In other words, don’t preach openly the Three Angels’ Messages.

This is the very unbiblical and prevalent attitude among the pastors and churches of our time. The objective is not to offend anyone in this new religious world order. Such an attitude is an attack against God’s inspired word and against His everlasting gospel.

Jesus said to the Jews of His day: “The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.” John 7:7. The Apostle Paul also had to face this same situation when he said: “Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” Galatians 4:16.

“Every new truth has made its way against hatred and opposition; those who were blessed with its light were tempted and tried. The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency. Who dare refuse to publish it? He commands his servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent, except at the peril of their souls. Christ’s ambassadors have nothing to do with consequences. They must perform their duty, and leave results with God.” Great Controversy, p. 609.

The world is in a completely spiritual disarray because of the this fictional presentation of the gospel that is empty of prophetic truth! We must preach the truth, even when we are tempted to hold back because of the consequences that may come. Our feelings should have nothing to do with our convictions to preach the word. Sometimes we err when we think that we can distort, adjust, or accommodate the message so as to be sensitive to our hearers. However, we must understand that whenever we hold back vital truths because we think it may be difficult for people to hear, we run the risk deceiving and misinforming people. That is not being loving—it is being selfish and unloving.

“It is not from love for their neighbor that they smooth down the message entrusted to them, but because they are self-indulgent and ease-loving. True love seeks first the honor of God and the salvation of souls. Those who have this love will not evade the truth to save themselves from the unpleasant results of plain speaking. When souls are in peril, God’s ministers will not consider self, but will speak the word given them to speak, refusing to excuse or palliate evil.” Prophets and Kings pp. 141, 142.

This ecumenical new world order that is being developed before our very eyes is a fulfillment of what we find in the book The Great Controversy:

“Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world, and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium.” Great Controversy, pp. 588, 589.

Does it matter to you that souls are enslaved and ensnared by the enemies of present truth? Christians are being deceived. Antichrist is sweeping the world with his seducing, ecumenical doctrines. We have a warning message to give and we must sound the alarm today.

“Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God’s judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them?” Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 20.

—The Editors



Pope Francis embraces the Evangelical mega-church Pastor Giovanni Traettino in Rome, Italy. Are the old wounds finally healed?

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Day Events p. 130. The Evangelical Protestants have no idea what they are getting into. These are the same kinds of hugs and kisses that were given to Christ the day that He was betrayed. And another betrayal is coming. Notice the warning given to us through the Spirit of Prophecy:

“God’s Word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike.” Great Controversy, p. 581.

What has changed in Rome that is causing the Protestant world to put their arms around the Pope with overflowing love and joy? These “glorious” pictures of unity and solidarity are an indication that Protestants have taken their final step towards the Vatican’s New World order.

One problem remains for the Protestant-Catholic path to unity. What about Rome’s claim of papal supremacy? The pope claims to have universal authority over the Bible and over all of the visible churches. Historically, this is what has caused division in the church in the first place. The rise and development of the papacy or the papal office, which is the seat of authority in the Roman Catholic Church has absolutely no foundation in either early Christianity or in the Scriptures.

The rise of the papacy is however found in Bible prophecy, but not in the favorable light. Passages like Daniel 7:25, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12, Revelation 13:1-10, Revelation 17:1-5, and several others speak of the rise of this evil power that will lead the world into the final rebellion against God and His truth. The reality is that the Protestant world is not fulfilling the unity that Christ said would exist between Him and His church; rather, they are fulfilling the prophecies that have to do with the final takeover of the Antichrist by uniting with the great apostate. Obviously, this is a counterfeit unity to the true unity that will exist among the faithful commandment-keeping believers before Christ comes.

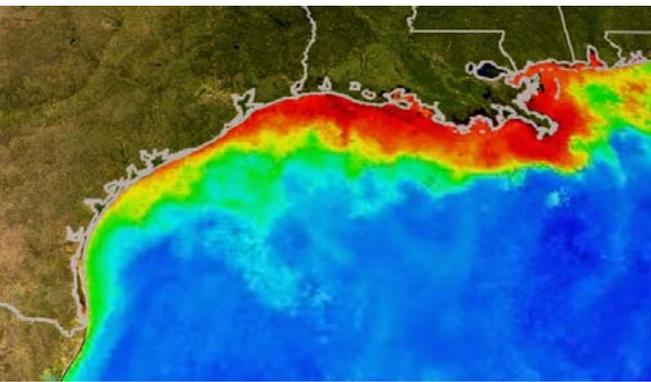
The ancient churches of the East known as the Eastern Orthodox never accepted the claims of the Pope from the West. The historical division, between East and West took place in 1054 and was not based upon doctrinal division but rather on the illegitimate claims of power and authority by the pope. A further split in the West during the time of the Protestant Reformation was not only about the doctrinal points of justification by faith, but a major point of contention was over the pope’s claim of having absolute authority and jurisdiction over all of Christianity and over the secular powers. This is known in Catholic theology as “temporal” power.

Have Protestants today forgotten this important history? The true path to unity does not lead us to Rome, to Jerusalem, to Silver Springs, MD, or to any other city. The road to Christian unity begins and ends with Jesus and with His truth—as found in His word. It seems that most of the churches, including the Protestant Charismatics, are arrogant and ignorant in their pride and sense of church unity. No one is more important or superior than anyone else, at least not in God’s true church. The true path to unity is found in a repentance, conversion, and in obedience to the “commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12).

—The Editors

The End Time Prophetic Events

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:28.



Marine life struggles to find enough oxygen to survive within the Gulf of Mexico 'dead zone.' The area of 5,052 square miles of "low oxygen water," covers much of Louisiana's coast and part of Texas.



A group of Roman Catholic Monks from the St. Joseph's Abbey in Massachusetts are turning to alcohol sales to raise needed money. The monastery has embraced a new brewery and their hopes is to raise money for their rising health costs. "We're trying to reinvent our economy," said Father Isaac Keeley on a recent tour of the abbey's modern 30,000-square-foot brewery, nestled in a wooded property some 60 miles (97 km) west of Boston.



Rescuers are searching for survivors in a quake-hit area in southwest China in August 3, 2014. Rescuers race to save lives as China quake death-toll nears 600 following Sunday's 6.5-magnitude earthquake.



August 4, 2014—A New Jersey police officer ticketed a Christian who was sharing the gospel outside of a local abortion facility this weekend after the officer took issue with a sign displayed on his truck that cited two Scriptures. Luis Zapata says that he has posted Scripture and other messages on his vehicle for nearly two years as a means to witness to the public about Christ. "I'm concerned about the salvation of souls. It concerns me that in this nation, there are millions of persons thinking they are going to Heaven and the reality is they are not."



From July 31 – August 6, 2014 more than 80,000 Catholics united in the town Medjugorje located in Bosnia and Herzegovina to pray to the Virgin Mary during the 25th International Youth Prayer Festival.



Aug. 5, 2014—A group of Christian women were ordered by security to stop praying inside a mall. Managers of a shopping mall in Dublin, Georgia, who told a group of visitors they were not allowed to pray in the facility – not even over their lunches in the food court. They say their ban is on "congregating, soliciting or disturbances." One of the ladies of the mall security: "Sir, are you saying that people who eat in the food court can't bow their heads and pray?"

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3. Move quietly in the world. It's very like the Native American suggestion that one should walk "in balance and beauty" on the ground, making the least disturbance.

4. Enjoy leisure. The Pope says that consumerism has brought with it unbearable anxieties.

5. ***Sunday is for families.*** This is actually one of the Ten Commandments. Honor the Sabbath. (Exodus 20:8) **Once a week, give a whole day to meditation, worship, family life, tending the needs of the spirit. This is healthy living.**

6. Find jobs for young people. Who would have guessed that job-creation would be on list for happiness? But the Pope is right.

7. Respect nature.

8. Let go of negative things quickly. The Pope tells us not to complain about people who annoy or frustrate us, to let go of things as rapidly as we can.

9. Don't preach your religion too forcefully. Proselytism brings on paralysis, the Pope tells us.

10. Work for peace. The Pope has preached this message from the beginning of his time as pontiff.

Pope Francis has, in this unlikely venue, given us his own Sermon on the Mount, his Ten Commandments for happiness and inner peace. One can only be grateful for his wisdom, which is rooted in a sincere faith, in hard-earned wisdom, and a very practical knowledge of human needs and potentials.

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As Christians, what could we do this fall to make sure we really tune in to what God wants for our life in the midst of the busyness?

The longest of the commandments is all about the need to take a Sabbath rest. God told them, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God" (NIV — Exodus 20:8-10).

Maybe it's time to start with Sunday as a day you decide to turn off your individual phones, Facebook, TV, iPads, email, or other electronics. Maybe it's time to turn off the early football game to tune into the church first. Maybe let the laundry go till Monday. Practice turning off whatever distracts you from tuning into God's Word and being more fully present with your family.

But remember that God also made the Sabbath for you to enjoy His creation. Maybe tune in to a hike, old board game, nap, good movie or art project with family or friends. I know one family that celebrates God's goodness on Sunday night by cooking as a family the best meal of their week. No matter what you turn off once a week, enjoy tuning into God's grace, mercy and love for you in Jesus the risen Christ.

Sunday Law Agitation

The pope, the news media, and even the Seventh-day, Sabbath-keeping Jews are violating the Lord's holy day and encouraging others to do the same! "Thou hast despised mine holy things, ***and hast profaned my Sabbaths.***" Eze. 22:8. Ancient Israel was destroyed because it became seduced by the pagan culture of its time and forgot about the True God and His Sabbath. Sadly, this is being replicated today on a global scale - the world has forgotten God's truth: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: ***seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God,*** I will also forget thy children." Hosea 4:6. Now is the time for the third angel's message to be proclaimed with power. The proponents of Sunday are not slowing down in their efforts to promote this day. May we also meet the enemies of the present truth with the publication of God's last-day message for this perishing world.