

## CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Now please realize that we do not believe in any ENFORCED day for worship. If people want to worship on Sunday that should be left up to their own conscience and decision, as well as those who wish to worship on Sabbath of God's commandments. It's a personal matter between the individual and God. It is when worship is legislated that it becomes a different thing altogether!

Rediscovering the Sabbath" Dorothy Bass writes: "The Sabbath is the most challenging and necessary, spiritual discipline for contemporary Christians."

And what, in her opinion is a major roadblock that must be cleared away in order to make Sunday special once more?

"We are aware that taking on a Sabbath rhythm would not be easy—and pressures to work and spend are only part of the problem. Some other obstacles also make it difficult to retrieve this practice.

One is figuring out how to make Sunday special when it is no longer protected by legislation and custom. The arrangement of time by society as a whole is political, of course: how time is structured makes someone's life easier and someone's harder. Sunday first received special governmental recognition in 321, when the emperor Constantine decreed it a day of rest throughout the Roman Empire. This spawned centuries of government-sponsored Sabbath keeping. In recent decades, however, the setting aside of Sunday as a special day has been losing force within American culture's politics of time. One reason is increasing sensitivity to religious diversity—a sensitivity pioneered by the Supreme Court in decisions that forced employers to respect the Sabbath practices of Jews and Adventists. Today, not only the laws but also the customs that once shielded Sunday from most commerce are disappearing, and Christians' day of worship and rest is not automatically "free" for church and family. Claiming its freedom will take effort and perhaps even sacrifice."

Is she saying that a major roadblock for her to keep her sabbath is the fact that respect has been given for the Sabbath practices of those who observe the 7th day of God's commandment?

Here's a site dedicated to promoting Sunday legislature for "family reasons".

Nova Scotia Rejects Sunday Shopping

Plebiscite in Nova Scotia, Canada, votes to legally keep shops closed on Sunday.

**The Halifax Alive News, reports:**

In a binding, provincewide plebiscite held on Saturday, Oct. 16, with 49 of 55 municipalities reporting, the unofficial total provincial vote opposed to Sunday shopping was 55 per cent.

The Province of Nova Scotia will enforce this vote according to the Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act

According to the 2-November-2004 -- EWTNews Brief

## **NOVA SCOTIANS VOTE AGAINST SUNDAY SHOPPING**

HALIFAX, Canada, November 2 (CNA) - The majority of Nova Scotians voted "No" to Sunday shopping in a referendum in mid-October, making the Atlantic province the only Canadian jurisdiction without it. The Archdiocese of Halifax was in the lead in the campaign against Sunday shopping. It organized a coalition that included several Christian churches, retail workers and small business owners. The coalition campaigned on a \$1,000 budget, while pro-Sunday shopping advocates spent more than \$100,000. The province's Conservative government has pledged to stand by the election results.

A town in Newfoundland wants Sunday legislation.

There's a new move to put an end to Sunday shopping, at least in one Central Newfoundland community.

The Ministerial Association has asked the town of Springdale to introduce a bylaw prohibiting stores from opening on Sundays.

Most businesses in the town stay closed on that day. But this year, Christmas Eve fell on Sunday and many stores opened. The clergy in the area felt that wasn't right. So, to prevent something similar from happening again, they want the town to make Sunday openings illegal.

The town says it isn't ready to make a decision about the request just yet.

It first wants to check with the provincial government, to see if municipalities have the power to make such a law.

In Britain we hear of the "THE LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE SOCIETY"

Their basis is to promote: "The Divine Authority and perpetual Obligation of the Christian Sabbath or Lord's Day, and that in asserting the obligation of the Lord's Day, the gospel of the Grace of God through Christ Jesus should be proclaimed."

### **Britain is in crises, the paper reads:**

The moral and spiritual disintegration of Great Britain is seen today in parliament, the media, our universities, the home and family as well as the church. This spiralling decline has left a retrograde mark upon our land.

And what do they see as the cause and the solution to this spiralling decline?

As a people we have swept aside, with reckless disregard for its consequences, the holy law of God, and the reverence due to His name and His Word.

The article goes on outlining problems, then comments that "the desecration of the Lord's Day", is one of the causes.

But what they fail to realize is that SUNDAY IS NOT THE SABBATH of the Lord our God.--

SUNDAY IS NOT part of the commandments of God.

Yet they would unit church and state to enforce their man-made commandments

Religion has lost its voice in the counsels of the nation because our principal denominations have surrendered their heritage to the forces of superstition, atheism and compromise.

Here we see an obvious appeal to combine church and state--

It's the same appeal as the Papacy makes, to legislate religion.

But they will legislate the commandments of MEN-- the SABBATH sanctioned by MEN, not the commandments of God and the Sabbath sanctified by God, and all their efforts of "taking the nation back to God" are vanity.

Oppressive laws will be passed-- uplifting human commandments and persecuting those who would be faithful to God's commandments.

### **CHRISTIAN MINISTER CALLS - DISASTER 'DIVINE VISITATION' ON LORD'S DAY**

Posted: February 13, 2005 on WorldNetDaily

In the February issue of his church magazine, Rev. John MacLeod of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland writes: "Possibly ... no event since Noah's flood has caused such loss of life by drowning as the recent Asian tsunami. That so many of our fellow creatures should have perished in so short a time, and in so awful a fashion, was a divine visitation that ought to make men tremble the world over."

He continued: "Some of the places most affected by the tsunami attracted pleasure-seekers from all over the world. It has to be noted that the wave arrived on the Lord's day, the day God set apart to be observed the world over as a holy resting from all employments and recreations that are lawful on other days."

So here we have a Christian minister saying the tsunami which killed some 250,000 people, was a direct result of "pleasure seekers" breaking God's Sabbath.

Though reporters also recorded comments opposing this idea, the very fact that it was reported in numerous newspapers

### **Worldnet daily, The Herald", The Scotman,**

Timesonline as well as other news sources, show that this is indeed a SEED thought being sown. Though the protestations were also written, the concept that chastisement will fall upon those who disregard the Sunday Sabbath is not at all a foreign idea to Christian thought! For example:

Ronald Williams, affiliated with the Believers Baptist Church, writes concerning Sunday as if it were the day commanded in scripture as the Sabbath. He states:

Desecrating, abusing or neglecting the Lord's Day brings God's sure chastisement on nations and individuals as surely as violating any other part of His Moral Law. Our God does not look with amusement on those who play fast and loose with His Law,

### **And yet he says:**

However, as if it underline the importance of the New Covenant and the resurrection of Christ, this day was changed from Saturday to Sunday, which will continue to the end of the world. Changing one day in seven from Saturday to Sunday is equivalent to saying God changed it from the seventh day to the "eighth" day (in reality, the first day).

Where does he get the authority that this day was changed? Not from scripture, there is no such command anywhere in scripture. Nowhere do we read "Remember now to keep Sunday holy for in it Christ rose from the dead". You won't find that change anywhere in

scripture. That change can ONLY be found in the council's and writings of men. The implication is set forth that the church has power over and above the law of God!

The Catholic Book, "The Thunder of Justice", speaks a great deal about a coming chastisement of great devastation upon the inhabitants of the earth who fail to respond to their "marian based" message. Concerning the Sunday Sabbath, they write:

"This is a place where we see many of the root causes of our problems. It is the commandment of "Keeping the Sabbath Holy". p. 389

For now the angels of Rev. 7 are still, to a large measure, holding back the winds of strife, in the hopes that more will fully commit themselves to God as loyal citizens of His kingdom.

Once those winds of strife are released the fuse will be lit and we'll be thrust straight back into the dark ages -- when the armies will enforce worship, all in the name of "returning the nation back to God" and staying the judgments of God, by what? enforcing the keeping of the unscriptural man-made Sabbath, that has no scriptural command what-so-ever, and forcing people back into church on that day, while yet trampling on the Sabbath of our Creator, Maker, Sanctifier and Redeemer, which He asked us to remember?

WHEN TROUBLE COMES AND PEOPLE AGAIN BRING OUT THE BLUE LAWS-- Sunday laws, IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING THE NATION BACK TO GOD, even though they KNOW it's not even the real Sabbath of scripture, nor of the commandments, they will have chosen "man" as their lawmaker and "lord", not God, the Creator.