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THE GREAT FACEBOOK DEBATE: ADVENTISM VERSUS THE GOSPEL MARCH-APRIL 2017

**Sean Pitman, Apologist for Adventism
Vs.**

A Team of Former Adventists

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THE POST THAT STARTED THE WHOLE DEBATE

[Sandi Haynes](#) with [Nancy Paige](#) and [5 others](#).

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The MESSAGE is clear...(it is repeated often enough!)

"So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified [made good] by faith. Now that faith has come we are no longer under the supervision by the Law" (Gal.3:24-25)..

"Some of you are trying to be made right with God by obeying the law. You have been separated from Christ. You have fallen away from God's grace". (Gal 5:4).

"But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the authority of the law." (Gal.5:18)

Even Jesus said when asked: Then they asked him, "What does God want from us? What works does he want us to do?" Jesus answered, "God's work is to believe in the One He has sent." (John 6:28-29).

This really is true: Romans 3:28 "For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law". (Romans 3:28)

Philippians 3:9 "And be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith". (Philippians 3:9). etc etc.

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Leslie Harvella The message is LOVE. It's a shame that so many people get lost trying to follow a certain set of rules. Guess what 'believers'?! If GOD IS IN YOUR HEART, the rest happens on its own!!! You SHOW LOVE to others, you DO GOOD to others, you LOVE. The end. Mic drop.

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Sandi Haynes Amen!!!!

““For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:19-20 NIV

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Sean D. Pitman That's correct. However, the Ten Commandments are a written expression of love. To say that the law isn't important is the same as saying that love isn't important. While the law isn't what saves us it is still very important... because it shows us if love really is in our hearts or not.

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Daniel Dulcich No, the Ten Commandments are not a written expression of love. The law does not fulfill love, you have it backwards.

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Pauline Benjamin Some of the most unloving people I know are adherents to the ten commandments

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** do you have a proof text that states the Ten Commandments are a written expression of love?

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Sean D. Pitman The same read true in Christ's day. Those who were most ardent in singing the praises of the 10 commandments ended up murdering Jesus - contrary to the very basis of the commands they claimed to follow and the underlying law of love.

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Sean D. Pitman God is love and he wrote the 10 commandments with his own finger to show people when their actions were out of harmony with love. "Love your neighbor as yourself" is an OT command.

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel: The moral law tells you when your actions are out of line with love. Jesus himself pointed out that, "all the Law and the prophets" are based on the concept of love to God and to one's neighbor.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** I'll repeat the question I asked about five hours ago, and see if public embarrassment at your obvious deceptive and evasive Adventist Dodge Ball might jar you into answering it:

"do you have a proof text that states the Ten Commandments are a written expression of love?"

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Neila Moore Amen

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Joanne Hoyt Ault So obvious, [Sandi](#) - How did we miss it all those years!

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Sherry Hoyt Britz Because we were encouraged to read the "red books" instead of the Bible. So thankful that the Lord led me to His Word!!!

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Sandi Haynes 2 Corinthians 3:13-18 tells why we couldn't see it before. My eyes are wide open and now the Bible has come alive in a way it never has before! Praise God! I can't get enough of Him!

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Sandi Haynes Praise God!!

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Sean D. Pitman Come on Sandi. As the veil is lifted, does that mean that you can now break the Ten Commandments at will? - without sin? Because you are now under grace rather than the Law? Really? You think you are free to murder and commit adultery now? Of course not. Such things are still sins before God. It is just that God's grace empowers the believer to actually keep the Law as it was originally intended - via true love for our neighbors. It wasn't negated or put aside. Rather, the power of God enables us to be truly loving toward God and toward our neighbors - to truly keep all of the Ten Commandments as Jesus Himself kept them all.

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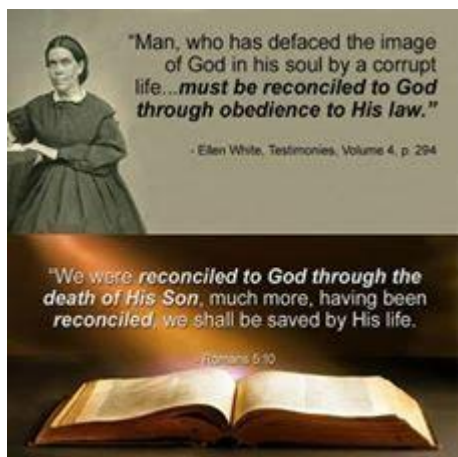


Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Since the veil was lifted, does that mean that you can commit sodomy, homosexual behavior and pornography at will?

None of those are prohibited by the Ten Commandments. I suspect that is why Adventists insist on only the Ten Commandments and none of the other moral laws of the OT.



Steve C Yu



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Sean D. Pitman "A person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone... Faith without deeds is worthless. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves, do what it says." - James 1:22; 2:20, 24.

It seems clear to me that Jesus and the apostles supported the idea that you cannot truly love God if you do not strive to obey the commands of God through with the power of God. Well we are not saved by what we do or actions do you review what is in our hearts.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault The good deeds ("fruit") are a NATURAL outgrowth resulting from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our born-again lives, Sean. Does an apple tree have to make a firm decision and then grunt, strain and groan to produce beautiful, delicious fruit? No! And neither does the born-again believer in Christ! The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in that NEW heart compels us to "good works." Any "fruit" other than that is inedible plastic fruit - looks good from a distance, but...

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Sean D. Pitman That's absolutely true. Truly good works come entirely from God and the power that God gives to those who accept him. However, those good works will never contradict any of the words of God to include the 10 commandments. The Ten Commandments are an expression of God's love in written form. It is impossible to be consistent and accept nine of the Ten Commandments as valid while rejecting one of them. Or so it seems to me. The holy spirit will never contradict himself. Otherwise what one thinks is the holy spirit isn't really the Holy Spirit.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault I know that is what you've been taught, Sean. I was taught that same thing for the first 54 years of my life as a 3rd-gen SDA. But you've been sold a Bill of Goods. Please consider this where we are told for whom the law is intended (and clearly it's NOT for the born-again believer in Christ):

1 Tim. 1:8-11

8 But we know that the law is good, provided one uses it legitimately. 9 We know that the law is not meant for a righteous person, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinful, for the unholy and irreverent, for those who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 10 for the sexually immoral and homosexuals, for kidnappers, [b] liars, perjurers, and for whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching 11 based on the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Romans 6:14 For sin will not rule over you, because you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 7:4-6

4 Therefore, my brothers, you also were put to death in relation to the law through the crucified body of the Messiah, so that you may belong to another—to Him who was raised from the dead—that we may bear fruit for God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions operated through the law in every part of us and bore fruit for death.

6 But now we have been released from the law, since we have died to what held us, so that we may serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old letter of the law.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

1 Corinthians 15:56 Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

Galatians 2:19 For through the law I have died to the law, so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing

Galatians 3:2 I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Galatians 3:5 So then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Galatians 3:10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, because it is written: Everyone who does not continue doing everything written in the book of the law is cursed.

Galatians 3:11-13

13 Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by the law, because the righteous will live by faith.

12 But the law is not based on faith; instead, the one who does these things will live by them.

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, because it is written: Everyone who is hung on a tree is cursed.

Galatians 3:19-26

The Purpose of the Law

19 Why then was the law given? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise was made would come. The law was put into effect through angels by means of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator is not for just one person, but God is one. 21 Is the law therefore contrary to God's promises? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that was able to give life, then righteousness would certainly be by the law. 22 But the Scripture has imprisoned everything under sin's power,[q] so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 Before this faith came, we were confined under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed. 24 The law, then, was our guardian[r] until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith. 25 But since that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. |

Galatians 4:4-5

4 When the time came to completion, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons

Galatians 5:3-4

3 Again I testify to every man who gets himself circumcised that he is obligated to keep the entire law.

4 You who are trying to be justified by the law are alienated from Christ; you have fallen from grace.

Gal. 5:13-18

13 For you were called to be free, brothers; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.[a] 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.

The Spirit versus the Flesh

16 I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Shall I continue? There are many, MANY more!!

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Sean D. Pitman That's exactly right. But, now that you are under grace are you free then to break the Law? Are you now free, since you are under grace, to murder or commit adultery? - without sin since you are no longer under the law? Of course not. If you did such things you would still be a sinner. That means, of course, that the moral Law is still binding. It still defines sin. It is just that God's grace enables us to actually keep the moral Law. God enables us to actually love our neighbors with real passion. That's a divine gift that is completely outside of our natural selves. God doesn't do away with the Law. Not at all. Rather, He enables us to keep the Law without even thinking about it.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) You might want to be slightly less preeningly self-righteous in your pronouncements.

Adventists butchered 4,000 other Adventists in Rwanda with machetes. This equals the death toll of the Spanish Inquisition.

But these murderous, blood-soaked clowns took Saturday off!

You DID know that murder is specifically prohibited in Genesis 9, in the covenant of Noah? How long do you think Adventists will continue to lie that murder would be okay without the Ten Commandments?

But even the Ten Commandments cannot stop Adventists from murdering other Adventists, as they did in the Rwanda Genocide:

"The answer to this plea came the next day, Sabbath morning, at approximately 9 o'clock am. The attackers advanced toward the church from all sides chanting "Eliminate the Tutsis!" They worked methodically with guns and machetes, moving from church to school to hospital. The victims, weak from food and water deprivation, mounted a feeble defense with bricks and stones. But they were overcome with little effort. The killers, keen to spare bullets, only paused when the physical exertion of chopping and spearing demanded rest. By evening, mop-up operations had begun: tear gas was fired to cause any living Tutsis among the corpses to cry out. The attackers then made sure these joined the rest.

In the end, Mugonero may have been the worst single massacre in the entire 1994 genocide. In a single day almost all of the 3,000 Tutsis who had gathered at the Adventist mission were slain, some 2,000 inside the Seventh-day Adventist church building itself. The bloodstains were no longer visible on the walls and floor when I visited Mugonero one week ago. The church is in fact still being used as an active place of worship. Near the entrance to the Mugonero high school there is, however, a small building with stacks of machete-hacked skulls as a memorial to what happened here more than 15 years ago.

Several months after the attack, in a short interview published in the Review, J. J. Nortey, then president of the African-Indian Ocean Division, said that as many as 99 percent of all Adventist workers in the Mugonero region—among them pastors, hospital personnel, and mission employees—were killed. In total, an estimated 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists died in Rwanda in barely three months.

Even more alarming in the aftermath of the genocide, however, is the fact that Adventists were not only among the victims. On February 19, 2003, Pastor Ntakirutimana was sentenced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to 10 years in prison for complicity in crimes against humanity. The Tribunal found that Pastor Ntakirutimana, together with his son Gerard—the head doctor at the Adventist Mugonero Hospital—aided and abetted Hutu killers, going so far as to order the removal of church roofing so that Tutsis would have nowhere to hide.

But the Ntakirutimanas were not the only Adventists who sided with the killers. In regions with large numbers of Seventh-day Adventists, the killings were just as bad as in the rest of the country. "[T]here were church-going people seen in the mobs, cheering...those who did the killings," Nortey reported. Today, jails in Rwanda hold large numbers of Adventists who have been implicated in the genocide. According to one high level church official I spoke with at the Union office in Kigali, not only Adventist lay members but numerous Adventist pastors have been convicted by Rwanda's village level gacaca courts for their role in genocidal crimes against humanity. During the genocide, he told me, some Adventists maintained their Adventism by scrupulously resting from killing on Sabbaths."

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Levy reported that while traveling in war-torn Burundi (which borders Rwanda and is comprised of the same Hutu and Tutsi tribes) he asked a taxi driver to take him to the southern part of the country. The driver consented, but on one condition: the trip had to be on Saturday. "Why on Saturday?" Levy writes. "Because the 'genocidal aggressors', those Hutu of the National Liberation Front, of which the whole country continues to repeat by memory abominable crimes... they are also good Christians, mostly of Adventist confession, who don't smoke, don't drink, arrive at the villages singing loud songs and consider Saturday a sacred day, dedicated to prayer, in which one must not kill."

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Steve C Yu Besides all the wonderful scripture that has been repeated above, one question that a believer might ask is 'who were the recipient of Paul's letters' and 'how did they observe their holidays and when'? Thankfully, we have historical records that make it clear that Sabbath day worship was not binding on the Gentile Christian converts and that they gathered on Sunday (The Lords Day) instead. It might be useful to familiarize ourselves with these ancient witnesses to the Christian world. Here's one quote, but there are lots more:

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Steve C Yu "Be not deceived with strange doctrines, nor with old fables, which are unprofitable. For if we still live according to the Jewish law, we acknowledge that we have not received grace. For the divinest prophets lived according to Christ Jesus. On this account also they were persecuted, being inspired by His grace to fully convince the unbelieving that there is one God, who has manifested Himself by Jesus Christ His Son, who is His eternal Word, not proceeding forth from silence, and who in all things pleased Him that sent Him....If, therefore, those who were brought up in the ancient order of things have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's Day, on which also our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death— whom some deny, by which mystery we have obtained faith, and therefore endure, that we may be found the disciples of Jesus Christ, our only Master— how shall we be able to live apart from Him, whose disciples the prophets themselves in the Spirit did wait for Him as their Teacher? And therefore He whom they rightly waited for, having come, raised them from the dead." Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Magnesians, Chapter 8 & 9, 109 AD (Disciple of St. John the Apostle)

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Steve C Yu And one more since I can't help myself right now: "And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration.' - Justin, First Apology to Roman Emperor Antonius Pious, Chapter 67, AD 155

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Leslie Harvella Pharisees are in every religion.....

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Sandi Haynes Yes they are but I'm no longer religious. I'm spiritual.

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Leslie Harvella Me too! 

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Sandi Haynes Praise God! Have you discovered the New Covenant given at Mt. Sinai?

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Sean D. Pitman Pharisaism was all about trying to keep the Law without actually having love in one's heart. Of course, it is impossible to keep a law based on love without having love in one's heart. The Pharisees were trying to earn their own way to heaven by their own works alone - without the love. It doesn't work that way since the Moral Law is entirely based on love. One simply cannot keep it entirely unless one actually has God's love in one's heart. Only then can one not even think about harming one's neighbor...

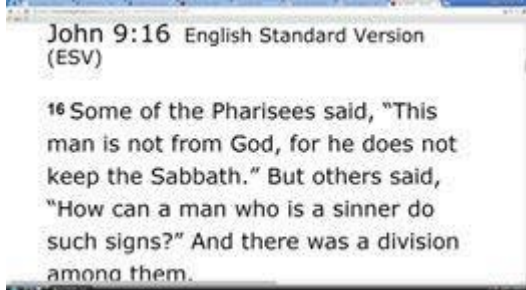
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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Pharisaism was all about rejecting the Divinity of Christ, in favor of Saturday-as-Savior.

You DID know that Adventists stole their "Jesus is a Sinner if he broke the Sabbath" idea from the Pharisees?

Adventists stole their most-used argument directly from Jesus's enemies! ROTFLOL!!!



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Sean D. Pitman Just because we are not saved by The Works of the law does not mean that the law is not important any longer. It was Jesus who said "if you love me keep my Commandments." The Ten Commandments are simply an expression of how we are to show love to God and to our fellow man. And if we do not love our fellow man we do not love God. Beyond this a closer you get to Jesus the more natural The Ten Commandments will become because they are an expression of the love of God.

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William Hohmann Where in Scripture does it say the 10 are an expression of the love of God? Chapter and verse please.

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Margaret Squire Yes [William Hohmann](#), I have been told so often about this, but never seen it. Perhaps Sean D Pitman can finally come up with the goods that no one else has.

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William Hohmann It is a claim that defies simple logic. Telling someone not to murder another is an expression of love for that other person...yea, right.

If you love someone, you will kill them unless God tells you not to....

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Margaret Squire I have never found the 10C to be an expression of love at all.

They are the words of the covenant.

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Sean D. Pitman 1 John 2:4 - Whoever says "I know him", but does not do what he commands is a liar and the truth is not in that person.

Again, we are saved by faith alone. However, a person with true Faith will strive to actually keep the Commandments of God.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault The phrase "what He commands," does NOT refer to the ten commandments, Sean. I know that is what you've been taught in Adventism but it's not true.

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Sean D. Pitman Really? So Jesus never talked about murder, lying, adultery, coveting, the Sabbath, or any of the other Ten Commandments? Are you sure? Jesus didn't refer to breaking such commands as "sins"? Didn't he tell the woman caught in adultery that she was forgiven but to go and sin no more? Why did he accuse her of sin there was no law? if there were no 10 Commandments? Why do you yourself accept nine of the Ten Commandments is still binding?

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Joanne Hoyt Ault All were under the law when Jesus spoke those words, because the New Covenant (salvation by His grace through faith in Him alone) was not ushered in until His death and resurrection.

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Sean D. Pitman So, after the death and resurrection of Jesus it became ok to break the Ten Commandments? We are now at liberty to murder and commit adultery? - without being guilty of sin? Do you really believe that? Really? I don't think you really do. You're just trying to get rid of one of the Ten Commandments and you are willing to make silly claims regarding the rest of them in order to achieve this goal of yours.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman So after the death and resurrection of Jesus it became ok to break the 613 Commandments of the Old Testament?

Jesus was squarely faced with the Death Penalty for violating the Sabbath HERE, but never claimed that it was no longer in effect.

Nor does the New Testament ANYWHERE say that the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations was done away with. You are simply lying about keeping the Sabbath, without applying the mandatory Death Penalty:

John 5

"16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

Jesus Is Equal with God

18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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Sean D. Pitman According to Old Testament Law it was perfectly fine to help those in need on the Sabbath - as in to help someone pull their ox out of the ditch. That is why Jesus specifically mentioned this situation. It was part of the written code. And, as far as the death penalty, breaking any one of the moral laws of the Ten Commandments was seen, in God's eyes, of deserving death. And, this is still the case. That is why Jesus died to release us from the penalty of breaking the Law - if we will choose to accept His life rather than our own.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman You are simply lying about what Jesus was saying. First and foremost, it was CLEAR that he was breaking the Sabbath. The Rules put out by the General Conference of SDA prohibit all of Jesus's Sabbath healings in an SDA Hospital on a Saturday. So that is a tacit admission that the GC KNOWS that Jesus violated the Sabbath.

Second of all, Emergency procedures and life or death matters REQUIRED the Sabbath to be broken. Jesus changed NOTHING.

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that the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious consideration....

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Sean, if you find yourself still wanting to commit unloving acts such as murder, theft, or adultery, you can be certain that you ARE NOT born again into Christ, led by the Holy Spirit. Think about that for a bit!! Because if you ARE that NEW creature with a NEW heart that He filled with the indwelling of His Holy Spirit, you will NOT want to commit any unloving act.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Is Sodomy, Bestiality and Pornography permissible after the Cross, since they are not mentioned in the Ten Commandments?

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Joanne Hoyt Ault How about child abuse, child neglect, animal abuse, animal neglect, using/manufacturing/selling illegal drugs, misusing legal medications, sex with children, smoking, eating unclean animals, destruction of the property of others, wife-beating, domestic abuse... Shall I continue?

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Societies have a right to expect that mentally-ill and mentally-retarded people keep a higher standard of behavior than is required by the Ten Commandments. The 10C are not even an adequate MINIMUM of behavior that every civilized society has a right to expect.

You are simply pimping for the dishonest and laughable Adventist Cheap Law and Cheap Saturday silliness:



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Sean D. Pitman Joanne: Why do you think any of these things are wrong? - if there is no more moral Law? - if it was done away with at the cross? What is your basis for being all upset by such things? After all, aren't we all under grace and therefore free of the requirements of the Law?

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: Really? What isn't properly covered by the Ten Commandments? - as far as a minimum standard of right thought and action?

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman How come the moral laws outside of the Ten Commandments are no longer in effect?

Did the cross change them into ceremonial laws?

Is bestiality, Homosexual behavior, sodomy and wife beating merely ceremonial laws?

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Is the Bible lying when it places Homosexual behavior, sodomy and wife beating outside of the Ten Commandments?

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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) You do not have any need for the law, if you are led by the Spirit. Would He lead you to commit unloving acts like murder, theft, or adultery? Um, NO!!!

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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) Why are you so devoted to the law when you could be born again, and stop making the law your priority?? I never give the law a momentary thought, NOT EVER!!! I never think about the law or worry about how I am measuring up. NOT EVER!!!

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Let me repeat myself since you are lying again.

The Law of the New Covenant for those Born Again is the Holy Spirit.

Since you have not been born again and are an unconverted pagan with urges to violently murder - like so many Adventists in Rwanda discovered - then the law DOES apply to you:

1 Timothy 1:

"...the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine."

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Since the Ten Commandments obviously was powerless to stop Adventists from hacking 4,000 other Adventists to death in Rwanda with Machetes; and since you have declared that only the 10 Commandments quenches your overwhelming urges to commit murder, forcible rape and sodomy, and armed robbery; Could you do the rest of us a small favor?

Go to the local police station and report your urges? The Ten Commandments didn't work so well in Rwanda for the Adventists there:

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[Rwandan Pastor and His Son Are Convicted of Genocide](#)

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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) Here again (directly from scripture) is a list of those for whom the law is intended. Tell me where you find yourself in the list here, Sean.

1 Tim. 1:8-11

8 But we know that the law is good, provided one uses it legitimately. 9 We know that the law is not meant for a righteous person, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinful, for the unholy and irreverent, for those who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 10 for the sexually immoral and homosexuals, for kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and for whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching 11 based on the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventists boast and gloat about being Commandment keepers.

Their history should horrify them.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventists gleefully repealed the Sabbath and actively supported Adolph Hitler's holocaust.

I'm not feeling good at all about your ability to keep the Ten Commandments:

<http://www.history.ucsb.edu/.../Prosem.../corrieschroder.htm>

[Corrie Schroder](#)

In conclusion, the German Adventists connected the Adventist denomination to the German state, which went against their belief of separation of church and state. They did this by allowing the Nazi government to take over the Adventists welfare program and dictating the policy. The Adventists were su...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Adventists disfellowshipped other Adventists who refused to kill on Saturday during World War 1.

I am not feeling good at ALL about your Ten Commandments-keeping prowess:

https://en.wikipedia.org/.../Seventh_Day_Adventist_Reform...



[Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement - Wikipedia](#)

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman You DID know that the 4,000 Adventists that were hacked to death with machetes by other Adventists in just a few weeks; roughly equaled the death toll of 500 YEARS of the Spanish Inquisition?

ROTFLOL!!! And then you have the gall to lie about the Catholic Church as being "lawless!" But I guess Adventists genocidal murderers put down their bloody machetes and took Saturday off from the slaughter. I'll give them credit for only murdering SIX days a week.

Funny though. The Spanish Inquisition was only in session five days a week. Hmm.

"García Cárcel estimates that the total number processed by the Inquisition throughout its history was approximately 150,000; applying the percentages of executions that appeared in the trials of 1560–1700—about 2%—the approximate total would be about 3,000 put to death. Nevertheless, it is likely that the toll was higher, keeping in mind the data provided by Dedieu and García Cárcel for the tribunals of Toledo and Valencia, respectively. It is likely that between 3,000 and 5,000 were executed."

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. The "Spanish Inquisition" may be defined broadly, operating "in Spain and in all Spanish...

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Sean D. Pitman The fact is that none of you have a problem with nine of the Ten Commandments. You only seem to have a problem with one of the 10 commandments....

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Larry Truelove Sean D. Pitman

I can't speak for other people but I'm not committed to 9 of the 10. I'm committed to the new covenant.

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Sandi Haynes Amen!

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Sean D. Pitman I don't understand you then. You seem to accept that it is still wrong to murder or to commit adultery. I don't see anybody arguing otherwise in such discussions like this one. However every time such discussions are brought up only one of the 10 commandments is presented as being no longer binding. All the other ones are still binding even according to you guys.

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Larry Truelove Sean D. Pitman
Is murder acceptable under the new covenant?

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Sean D. Pitman Why do you think murder is wrong? What is the definition of "sin" - according to the "New Covenant"?

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Do you think sodomy, bestiality, pornography and drug dealing are wrong?

They aren't mentioned in the Ten Commandments. Was it occur to do them after the Crucifixion and Resurrection? Adventists LOVE the fact that pornography is not prohibited by the Ten Commandments. They even link to porn sites to defend the fact that the 10 Commandments allow pornography!



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman You DID know that murder is specifically prohibited in Genesis 9, in the covenant of Noah? How long do you think Adventists will continue to lie that murder would be okay without the Ten Commandments?

But even the Ten Commandments cannot stop Adventists from murdering other Adventists, as they did in the Rwanda Genocide:

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman These bloodsoaked Adventist murderers took Saturday off from the murderous slaughter of 4,000 of their fellow Adventists!

This was directed by the Adventist officials in the country:

"The Rev. Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 78, the former head of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in western Rwanda, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for aiding and abetting genocide. His son, Dr. Gérard Ntakirutimana, 45, who worked at the church's hospital, received a total sentence of 25 years for the same charges and for shooting two people to death.

With the verdict, Mr. Ntakirutimana became the first clergyman to be convicted of genocide by an international tribunal."

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Larry Truelove Sean D. Pitman

Of course murder is wrong. It violates Christ's command to love one's neighbor.

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: Exactly - as does a violation of every one of the other of the Ten Commandments!

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: Your point? Is it really a surprise to you that some who carry the title of "Adventist" aren't really acting very Christian? What does that have to do with your claim that Jesus got rid of the Moral Law?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) What about bestiality, homosexual behavior, sodomy and wife beating?

Is that why Adventists favor the 10 Commandments only? Since they love pornography?



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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) In actual practice, the 10 Commandments did not stop Adventists from butchering 4,000 other Adventists with machetes.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): The Ten Commandments don't stop anyone from breaking them. That doesn't mean that they're wrong or that breaking them isn't sinful. Only the love of God can actually help someone truly keep the Ten Commandments and have true love for one's neighbor. The Ten Commandments themselves cannot save you or me. They can only tell us that we need a Savior.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Maybe that is why 2 Corinthians 3 called them the "Ministry of Death written on Stone."

The Adventists genocidal murderers in Rwanda PROVED that!

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, remember that the Ten Commandments also speak to motive. There are many ways that I can covet something that isn't mine....

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Love of God "helps someone truly keep the Ten Commandments?"

Do you have a proof-text that says that?

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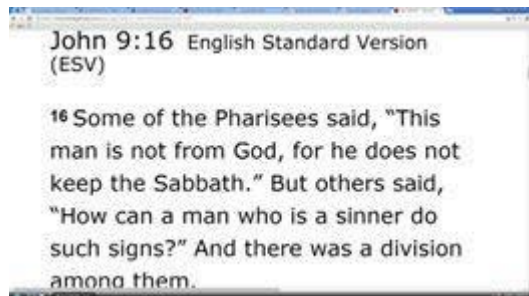
[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying that the Ten Commandments speak to motive. If that were true, there would have been no need of the Sermon on the Mount, to spell out motive as a sin.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Your argument that Jesus was a sinner if he broke the Sabbath was stolen directly from the Pharisees!

Adventism's most-popular argument against the Divinity of Christ and in favor of Saturday as the Savior was stolen directly from Jesus's enemies!



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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Just because the Ten Commandments speak to motive (i.e., do not covet - which is a motive) doesn't mean that such evil motives don't need to be pointed out yet again by Jesus. Also, as far as God's love helping us overcome our evil motives, consider 2 Corinthians 5:14.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) you are lying about the Ten Commandments speaking to motive.

They do no such a thing.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The man who picked up sticks on the Sabbath had a GOOD motive. He was trying to keep his family warm, and to cook food.

Nevertheless, God COMMANDED that he be killed. Adventists STRONGLY-reject and defy God's commandment to put Sabbath Breakers to death.

In John 5, Jesus was forcibly-confronted with the Death Penalty for Sabbath Breaking.

He never said anything about it ceasing to exist. Nor did he say at any other time that it had ceased to exist.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventists are simply dishonest and ridiculous clowns, the way they try to evade the mandatory Death Penalty that God COMMANDED for Saturday violations:

One day, at an Adventist Church that endorses Numbers 15:32-36....



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Deborah Owen David Sean is so fixated on just a list of 10 laws out of the 613 laws that he has lost all reason to logic. Everything that refutes day keeping of any sort as no longer being in effect for the church is dismissed or twisted around to say otherwise. He never answered my question as to why Christ Himself did not even mention the word - sabbath - in the Sermon on the Mount. Adventist like to use the Sermon on the Mount and then say, "well he mentioned all the other laws." Yeah, he did and he made them impossible to keep. Regardless He did not even mention the word sabbath or any other time frame to be "kept."

Why in Acts 15 did the apostles not mention Sabbath as something to be considered to give to the church? Why-why-why? If one's salvation hangs on a particular day to "keep" I am pretty sure Christ would have made it abundantly clear to the point that NO One would be able to refute it. But Christ is completely silent on day keeping of any sort and there is plenty of verses that do indeed, for the church, the bride of Christ tell you there is no particular day to "keep".

There is a change of priesthood and a change of law - which law the commands of Christ. Heb 7:12. The laws of Christ are scattered all over the NT and yet as a born again Christian while I have read them and know them they are not stuck on a wall somewhere to read over for there is no need. I am led by the Holy Spirit. It is hard for one not born of the spirit to understand spirit. Prior to the cross only certain people were born and led of the spirit for the spirit had not come until the day of Pentecost on the first day of the week or sometimes called the eighth day. Ellen killed the idea of a spirit component of a man with the whole spirit equals O2 idea but she needed to do that to enforce the whole IJ stupidity down the throats of her little flock and onward down to the SDA religion of today. But still in the midst of all the darkness that was infused into me as an Adventist, I wanted to know God completely and fully and until Sean hits that point in life he will continue on in the Ellenism. But Sean here you sit on a great cliff, are you going to jump and let Christ catch you and teach you or will you continue on in the Ellenism brought to you by the SDA religion. Think about it - We all have given you solid scripture in this huge thread. While you have given us Ellen and out of context understanding of verses, piece meal of the bible to set up a story line which is brought to you by Ellen/SDA.

What are you going to do -

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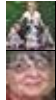


Larry Dean I reject absolutely the Ten Commandments. They are called "the Ministry of Death written on Stone" in 2 Corinthians 3.

They are contrasted SHARPLY with the Spirit, which is the Law of the New Covenant," prophesied by Jeremiah and which would be "Written on the Heart."

As Adventists frequently point out, The 10C were Written on Stone, not the heart.

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Margie Littell No, Sean, nobody has forgotten the 4th commandment.

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Sean D. Pitman I'm confused. How can you be remembering the fourth Commandment if you don't keep it?

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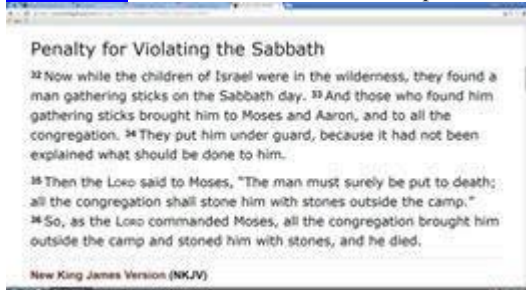


Margie Littell Okay, let me ask you...do you keep the 30 commandments God specified how to keep the 4th commandment? If you don't...you are not keeping the Sabbath or the 4th commandment...Sean.

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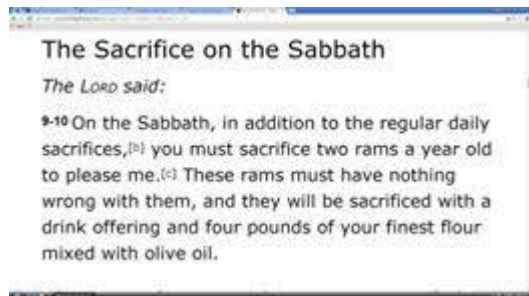
Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You don't keep it either, nor do you have any intention of keeping it.



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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You don't even bother trying to find out the correct day that Sabbath falls on:

[http://www.4angelspublications.com/.../Lunar Sabbath SDA...](http://www.4angelspublications.com/.../Lunar_Sabbath_SDA...)



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Sean D. Pitman The record of which day is the 7th has been unbroken throughout history. And, yes, I do keep the Sabbath as I think it was intended to be kept. The rules on how to keep the day Holy before God are up to you. The fact is, however, that the Moral Law of God clearly states that you are to keep the day Holy before God - just as you are to not commit adultery, not murder, honor father and mother, etc...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Where can I find this record of which day is the 7th Day throughout history?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) So bestiality, pornography and homosexual behavior are not moral laws, since they are not in the Ten Commandments?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying about the record of the 7th Day being unbroken throughout history. For one thing, 500 million Europeans have rejected Pope Gregory's calendar which puts Saturday as the 7th Day of the Week.

Europeans have rejected Papal Control. Here is their Calendar. You are simply lying about the 7th day of the week being unbroken throughout history:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_week_date



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Deborah Owen David Oh dear, let me just face bang my head on the desk a little bit at this comment, "The record of which day is the 7th has been unbroken throughout history. And, yes, I do keep the Sabbath as I think it was intended to be kept. The rules on how to keep the day Holy before God are up to you."

The record of an unbroken 7th day is an Ellenism. (my spell check wants to make this word Hellenism). Sean, that is where that thought comes from, it is NOT scriptural but it is Ellen/SDA.

And "rules on how to keep the day Holy before God are up to you" Now that is a new one by me. You may be the first Adventist to have said that. Why not even your Ellen put forth such she did, however, add a whole slew of rules for Sabbath but threw out the one given by God when she took the Catholic position of the LAW being split into two parts.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman "rules on how to keep the day Holy before God are up to you"

Do you have a proof-text that supports this?

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Joanne Hoyt Ault The fact is, Sean, that once we are born again into Christ, we no longer need to give a moment's thought to any part of the law. I certainly DON'T!! Born-again believers in Christ have been made a NEW creation with a NEW heart that is filled with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The law WAS (past tense) our guardian UNTIL... But now, the Holy Spirit has that job in our lives, and He does it flawlessly!!!

Gal. 3:23-26

23 Before this faith came, we were confined under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed. 24 The law, then, was our guardian[r] until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith. 25 But since that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

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Sean D. Pitman Yes! But the Spirit teaches you and gives you power to obey the 10 commandments. The Spirit never goes against God's Own Commandments.... or suggests that they are no longer important or that they no longer represent the love of God. Clearly you yourself still believe that it is important not to murder or not to commit adultery. Or am I wrong here?

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Joanne Hoyt Ault I believe Jesus told us to LOVE God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and to LOVE others unselfishly as He loves us. THAT is what the Holy Spirit compels us to do once we are born again and filled with His presence. Are murder and adultery unselfish loving acts?

The Bible tells us that if we are led by the Holy Spirit, we are no longer UNDER THE LAW, because we have no further need

for it. The Holy Spirit doesn't need the law as His "script" as He leads us. What is the purpose of the law according to scripture, Sean? Once THAT PURPOSE has been fulfilled in our lives, we no longer have any need for the law as our guardian or tutor.

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Sean D. Pitman The only reason we have "no need for it" is because obeying it is now natural to us. That's it. It doesn't mean that the Law is no longer in force or valid. Again, the Law is eternal. It is the very basis of God's government. Just because you don't think about it anymore and don't need to be constantly reminded of it doesn't mean that it somehow disappears or is no longer valid. It is still a sin to murder because it still violates the basis of the Law - the basis of which is Love. The same thing is true of all of the other Ten Commandments.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** So when were you planning on beheading about 20 or 30 Sabbath-breaking Adventists each week, pursuant to God's Commandment?



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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Jesus was squarely faced with the Death Penalty for violating the Sabbath HERE, but never claimed that it was no longer in effect.

Nor does the New Testament ANYWHERE say that the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations was done away with. You are simply lying about keeping the Sabbath, without applying the mandatory Death Penalty:

John 5

"16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

Jesus Is Equal with God

18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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Deon du Toit For those not delivered from the law, not having died to the law in order to be joined to Christ, it is impossible for them to grasp how they can be guided apart from the law, because they have not faith in the Spirit to lead them by grace, apart from the law, the very Spirit whom Christ has promised to those who believe in Him and what He accomplished in our stead.

Being void of the Spirit, how could they understand such spiritually appraised things, when all they know is the veil that blinds them, a tangible law such as is meant for the carnal that is bound to the works of the flesh.

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Sean D. Pitman So the spirit can teach you outside of what the Bible says to contradict the Ten Commandments?

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Deon du Toit Are you a minister of the 10 commandments?

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Sean D. Pitman I am a preacher of the love of God a love that is reflected within the 10 commandments. The Ten Commandments are simply a written expression of what it means to love one's neighbor and to love God.

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Margie Littell That is true **Deon du Toit** what Sean doesn't understand is that we don't "keep the Ten commandments"...we don't live under the Old Covenant that has to Old commandments.

We live under the New Covenant with Jesus' New commandments.

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Sean D. Pitman Therefore if one is acting contrary to the Ten Commandments one does not actually practicing the love of God even if they believe they are being led by the Holy Spirit.

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Deon du Toit I wonder if Sean D. Pitman understands who that law speaks to & as such is meant for Margie?**Margie Littell**

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Sean D. Pitman Margie. There is simply no new command of Christ that counters any of the Ten Commandments. Jesus was in full support of all of the Ten Commandments has continually fighting as expressions of love to God and our fellow man.

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Margie Littell Sean, there is no love commanded in the Ten Commandments...as Jesus points out in Matt. 22:37-40 when He quotes, word for word, the only place in the Mt Sinai Law that love is commanded: Matt.22:37 = Deut 6:5 and Matt.22:39 =Leviticus 19:18

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Sean D. Pitman The Ten Commandments speak to everyone at all times and all places.

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Margie Littell **Deon du Toit** evidently Sean is living in the Old Covenant with the folks who rejected Jesus, primarily over Sabbath issues.

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Deon du Toit I also wonder if Sean D. Pitman understands the parable of the good Samaritan, and how the law-keeping Levite & priest had not love for their neighbour as required by Jesus?

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Sean D. Pitman There is certainly a love commandment in the Ten Commandments since the entire set of 10 commandments is based on the law of love. it is the written expression of the royal law of love. In fact the Ten Commandments were only needed because people were so unloving toward each other and toward God.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** No...The law was not given to everybody as the RCC has taught for hundreds of years... David brags about that fact in Psalms 147:19-18...and Paul confirms it in Romans 2:14.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** where in those words is love commanded?
I can choose not to kill you and hate you with all my heart.

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Sean D. Pitman The Royal law of love has always been binding since the beginning of time and will always be binding for eternity forward. And since the Ten Commandments are based on the law of Love they will always be binding as well.

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Margie Littell The Royal Law of love is Deut.6:5 and Lev. 19:18...look it up

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Did you know that no Bible until 1560 translated the OT as "Ten Commandments?"

That's because it was a recent invention by Roman Catholic theologians St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas. They made it clear that the idea is founded in "Natural Law" and that the Ten Commandments embodied their idea of "Natural Law." No scriptural basis for it could be found.

The Roman Catholic-only Council of Trent that adopted the Ten Commandments as a doctrine made it clear that there is no biblical or historical basis for the doctrine, since the same council proposed that it was the intrinsic authority of the Papacy that allowed them to adopt such a recent doctrinal innovation. They also condemned "Bible Alone" as a heresy.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) It is not the Ten commandments...as Jesus was careful to point out..

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Deon du Toit The 10 C's speaks specifically to those who have a tendency to hate, and I wonder if Sean D. Pitman understands that much about it, and that those who love as Jesus loved us need not to be told "not to kill", because their hearts are changed to do the opposite already, by grace!

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Sean D. Pitman Not according to Jesus. If you hate me in your heart you are guilty before God as if you had physically murdered me. The same is true for lust. If a man lusts after a woman in his heart he is guilty before God of adultery even if he hasn't committed the physical act.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) Congratulations! You found the New Covenant's commandments in John 13:34-35

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Ther Sermon on the Mount that you quote totally repudiated the Ten Commandments as the moral guide. Jesus made that very clear.

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Deon du Toit It's about the condition of the heart & Who governs it, which is something a law can only reveal.

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Margie Littell Jesus enlarges on these in Matt. 5

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Sean D. Pitman That's quite true Dion. We shouldn't have to be told not to kill. However, if we do desire to harm or kill someone in our hearts we are guilty of breaking the Royal law.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The 10 Commandments did not prohibit either hate or lust.

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Sean D. Pitman The Sermon on the Mount did not repudiate any of the Ten Commandments period on the contrary, The Sermon on the Mount supported the Ten Commandments and explain the deeper underlying basis of the Ten Commandments upon of the royal law of love

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) I don't think you realize what is or how it is or when it was given...the New Covenant. Sadly, Jesus brought the children of Israel this New Covenant...but they rejected it mainly over Sabbath.

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Sean D. Pitman If you read Paul you will see that the Ten Commandments do speak to motive. Paul's notes that he thought of himself as a perfect man until he came to the tenth commandment which told him that he couldn't covet. It was at this point that he knew that he was a sinner before God.

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Deon du Toit Exactly, so do you still desire to do those things the 10 C's prohibits Sean D. Pitman, because I have good news if you do.

I just have to join friends for dinner first.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus flatly-rejected and repudiated the Ten Commandments in His Sermon on the Mount. Many Jews of Jesus's time recognized his intrinsic "authority" over the law, in sharp-contrast to the Teachers of the law and modern-day Adventists:

Matthew 7:

"28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), Jesus restates some of the Ten Commandments: against Murder (verse 21); against Adultery (verse 27); and against bearing False Witness (verse 33). But after he restates each of these commandments, he states HIS contrasting new law by commencing it with the phrase "But I tell you....." (verses 22, 28, and 34).

Every single major translation prefaces verses 22, 28, and 34 with the conjunction "But:"

<http://biblehub.com/matthew/5-22.htm>

<http://biblehub.com/matthew/5-28.htm>

<http://biblehub.com/matthew/5-34.htm>

Jesus's use of the word "But" to separate and distinguish the Old Covenant Ten Commandments from his New Covenant Sermon on the Mount is incredibly noteworthy and powerful, given various dictionary definitions of this conjunction:

"but"

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....

"used to indicate the impossibility of anything other than what is being stated."

.....

except; apart from; other than.

....

an argument against something; an objection."

"An argument AGAINST something.....an objection!"

Assuming that God needs no Public Relations experts to speak for him, Jesus unequivocally-"argued against something."

He clearly-argued AGAINST the Ten Commandments.

Matthew 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of...

But I say to you, That whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whoever shall say, You fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

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Sean D. Pitman We all natural a desire to do the things that the Ten Commandments prohibit. We all naturally have hate and our hearts for our fellow man. It is only by divine power that weekend fulfill the Ten Commandments and live lovingly truly loving toward each other and toward God.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** The Ten Commandments prohibit neither lust nor hatred. Only the Sermon on the Mount does that.

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Deon du Toit If that's your nature still, you need a new nature Sean D. Pitman.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Unconverted Pagans that do not have the Holy Spirit - the "Law of the New Covenant" - desire to do the things prohibited by the Ten Commandments.

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Sean D. Pitman Jesus was not speaking against the Ten Commandments. He was just explaining that the basis of the Ten Commandments go deeper than most people realized before God. If you love each other you will not only keep the Ten Commandments you will not even think bad thoughts in your mind. That is what Jesus was trying to explain. If your motives are pure the actions will also be pure.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Nope. That is refuted by his repeated use of "But I tell you....."

The "But" conjunctive is a clear argument against something.

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Margie Littell In Matt. 5 Jesus repeats these old commandments from the Old Covenant...and changes them...right after the words: BUT I TELL YOU...

Matthew 5:21 = Exodus 20:13

Matthew 5:27 = Exodus 20:14

Matthew 5:31 = Deut. 24:1

Matthew 5:38 = Exodus 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21

Matthew 5:43 = Lev. 19:18

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Sean D. Pitman Everybody has the Holy Spirit speaking to them. Even pagans have a conscience. Everyone is born with the law of God written on their hearts to some degree. Everybody knows naturally that it is wrong to steal or to murder one's neighbor.

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Sean D. Pitman Jesus is not changing the Ten Commandments here. He is just showing and their deeper meaning.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** true...we had sin long before the law was given...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** His divorce statement FLATLY contradicts the Ten Commandments. It was NEVER defined as adultery to remarry. Jesus FLATLY prohibited it.

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Sean D. Pitman He is showing that motive is most important to God.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) That is simply not true that EVERYONE has the Holy Spirit speaking to them.

That's why Adventists insist that only their prophet had it.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus is telling them...good luck trying to keep these commandments...because you have to be "Perfect as your Father in Heaven is Perfect"...Matt. 5:48.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The Ten Commandments did not define adultery in great detail. Jesus showed that if you truly love your spouse you will not do anything to harm them. This is totally in line with the Ten Commandments and just goes deeper to show what God wants as far as motive is concerned.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The rest of the law DID define adultery.

And it NEVER EVER prohibited remarriage like Jesus did. He flatly contradicted the law.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) That's right. It is impossible to keep the Ten Commandments without the power of God. That is because the Ten Commandments involve motive. One cannot control one's own motives outside of the power of the Holy Spirit.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Ten Commandments say NOTHING about motive. You are just making stuff up now.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The Ten Commandments alone were written by the Finger of God. God never contradicts what he himself has written

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Do you have a proof-text that says that God never contradicts what he has written?

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) actually it does...I can see you have not really read the Law...God in the Mt. Sinai Law is very specific regarding the adultery commandment.

God even tells you specifically how to keep the 4th commandment..

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Read the 10th commandment where it talks about coveting your neighbor's possessions. That is all about motive.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Why don't you explain to me how God can contradict what he himself has said. God himself says in the Bible that he does not change. He only fulfills the law. He does not change it.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) so, why are you coveting the Sabbath sign when it was not given to you? God is very specific..Ex.31:13.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) That is NOT how the Covet Commandment was interpreted.

The Jewish Courts had the full and unrestricted authority to interpret and enforce the Mosaic Law in Deuteronomy 17 (which of course, as an Adventist you defiantly disobey).

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The Sabbath was given since the foundation of this world. It was made for mankind not just the Jews.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Yes, God does change his commandments...otherwise you are killing animals in your back yard.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You claim that the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations changed. You claim that Sabbath offerings and sacrifices are no longer in effect.

What do you mean, the law never changes?

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Bible does not teach anybody was given the Sabbath in Genesis...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Then you need to read Paul and how he describes how he knew that he was a sinner when he read the law that he should not covet. Coveting is an internal motive.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Sabbath was given only to the Jews. Exodus 31 and Deuteronomy 5 make that crystal clear. This issue was resolved once and forever when the Apostles ruled in Acts 15 that none of the Mosaic Law applied to Gentile Christians.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Genesis is where the Sabbath is first mention it described as being made for mankind and being made holy.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) yes...notice in Romans 7 how the coveting commandment...increased his coveting, deceived him, and brought him death...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) In Genesis it specifically says that the seventh day is made holy before God.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) So the law that described the Jewish Courts in Deuteronomy 17 was changed?

I thought you said the law never changes?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Coveting does brain death. It is only by the grace of God that we can overcome our natural tendency to covet and truly love our neighbor.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) where are people commanded in Genesis to have a Sabbath? and where are people observing the Sabbath in Genesis...I'd like to read that reference.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) you keep saying theology with no Bible support.

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Larry Dean Sean The Death Penalty for Sabbath violations; the mandatory Sabbath sacrifices and offerings; and the Jewish Courts were all abolished?

I thought you said God's Law never changes?

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Sean D. Pitman What I said is that God's law never changes. They law specifically written by God and given to mankind never changes.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) and we are giving you examples where the Law has changed.

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Sean D. Pitman The Ten Commandments are a moral law period more laws never change. The ceremonial laws are fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman The Bible says that God COMMANDED that Sabbath violations be executed; that the Sabbath offerings and sacrifices are MANDATORY; and that obedience to the Jewish Courts was MANDATORY.

God COMMANDED these things.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) Who allows you to make up your own Sabbath keeping laws? God didn't.

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Margie Littell Keeping all the Sabbaths was MANDATORY.

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Sean D. Pitman Moral laws never ever change. It has never been and will never be okay to murder or to commit adultery.

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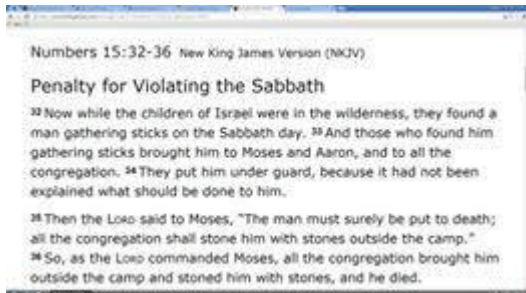
Sean D. Pitman Ceremonial Sabbath's and other ceremonial cleansing laws are in an entire different category.

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Larry Dean Are you saying that God did not command the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations? Was the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations an immoral law? Is that why it changes?

Look at verse 36:



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) I think you guys recognize the validity of internal moral laws. Your only problem seems to be with one of the Ten Commandments the Sabbath

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[Margie Littell](#) Keeping ALL the Mt Sinai's Law was MANDATORY

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) During the time of Israel there's also a death penalty for adultery. However Jesus said that the woman who committed adultery was forgiven and the death penalty was not applied to her. However, he did say that she deserved death and that she should go and sin no more.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Our problem is that you have cherry-picked Ten Commandments out of the 613 without any authority whatsoever to do so.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) No, you are the one who is chopping up this Law into parts you agree with...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus himself took upon himself the death penalty for us all. That does not mean that the moral law itself has been done away with

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Show me where Jesus said the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations changed. Or Paul.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) I agree with all of the Ten Commandments. I'm not chopping them up at all. I think they are all binding

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Deuteronomy 4:2

2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep all the commandments of the Lord your God that I give you.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Was it immoral to obey God's commandment to put Sabbath violators to death?

Why didn't Jesus say the death penalty was over when the Jews tried to kill him in John 5 for his Sabbath violation?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The death penalty never changes for a violation of the moral law. It is just that Jesus took the death penalty for us. The moral law itself remains binding because Jesus Took the death penalty.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Where does it say that you only need to keep the Ten Commandments?

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) 37 “Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them. I am the Lord.”

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** That sounds like the law changed. You said before that God's law never changes.

He COMMANDED the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations. That changed, didn't it?

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Sean D. Pitman You need to keep it lower Royal law according to the New Testament. And the Ten Commandments are the written expression of the royal law in the Old Testament. It's all about love. If you break the law of love you deserve the death penalty.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** when did God change His mind?

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Sean D. Pitman God never changed his mind.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** So the Royal Law changed the Death Penalty and the mandatory Sabbath offerings and sacrifices?
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Where does it say that?

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Margie Littell Royal Law= Deut.6:5 and Lev. 19:18 according to Jesus.

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Sean D. Pitman It was about love in the Old Testament and it was about love in the New Testament

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Joanne Hoyt Ault **Sean**, in fact Jesus BROADENED His requirements far beyond that which is required in the ten commandments. Alone in and of themselves, the Ten are extremely weak and INCOMPLETE. There is MUCH wrongdoing that is left uncovered by the Ten. We will list a few for you, if you like.

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Margie Littell You mean the "ministry of death written on stone"? (2 Cor 3)

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Yes, **Margie**! Who would want THAT written on their hearts, right??

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Why didn't Jesus say the Death Penalty was over for Sabbath violations here? You claim that he did away with the Death Penalty for Adultery.

Why didn't he say something about the Sabbath Death Penalty here?

"16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him,[c] because He had done these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. 19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

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Sean D. Pitman No penalties are mentioned within the Ten Commandments itself. However the Bible is quite clear that whoever breaks the law of God the moral law of God and deserves death. That is why Adam and Eve we're told that they would die the same day that they ate the forbidden fruit. And they would have died that same day if Jesus had not stepped in and taken the penalty for them. Jesus Took the penalty Eternal death for Adam and Eve and for the rest of us.

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Sean D. Pitman Just answer one simple question period is it okay to murder? Now that you live under grace?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) So Jesus's Death Changed the Law?

It did away with the Death Penalty that God COMMANDED?

Why didn't Jesus say so HERE?

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Sean D. Pitman Again you are all hung up about just one of the Ten Commandments. it's all about the Sabbath for you guys. Jesus was simply teaching that the Sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath. You wish showing people how to properly keep the Sabbath holy.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Is it okay to commit bestiality, sodomy and homosexual behavior?

Those aren't mentioned in the Ten Commandments. IN fact, I think Adventists LOVE the Ten Commandments, which are silent on pornography. Here, an Adventist troll advocated the Ten Commandments with a link to a porn site:



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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Actually, it is YOU that is hung up on the Sabbath.

Your cult has CLEARLY made Saturday its Savior:



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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Who gave you permission to spit the law? This RCC? God did not divide the law into "ceremonial law"[Law of Moses] and "moral law." [Law of God].

Man did. It is a traditions of men started by Origen Adamantius around 200 AD. Jerome (the author of the Latin Vulgate - the Roman Catholic Bible for hundreds of years) followed his error. It was adopted as Canon law by the Roman Catholic Church.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Speaking of which, did you know that the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists has issued regulations that prohibit ALL of Jesus's Sabbath healings in an Adventists Hospital on a Saturday?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The whole Ten Commandments scam was an invention by the Roman Catholic-only Council of Trent, that it adopted to fight the Protestant Reformation. Don't you think it is time that you admitted where Adventism stole this idea?

"2068 The Council of Trent teaches that the Ten Commandments are obligatory for Christians and that the justified man is still bound to keep them;28 the Second Vatican Council confirms: "The bishops, successors of the apostles, receive from the Lord . . . the mission of teaching all peoples, and of preaching the Gospel to every creature, so that all men may attain salvation through faith, Baptism and the observance of the Commandments."

http://www.vatican.va/.../ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2.htm

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2052 "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answers first by invoking the necessity to recognize God as the "One there is who is good," as the supreme Good and the source of all good. Then Jesus tells him: "If you would enter life,..."

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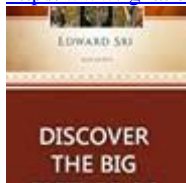
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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Isn't it about time for Adventists to give credit where credit is due? I mean, the Council of Trent and the Jesuit emphasis on the Ten Commandments predates Adventism by 300 years!

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) why don't you keep the 30 commandments how to keep the Sabbath holy...Jesus said not one "jot or tittle" of this law has passed away.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Original Hebrew does not SAY "Ten Commandments," nor would Jesus and Paul have dreamed of saying such a thing. The Law has 613 Commandments, that are arranged in the Ten Categories:

"But what about the so-called "Ten Commandments," the words recorded in Exodus 20, the words that the Creator Himself wrote on the two stone tablets that Moses brought down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 31:18), which Moses smashed upon seeing the idolatry of the golden calf (Ex. 32:19)? In the Torah, these words are never referred to as the Ten Commandments. In the Torah, they are called Aseret ha-D'varim (Ex. 34:28, Deut. 4:13 and Deut. 10:4). In rabbinical texts, they are referred to as Aseret ha-Dibrot. The words d'varim and dibrot come from the Hebrew root Dalet-Beit-Reish, meaning word, speak or thing; thus, the phrase is accurately translated as the Ten Sayings, the Ten Statements, the Ten Declarations, the Ten Words or even the Ten Things, but not as the Ten Commandments, which would be Aseret ha-Mitzvot."

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) I agree yes, The SABBATHS ARE A SPECIAL SIGN:

(Exodus 31:13-14 "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.')

GIVEN ONLY TO A SPECIAL GROUP OF PEOPLE:

(Psalms 147:19-20 He has revealed His word to Jacob,
His laws and decrees to Israel.
20 He has done this for no other nation;
they do not know his laws).

FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE:

(Deut.5:15-16 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.)

HOW WILL THIS GREAT GOD TREAT FOLKS WHO DO NOT BELONG TO THIS SPECIAL GROUP who have coveted a special sign, and have stolen for themselves?

HE LOOKS AT THEM WITH A GREAT DEAL OF LOVE: and says, Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

DO THEY ANSWER? "No thanks, I'd rather have your shadow. (Col.2:16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.)"

Think about it.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The 1560 Geneva Bible was the first Bible that mis-translated it as "Ten Commandments:"

"In biblical Hebrew, the Ten Commandments are called הדברים עשרת (transliterated aseret ha-d'varim) and in Rabbinical Hebrew הדברות עשרת (transliterated asereth ha-dibrot), both translatable as "the ten words", "the ten sayings" or "the ten matters". The Tyndale and Coverdale English translations used "ten verses". The Geneva Bible used "tenne commandements"

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Deon du Toit I guess the truth became a bit overwhelming for one who desires to judge us on the basis of an old covenant & its law of which we are not servants, by the very testimony of Jesus, being the Word himself.

Unable to understand spiritually appraised things, such would then ask if we are free to sin apart from the law, seeing that guidance by the Spirit, apart from the law is an alien thought to them.

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Larry Dean **Deon du Toit** Yep. Apparently God was trying to tell us something:

- 49 days after the first Passover, Moses went up onto the Mount and received the Tablets of Stone. The holiday celebrating it was the "Feast of Weeks," or Shavuot.

- 49 days after the Resurrection (which occurred at Passover), the Apostles were gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks, when the Holy Spirit descended on them. This fulfilled Jeremiah 31:33's prophecy of a "Law written on the heart." The Holy Spirit is the Law of the New Covenant.

You must choose between the Ten Commandments and the Holy Spirit.

Choose wisely.

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Deon du Toit We know very well that all sabbaths were a shadow of the substance in Christ, who as Lord of all sabbaths invites us to come to Him so that we may enter the sabbath-rest that remains through faith.

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Larry Dean **Deon du Toit** 2 Corinthians 3:7 calls the Ten Commandments "The Ministry of Death Written on Stone."

I don't know about you, but that does not sound good to me.

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Deon du Toit I agree **Larry Dean**, and we are told in the clearest words that we are not servants of those letters engraved on stones, which makes me wonder why Sean D. Pitman would attempt to minister it to us.

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Larry Dean **Deon du Toit** Its fun to judge Adventists based on the Old Covenant, which they deceptively claim that they "keep."

It is very very clear that the Commandment for the Sabbath Death Penalty and Sabbath offerings and sacrifices came straight out of the Mouth of God. The idea that what was written by God's finger is eternal, but what comes out of his mouth ISNT is just a laughably-implausible and ridiculous argument! ALL of the Seven days of Creation featured God SPEAKING things into existence. He didn't use his finger to create: He used his MOUTH. The Sabbath Death Penalty and the Sabbath offerings and sacrifices came out of his MOUTH, the same way the 7 days of creation did! So because the things created on the 7 days of creation were SPOKEN means that they aren't permanent? ROTFLOL!!!

When Jesus was presented squarely with the Sabbath Death Penalty in John 5, he said NOTHING about its abolition. NOTHING!

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Deon du Toit What is sad **Larry Dean** is that they don't realize their error, even when shown directly from Scripture, which makes it obvious that they are following something other than the pure Word of God.

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[Larry Dean Deon du Toit](#) Adventists argue that the laws of God written with his finger are eternal, but NOT the laws that he spoke. God SPOKE when he COMMANDED the MANDATORY Death Penalty for Sabbath Violations and SPOKE when he COMMANDED the MANDATORY Sabbath offerings and sacrifices. Adventists ridiculously claim a "distinction" between the Commandments that God SPOKE (they are temporary), versus the ones he WROTE with his finger (this makes the laws permanent). This is how Adventists think they can excuse their non-compliance with the the mandatory Sabbath Death Penalty and the mandatory Sabbath offerings and sacrifices. The Law written with his finger is eternal and never changes. But the Law that he spoke is temporary.

Adventists better HOPE and PRAY that their silly proposed distinction is not true, because in Genesis 1:

"3 Then God SAID, "Let there be light" (I am hoping and praying that the Sun will continue to shine, and it wasn't just temporary because it was merely spoken into existence and because it wasn't created with God's Finger.)

6 Then God SAID, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters." (I am hoping and praying that the ocean is permanent, and it wasn't just temporary because it was merely spoken into existence, and because it wasn't created with God's Finger.)

9 Then God SAID, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear" (I am hoping and praying that the ocean is permanent, and it wasn't just temporary because it was merely spoken into existence, and because it wasn't created with God's Finger.)

11 Then God SAID, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth" (I am hoping and praying that the plants are permanent, and they weren't just temporary because they were merely spoken into existence, and because it wasn't created with God's Finger.)

14 Then God SAID, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth" (I am hoping and praying that the heavenly lights are permanent, and they weren't just temporary because they were merely spoken into existence, and because it wasn't created with God's Finger.)

20 Then God SAID, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." (I am hoping and praying that the fish in the waters are permanent, and they weren't just temporary because they were merely spoken into existence, and because they weren't created with God's Finger.)

24 Then God SAID, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind" (I am hoping and praying that the animals are permanent, and they weren't just temporary because they were merely spoken into existence, and because they weren't created with God's Finger.)

26 Then God SAID, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[b] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (I am hoping and praying that humans are permanent, and they weren't just temporary because they were merely spoken into existence, and because they weren't created with God's Finger.)

29 And God SAID, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food" (I am hoping and praying that the plants are permanent, and they weren't just temporary because they were merely spoken into existence, and because they weren't created with God's Finger.)

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) This is not true of the Sabbath of the Ten Commandments, which wasn't a shadow of something to come, but a memorial of Creation - the creative power of God. The fact that the 7th-day Sabbath is included right in the middle of a set of moral laws, laws which are unchangeable and eternal should give you a very good clue to its own eternal unchangeable nature (plus the fact that it is the only one that is prefaced with the word, "Remember").

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) God Spoke the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations and he SPOKE the mandatory Sabbath offerings and sacrifices.

You are simply lying about a Sabbath in Genesis. It never happened.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Were you going to teach us the context for the Ten Commandments, that was included in the original Catholic Catechism? Or were you just going to proof-text it like everything else Adventists have plagiarized?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying about the 7th Day weekly Sabbath being ONLY a memorial of creation.

Both Exodus 31 and Deuteronomy 5 are crystal clear: It is a memorial of the Hebrew Slave's deliverance from Egyptian Bondage.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Genesis 9 spells out Noah's covenant in detail with its special sign: The Rainbow. Genesis 17 spells out Abraham's covenant in detail with its special sign: Circumcision.

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- Isaac - was given his 10 commandments written by God's finger on Stone Tablets
- Jacob - - Noah was given his 10 commandments written by God's finger on Stone Tablets
- Anyone between Jacob and Moses - were given their 10 commandments written by God's finger on Stone Tablets
- And if Moses was keeping the Sabbath and the Ten Commandments before Sinai, - when HE was given his 10 commandments written by God's finger on Stone Tablets before Sinai

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Traditionally, Adventists teach that God lies a lot: God lied to William Miller about the numbers. Jesus lied in John 5 when he admitted he was working on the Sabbath. John lied that this was Sabbath Breaking.

Was God lying when he spoke the Death Penalty Commandment into existence? Was God lying when he spoke the Sabbath offerings and sacrifices into existence?

Since he spoke them rather than wrote them with his finger, does that mean he was lying?

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** When do you think your cult is going to come clean about the fact that Saturday is NOT the Sabbath of the Bible?

These scumbags have known that Saturday is not the Sabbath for a long long time. Don't you think it is about time that they stopped lying about it?

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Sean D. Pitman The 7-day Sabbath was a memorial of creation long before it also became a memorial of deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Again, even you would be against the argument that murder or adultery are now Ok. You only have this problem with one of the Ten Commandments. This has nothing to do with the Catholics or Jesuits. You're just being inconsistent in your thinking...

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- And if Moses was keeping the Sabbath and the Ten Commandments before Sinai, - when HE was given his 10 commandments written by God's finger on Stone Tablets before Sinai. Do you have a proof-text when he kept the Sabbath, were told to keep the Sabbath or were told HOW to keep the Sabbath?

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Is sodomy, drug dealing, homosexual behavior, bestiality and pornography okay, because they are not mentioned in the Ten Commandments?

Apparently so, since Adventists link to porn sites as a bonus for Ten Commandments keeping:



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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) I absolutely reject the Ten Commandments in their entirety. They were the "Ministry of Death written on Stone" that were nailed to the cross.

You are simply bald-faced lying through your teeth when you claim "You only have this problem with one of the Ten Commandments."

They are the "Ministry of Death written on Stone." I have a problem with ALL of them. Not just one.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) But then as an Adventist, you know your place and know that the law DOES apply to unconverted pagans such as yourself:

1 Timothy 1

"...the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine..."

Since you have never been born again and received the Holy Spirit - which is the law of the new covenant - then definitely the law does apply to you.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Since you think that the Ten Commandments is the only thing standing between yourself and your uncontrollable urges to murder and commit adultery.....

Could you do us all a favor in the interest of public safety and report yourself to the local police station?

You must think you have SOME duty to protect the rest of us from your urges to rape and murder.

Assuming of course you have no interest in becoming Born Again and receiving the Holy Spirit.

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[Deborah Owen David](#) The law throws one to the ground in front of the cross and one's soul cries out - I am unworthy and I CANNOT DO IT. I AM UNABLE TO KEEP THAT LAW, ANY OF IT, ALL OF IT. I FAIL OVER AND OVER AND OVER

AGAIN. But you, Oh God have completed the law for me and I humble myself before you in complete awe that you have done and given all to me and now cover me with your Holy Spirit and make me alive in you that can now be led by your completely. I am dead to the law but alive in Christ Jesus. The law was to lead to Christ. The law is a physical act of doing. The born again believer is led by the Spirit and does not need a physical set of rules.

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Deborah Owen David And Adventist's simply cannot understand - born again - because they have been taught that man has no spirit so what possibly can be - born again - for SDA's consider the spirit of man is only O2.

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Sean D. Pitman **Deborah**: Where did you ever get the idea that SDAs teach that humans have no spirit? That's simply not true. SDAs do in fact teach that everyone needs to be born again. This is a basic teaching of Christ. Without being born into the Spirit, without the power of God working in one's life, it is impossible to keep from sinning - it is impossible to truly keep the moral Law or the Royal Law of Love. That is what Adventist teach.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying that Adventists teach that humans have a Spirit that is immortal and separate as the Bible teaches.

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Deborah Owen David Spirit to an Adventist is - O2, it is what God breathed into Adam, life - O2 as Adventists per Ellen taught it. And that is the spirit which Adventists are taught, it was what I was taught when an Adventist.

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Sandi Haynes That is absolutely not true! No where in my 63 yrs of studying Adventism do Adventist teach that you are born again. The term is NEVER used!

So are you saying you are saved, **Sean D. Pitman**? A born again believer is saved!!! **Larry Dean**

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Nancy Paige Deborah, I think you mean O2.

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Nancy Paige Sean D. Pitman, so you have never heard of soul sleep? Soul sleep requires a belief that humans do not have a spirit.

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Sean D. Pitman **Sandi Haynes** Never used? I'm not sure what you were studying during your 63 years as an Adventist, because the term "born again" is used quite commonly in Adventist teachings and writings. After all, it is even part of the 28 "Fundamental Beliefs" of the Adventist Church.

FB#10 states: "Through the Spirit we are born again and sanctified; the Spirit renews our minds, writes God's law of love in our hearts, and we are given the power to live a holy life. Abiding in Him we become partakers of the divine nature and have the assurance of salvation now and in the judgment."

<https://www.adventist.org/.../the-experience-of-salvation/>

And, this isn't some new Adventist position. It's been around since the founding of the SDA Church. Mrs. White used the term in her writings some 647 times. Here she writes about the fundamental importance of being a born again Christian:

"The lesson which Christ gave to Nicodemus is important to every teacher, to every Sabbath-school worker, to every youth and child. It is certainly important that we become acquainted with the reasons of our faith, but the most important knowledge to be gained is the experimental knowledge of what it means to be born again... Are there not those who hold responsible positions in the Sabbath-school who would be irritated and annoyed if I should testify to them that, though they are rulers in Israel, they too need to be born again?" - EGW, TSS, p. 71

So yes, I do consider myself to be a born against Christian who is, by the amazing grace and abundant mercy of God, in a saving relationship with Him.

[The Experience of Salvation :: The Official Site of the Seventh-day...](#)

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Sean D. Pitman [Nancy Paige](#) The concept of "soul sleep" does not mean that humans have no "spirit". It just means that the soul of a human being is not immortal. Souls can die. And, according to the Bible, they do die - some for eternity.

Tell me, was your soul alive before you were born? Or, did it have a beginning to its existence? Do you have a memory of eternity past? So, if your spirit or soul had a beginning, don't you think it can have an end too? Or, do you not believe that God is powerful enough both to create and destroy living spirits? Is God forced to make immortal spirits or souls? Or, if He so chooses, is He not capable of bringing an end to the existence of a soul?

The concept that the wicked (humans and angels) will spend eternity in the torments of Hell Fire is something that just isn't Biblical - nor is it just. It paints God as being monstrous and completely unjust in His dealings. It is far more consistent with a loving God to simply remove from existence those who would not be happy in heaven rather than to torment them endlessly for time eternal for the sins committed during a short life here on Earth...

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Deborah Owen David "Born again" meaning to an Adventist has a different meaning and interpretation than "born again" does to a Christian.

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Deborah Owen David Adventist and JW's have the death eternal meaning "non-existence" of all the wicked, spirits and humans alike. Christians do not hold that view of the wicked and spirits (satan and his demons) as going into non-existence in hell.

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Nancy Paige Sean D. Pitman, I don't know where you have learned all the false doctrines you come up with. But no matter whether it agrees with SDA's doctrines or not, it is extra biblical. The most telling aspect of your beliefs is that you don't believe God's word.

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Sean D. Pitman [Nancy Paige](#) The Bible is very clear on all of this. It is the Bible that says that the Devil, his angels, and all of his followers will be burned up, turned to ashes on the ground, and "never be any more." (Ezekiel 28 and Malachi 4:3). The Bible also says, "The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing." (Ec 9:5). David and Isaiah both say that the dead cannot praise God (Psalms 115:17 and Isaiah 138:18).

Just think, is being dead less of a sleep than being under general anesthesia? If you've ever experienced general anesthesia, you know what I'm talking about. Long periods of time pass as if in a moment. The same thing happens when you die. Hundreds or thousands of years could pass and it will seem like just a moment of time when you're dead. Your mind is asleep.

Even Jesus called death a type of "sleep" (John 11:11). There is no mention of Lazarus complaining that Jesus had just brought him back from Heaven. Lazarus was simply unconscious of the passage of time.

Beyond this, how do you justify the notion of the eternal torment of the wicked? You think that's really reflective of a loving God? - to torment someone for millions and billions and trillions... etc of years for a life of a few decades? Is that really the loving thing to do? I'm sorry, but this concept, despite its popularity among most Christians, simply isn't Biblical...

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Deborah Owen David Perhaps Sean has some mixture of Ellen, SDAism and a bit of Scripture but it is all mixed up inside him, overlapping and twisted around each other. It has taken me a long time to figure out just what Ellen taught and the SDA religion taught and pull that crap out and find just what Scripture teaches. I am still having things come up which I discover are an Ellenism and not scripture.

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Deborah Owen David The dead know nothing - UNDER THE SUN! for they are no longer part of being under the sun they are no longer on this earth nor in a physical sense.

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Sean D. Pitman [Deborah Owen David](#) And, the dead cannot praise God - anywhere....

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Deborah Owen David The Jews called death - a sleep - because that is what it appears to be in a physical sense.

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Sean D. Pitman [Deborah Owen David](#) Have you ever experienced general anesthesia?

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Sean D. Pitman Are you more alive and aware in death than when you're put under general anesthesia?

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Sean D. Pitman Why did David and Isaiah argue that the dead cannot praise God?

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Sean D. Pitman Why did Jesus Himself say that Lazarus was asleep? - if Lazarus was really alive and well in Heaven?

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Sean D. Pitman And, most importantly, do you really believe that the wicked will suffer eternal torture?

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Deborah Owen David Can't use -general anesthesia as an example Sean, one is not dead when unconscious under anesthesia the spirit is still with the body because the body has not died, you are still very much alive.

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Sean D. Pitman [Deborah Owen David](#) So, when you're dead you are more aware of the passage of time than when you're under general anesthesia?

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Sean D. Pitman When you die, you suddenly wake up?

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Sean D. Pitman The righteous wake up to heaven instantly - even though it can't be all that great still realizing the pain and struggles of your friends and family still struggling on Earth...

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Sean D. Pitman And, of course, the wicked wake up in the torments of Hell? - and experience this torment forever without any end to it? Really? That's how you picture the God of the Bible?

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Deborah Owen David 25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

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Deborah Owen David Do Adventists think that Christ lied when he told the story of the rich man and Lazarus?

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[Deborah Owen David](#) Do you really know what "hell" is? Does anyone really understand what "hell" is? NO, what we have been told is a description but not an understanding.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) **[Deborah Owen David](#)** This story was a parable... a play on a popular myth. Again, you have to take the Bible as a whole without taking select passages out of that context.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) **[Deborah Owen David](#)** A description but not an understanding? So, you understand that the wicked will live forever and ever - in Hell, but you don't really want to say what you think that means?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Most Christians know very well what it means - and millions have left Christianity entirely over this one particular concept. They just can't love a God that would keep people in torment forever...

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[Deborah Owen David](#) I know my God is just and righteous in all He does so it is not for me to worry about the wicked and where they are or what happens to them for eternity. It is not for me at this time to understand this otherwise, God would have made hell more understandable. He gave us just enough so that we know it is a place of utter darkness since He is the light and He is gone from them forever.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) **[Deborah Owen David](#)** How do you know that your God is just and righteous? Based on what? If God does unrighteous and unjust things, would you be willing to call Him on it?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You're fine with whatever God does as long as He is nice to you?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The rest doesn't matter to you?

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[Deborah Owen David](#) I'm sorry they and you cannot love a God that is in full control and since He is GOD can do whatever He wishes and it is for me to just let God be God for I know His judgments are righteous and that is all I need to understand. Scripture says

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[Deborah Owen David](#) So you did not answer my question - Did Christ lie to tell a story of the rich man in hell reaching out to Lazarus or not?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It's not possible for a God to be evil? Why then does the Bible say that God is the one on trial here to see how He will deal with the charges brought against Him by Satan? Why didn't He just deal with Satan right at the beginning rather than let him tempt Adam and Eve?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) And I did answer your question about the parable of Lazarus and the rich man... it was a parable, not reality.

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[Deborah Owen David](#) Maybe you can enlighten us all to where the Bible says that God is on trial?

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Deborah Owen David So according to you Christ lied when he told a story. Lying is okay if it is a parable or a story?

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Sean D. Pitman **Deborah Owen David** Romans 3:4 - "That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

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Nancy Paige I had to block him because of his arrogance.

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Sean D. Pitman God is on trial before the universe to see how He will answer the charges that Satan has brought against Him - that He is in fact an unfair tyrant. That is why God answered by sending Jesus to die on the cross....

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Sean D. Pitman Your view that God will in fact punish the wicked for all eternity in a life of torment does in fact paint God as quite evil indeed....

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Sean D. Pitman **Deborah Owen David** Parables are known by everyone to be fictional. One is not telling a "lie" if one tells a story about talking animals or the like. It's meant to highlight a moral point.

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Sean D. Pitman When Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches" - obviously that wasn't to be taken literally. It's an illustration.

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Sean D. Pitman Anyway, I have to go for now. I'll try to get back with you later if you're still interested in the discussion...

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Deborah Owen David I am fine with God's judgments because I know they are righteous. All have sinned and all have been given and innate understanding that there is God by all His creation. I was blind stupid and dumb and believed a system of heresy called Adventism and I right now, at this time looking back do not believe I was saved when I was an Adventist because I did not understand who Jesus Christ really is nor what the cross was all about.

I know people right now who have all this understanding but literally refuse - refuse to accept that there is GOD let alone Jesus Christ as fully completely GOD. God may very well remove that dark veil or He may not and if not they will be lost. I accept this as God's will, HIS sovereignty and it is not for me to understand the why or question.

Adding works of keeping the law, a law not given to me from the old covenant, as if anything one does can add to their salvation will also be lost because they do not consider that God Jesus Christ took care of everything for them and gave salvation as a complete gift.

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Deborah Owen David I am sorry you think that Christians paint God as evil. I have not met a Christian yet that considers God's sovereignty as something evil for how He judges. I have however met many Adventists who think God is unfair, unjust, mean, cruel, exacting, unloving at times, overbearing, and gives mixed messages. Adventist per their Ellenism believes they can be lost if just one sin goes unrepented of even a sin forgotten may keep them from eternity. I'd say Ellen and Adventists view of God is pretty evil indeed.

Jews have never had the belief that they go into non-existence at death or in the final judgment destroyed utterly into non-existence. I think Adventist have a bit, maybe a lot of the world's view of God as someone who is just too kind to let anyone ever be lost for eternity and maybe even a bit of the belief that "all roads lead to God" that would fit well with the marrying up with Islam that the leaders of Adventism are leaning toward.

My God is wholly just and righteous full of grace and mercy and His ways are not understandable to us in full. It is enough for me to just know God is God and He can do that which He wants, it is just for me to trust and let Him be fully in charge.

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[Deon du Toit](#) Well said [Deborah](#)!

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[Deborah Owen David](#) Sean ya might want to read the full chapter of Romans 3 with a non Ellen/SDA commentary. Even without the commentary there is NOTHING there to support Ellen's lie of God being on trial before the universe and therefore must be vindicated by us humans. In fact i rather think Romans 3 fits quite well with God being righthous and just in His judgements. Ellen thinking God needed us humans to justify HIM is very arrogant and well..blasphemy. So happy that is no longer my view of God.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean](#) so you are still trying to live a saving born again life through mercy by obeying the law??? I'm afraid it's not possible to earn your salvation. I've got good news for you!

“For I through the law died unto the law, that I might live unto God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. I do not make void the grace of God: FOR IF RIGHTEOUSNESS COULD BE GAINED THROUGH THE LAW, then CHRIST DIED FOR NOTHING!

Galatians 2:19-21 ASV

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) BINGO!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Parables are known by everyone to be fictional."

The story of the Rich Man and Lazarus is not fictional.

SHAME SHAME SHAME on you!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) [Deborah Owen David](#) The story of the Rich man and Lazarus is the one and only story that Jesus told that referred to a real, historical person.

That right there refutes the notion that it is "fictional."

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Here is a good summary of why the Rich Man and Lazarus is NOT a "parable:"

"Parables are true-to-life, but hypothetical, illustrative stories.

The names of specific individuals are never given in them, but here the names of three men are given; Lazarus, Abraham, and Moses. Also mentioned are the "prophets" who were also real people. ("Moses and the prophets" is a general term for the whole Old Testament that refers to its human authors).

It does not have the normal form of a parable with an introduction, analogy story, and application. Instead it is in the form of the narration of a real-life story given for the purpose of illustration.

It does not use the principle of comparison in a way that is characteristic of parables.

The discussion between the rich man and Abraham is not consistent with the parabolic style found in the Scriptures. It seems obvious that in relating this particular story when He did, the Lord Jesus was using a real-life account that many of those listening to Him that day could readily relate to it because they actually knew, or at least knew of, the two men involved. The rich man's brothers may have even been in the audience."

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) wrote:

God is on trial before the universe to see how He will answer the charges that Satan has brought against Him - that He is in fact an unfair tyrant. That is why God answered by sending Jesus to die on the cross....

[Larry Dean](#) this disgust me!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) ROTFLOL.....

Omnipotent, sovereign God lets a mere created being put him on trial, does he?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) ".....the charges that Satan has brought against Him - that He is in fact an unfair tyrant."

This is an elaborate Fairy Tale without a stitch of Biblical support.

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[Nancy Paige](#) Sean is a very intelligent guy. He is a pathologist. It has always amazed me that people who are smart enough to make it through medical school, and then go through years of training in a specialty, and who ought to be objective enough to analyze data/scripture, are so dim witted when it comes to EGW and the truth of God's word! It just floors me!

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean](#) is saying that Jesus dying on the cross was for nothing!! Or do you think it was to help you keep the Law? Why did God send His son to die? They were already keeping the law.

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that upon the Gentiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Galatians 3:13-14 ASV

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean](#)

“Ye are severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; ye are fallen away from grace.”

Galatians 5:4 ASV

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“But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law.”

Galatians 5:18 ASV

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#)

“in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”

Ephesians 1:13 ASV

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[Sandi Haynes](#) “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; for he that hath died is justified from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof: neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin,

ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; and being made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members as servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members as servants to righteousness unto sanctification. For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free in regard of righteousness. What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:1-23 ASV

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[Larry Dean Sandi Haynes](#) An honest reading of Acts 15 simply resolves this entire dispute once and forever:

- a). The Pharisees in Antioch wanted to circumcise Gentiles so that they would keep the Law. Since No Circumcision = no law-keeping, including the Sabbath.
- b). The Apostles noted that the Gentiles already HAD the Holy Spirit, even though they didn't keep the law or the Sabbath. The Holy Spirit is repeatedly contrasted with the inferior OT Law throughout the New Testament. Jeremiah 31:33 prophesied a "law written on the heart" which was obviously the Holy Spirit, which descended on the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost.
- c). Conclusion: The Apostles - guided by the brilliant Pharisee lawyer Paul - then arrived at the following reasoned legal conclusion.

NOTE: The Sabbath was not commanded.

"23 They wrote this letter by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"[f] —to whom we gave no such commandment— 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.[g] If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Farewell."

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[Nancy Paige](#) Ninja bible warriors! Good job!

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[Larry Dean Nancy Paige](#) Adventists simply call the Apostles liars.

"28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.[g] If you keep yourselves

from these, you will do well."

Were the Apostles lying when they said the "Holy Spirit" had guided them?

Or were they telling the truth?

NOTE: The Apostles obviously found it significant that the Gentiles already HAD the Holy Spirit, even though they did not keep the law:

"8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,"

The Gentiles had the Holy Spirit just as much as the Apostles did, even though the Gentiles did not keep the law and were not circumcised!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,"

Hmmm....."Heart?" "Holy Spirit?"



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[Nancy Paige](#) But [Larry Dean](#), you are contradicting Doug Batchelor. We know he teaches "truth", right?

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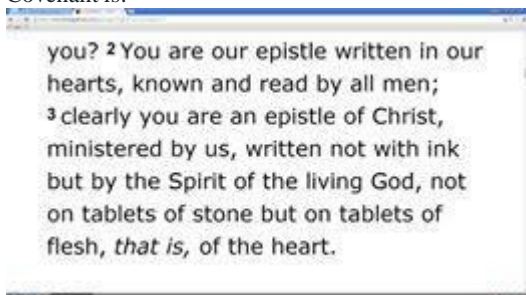


[Sandi Haynes](#) Not!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) In 2 Corinthians 3, Paul the Pharisee Lawyer makes it excruciatingly clear what the "Law of the New Covenant is:"



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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) Hmmmmmm....."Heart" and "Spirit" seem to be getting kind of repetitive.

Maybe Paul thought we were dense. Like a good Lawyer, he drones on and on and on and on and on.....

I used to want to jump up right in the middle of jury trials and strangle prosecuting attorneys that did this:



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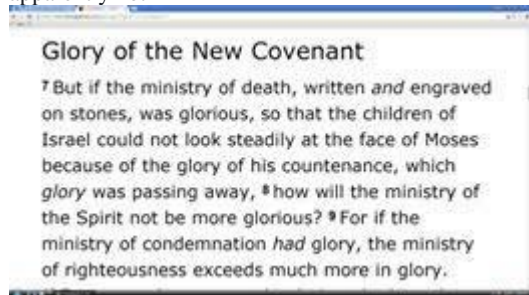
[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) OKAY OKAY OKAY!!!

I got it. You aren't going to make me sit through the same droning boring speech AGAIN, are you?

- a). Spirit = good
- b). Law = bad

Now can you please just shut up?

apparently not



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[Nancy Paige](#) Sean has never believed in Jesus because he is addicted to law.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) Amen!

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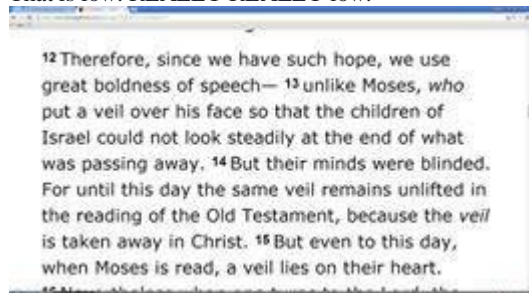


[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) In Sean's defense, Paul is clearly trying to bulk up his billable hours here.

But does he have to get NASTY like this? Do you REALLY need to get this NASTY, Paul?

C'mon! a "VEIL over the heart?"

That is low. REALLY REALLY low.

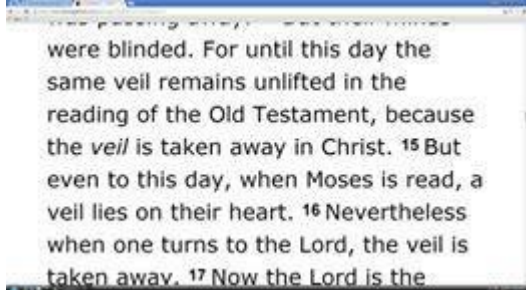


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Larry Dean [Nancy Paige](#) Okay Paul. You are INSULTING me now. This is downright ugly and nasty.

You've gone to far. I'm filing a bar complaint against your ass.



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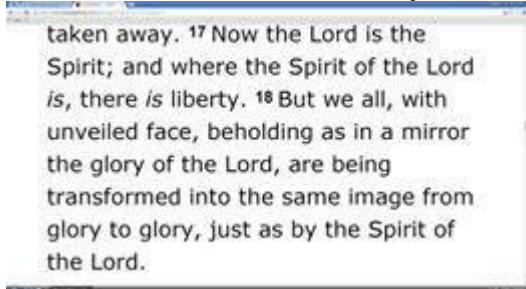
Nancy Paige LOVE IT! BAM!

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Larry Dean [Nancy Paige](#) Here's Paul "bulking-up-my-billable-hours-AGAIN" the Apostle, droning on AGAIN about the Spirit.

But does he REALLY have to mention "Spirit" three times in ONE verse? REALLY? THREE TIMES? REALLY?



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Larry Dean [Nancy Paige](#) In Acts 15 and 2 Corinthians 3, the Spirit and the law are repeatedly contrasted, in excruciating repetition.

Additionally, the "heart" is repeatedly mentioned as well:

- a). When in context with "Spirit," it is bright and lovely and hopeful;
- b). When mentioned in context with "law," it is "dark" and "sinister" and a "veil." In Acts 15, it is denounced as an "unbearable yoke." In 2 Corinthians 3, it is denounced as the "Ministry of death written on Stone," and a "Veil over the heart."

The following was emphatically-fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost:



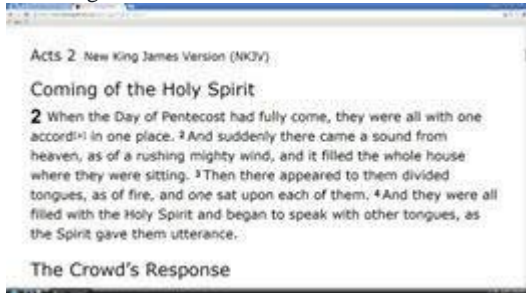
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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#)

- 49 days after the First Passover, Moses went up onto Sinai and got the Tablets of Stone. This was celebrated as the "Shavuot" or the Feast of Weeks (CF: Leviticus 23:15-21).

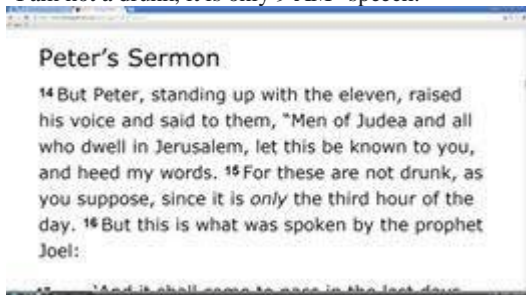
- 49 days after the Resurrection, the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem for Shavuot. Only instead of getting Tablets of Stone, the following occurred:



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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) Like Richard Nixon's famous line: "I am not a crook;" Peter stood up and hollered his equally famous: "I am not a drunk, it is only 9 AM" speech:



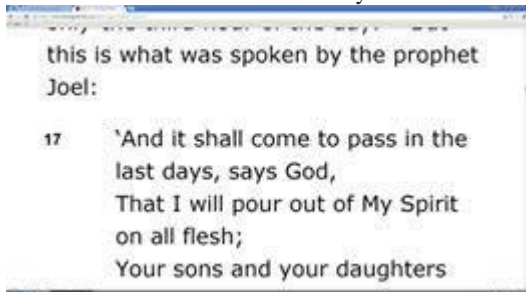
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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) By now, even an inattentive reader is starting to get the picture that the Apostles were fairly obsessed with the Spirit. The only mention of the law in this entire chapter is Peter's insistence: "I AM NOT DRUNK YET, IT IS ONLY 9 AM:"

NOTE: BEING DRUNK BEFORE 9 AM WAS A CRIME THAT DREW SERIOUS PUNISHMENT.*

* Other than on Purim. We will analyze Purim here shortly.



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[Nancy Paige](#) Can you get more specific? Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha.....falling of my chair!

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[Nancy Paige James Rainwater](#)'s meme today:

When an SDA starts an argument with me saying that the Sabbath was commanded in Genesis and Christians should observe it



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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) God screwed up.

The Holy Spirit SHOULD have descended on "Purim," an entirely different holiday than Shavuot. Poor Peter! Had this been "Purim," Peter wouldn't have had to holler his "I AM NOT A DRUNK, IT IS ONLY 9 AM" defense. The Talmud states that on Purim one is to drink to the point of not knowing the difference between "cursed is Haman" and "blessed is Mordechai."

BOTTOMS UP! THIS IS PURIM! THIS IS THE DAY TO GET SO DRUNK THAT YOU THROW UP AND PASS OUT, AND BE SOMEONE.

But then, Purim is not like Pentecost, which falls 49 days after Passover/Resurrection.

Ooops.

Not that you will study the Talmud with me - I have already tried and failed to get you to, even though it presents a perfectly-good excuse for being shit-faced on Purim - but here it is in the original:

"Rava said: It is one's duty levasumei, to make oneself fragrant [with wine] on Purim until one cannot tell the difference between 'arur Haman' (cursed be Haman) and 'barukh Mordekhai' (blessed be Mordecai)"

(Babylonian Talmud, Megillah 7b).

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[Nancy Paige](#) Love it! Wow! You are a bright spot in a drizzly day!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) Well, if you would read the Talmud like I have been goading you to do all along, you would have a perfectly-reasonable excuse for getting shit-faced on Purim.

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[Nancy Paige](#) Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha.....I guess I have dishonored God by not getting faced. Time to start experimenting with fermented fruit.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) "OSSIFER, gimme a breaksh. It shiz Purim. Ya can'sh eshpec me to be shober on Purim."

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[Larry Dean](#) [Nancy Paige](#) On Purim, it is totally fine to be "on your lips" by 9AM, since everyone noshes out on poppyseed and prune hamantaschen while guzzling Manischewitz and Slivovitz with Shoko Besakit chasers.

Here's the Rabbis answering the time-immemorial question

"Must I get Drunk on Purim?"

The answer is short.

Yes.

<http://www.chabad.org/.../1146095/jewish/Purim-Alcohol.htm>



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[Nancy Paige](#) God invented fermentation, right?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Deborah Owen David](#) What if the Devil had God-like powers? You'd still be happy to "let God be God"? Even if God was doing evil things? You see, God is on trial here to see if He really is loving like He claims to be, or if He is, in fact, a despotic dictator out for His own glory and selfish ambition. If He really did keep sentient beings alive to torture them for eternity, what would that tell you about God? You really don't care what God does? – if He is in fact loving or not?

Beyond this, you don't seem to be carefully considering everything that the Bible has to say about "soul sleep." The Bible actually supports the idea that the wicked do not live for eternity in the torments of Hell, but that their souls actually die. Ezekiel points out that, "The soul who sins shall die." (Ezekiel 18:20). Notice here that it isn't just the body of the wicked person that dies – it's the very soul of the person. It was Satan who first spoke the lie in Eden that no one really dies (Genesis 3:4). The reality is, of course, that if the soul can come into existence it can be taken out of existence as well. Only God alone possesses immortality inherent within Himself (1 Timothy 6:16). Everyone else is dependent upon God for life. Your soul is not inherently eternal or immortal – and neither is mine or anyone else's aside from God. God made our souls and God can destroy them just as easily - which would be much more loving than to torture a living soul forever without any end.

Even the souls of the righteous sleep during death until the resurrection of the just – according to the Bible. What's the point of a resurrection if all the dead righteous are already living happily in Heaven? According to the Bible, even King David is "both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day. For David is not ascended into the heavens." (Acts 2:29, 34). The Bible does not place David's soul in Heaven – and even David claims that the dead cannot praise God – but are "silent" (Ps. 117:17). "There is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going." (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

I mean, after a while it is hard to actually ignore everything that the Bible says about soul sleep... for both the righteous and the wicked. This is actually a good thing if you think about it. If you read what Paul says about death in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, it is quite clear that he does not believe that the righteous who have already died have been enjoying heaven while the righteous still alive on Earth have been struggling the whole time. He describes those who have died as having "fallen asleep" to be later woken up with the "voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God". It is at this point that the "dead in Christ will rise" to be caught up with those who are still alive on Earth when "together" they will all "be with the Lord forever" starting at that point. The souls of the dead do not come back from enjoying Heaven the whole time to be given back their bodies. Rather, they are woken up and everyone is given a new glorified body together – and together they all begin their lives, at the same time, with the Lord.

That's a far far better picture of God compared to the popular notion that the soul never sleeps – for either the wicked or the righteous... at least it seems like that to me. I can love a God like this...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Deborah Owen David](#) God is righteous in His judgments - but not because He is God and all powerful - but because He is demonstrably both just and loving. He is not arbitrary, cruel, or selfish. If it could be shown, by the Devil or anyone else, that God wasn't loving and just, that He was a cruel tyrant, then no, God would not be righteous, but evil like the Devil claims He is...

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) Just because I think it is still morally wrong to murder doesn't mean that I believe my salvation is based on not murdering. My salvation is an undeserved gift of God according to His unmerited grace alone. I don't deserve salvation and neither do you - or any other human who has ever lived. And, there is nothing that any of us can do to earn salvation or to make ourselves right with God - to fix ourselves. It's a gift - period. However, this doesn't therefore mean that we are free to go around breaking the Moral Law. We are not. We are under grace, it's true, but grace does not give us license to go around breaking the Royal Law or the Ten Commandments (a written expression of the Royal Law of Love). What Grace does is empower us to actually keep the Royal Law like Jesus kept it.

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Sandi Haynes So you are able to keep the law, all 613 of them as Jesus did? [Sean D. Pitman](#)
I feel sorry for you! You don't even begin to understand what He did for you and me at the cross.

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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) you have done a bang up job of trying to combine the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. But let's go back to the word Covenant. What does that word mean? A Covenant is a contract. A contract is only good till a new contract has been signed. Once a new contract is signed the old contract is null and void. Right? So replace the word Covenant with contract and read about the New Covenant in the book of Galatians. I'm praying that your veil will be dropped once and for all! It's good news for you and me!

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) I'm not able, but God living in me is able to empower me to actually follow the Royal Law of Love toward God and toward my fellow man - as expressed in the Ten Commandments. Paul himself cites the Ten Commandments as showing us what sin is - that without the Law, there would be no knowledge or guilt for sin.

Beyond this, you actually agree with me that it is still wrong for the Christian to murder or commit adultery - even though salvation is not based on avoiding such things. In fact, you agree that the Christian should keep, through the power of the Spirit, 9 of the 10 commandments - out of love for God and our fellow man. You only really seem to have trouble with the Christian being called to observe just one of the Ten Commandments.

I find your position to be inconsistent since Jesus Himself kept the Sabbath day holy and so did His disciples - even after His death and resurrection the Sabbath was kept holy by His disciples and this was common practice until at least the 2nd century when some regions, like Rome and Alexandria, started switching over to observing Sunday as a day of worship and Christian celebration. Most everywhere else, however, continued to observe the Sabbath Day as holy to God - according to the Ten Commandments written by His own finger on stone and place inside of the Ark of the Covenant.

Given all of this evidence, I just don't see how you can see yourself clear to deliberately violate something that Jesus wrote with His own finger for the benefit and blessing of mankind? - not just the Jews, but for anthropos - for all of mankind (Mark 2:27). The Sabbath command is both a blessing to us and a sign of our love for God. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." Why then would anyone think to go against even one of the commands that Jesus wrote in stone with His own finger? - as a sign of God's creative power? I just don't get it. You're missing out on one of the best blessing that God has given to us - one of the few blessings that we took with us from Eden after the Fall (another being marriage). Why would you do that? - unless you never really understood the Sabbath as a blessing to begin with?

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Sean D. Pitman And no, the Ten Commandments aren't some temporary covenant contract. The Ten Commandments are eternal - an eternal moral law that will never disappear. They are based on love after all, and love never goes out of style with God. You paint God as making a mistake - as making something that wasn't good enough. That's not what happened with the Ten Commandments. The fact is that both the "old" covenant with Abraham and the "new" covenant with the church are based on the very same thing. Both are based on love toward God and love toward our fellow man. It's all based on motive - and always has been. The basis of salvation hasn't changed. It has always been an unmerited gift of God - as it is today. Our part in all of this is to trust and love God and to do what He says through His power in our lives. He gives us this Divine power, freely, as we choose to walk with Him on a daily basis and get to know Him as a personal friend and savior. That's it - and that has always been it.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) so if Jesus kept the Sabbath as you say, why did His own people kill Him? They hated Him and despised Him because He broke their laws.

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[Deborah Owen David](#) Sean My God is sovereign, He is the fullness of everything God. My God is Jesus Christ, the Father and Holy spirit all of ONE essence. My God is pure LOVE and MY God is fully in charge of everything all things.

Your god is the god which came out the heresy and blasphemy of Ellen G White. Your god is someone you can - feel - good about, someone is on trial with charges brought by a created being putting God supposedly having to prove himself. that my friend is blasphemy.

My God is alpha and omega, He is all in All and He rules. There is no evil in my God and my God does not have to prove himself to anyone. He has shown HIS love and since He is pure love what more are you needing Sean.

The god of Adventist is a weak god, one who has to go over books to see who is safe enough to save.

Everything you just wrote is a rewrite mix of Ellen G White the equal god of Adventism.

I pity the person who has to have a -feel good god- a god of their own making over the God of Christians (as opposed to Adventists) a God who rules in perfection, righteousness, and love.

Only a born-again person can let God be God in all things, all aspects, in total control. Adventists are not born again and I dare say, either are you, Sean. Because if you were truly born of the Spirit you would not need a feel good God. You would have, trust in all that God is and does and let God be the God that works in His perfect ways without any fear. There is no fear in the love I have for my God and His ways.

However, Adventists have much fear. Ellen G White instilled a lot of lies and fear into the religion Ellen et al., put together.

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[Nancy Paige](#) [Sandi Haynes](#), Bob Holland shared this explanation of covenants by Edward Heppenstall....SDA theologian.

Here is the SDA understanding of the New Covenant, written by the late SDA theologian, Edward Heppenstall (1901-1994) - <http://www.sdanet.org/atissue/covenants/cov-redemp.htm>

[The Covenants and the Law - Part 1. File: cov-redemp.htm](#)

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been entrusted with the Word of God. The Word of God presents both gospel and law. The great responsibility of the church has always been and still is to teach and to preach the Word of God as both law and gospel. The great task of Seventh-day Adventists can be s...

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[Nancy Paige](#) Well said [Deborah Owen David](#).

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[Sandi Haynes](#) Thank you [Nancy Paige](#)! That's great!

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) I hope you read the article that Nancy posted.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) Jesus broke the laws that they themselves had created, and undermined their authority to lord it over the common people, but He correctly pointed out that according to the laws that God had put in place, it was in fact lawful, according to God, to do good on the Sabbath - to relieve the suffering of humans or even animals (Mark 3:4, Luke 6:9, and Matthew 12:12). Clearly, they didn't hate Him for supporting the Laws of God, but for undermining them and their authority to abuse the people under their care. They hated Him for exposing their sins and their selfish hearts for what they really were...

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Sandi Haynes Well said [Deborah!](#)
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Sean D. Pitman [Deborah Owen David](#) How can your God be "pure love" if He will in fact torture sentient beings for all eternity? I'm sorry, but that just doesn't sound like "pure love" to me... or to millions who have left Christian churches because of this particular claim regarding a supposedly loving God. There is just no way to make something this evil sound like "love". And, thank God, the Bible says that this won't happen. That the souls of the wicked will actually die... and not be tortured forevermore.
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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) Do you actually believe that the wicked will never die? You've accepted this as well? How does that make sense to you from the perspective of a truly loving God? - and how do you see this as Biblical?
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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) are you going to continue to keep parroting all the Adventist doctrine or are you even reading anything quoted here?

Everything you believe is a doctrine from Ellen G. White. There is no biblical bases for your belief.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) I've not been referencing Mrs. White here. I've only referenced what the Bible has to say. Why not read up a bit on it?

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Sandi Haynes But, most of what you are saying is straight from EGW. I know because o was taught exactly the same things.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) You don't seem to be aware of a lot of what Adventists actually believe. You've come away with several significant misconceptions...

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Sean D. Pitman Mrs. White simply isn't necessary to support any of the Adventist doctrinal positions...

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Sean D. Pitman Why don't you just tell me, from the Bible itself, why you believe in an eternal torment for the wicked? And how that squares with a truly loving God?

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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) my God is all loving as Deborah has said here. I trust Him in all things!

So you think that David or myself could possibly know what Adventist believe? Really?

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) You've said several things, quite emphatically, about Adventist positions that just aren't true...

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Sean D. Pitman You just said that Adventists don't teach about the doctrine of being born again in this particular thread. Well, that's just not true Sandi...

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Sean D. Pitman You've also said that Adventists view Mrs. White as equivalent to the Bible. That's also not true of the church's view of Mrs. White....

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Deborah Owen David Sean, You have a sick mind with erroneous beliefs about God, His judgments, His wrath and His righteousness, His sovereignty. But it is somewhat understandable because it came of course from your indoctrination by Ellen/SDA. No one and that includes you really has any understanding of hell. We know nothing of what it is in reality. fire - earthy fire? What? Do you actually know what hell is, where it is, what happens there? Torment - I'd say it is going to be pretty tormenting to know that you lost life in a physical body with light and happiness for all eternity because you would not trust fully, completely in letting God be completely in control of all aspects of life and death, judgements, outcomes, and call on nor believe, in the name of Jesus Christ as God and Savior.

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Sean D. Pitman **Deborah Owen David** You're telling me that the wicked never ever die - that they live in torment forevermore after this life. That's what you're telling me. It really doesn't matter to me how this torment is achieved or where the wicked actually are kept during this time. What matters is that you believe that this is consistent with a loving God. It just isn't.

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Sandi Haynes **Sean D. Pitman** proof of eternal hell.

“But when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink? And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry, and ye did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me. And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25:31-46 ASV

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[Matthew 25:31-46; But when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and...](#)

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Deborah Owen David Sean, simply you have been sold a bill of goods which is a rotten pile of lies. You have done a good job of parroting Ellen/SDA even forgetting the early things you were taught and have now taken on the later upgraded, more friendly aspects and less cultist ideas of Adventism shown to the world - of course under of belly of the beast is still a trap of lies.

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Sean D. Pitman **Deborah Owen David** How are the numerous passages that I quoted you from the Bible a "trap of lies"?

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Sandi Haynes Notice where it says "inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." "They will suffer eternal destruction" Don't you think if the law was important that it would be said for those who don't obey the law of our Lord Jesus?

[Sean D. Pitman](#)

“which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: if so be that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day.”

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 ASV

<http://bible.com/12/2th.1.5-10.asv>

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) Isn't eternal death the "eternal punishment" mentioned here? Given everything else the Bible has to say about the wicked not existing anymore? How about the destruction of Sodom and Gamorah? - when they suffered "eternal fire"? (Jude 1:7) Are the still burning? Or is their destruction simply eternal? You should know this after 63 years of Bible study...

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Deborah Owen David Because they are scriptures taken out of context of the whole chapter and who is speaking to whom and under what conditions, why the information is being given.

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Deborah Owen David The Coming of the Lord

"13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." 1 Thes 4:13,14. Christ is bringing back with Him those who have fallen asleep. If they are non-existence what is He bringing back with Him?

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Sean D. Pitman [Deborah Owen David](#) How is this taken "out of context"? Where is the context that supports your position in any of these several passages that I've just quoted for you? Also, where is the love in your position? It is simply inconsistent with the Bible's description of a self-sacrificing God of love and true justice. Eternal torment isn't loving or just. It's evil - pure and simple.

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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) so the penalty for breaking the Sabbath in the Old Testament was death. Was that a living just God?

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Nancy Paige [Sandi Haynes](#), Sean can't see my posts because I blocked him. I do not suffer fools for more than a day or two.

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Sandi Haynes “And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worshipping the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment goeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name.”

Revelation 14:9-11 ASV

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[Revelation 14:9-11; And another angel, a third, followed them,...](#)

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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) are you saying if I don't observe your Sabbath that I'm not going to be saved?

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) No. Salvation is not based on the observing the Law. Salvation is based on your motive of Love. If you honestly don't see the Sabbath as a command of Jesus, you're good to go as far as salvation is concerned. But, you're still missing out on the blessing that God gives to those who do keep the Sabbath holy.

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Sandi Haynes Are you saying that anyone who'd doesn't observe your Saturday Sabbath can't be saved?

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) No. Salvation is not based on the observing the Law. Salvation is based on your motive of Love. If you honestly don't see the Sabbath as a command of Jesus, you're good to go as far as salvation is concerned. But, you're still missing out on the blessing that God gives to those who do keep the Sabbath holy.

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Sandi Haynes Wow! You have incorporated some new ideas compared to what EGW says.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) No, I haven't...

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Sean D. Pitman You just haven't studied these things in sufficient detail...

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Sandi Haynes This is not what the Adventist teach.

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Nancv Paige SDAs make up the rules as they go.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) Again, you're mistaken. Adventists do teach these things...

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Sandi Haynes Oh yes! We've studied all!

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Sean D. Pitman Obviously not...

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Sean D. Pitman Paul says himself that the heathen can be saved...

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Sandi Haynes SDA's make of the rules as they go I see. What you believe is not what many other Adventist believe.

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Sandi Haynes Ask 100 Adventist what they believe and you will more than likely get 100 different beliefs.

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Nancy Paige Ask him to provide scripture for his beliefs.

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Sandi Haynes Why would you have a need to keep the 10 commandments if they have nothing to do with your salvation? It makes no sense.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) I'm not talking about what this or that Adventist may or may not believe. I'm talking about what the church itself teaches - officially.

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Sandi Haynes Please provide scripture for your belief.

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Sandi Haynes Now, I know you are wrong.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) You're honestly asking me why its a good idea not to murder or commit adultery?

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Sean D. Pitman Which belief are you talking about? - that you want a Scripture for?

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Sean D. Pitman Just because I'm not saved by the Law doesn't mean that keeping the Law isn't a good idea. It's a great idea not to keep on sinning... and God promises to give us this victory.

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Sandi Haynes Those are all mentioned in the New Covenant. The only one that is not is the Sabbath commandment. If you had read Galatians you would know that.

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Sean D. Pitman I have read Galatians many many times...

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Sean D. Pitman Where does Galatians say that not murdering or committing adultery is the basis of salvation?

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Sandi Haynes I suggest you read it again. Sin has no power over you once you are born again. The Holy Spirit comes in and gives you a new heart.

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Sean D. Pitman Also, you are aware that the New Testament mentions worshiping on the Sabbath day quite a lot - even after the death of Jesus?

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) You have to die daily according to Paul. You are given a new heart, but this power does not take away your free will. It also doesn't take away your desire, instantly, to be tempted to sin...

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Sean D. Pitman There is still the possibility of being tempted and falling away back into a life of sin...

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Sean D. Pitman Study these books again...

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Sean D. Pitman Anyway, I have to leave for now. All the best.

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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) I really do feel sorry for you that you don't really see what Jesus did for you at the cross. What we've found is so much more joyful and powerful than what we ever knew before! No one showed us what we know. Only God through His Holy Spirit showed us His Simple Gospel. Nothing added or taken away.

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Sandi Haynes My will is whatever God wants me to do. The Holy Spirit dwells in me and writes on my heart. He alone will I follow.

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Deborah Owen David Sean D. Pitman "Also, you are aware that the New Testament mentions worshiping on the Sabbath day quite a lot - even after the death of Jesus?"

No, it does not. Going to the synagogue is not worshiping they gathered there to learn, most could not read and the scrolls and teaching was done there. I am pretty sure women were not allowed in the synagogues. Jews worshiped in the temple and they could do so daily. Often did so daily. The apostles attend the synagogue to tell them of Christ not to worship there with them which they were not doing anyway.

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Nancy Paige [Deborah Owen David](#), ask him why the Jews kicked Paul out of the synogogue? Why did they try to kill him? If he was teaching the 10 commandments the Jews would have loved him. He was a Pharisee. They probably thought he would defend the law.

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Deborah Owen David Sean, why did the Jews kick Paul out of the synagogue? Why did they try to kill him? Paul being a Pharisee knew the law, all of it, all 613 parts of it - considered as one LAW, but yet the Jews kicked him out of the synagogue and hated him. If Paul was teaching the 10 commandments keeping along with information of Christ they would have loved him. Maybe they let Paul come into the synagogue because they thought he would defend the law and teach the law.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi](#), You write that whatever the Holy Spirit tells you, as written on your heart, that's what you're going to do. In other words, it really doesn't matter what the Bible says anymore, does it? After all, if you can speak directly with God in such a privileged manner, the Bible becomes rather irrelevant, doesn't it? This is very similar to what my Mormon (LDS) friends claim - that the Holy Spirit speaks directly to them and they get this warm feeling deep inside themselves (aka "a burning in the bosom") when the Holy Spirit tells them the truth. They simply don't need anything else. So, it is rather pointless discussing things with them because there is nothing that can ever be said or presented from the Bible or anything else that can compete when someone believes that they are directly communicating with the Holy Spirit in such a privileged manner. Such a claim is really a conversation stopper.

This is a very dangerous position to be in. Why is that? Because, you are not testing the "spirit" that is talking to you by the Bible. You are able to let the "spirit" that is speaking to you trump what the Bible itself is saying. That's a big mistake Sandi. You are on very dangerous ground here.

As far as the "Lying for God" book (620 pages), such arguments are a dime a dozen. However, I dare say that you've done very little of your own independent research or investigation into even a few of the claims forwarded in this book. For example, do you know how the whole "Lunar Sabbath" nonsense started? It was all started by someone named Jonathan David Brown, a noted anti-Semite who was convicted in 1990 for a Synagogue shooting and was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison. He published his book, "Keeping Yahweh's Appointments" in 1998 - which has since spread fairly rapidly among the gullible. In short, the floating "Lunar Sabbath" concept is a recent invention without any credible evidence that anyone ever followed it until recent times. For more details on this, please do your own independent research or start by

reading: <http://nazarenespace.com/.../topics/the-lunar-sabbath-error>.

To be honest, however, I'm most surprised by your taking on the belief in eternal Hell where God actually tortures people for all eternity. Even a growing number of evangelical Christian theologians are starting to recognize that this concept simply isn't Biblical – that it does, in fact, paint God as an evil tyrant. Consider, for example, the extensive work of the Church of Christ theologian Edward Fudge (also an attorney). He wrote an extensive scholarly work on the topic of the Bible's position on Hell. The Title of his book is, "The Fire that Consumes" (or watch the movie about his work entitled, "Hell and Mr. Fudge). Or, if you'd rather read an interesting review instead, consider reading Dr. Claude Mariottini's reviews (He has been a Professor of the Old Testament at Northern Baptist Seminary since 1988). Both of these professors point out that the view that the human soul is immortal comes from Greek philosophy – originating with Plato's view of the soul. Christians in the second and third centuries adopted the Greek view in order to better dialogue with their world. Since this time, many Christians have come to believe that the soul is immortal, that the soul lives forever after death. However, this view contradicts the teachings of Scriptures, for the Bible affirms that only God is immortal: "It is [God] alone who has immortality (1 Timothy 6:16). When the Bible says that "the soul who sins is the one who will die" (Ezekiel 18:20), the Bible is already affirming that "souls" die. You can read more at:

https://claudemariottini.com/.../the-biblical-doctrine...
https://claudemariottini.com/.../the-fire-that-consumes...

In short, Sandi, I don't believe that you really know why you believe what you believe. You have a nice warm fuzzy feeling, and that's great, but that shouldn't be what you base your beliefs on. If you really love God, you will strive to study His word and live accordingly – and test the spirits that speak to you directly by what is written in the Word of God.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Deborah Owen David](#) The Jews hated Paul, not because he was a Sabbath-breaker or because he himself was breaking any other of the Jewish customs or laws, but because he was promoting Jesus as the Messiah. It is clear that it was Paul's "custom", as the Bible puts it, to worship on the Sabbath day. John also clearly worshiped on the Sabbath day as well, and taught his own disciples, including Polycarp, to do the same. I don't think anyone questions that Polycarp was a Sabbath keeper. This is clearly true of the significant majority of Christians for hundreds of years (with the exception of those within the regions of Rome and Alexandria who started leaving Sabbath observance behind during the early 2nd century).

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#), I follow only what the Holy Spirit tells me through His Word. I don't need a Bible class from Academy, or college to tell me what it says. I don't need a pastor to explain it. God's Word was meant for me to learn of Him only by seeking Him through His Word. Just because what I'm learning is not your views does not mean I'm wrong. Neither does it mean that [Margie Littell](#) or [Larry Dean](#) or [Deborah Owen David](#) or [Kerry Wynne](#) or any of the others who've commented here, are wrong. Our journey to the Savior is All consuming. I know Jesus deeper and deeper everyday. My Joy and Salvation is in Him alone! His Holy Spirit fills me! Yes! He fills me!!

Oh and I know I'm privileged to be speaking and to hear the Holy Spirit. But this is exactly what happens when you live a life in Jesus that is Born Again!!

Oh and I knew you wouldn't read "Lying for God". You think you know what's in it but you have NO idea. Are you afraid of what you might read? I challenge you to read it and then come back and discuss it.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "For example, do you know how the whole "Lunar Sabbath" nonsense started? It was all started by someone named Jonathan David Brown, a noted anti-Semite who was convicted in 1990 for a Synagogue shooting and was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison. He published his book, "Keeping Yahweh's Appointments" in 1998 – which has since spread fairly rapidly among the gullible."

The Sanhedrin has disagreed with you for 2,000 years and they presently continue to disagree with you:

<http://www.thesanhedrin.org/en/index.php...>



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Moreover, one of Adventism's eminent theologians and Hebrew scholars strongly disagrees with you:

http://www.4angelspublications.com/.../Lunar_Sabbath_SDA...



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Polycarp kept the Great Sabbath, which is the day before Easter.

You obviously know nothing about Eastern Christianity.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Sabbath Keeping was outlawed throughout the Roman Empire in 135 AD. No Christians were persecuted under that Decree of Hadrian, but LOTS of Jewish Rabbis were.

This is why Adventist theologian Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi was forced to admit in his doctoral defense that Christian "Sabbath Abandonment" was unanimous no later than 135 AD at the latest.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman The Arch of Hadrian in Rome celebrated his massive victory over the Jews in the Bar Kokhba revolt in 135 AD. That is the emperor that banned Sabbath Keeping throughout the Roman Empire.

Weirdly, neither Ellen White or Dr. Bacchiocchi mention Hadrian's Decree.



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Since the Jews were expelled from Jerusalem in 135 AD, Hadrian was able to build a Pagan Temple on Temple Mount, to replace the Jewish one that was destroyed in AD 70.

There is no mention of any of these events in the New Testament or the writings of the Early Church Fathers. That is how distant Christianity had become from Judaism by 135 AD.



Fig. 401—Reproduction of the miniature from the *Book of the Kings of the Kings of the Kings* (c. 1480) by Jean Bouchard, showing the scene of the execution of the Kings of the Kings in the "Mansions of the Kings".

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi Haynes](#) I'm not saying that you need a Bible class or a theologian, necessarily, to correctly understand the Bible. You can read it and study it for yourself through the power of the Spirit. Just be honest with yourself, and with God, in your study - recognizing that the Bible is the ultimate authority as the Word of God in this world.

For now, as far as I'm able to tell at this point, it seems to me like you have done very little of your own independent study or investigation into quite a number of doctrinal issues that you are promoting these days. With a great deal of confidence you make claims and even accusations that simply aren't true – that are demonstrably false.

I just don't think that you or your friends here in this forum have carefully considered the Scriptures or the evidence available from historical sources that clearly disagree with your positions... nor have you investigated them, on your own, in detail. You are significantly influenced by the thoughts and ideas of those around you. While it is difficult to do, I admit, I suggest to you that you ask for God's help to step out and think for yourself and study for yourself in much greater depth than you have ever done before... and see where God leads you. This is what I do on a daily basis... and I also believe that I am guided by the Holy Spirit.

Clearly then, sincerity of heart and motive is what matters most to God. If you maintain a pure and honest heart before God, He will explain all of the details that you (and I) got wrong once we all get to Heaven someday soon...

You remain in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to guide and lead you.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Do you think Christians kept Sabbath Keeping after it was outlawed throughout the Roman Empire in 135 AD? If so, why were no Christians prosecuted for it, when dozens of Rabbis were executed?

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Kerry Wynne If I were you, Sean, I would spend my time trying to refute LYING FOR GOD. No one has been able to do this. There are now over 30,000 hours of research that have gone into this book, and some of the finest scholars in the world have guide us in its production. Going back to the beginning, note that Sabbatarian theology collapses without a Sabbath ordinance that started at Creation. This idea is impossible. The Ancient Hebrew text of Genesis 2, Exodus 16, and Exodus 20 make it very clear that the first Sabbath ever was in association with the giving of the Manna in Leviticus 16. It is a fact that the Jews have always believed this way.

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Kerry Wynne You dismiss LYING FOR GOD, but the section on the Hebrew linguistics of Genesis 2, Exodus 16, and Exodus 20 is without parallel in the entire world. Additional information on the lunar Sabbath chapter touches on the Hebrew linguistics of the origin of the Sabbath. To claim a Creation origin for the Sabbath ordinance is like denying the existence of Judaism itself. Judaism and no Sabbath until the Exodus are one and the same.

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Kerry Wynne The two most definitive books ever written on the Sabbath are D. A. Carson's FROM SABBATH TO LORD'S DAY and LYING FOR GOD. No defense of Sabbatarian theology is worth two cents unless the arguments in these books are refuted. Refutation is impossible. Why don't you try it? You are wasting your own time and the time of all of the rest of us because

you keep bringing up defenses of Sabbatarianism which no longer exist. Like all of us Former Adventists, you are the victim of brain-washing from the cradle on up.

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Kerry Wynne If I were you, I would start with first things first. Read the chapters that deal with the Hebrew linguistics of the origin of the Sabbath and try to refute it. In ten years of this book's existence, no one has been able to refute it. Invite all the SDA scholars in the world to try, and they will decline because they know good and well what the Jews believe. They know that the Jews understand their own native language.

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Larry Dean **Kerry Wynne** After 135 AD, the Romans executed Jews for Sabbath Keeping, pursuant to the Decree of Hadrian. No Christians were executed for Sabbath Keeping.

Prior to 135 AD, Gentiles were subject to the Death Penalty for Sabbath Keeping, since it was against the rulings of the Jewish Courts.

When Constantine's infamous Sunday Law was passed in 325 AD, there were no Christians punished for Sabbath Keeping.

Ellen White lied about the Waldensians keeping the Sabbath keeping. Their statements of belief are online, that cover roughly from 1100 AD until 1600. None of them mention the Sabbath.

I can find nowhere in history where any Christian was ever punished for Sabbath Keeping.

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Kerry Wynne At the time when the Jews were reading the TORAH in their own native language, Ancient Hebrew, the MISHNAH was being formed as oral law. The Pharisees rejected all of the oral law except for the MISHNAH. Jesus commanded His followers to obey the teachings of the Pharisees. This belief of the Pharisees is one of a few that Jesus could commend, in addition to their belief that there is an after-life. Jesus put His approval on the teachings of the MISHNAH, which include the fact that the Sabbath was for Israel only, that it did not exist until the Giving of the Manna, and that Gentiles who tried to keep it committed blasphemy by deliberately disobeying God's commands in the Law of Moses that the Sabbath was for Israel only.

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Kerry Wynne Larry. And even SDA scholars concede that Sabbath abandonment was universal no later than 140 AD, and the first pope didn't sit until after 400 AD, so the idea that the pope changed the Sabbath is a whopper! SDA scholars have devised three theories to explain how Sabbath abandonment happened, since they know that EGW lied about how it happened. You have the Out of Easter theory, the Jewish Persecution Theory, and the Dual Day Theory. All these theories have been thoroughly debunked by historians. So how did the Sabbath get dropped? Christians understood that the Sabbath was a shadowy symbol of the death of Christ on the Cross. As they began to figure this out, and some of them obviously did very quickly, Sabbath-keeping died out.

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Larry Dean **Kerry Wynne** ROTFLOL....Dr. Bacchiocchi was FORCED to concede that Sabbath "abandonment" was unanimous by 135 AD, since Emperor Hadrian's decree punished Sabbath-keeping with death. No Christians were ever executed for Sabbath Keeping.

But 10 Jewish Rabbis ("Aseret Harugei Malchut") were famously-executed pursuant to the Decree:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten_Martyrs

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry Dean** You wrote: "Polycarp kept the Great Sabbath, which is the day before Easter. You obviously know nothing about Eastern Christianity."

There are just a couple problems with your claim here. First, the date of Easter Day is usually the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the March equinox. This is a problem because Polycarp was martyred toward the end of February – well before Easter.

According to the letter, "The Martyrdom of Polycarp" by the Smyrnaeans:

"On the day of the preparation, at the hour of dinner, there came out pursuers and horsemen" and Polycarp was killed "on the day of the great Sabbath (The Martyrdom of Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Verses 7.1 & 8.1. Charles H. Hoole's 1885 translation. © 2001 Peter Kirby).

The use of these two expressions ("day of the preparation" and "the day of the great Sabbath") indicates that those in Polycarp's area were still keeping the Sabbath in the latter portion of the 2nd century. Otherwise, since Asia Minor (including Smyrna) was a Gentile area, the terms "preparation" and "great Sabbath" would not have been relevant.

William Cave wrote "... the Sabbath or 'Saturday' (for so the word sabbatum is constantly used in the writings of the fathers, when speaking of it as it relates to Christians) was held by them in great veneration, and especially in the Eastern parts honoured with all the public solemnities of religion. This is plain, not only from some passages in Ignatius and Clemens' Constitutions, but from writers of more unquestionable credit and authority. Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, tells us that they assembled on Saturdays... to worship Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath." - Cave, Primitive Christianity: or the Religion of the Ancient Christians in the First Ages of the Gospel. 1840, revised edition by H. Cary. Oxford, London, pp. 84–85).

Consider also other references to the regular *custom* of Polycarp to worship on the Sabbath:

"And on the Sabbath, when prayer had been made long time on bended knee, he, as was his custom, got up to read; and every eye was fixed upon him..." And on the following Sabbath he said; 'Hear ye my exhortation, beloved children of God...' Thus speaking in this way from time to time, and being persistent in his teaching, he edified and saved both himself and his hearers. (Pionius, Life of Polycarp (1889) from J. B. Lightfoot, The Apostolic Fathers, vol. 3.2, pp.488-506)

Clearly then, for most historians, it is well accepted that Polycarp was a Sabbath keeper...

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Once again, you show your ignorance of Eastern Christianity, which calculates Easter ("Pascha") differently than does the Western Church.

I know, I know, this is very difficult for conspiracy-minded Adventists, since "Pascha" is simply the Greek word for "Passover." So Adventist Conspiracy theorists coyly never mention Eastern Christianity.

Brush up on the differences between Western and Eastern Christianity's calculations here, and then we will talk more. Western and Eastern celebrations of the Resurrection rarely coincide, sometimes going 100 years without having the date on the same day:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quartodecimanism>

[Quartodecimanism - Wikipedia](#)

The term "Quartodecimanism" (from the Vulgate Latin quarta decima in Leviticus 23:5,[1] meaning fourteenth) refers to the custom of early Christians celebrating Passover beginning with the eve of the 14th day of Nisan (or Aviv in the Hebrew Bible calendar), which at dusk is biblically the "Lord's pa...

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[Larry Dean](#) "day of the preparation" and "the day of the great Sabbath"

There is only one "Great Sabbath" in the Eastern Church, and that is the day before Pascha.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Saturday

[Holy Saturday - Wikipedia](#)

Holy Saturday (Latin: Sabbatum Sanctum), the Saturday of Holy Week, also known as the...

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) "And on the Sabbath, when prayer had been made long time on bended knee, he, as was his custom, got up to read; and every eye was fixed upon him..."

In Eastern Christianity, the only Saturday of the year where Prostration is allowed is the day before Pascha. The Eastern Church

NEVER "kneels," in the way that Westerners would think of it, they "Prostrate." This was plagiarized by Islam 600 years after Eastern Christians initiated the practice.

No kneeling on ANY day occurs outside of Lent and Holy Week in the Eastern Church, which is where Polycarp was from.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowing_in_Eastern_Orthodoxy

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) The final problem with your analysis is you ASSUME our present-day Gregorian calendar was in use at the time of Polycarp.

That is incorrect. Eastern Christianity has NEVER accepted the Gregorian Calendar for the setting of Holy Days:

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[Larry Dean Sean Pittman](#): Finally, The Greek Orthodox Church insists that Sunday worship commenced on Resurrection morning and insists that it has been an unbroken practice of the Greek Orthodox since the founding of the Church early in the first century.

You might be interested to know that the Greek Orthodox hate Rome and the Papacy so much, that if they believed Rome had anything to do with Sunday worship, the Greeks would adopt Saturday Keeping out of pure spite.

"Orthodox priests and monks have held protest vigils and marched under signs that read "the heretic pope" and "two-horned monster of Rome." Archbishop Christodoulos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church, has vowed not to pray alongside the Roman Catholic pope, who arrives in Athens on Friday.

Every step of John Paul II's trip to Greece, the first by a pope in more than 1,000 years, has been mired in controversy and tense negotiation, even over the music.

Church officials in Greece overruled the Vatican's choice to play the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" as too overtly Catholic when the pope and the archbishop visit the site where St. Paul preached near the Acropolis. "

<http://www.nytimes.com/.../pope-visits-greece-today-on-a...>



[Pope Visits Greece Today on a Tough Mission of Reconciliation](#)

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Again, Pascha didn't happen in February... plus you ignore everything else that is said regarding Polycarp's observance of the Sabbath day. There's just no point discussing this with you. Your arguments simply aren't consistent with the known historical evidence for such things.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You clearly do not "get" the Julian Calendar or Eastern Orthodoxy.

Presently, the Gregorian Calendar and the Julian Calendar are about 3 weeks apart. Under the Gregorian Calendar presently in use, a Julian "February" date for Pascha could easily be in "March under the Gregorian calendar, since they vary by as much as two "months."

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) That's because Polycarp is said to be observing "Great Sabbath," which is the day before Pascha in Eastern Orthodoxy.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Try to be precise when you are describing Eastern Christian practices. When it says Polycarp celebrate "The Great Sabbath," there is only one day a year where that happens.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) Again, this claim of yours is inconsistent with several points of evidence - as noted above. It is generally agree, by historians, that Polycarp was in fact an observer of the Sabbath - on a regular basis. It was his custom.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) I've actually been Eastern Orthodox for 3 years, so I am very well aware of the confusion that Western Writers have when they are trying to describe Eastern Christian practices.

They get it wrong approximately 100 percent of the time.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The writers who are cited regarding Polycarp are all western scholars who do not understand these quirks in Eastern Christianity. They "THINK" that they have western counterparts, when they don't.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) Whatever. You're ignoring not only this one passage, but numerous other passages about Polycarp's Sabbath observance. You're claims just don't hold water. I'm sorry...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Once you establish that you know anything about the vast world of difference between Eastern and Western Christianity, then you will have some credibility.

I know what I am talking about, since I am thoroughly familiar with Eastern Christian practices.

And Western writers simply do not "get" the way Eastern Christianity operates.

Polycarp and Ignatius were both disciples of John and both came from Churches that were overseen by John."

This is why everything you have said about the practices of these two Eastern Bishops is confused. You have a "Western Way" of thinking that does not "compute" with Eastern Christianity.

Protestantism and Catholicism have FAR more in common with each other than either does with Eastern Christianity.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both the Antiochian Orthodox and the Greek Orthodox insist that Sunday worship commenced on Resurrection morning and Sabbath-abandonment was immediate.

But as an Orthodox Christian, I am very intrigued with being instructed by a Seventh Day Adventist on Eastern Orthodox Christian practices and history. I'll let my Priest know of your concerns and tell him the 2,000 year old church needs to change to

comport itself with Seventh Day Adventist demands.

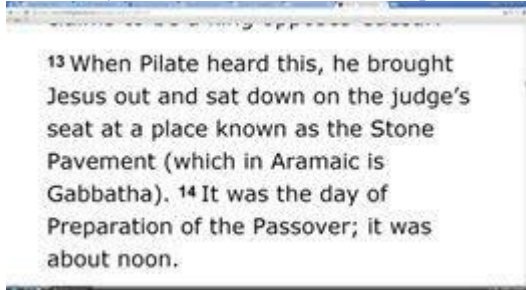
I'm sure he will have a good chuckle about your assertion that an Eastern Christian kept the Sabbath.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) It is odd that you cite Polycarp's celebration of "The Great Sabbath," which is the day before Pascha; but discount the fact that Passover/Pascha had a "Preparation Day."

It seems like Polycarp would have been following the lead of John, who Polycarp followed as a disciple. And John made it clear that the day before Passover/Pascha is "Preparation Day:"

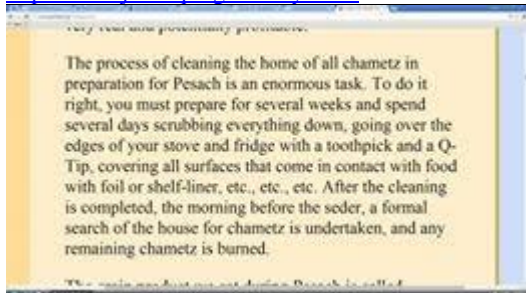


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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Judaism would be astonished to know that you think there is no "Preparation Day" for Passover. You think Adventist housecleaning is grueling on Friday. Take a look at what the Jews must do to prepare for Passover;

<http://www.jewfaq.org/holidaya.htm>



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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) I just caught where your confusion stems from. As I have already well-proven, the Eastern Church has ALWAYS used the Julian Calendar for setting of Holy Days. This sometimes makes Eastern "Pascha" more than TWO MONTHS different than the day that Westerners celebrate "Easter."

The following analysis which many Adventists use assumes the Hebrew and Gregorian calendars in its analysis. As has already been proven, the Eastern Church uses neither the Gregorian or Hebrew calendar, but the Julian Calendar for setting such dates.

This writer cited below clearly does not understand that.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polycarp#Great_Sabbath



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Some Orthodox Churches adopted the Revised Julian Calendar because of the horrendous "gaps" that are caused between the Gregorian secular calendar, and the Julian Religious calendar. The following points at issues IN THE FUTURE that could be forestalled by the adoption of this calendar. Since Polycarp's celebration of "The Great Sabbath," (or the day before Pascha) was apparently in February, that only shows the "creeping error" of the Julian calendar, which is not "in synch" with the Gregorian Calendar.

"The basic justification for the new calendar is the known errors of the Julian calendar, which will in the course of time lead to a situation in which those following the Julian calendar will be reckoning the month of December (and the feast of Christ's Nativity) during the heat of summer, August and its feasts during the deep cold of winter, Easter during the autumn season, and the November feasts in the springtime."

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hitherto in use by all of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The Revised Julian calendar...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman If you have other passages that talk about Polycarp's Sabbath Keeping, I would sure appreciate you bringing them out.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Since the Julian Calendar was adopted before the Birth of Christ; and the Gregorian Calendar was not adopted until 1580; isn't it obvious that the analysis that you followed that does not even take into consideration the Julian Calendar (only the Gregorian and Hebrew) when figuring out if Polycarp could have been celebrate the Great Sabbath and Pascha in "February:"

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It took effect on 1 January 45 BC (AUC 709), by edict. It was the predominant calendar in the...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman ROTFLOL.....I see the big flaw in your analysis. It appears that you have been hoodwinked by the world-famous scholars of Herbert Armstrong's cult, the World Wide Church of God:

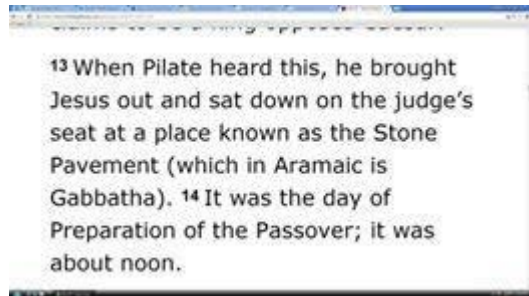
"The use of these two expressions ("day of the preparation" and "the day of the great Sabbath") strongly indicates that those in Polycarp's area were still keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days in the latter portion of the 2nd century. Otherwise, since Asia Minor (including Smyrna) was a Gentile area, the terms preparation and great Sabbath would not have been relevant."

<http://www.cogwriter.com/polycarp.htm>

As has been already established, "The Great Sabbath" is the day before Pascha

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Saturday

And John clearly stated that Jesus was executed on the Passover Preparation Day:



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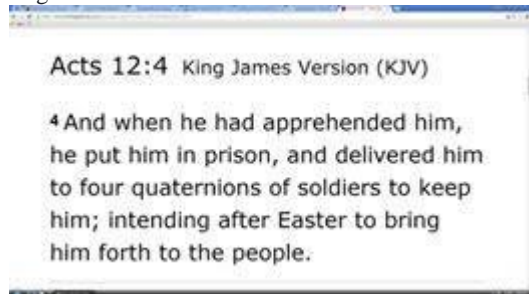


Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman You could practically make a stand up comic routine with your fine scholars from the World Wide Church of God:

"Easter per se was not observed by the second century Christians in Asia Minor, such as Polycarp. He and others observed Passover."

ROTFLOL!!! Eastern Christians use the same word for their "Easter" celebration as Jews do, in the original Greek: "Pascha." Adventists conspiracy theorists normally insist on the King James Version of the Bible. Except for Acts 12:4, which blows a gaping hole in their "Eastern/Pagan roots" conspiracy theory.

NOTE: What the King James translated into "Easter" is actually "Pascha" in the original Greek. "Easter" and Eastern Christianity's "Pascha" are simply the "Christianized" version of Passover, with the Eucharist and the Resurrection taking center stage:



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Sean D. Pitman This is all beside the point of the passages that explain that Polycarp made it a habit to worship on the Sabbath day... but just for interest:

The idea of a great Sabbath might be a reference to a Holy Day, which may or may not have fallen on the day we commonly call Saturday. Yet, because of the "preparation day" being associated with it, the martyrdom of Polycarp likely was on a Saturday. The preparation day for the Passover at the time of Jesus' death was also on Friday. Therefore, the "preparation day" mentioned, in both accounts, equates to what we call "Friday" today. The preparation day for Pascha (Easter Sunday) is not on Friday, but on Saturday. John used the term "preparation" in the context of preparing for both Sabbath and the Passover - - both on that Friday when Jesus died.

As far as your proposed difference between the Gregorian calendar and the Julian calendar, none of this gets you to February... the time of Polycarp's death cited by most historians - and for apparently good reason. From the age of Ponius onward, the date of Polycarp's martyrdom has remained unchanged in the Eastern Church. At all events, it appears as February 23 in the Syriac Calendar dating from the middle or latter half of the fourth century. And, it remains still the same in the present use of the Greek Church. For February 23rd, Orthodox Churches on the Old Calendar commemorate the death of Polycarp on February 10.

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Again, this is in addition to all of the other statements about Polycarp regularly observing the Sabbath day as was his custom.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Great Sabbath is once a year, the day before Easter. There is also a passover "Preparation Day." We don't have to guess about what that means, since John told us what that means.

And the Julian Calendar can "drift" apart from the Gregorian calendar by more than six months.

I've established that.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Great Sabbath is the Day before Easter. And John made it clear that there is a Preparation Day for Passover, the day that Jesus was executed.

The Julian and Gregorian Calendars can "drift" apart by as much as six months. I've already well-established that.

Your ignorance of Eastern Orthodox practice is glaring:

"From the age of Pionius onward, the date of Polycarp's martyrdom has remained unchanged in the Eastern Church."

ROTFLOL!!!! Since the date of Polycarp's martyrdom is NOT a Holy Day, it is set with the Gregorian Calendar!

NOT the Julian Calendar that it originally occurred on.

I fear that this is too much information for a narrow Seventh Day Adventist mindset.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) I would sure like to hear your quotes that establish that Polycarp kept the weekly Sabbath, since many Christians by that time referred to Sunday as the Christian "Sabbath."

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) "And on the sabbath, when prayer had been made long time on bended knee, [Polycarp], as was his custom, got up to read; and every eye was fixed upon him... After this the others also, having made the proper exhortations and appeals on the Sabbath and on the Lord's Day, and offerings and eucharists, rejoicing and partaking of food, returned each to his own home rejoicing greatly at having communicated with Polycarp, and glorifying Christ Jesus the Lord for it, to whom is the glory for ever. Amen... And on the following sabbath he said; 'Hear ye my exhortation, beloved children of God.'"

- Pionius, Life of Polycarp (1889) from J. B. Lightfoot, The Apostolic Fathers, vol. 3.2, pp.488-506.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "And on the sabbath, when prayer had been made long time on bended knee, he, as was his custom, got up to read; and every eye was fixed upon him.."

ROTFLOL!!! The only time that Eastern Christians "bend at the knee" is during Lent and Holy Week.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "It is also important to note that traditionally, the Eastern Orthodox service has no kneeling in the Western sense of standing on one's knees. While kneeling for prayer was customary in the primitive church, the Byzantine tradition did not maintain it, and the people stood traditionally. In the 20th century in some western countries, some Eastern Orthodox churches have begun to use pews and kneelers and so have begun kneeling in some parts of the service."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowing_in_Eastern_Orthodoxy

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Poyasny ("little bow", literally belt bow) and zemnoy poklon ("great bow", literally "ground bow") are different kinds of bows used in an Eastern Orthodox worship service.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Orthodox tradition specifies that the faithful are to stand rather than kneel in prayer from Pascha (Easter) until Pentecost, and on all Sundays throughout the year, in honour of the Resurrection.[2] That dates from the time when kneeling was more prevalent than it is today. There is some variation in interpretation, with some traditions, notably in the Greek

church, extending this prohibition on kneeling to also preclude prostrations. Within the Slavic churches, there is regional variation in practice, with some places avoiding prostrations on Sundays and others making the usual prostrations regardless of the day of the week."

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[Sean D. Pitman Sandi](#): Consider the testimony of the Apostolic Constitutions from the early Christian era:

The Apostolic Constitutions or Constitutions of the Holy Apostles (Latin: Constitutiones Apostolorum) is a Christian collection of eight treatises which belongs the Church Orders, a genre of early Christian literature, that offered authoritative "apostolic" prescriptions on moral conduct, liturgy and Church organization. The work can be dated from 375 to 380 AD. The provenance is usually regarded as Syria, probably Antioch. Of the Apostolical Constitutions, Guericke's Church History says:

"This is a collection of ecclesiastical statutes purporting to be the work of the apostolic age, but in reality formed gradually in the second, third, and fourth centuries, and is of much value in reference to the history of polity, and Christian archaeology generally." - Ancient Church, p. 212.

Here are a few passages relevant to the Ten Commandments and the keeping of the Sabbath as holy:

"Have before thine eyes the fear of God, and always remember the ten commandments of God, - to love the one and only Lord God with all thy strength; to give no heed to idols, or any other beings, as being lifeless gods, or irrational beings or demons. Consider the manifold workmanship of God, which received its beginning through Christ. Thou shalt observe the Sabbath, on account of Him who ceased from his work of creation, but ceased not from his work of providence: it is a rest for meditation of the law, not for idleness of the hands..."

O Lord Almighty, thou hast created the world by Christ, and hast appointed the Sabbath in memory thereof, because that on that day thou hast made us rest from our works, for the meditation upon thy laws. ...

Thou didst give them the law or decalogue, which was pronounced by thy voice and written with thy hand. Thou didst enjoin the observation of the Sabbath, not affording them an occasion of idleness, but an opportunity of piety, for their knowledge of thy power, and the prohibition of evils; having limited them as within an holy circuit for the sake of doctrine, for the rejoicing upon the seventh period...

On this account he permitted men every Sabbath to rest, that so no one might be willing to send one word out of his mouth in anger on the day of the Sabbath. For the Sabbath is the ceasing of the creation, the completion of the world, the inquiry after laws, and the grateful praise to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon men.

Testimony of the Apostolical Constitutions (375-380 AD), Book ii. sect. 4, par. 36.

Let the slaves work five days; but on the Sabbath day and the Lord's day let them have leisure to go to church for instruction in piety. We have said that the Sabbath is on account of the creation, and the Lord's day, of the resurrection."

Testimony of the Apostolical Constitutions, Book viii. sect. 4

See also: <https://m.egwwritings.org/en/book/1122.61#61>



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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) But of course you missed the part about observing the Lord's Day and no mention of Sabbath Keeping.

The Sabbath was merely typology for Jesus, who fulfilled it.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Larry Dean](#) [Kerry Wynne](#) it seems that [Sean D. Pitman](#) doesn't understand that I don't believe that EGW was a prophetess. Not a single thing she predicted came true. When you take EGW out of Adventism, the entire religion crumbles because all their doctrine came from her. Can a prophet be wrong about one thing and still be a true prophet? Not from what I've read. If you actually read "Lying for God" you might actually find something you can refute. [Deborah Owen David](#), I'm not sure why he won't accept the challenge and give us something to really discuss here.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): How can you interpret the passage that says, "Thou shalt observe the Sabbath, on account of Him who ceased from his work of creation" as not mentioning "Sabbath keeping"? Sure, Sunday observance may have also become popular during the early days of Christianity (eventually taking on the non-Biblical description of "The Lord's Day"), but clearly, Sabbath keeping was also maintained for quite some time - according to the Apostolic Constitutions as well as numerous other references. The Nazarenes (to include Polycarp who was a Nazarene) also observed the Sabbath for many centuries. It was also a common practice, almost universal outside of Rome and Alexandria, for the converted Gentiles to keep the Sabbath - from India to Britain and Ireland, Africa, Germany, and Asia (including China). The Waldenses also kept the Sabbath. In fact, over 100 languages from around the world use the term for "Sabbath" as their name for the 7th day. Surely this wasn't spread by Jewish culture - but by the earliest Christians who were driven from their original homeland.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Sandi](#): Of course I know that you don't view Mrs. White as a prophet or any kind of messenger from God. You've made that quite clear. However, the information I'm giving you isn't from the writings of Mrs. White. You do realize that Mrs. White isn't the one who wrote the Apostolic Constitutions? - right? This document was produced in the 4th century. I advise you to look it up and actually read these documents for yourself. The same is true for the other documents I've presented to you regarding the observance of the early Christians all over the ancient world of the Sabbath day and the continued veneration of the Ten Commandments - for hundreds of years. Please do your own research...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Sabbath Keeping was outlawed by way of Hadrian's decree in 135 AD, throughout the Roman Empire. 10 Rabbis were executed pursuant to the Decree. No Christians ever were. This fact alone forced Adventist Theologian Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi to concede that Christian "Sabbath Abandonment" was unanimous no later than 135 AD, the end of the Bar Khoba revolt. During his oral defense at the Pontifical Gregorian, he conceded that the Decree of Jerusalem in AD 50 resolved the issue of Sabbath Keeping once and forever.

ROTFLOL!!!! Only an Adventist would read about Polycarp's martyrdom, and discover that it was "proof" of their Cheap Saturday fetish.

I've analyzed your ridiculous claim here:

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[Larry Dean](#) [to Are Former Seventh Day Adventists in the Light? John 8:12](#)
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I had a rather comical-epiphany debating two separate Adventists on two drastically-different Early Church leaders: Agabus (Acts of the Apostles) and Polycarp (second Century). Leave it to Adventists to relentlessly-interpret EVERYTHING in the Early Church in support of their dishonest sophistry of the Saturn's-Day fetish and to buttress their ridiculous False prophet. Please bear with me. This is a long one.

First, what did Jesus promise us in his Sermon on the Mount? Did he promise us that we would be prophets, or there would BE prophets? Did he mention the Sabbath? The answer to both questions is a resounding "NO!" What DID he promise?

Matthew 5

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

And in Matthew 16, Jesus AGAIN stressed this same theme: he was NOT a prophet, nor did he teach his disciples that they would be prophets. They would be martyrs. And his Prophecy was accurately fulfilled. All of the Apostles but John were brutally-martyred:

"13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be[e] loosed in heaven." 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done."

In both instances, Jesus promised MARTYRDOM. Not that the Apostles would be Prophets. Nor that they would enjoy luxurious and restful Saturday afternoon naps. He promised them that they would be tortured and killed.

I've written about Paul's Mars Hill Speech at some length, so I will only repeat a few points of my prior analysis:

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Paul's speech is significant, given the location and the content of his sermon. One of the "inside jokes" of his profound rhetoric was his reliance on an absurd Greek didactic hexameter poem. Paul quoted Epimenides of Knossos, who was a semi-mythical Greek seer and philosopher-poet. He supposedly fell asleep for fifty-seven years in a Cretan cave sacred to Zeus. He awoke with the gift of prophecy, according to Greek legend.

Pausanias reports that when Epimenides died, his skin was found to be covered with tattoos. The Tattoos were the entire corpus of his poetic output. Only slaves could have tattoos in Ancient Greece, and Epimenides was not a slave. It is thought to be an emblem of self-sacrifice and resurrection, since his poetry was carefully copied and written down, by those entrusted with lovingly preparing his corpse for burial, under the reformed Athenian funerary law initiated by Solon. His tattooed skin was preserved and worshiped by the Spartans.

The only "prophet" Paul quoted was Epimenides, to scornfully-demonstrate to the Greeks on Mars Hill what they would NOT become by following Christ: a ridiculous fairy-tale "prophet." He did not quote any Hebrew Prophet or make a single mention of the Hebrew law! Only a ridiculous Greek "prophet" with a fake "Resurrection," held up to scorn and ridicule.

The location of his speech is significant, given the massive memorial to the Martyrs of the Battle of Marathon, located at the base of Mars Hill. I quote from the "other Gettysburg Address," given by Edward Everett:

"Such were the tokens of respect required to be paid at Athens to the memory of those who had fallen in the cause of their country. For those alone who fell at Marathon a peculiar honor was reserved. As the battle fought upon that immortal field was distinguished from all others in Grecian history for its influence over the fortunes of Hellas,—as it depended upon the event of that day whether Greece should live, a glory and a light to all coming time, or should expire, like the meteor of a moment; so the honors awarded to its martyr-heroes were such as were bestowed by Athens on no other occasion. They alone of all her sons were entombed upon the spot which they had forever rendered famous. Their names were inscribed upon ten pillars erected upon the monumental tumulus which covered their ashes (where, after six hundred years, they were read by the traveller Pausanias), and although the columns, beneath the hand of time and barbaric violence, have long since disappeared, the venerable mound still marks the spot where they fought and fell,—

"That battle-field where Persia's victim-horde

First bowed beneath the brunt of Hellas' sword."

Paul specifically mentioned Jesus's Resurrection, which featured 500 eyewitnesses unlike the comical fairy tale of the Greek "prophet," hinting that the Greeks could expect to become Martyrs for Jesus of they agreed with Paul. He made no mention of the Sabbath or the Mosaic Law. And he scornfully-ridiculed a Greek "prophet."

Adventists insist that Agabus was a Prophet who was a typology of Ellen White, since Acts mentions two of his prophecies that came true. But Agabus was an Apostle who was with the 12 Apostles in the upper room at the Day of Pentecost. The Office of Apostle is an Old Testament Prophet "on steroids." Notably, no Adventist has unwisely claimed that Ellen White was an Apostle. And most importantly, Agabus was an outstanding preacher of the Gospel to the Gentiles - something no Old Testament prophet would be; and ultimately, a stunning Martyr:

"He preached the gospel together with the holy apostles. He went to many countries, teaching and converting many of the Jews and the Greeks to the knowledge of the Lord Christ. He sanctified them by the life-giving baptism. This moved the Jews of Jerusalem to arrest him, and they tortured him by beating him severely, and putting a rope around his neck, and they dragged him outside the city. They stoned him there until he gave up his pure spirit. At this moment, a light came down from heaven. Everyone saw it as a continuous column between his body and heaven. A Jewish woman saw it and said, "Truly this man was righteous." She shouted in a loud voice, "I am a Christian and I believe in the God of this saint." They stoned her also and she died and was buried with him in one tomb."

http://www.copticchurch.net/synaxarium/6_4.html

Similarly, Adventists read the Martyrdom of Polycarp as proof of his Sabbath Keeping!

<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/.../martyrdompolycarp-h...>

Adventists seize on the fact that Polycarp was killed on "The Great Sabbath." But the "Great Sabbath" is the day before the "Christian Passover," which is Easter! It is a purely Christian custom. It has NOTHING to do with either the 7th Day of Creation or the 7th Day weekly Sabbath. Polycarp's execution was a fulfillment of Christ's promise that his followers would be executed, and did so PRECISELY on the weekend that celebrates Christ's crucifixion and Resurrection!

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Saturday

Martyrdom - not the chance at becoming a greedy money-hungry prophet, or keeping the comical Adventist-obsession with their Cheap Law and Cheap Saturday - is why Pagans swooned over and found Christianity to be so irresistible.

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Sean D. Pitman So, a Roman emperor outlawed the Sabbath - and that solved the problem for the Christians and the Jews? Really? You've got to be kidding me! Look at the many many documents describing what really happened... beyond your very limited repetrour. Sabbath keeping was quite common, outside of Rome and Alexandria, for hundreds of years all over the place. You need to do just a bit more reading on this topic....

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** I've done my research. The Eastern Church has NEVER accepted the Western Invention of the Ten Commandments, which was promulgated by Roman Catholic theologians Augustine (4th Century) and Tomas Aquinas (13th Century) and adopted by the Roman Catholic-only Council of Trent. You cannot find a public display of the Ten Commandments anywhere in Greece and Turkey, nor can you find an Icon of the Ten Commandments in any Orthodox Church. There is a complete absence of this ridiculous and contrived truncated "law" in Eastern Christianity.

And the Orthodox Church insists that Lord's Day observance commenced on Resurrection Morning. If the Orthodox thought that the Pope had anything to do with this tradition, they would revert to Sabbath Keeping out of pure spite.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** No Christians were executed under the Decree of Hadrian, who outlawed Sabbath Keeping throughout the Roman Empire.

Lots of Jewish Rabbis were executed under the decree. But no Christians.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: So, the author of the Apostolic Constitutions, and the numerous other references cited for you here, didn't know what they were talking about I suppose? Only you understand what really happend? Come on now....

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Was Hadrian lying about outlawing Sabbath Keeping throughout the Roman Empire? Are Jews lying that only Rabbis were executed under the Decree? Was Adventist theologian Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi lying that no Christians were executed under the Decree?

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** The Apostolic Constitutions were based on the Didache, which was rediscovered in the late 1800's. The Didache makes no mention of the Sabbath, and is regarded as a First Century Church manual:

<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/.../didache-roberts...>

[**Didache. The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles \(translation Roberts-Donaldson\).**](#)

Didache. The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles (translation Roberts-Donaldson). On Early Christian Writings.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman The Didache DOES command Christians to assemble on the Lord's Day:

"Chapter 14. Christian Assembly on the Lord's Day. But every Lord's day gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one who is at odds with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned. For this is that which was spoken by the Lord: "In every place and time offer to me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the nations."

<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/.../didache-roberts...>

Didache. The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles (translation Roberts-Donaldson).

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman ROTFLOL!!!! Here's the dating of the Apostolic Constitutions:

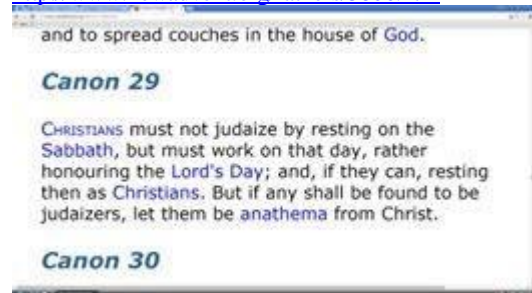
"The work can be dated from 375 to 380 AD. The provenance is usually regarded as Syria, probably Antioch."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostolic_Constitutions

And yet Adventist conspiracy theorists are outraged by the Canons of the Council of Laodicea that was held TWENTY YEARS EARLIER IN 363-364!!!!

HINT: The Canons of a Church Council trump anything else in Eastern Christianity. They are part of the sacred tradition.

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/3806.htm>



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Sandi Haynes Sean I made the comment I did about EGW because you also posted a link to her writing in your post. I am reading everything you post. Are you reading everything that is being posted to you? Or are you just dismissing it all?

You want me to read what you post but it seems you have no interest or respect for anyone here to read what is right in front of you.

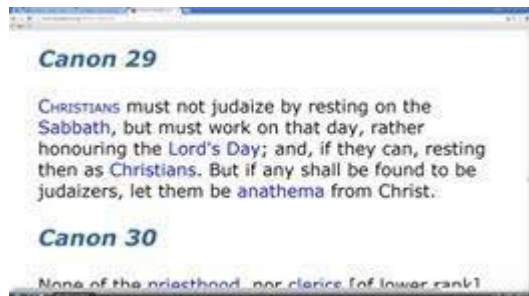
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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman As an Adventist Conspiracy theorist/Saturday fetishist, surely you must recognize that the feared and reviled "Devil in the Deep Blue Sea" - the Council of Laodicea - that Adventists have long denounced; cleared up any ambiguity about Sabbath-Keeping almost 20 years before the Apostolic Constitution?

Do you see any ambiguity about Christian Sabbath Keeping here?

It predates your Apostolic Constitution by almost 20 years.



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Canon #29 of the Council of Laodicea imposed the harsh penalty of excommunication for Sabbath Keeping. Furthermore, it SPECIFICALLY and POINTEDLY and AFFIRMATIVELY commands that Christians meet on the Lord's Day.

You DO agree that this predates the Apostolic Constitution by 20 years, don't you?

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman And I don't mean to kick a man while you are down but.....

The celebrated bishop of Constantinople, John Chrysostom, famously denounced Sabbath Keeping whenever he could. He was a MUCH more rabid anti-Sabbatarian than any Roman Pope. He was probably the most harsh anti-Sabbatarian of the entire Eastern Christian communion. And as you know, Constantinople was the Capital of the Roman Empire, and thus the Bishop of Constantinople was first among equals. To this day, the Bishop of Constantinople holds primacy among all of the Patriarchs of Eastern Orthodoxy, and is considered to be the Ecumenical Patriarch.

Chrysostom lived about the same time as your Apostolic Constitution was being written out:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Chrysostom

[John Chrysostom - Wikipedia](#)

Chrysostom was among the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church exceeded only by...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman One of Chrysostom's most famous homilies against the Sabbath is found here:

<http://blog.theotokos.co.za/?p=2776>



[St John Chrysostom on the Sabbath](#)

St John Chrysostom makes a very interest point: 9 of the 10 Commandments were part of...

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Sean D. Pitman Sandi: What I posted was not written by Mrs. White, but was simply a review of the Apostolic Constitutions. The Constitutions themselves were written in the 4th century AD. The review of these Constitutions, which specifically highlighted the portions discussing the Sabbath, was written by JN Andrews. In any case, I advise you to go and read the original Apostolic Constitutions (and other original historical documents cited here) for yourself. You really need to do your own research here rather than simply going with what others might tell you is or is not "true". You simply do not know much about the historical or even the Biblical basis for the positions you've taken on...

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Sandi Haynes **Sean D. Pitman**

David and I did not leave Adventism because of any one doing something to us or because of anyone leading us to a different understanding. We left because our Bible and the Bible only pointed us to the Truth! Jesus is all that matters to us!

I can see that you think that these former Adventist have convince us of things you don't agree with.

We didn't know of anyone who was a former Adventist until we left. I never met any of the people posting here until we left Adventism. What we discovered in "Lying for God" is a document so comprehensive that only sealed our decision for leaving. We could not refute it. Can you? If you will read it and then point me to where we've gone wrong, then that may be helpful. Maybe you could point all of us here to where the document, "Lying for God" is wrong.

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Sandi Haynes **Sean D. Pitman**, I've actually read this document before that you posted. Please tell me what we need to study to come to the correct conclusion. We've been studying only the Bible and it seems pretty clear to us. Are you saying that the Bible isn't the highest authority? Are you saying I lost if I don't come to the same understanding as you?

I am a Warrior for the Gospel Truth!

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: You make several mistaken claims here regarding 1) what happened during Hadrian's outlaw of the Sabbath, 2) the Apostolic Constitutions vs. the Didache, and 3) the Council of Laodicea trumping the Apostolic Constitutions.

First off, Hadrian did outlaw Sabbath observance in the early second century. However, this was primarily targeted at the Jews because of very bloody and costly Jewish revolts. Jerusalem was completely destroyed and then rebuilt as a Roman city with Roman temples. Jews were barred from even entering this city – while Christians were still allowed to enter. The Christians themselves largely got around the anti-Sabbath laws by “doing good deeds” and being generally active on the Sabbath – citing the activity of Jesus Himself on the Sabbath and how doing such activities for God was “lawful” to do on the Sabbath – as Jesus Himself point out. Research has shown that during the second and third centuries various prominent leaders of the Christian communities endeavored, by being busy doing "divine work" on the Sabbath, to cope with Roman laws against Sabbathkeeping – to include Irenaeus, Pothinus, Tertullian, Clement, and Origen.

Tertullian pointed out that, “it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath” (Mark 3:4) and went on to explain, “For when it says of the Sabbath-day, 'In it thou shalt not do any work of thine,' by the word thine it restricts the prohibition to human work—which everyone performs in his own employment or business—and not to divine work.”

Likewise, Origin argued that Christian Sabbath observance should be different from Jewish Sabbath observance: “It is fitting for whoever is righteous among the saints to keep also the festival of the Sabbath. Which is, indeed, the festival of the Sabbath, except that concerning which the Apostle said, 'There remaineth therefore a sabbatismus, that is, a keeping of the Sabbath, to the people of God [Hebrews 4:9]'. Forsaking therefore the Judaic observance of the Sabbath, let us see what sort of observance of the Sabbath is expected of the Christian. On the day of the Sabbath nothing of worldly acts ought to be performed...”

Clement of Alexandria wrote in a similar manner regarding Sabbath observance for the Christian: “For the teacher of him who speaks and of him who hears is one—who waters both the mind and the word. Thus the Lord did not hinder from doing good while keeping the Sabbath; but allowed us to communicate of those divine mysteries, and of that holy light to those who are able to receive them.”

Irenaeus also acknowledged that Christ did not do away with the law of the Sabbath. He emphasized, in contrast to the common Jewish position however, that Jesus said, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Matt. 12:12, NKJV). It followed, then, that humanity need not be idle on the Sabbath: "And therefore the Lord reproved those who unjustly blamed Him for having healed upon the Sabbath-days. For He did not make void, but fulfilled the law. . . . And again, the law did not forbid those who were hungry on the Sabbath-days to take food lying ready at hand: it did, however, forbid them to reap and to gather into barns."

Of course, others took it a step further and started to allegorize the meaning and purpose of the Sabbath – according to the teachings of the Gnostics which heavily influenced those in Rome and Alexandria beginning within the 2nd Century. For example, Justin Martyr wrote: "If there is any perjured person or a thief among you, let him cease to be so; if any adulterer, let him repent; then he has kept the sweet and true sabbaths of God..."

It is therefore quite evident that the idea of being able to keep the Sabbath without actually being "idle," as were the Jews, was rather widespread among Christians. These men, as all other Christians, faced the constant possibility that because of some

adverse event the pagans would rise up against them, accusing the Christians of causing the gods to become angry. Thus, Christian leaders did what they could to demonstrate by their lives that they were upright, noble citizens.

All this taken into account sufficiently distinguished the Christians from the Jews regarding Sabbath observance in the eyes of the Romans who were, during Hadrian's time, primarily targeting the Jews themselves. Also, Hadrian's laws were not evenly enforced throughout the Roman Empire.

However, there is no doubt that the various attitudes of Christians relating to the Sabbath laws of Rome during the second and third centuries paved the way for the more drastic changes that took place in the fourth century, especially during the reign of Constantine.

Now, regarding your claim that the Apostolic Constitutions were entirely based on the Didache – this isn't exactly true (and it's irrelevant to the point). It is generally accepted that the Didache was written in the first century, while the Constitutions (made up of 8 books) were written in the fourth century. However, the first part of the Constitutions (Books 1-6) are a free re-wording of the Didascalia Apostolorum (not the same as the Didache). In contrast to the Didache, the Didascalia Apostolorum was written in the 3rd, not the 1st, century. While the Didascalia was clearly modeled on the earlier Didache, they aren't the same works. Of course, Book 7 of the Constitutions was partially based on the Didache in chapters 33-35. So, there are clear and distinct differences between these three works. And, the 4th century writer of the Constitutions clearly added elements that he considered to be relevant that may not have been in the previous works – elements unique from both the Didache and the Didascalia (especially with regard to the Gnostic spiritualizing of Sabbath observance).

While none of these writings is canonical, the Constitutions clearly shows that Sabbath observance was regarded as binding for the Christian, by its writer, as late as the 4th century in the region of Syria (or possibly Antioch). And, this conclusion is generally recognized by most historians.

As far as your claim that the Council of Laodicea trumping the Apostolic Constitutions (since the Council took place before the Constitutions in 363–364 AD vs. 375 to 380 AD) were written, that is completely irrelevant. In fact, it is quite telling that the Laodicean Council had to actually issue a decree, a canon, making Sabbath observance illegal and punishable by excommunication – along with a command to try to force Christians to actually meet on Sunday instead. Clearly, this actions suggests that the Council saw Sabbath-keeping as a persistent problem for the church... right in line with the claims of the author of the Constitutions regarding Sabbath observance as still binding - - even after the Council's threats against those who continue to keep the Sabbath holy.

Again, it is quite clear, from numerous historical sources (the Constitutions only being one such source among many) that the early Christians continued to keep the Sabbath as a very common practice in most areas all over Asia, Africa, and Europe for hundreds of years – and in some places, like Ethiopia, until modern times. It is also telling that over 100 languages (ancient and modern) refer to the 7th day as the "Sabbath". Clearly, the concept of the Sabbath became very widespread around the world and in many many cultures (and not because of the Jews). There is simply no rational way to deny such facts of history by citing a few cases (primarily in Rome and Alexandria) where Christian leaders spoke out against Sabbath observance and gradually more and more in favor of Sunday observance.

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Sean D. Pitman Sandi: That's what I've been doing here Sandi. I've already pointed out numerous errors and outright fabrications in your new doctrinal guide, "Lying for God" and in your new understanding of various passages in the Bible. Now, you may not agree with me, and that's fine, but it seems to me like you are letting other people do your thinking for you. You yourself are making claims about various ideas and concepts, and about certain doctrinal positions of the Adventist Church even, that just aren't true. You need to research the reasons why you believe the way you currently believe. You need to do your own research into the claims that "Lying for God" is making. Don't just accept these claims at face value. Look into them to see if they are really true. Look at the original historical documents for yourself. Look into the original origin for many of these claims to see if they really stack up against what the Bible is really saying or what actual historical records demonstrate. Take your time and do a careful and prayerful search...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman 'As far as your claim that the Council of Laodicea trumping the Apostolic Constitutions (since the Council took place before the Constitutions in 363–364 AD vs. 375 to 380 AD) were written, that completely irrelevant.'

Once again, your profound ignorance of Eastern Christianity shows.

HINT: You DO NOT disobey a clear-cut canon like that if you want to stay in communion with the Church. Canon #29 could not have made itself any clearer.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) ROTFLOL!!! So the Christians did whatever they wanted on the Sabbath to "keep it," and that impressed the Romans into not persecuting them?

I thought you followed Jesus's and the Apostle's example, who went into the Synagogues on Sabbath and taught?

Did the Christians suddenly stop following Jesus's example when Hadrian outlawed Sabbath Keeping (and synagogue attendance) in 135 AD? Teaching in the Synagogues was no longer "doing good," since it was now illegal? Or did they start doing miracles on the Sabbath, to follow Jesus's example of "doing good?" Did they spend time in the Tomb, in lieu of teaching in the Synagogue, which was now illegal?

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) I just reviewed a bunch of Church Canons adopted by the 7 Ecumenical Councils. On another thread, I discussed Canon #29 of the Council of Laodicea, which banned Sabbath-keeping for Christians and extolled the Lord's Day celebration. Now I have some point by point analysis:

- a). The vast, overwhelming majority of Church Canons of the Ecumenical Councils (held between 325 AD and 787 AD) discussed the procedures regarding the Lord's Supper (sometimes referred to as "communion" and other times as "The Eucharist"). That is appropriate, since the Lord's Supper was and is the one and only sign of the New Covenant, and is repetitively emphasized throughout the New Testament. Adventists - who approach Church history from a Sabbath-centric obsession; simply will never "get" what the Early Church was up to in its various Councils. It is incomprehensible to them. The Early Church focused on the Lord's Supper with a laser-like intensity. The 107 AD writings of Ignatius of Antioch are particularly instructive. Ignatius was a direct disciple of John, Peter and Paul and was the 2nd Bishop of Antioch, following Peter. In his writings, he referred to the Lord's Supper as the "Medicine of Immortality" and harshly denounced Sabbath Keeping as the Judaizing heresy.
- b). The notorious (for Adventists, anyway) Canon #29 of the 363 AD Council of Laodicea demanded the penalty of excommunication for Sabbath-Keeping Christians. I could find NO evidence that any Sabbath-Keeping Christians had ever been excommunicated for violating the Canon. It is obvious that there were no Sabbath-Keeping Christians by that point in Christian history.
- c). Similarly, Constantine's 325 AD edict set aside Sunday as a day of worship. I could find NO evidence that any Sabbath-Keeping Christians had ever been excommunicated for violating Constantine's edict. It is obvious that there were no Sabbath-Keeping Christians by that point. It is obvious that Constantine merely codified what universal Christian practice was at the time.
- d). Similarly, Emperor Hadrian's 135 AD edict banned Sabbath Keeping throughout the Roman Empire. I could find NO evidence that any Sabbath-Keeping Christians had ever been persecuted for violating Hadrian's edict. But several Jewish Rabbis were famously-executed for violating the decree. That there were no Sabbath-Keeping Christians by that point was so painfully-obvious, it forced Adventist theologian Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi to concede that Christian "abandonment" of Sabbath-keeping was universal no later than 135 AD, in his Doctoral dissertation at the Pontifical Gregorian.
- e). In his oral defense of his Doctoral dissertation at the Pontifical Gregorian, Bacchiocchi was then forced to concede that the AD 50 Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) resolved the issue of Sabbath Keeping once and forever, when the Apostles rejected the application of any of the Mosaic Law to Gentile Christian Converts. The Apostles were given this authority over Christian practice in Matthew 18:18. Adventists simply disobey Jesus's command that gave the Apostles this authority.
- f). The Greek Orthodox Church has long officially-insisted that Sunday worship commenced on Resurrection morning. The Greeks are famously-hostile to Rome: If the Greeks believed that Rome instituted Sunday worship, they would adopt Saturday Keeping out of pure spite. The Greeks have long bitter memories about their excommunication of the Pope in 1054 AD, and the consequent revenge Sack of Constantinople in 1204 by the Latins. Pope John Paul 2 visited Athens in 2001, and the Greek Patriarch only agreed to a desultory visit after intense media pressure forced him to. The Greek government actively persecutes Roman Catholics, and has lost several appeals to the European Court of Human Rights. None of the disputes between the Eastern Church and Rome are mentioned ANYWHERE in the voluminous writings of Ellen White and Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi. That Constantinople was the capital of the Roman Empire for 1100 years is also never mentioned in their writings.
- g). Two Apostles - Bartholomew and Thaddeus - left Jerusalem and the confines of the Roman Empire and founded the Assyrian Church of the East and the Armenian Apostolic Church, just two years after the Resurrection. Both Apostles were brutally-martyred, and neither wrote an Epistle or a Gospel. They were never in communion with Rome and none of the laws of the

Roman Empire had any effect on them, since they were located in the Assyrian Empire and the Persian Empire. Neither of these non-Roman Empires spoke Greek or Latin, the languages of the Roman Empire and the Ecumenical Councils. In all respects, they were completely independent of the Churches of the Roman Empire. Neither of these churches sent delegates to the Ecumenical Councils. Archaeologists have unearthed Christian artifacts from the First Century in China and Korea from Assyrian Church missionaries. Both of these churches insist that they have worshiped on Sunday since they were founded, and have never kept the Sabbath. These two apostolic churches are mentioned NOWHERE in the voluminous writings of Ellen White and Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi.

h). There was indeed a tiny-handful of Sabbath-Keeping observant Jewish Christian converts localized around Jerusalem, but this group of early Seventh Day Adventists was completely-extinct by 200 AD. They - like Adventists - rejected the Divinity of Christ; said Christ was a mere Angel; and insisted on vegetarianism and Saturday keeping as necessary for Salvation. These so-called "Ebionites" were frequently denounced by Early Church Fathers as heretics.

i). Gentiles were banned from Sabbath Keeping by UNANIMOUS-rulings of the Jewish Courts, which imposed the Death Penalty on Gentiles who attempted to intrude on Israel's exclusive covenant from God. The Jewish Courts were given exclusive authority to interpret and enforce the law in Deuteronomy 17 and reaffirmed by Jesus in Matthew 23:1-3. Banning Gentile Sabbath-keeping is an obvious interpretation of the exclusive covenant between Israel and God found in Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 31; and in light of God's frequent commands to the Israelites to eradicate and exterminate the Gentiles living among them. Ephesians 2 accurately refers to this division of Jews and Gentiles as a "Wall of Hostility." This state of affairs long predated the Birth of Christ.

j). Hellenized Jews were the overwhelming majority of 1st Century Jews that converted to Christianity, and they had jettisoned Sabbath-Keeping long before the Birth of Christ. The ferocious, murderous Greek hatred of the Sabbath and the jettisoning of the Sabbath by Hellenized Jews is well-documented in 1 Maccabees. Hellenized Jews and Greeks were at least 95 percent of the demographic makeup of the First Century Church. They did not resume Sabbath Keeping when they converted to Christianity. Sabbath Keeping was simply a non-issue in the Early Church, given this overwhelming anti-Sabbath-keeping demographic makeup of its members.

The overwhelming extrinsic evidence demonstrates that Christian Sabbath-abandonment occurred within the first year after the Resurrection at the LATEST, given that the two most important events in Christian history - the Resurrection and the Day of Pentecost (the "Birthday of the Church") - occurred on the First Day of the week.

This is not rocket science.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) I just found yet ANOTHER screamingly-funny, inadvertent refutation of Adventism's Cheap Saturday fetish. Adventists vehemently argue against the Jewish Lunar calendar that was clearly in effect at the time of Jesus, since observing the Sabbath on that calendar is overwhelmingly problematic. The Sabbath could fall on any day of the week of our present-day Gregorian calendar. It is just as likely to fall on Monday or Thursday as on Saturday. Adventists convened a committee in the 1930's to resolve this issue, since William Miller used the Lunar calendar to calculate the date of October 22, 1844. This is an acute embarrassment, since Adventists revere and CELEBRATE "The Great Disappointment!" Once the Adventist committee realized that the overwhelming evidence supports a Sabbath calculated using only a lunar calendar, is disbanded itself and left no notes of its deliberations. They knew that Sabbath-keeping is impossible in a modern-day work world with a lunar calendar. Saturday Keeping always was nothing more than a baseless and cynical marketing gimmick. Adopting a lunar calendar - which is mandated by the Bible's frequent references to the New Moons Holy Day - would destroy Adventism as a money-making machine.

SO now this ridiculous Rube Goldberg cult celebrates the Great Disappointment calculated with a Lunar Calendar (since they know that this is the calendar used in Jesus's time), but a 7th-day Saturday day of worship calculated with Pope Gregory's calendar, adopted in the 1500's.

Adventists typically argue that someone somewhere mysteriously kept track of the original 7-day creation week, so the present-day 7-day week can be traced clear back to creation. They never offer any scholarly support for this assertion.

Well, leave it to the Romans to save the day. The Julian Calendar was adopted before the Birth of Christ, in 45 BC. It was an 8-day calendar, as shown by the two photos that I have posted here. Palestine was under Roman occupation at the time of Jesus. The 8-day week of the Julian calendar was not replaced by the Gregorian calendar until the 1500's. The two photos below show First Century Julian calendars, with their 8-weekly days denominated with letters from A-H.

QUESTION: If the 7th-day Sabbath was NOT observed in accordance with the Lunar Calendar at the time of Christ, as Adventists argue; then on which day of the 8-day Roman Calendar would Palestinian Jews (and Jesus) have observed the

Sabbath? Describe how they could make a 7th-day Sabbath observance "fit" on an 8-day weekly calendar.

Anyone?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_calendar



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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) we did just that very thing that you suggested. We went through the document. "Lying for God" with a fine tooth comb. You see. Sean, we no longer listen to what others say as we did for most our lives. We read and check and recheck everything! How, would you expect us to stay in a church that we no longer believe their prophetess to be a true prophet?

We both know what we were taught. But, we no longer believe that way. Please, if there is something we are missing in this document, point us to the place we need to clarify. Cause we don't see it. You must think so little of David and me that you think we haven't done our research. No one here has thought for either of us. We talked to no one while questioning everything. We came to our own conclusions from studying the Bible by ourselves with the Holy Spirits leading us.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Again, it is quite clear, from numerous historical sources, the Consituitions only being one such source among many, that the early Christians continued to keep the Sabbath as a very common practice in most areas all over Asia, Africa, and Europe for hundreds of years – and in some places, like Ethiopia, until modern times."

I ran this by my Priest this morning: "Can you disobey a Church Canon like Laodicea #29 that prohibits Sabbath Keeping, and remain a member of the Christian Church?"

I thought he was never going to stop laughing. He couldn't breathe!

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) ROTFLOL!!!

In "Lying for God," we found the Ethiopian Church Canons, which differ substantially with the Canons of the rest of the churches. Several things:

- a). The Ethiopian Church will EXCOMMUNICATE you, if you do not work at your ordinary job on Saturday. There is no question the Lord's Day has primacy over the Sabbath under their Canon law.
- b). The Ethiopian Church has some 260 Holy days a year that do not fall necessarily on either Saturday or Sunday. They are mandatory attendance. It is virtually a full-time job to be an Ethiopian Christian. Adventists ignored this part of their spiritual discipline.
- c). The Ethiopian Christians are the end product of a liaison between the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon. Their son became the Emperor of Ethiopia. This is why they revere Saturday to this day. Under Israel's Right of Immigration law, Ethiopian Christians are regarded as of Jewish descent for purposes of determining their eligibility for Israeli citizenship.
- d). Moreover, the Roman Catholic Church which is in communion with both the Ethiopian and Eritrean Catholic Churches; has severe penalties for any Roman Catholic who attempts to dissuade the Africans to cease Saturday Keeping. Laypeople are to be excommunicated and Priests defrocked. In 1896 Pope Leo issued an Encyclical and this was followed by Vatican 2 who strengthened it. (Of Course Ellen never mentioned Pope Leo's rousing defense of African Saturday-keeping.....but then, what ELSE is new?) The reason: Ethiopian Christians stand alone in being founded by the Apostle Phillip, who is the source of their present-day Saturday keeping. As the cases of the Assyrian Churches of the East and the Armenian Apostolic Church

demonstrate, those ancient churches rigorously-follow the instructions of their founding Apostles. Phillip taught the Ethiopians to keep BOTH Saturday and the Lord's Day; the Armenians and Assyrians were taught by Thaddeus and Bartholomew to assemble on Sunday.

Adventists dishonestly single out the Ethiopian's Saturday Keeping, but of course ignore their primacy of the Lord's Day.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman "There is simply no rational way to deny such facts of history by citing a few cases (primarily in Rome and Alexandria) where Christian leaders spoke out against Sabbath observance and gradually more and more in favor of Sunday observance."

Now you are simply lying. I cited the celebrated Bishop of Constantinople (who's liturgy is still used every week in every single Eastern Orthodox Church on the planet) John Chrysostom, who tirelessly preached against Sabbath-keeping as the Judaizing heresy. I provided a link to one of his main sermons against Sabbath Keeping.

He taught about the same time as the Apostolic Constitutions came out.

There is no excuse for you to lie so brazenly like that.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Your ignorance of Eastern Christianity is simply shocking and deplorable:

"As far as your claim that the Council of Laodicea trumping the Apostolic Constitutions (since the Council took place before the Constitutions in 363–364 AD vs. 375 to 380 AD) were written, that completely irrelevant."

You simply have no idea whatsoever how the confluence of a clear-cut Church Canon Law like Laodicea #29 combined with the powerful Patriarch of Constantinople John Chrysostom's adamant opposition to Sabbath Keeping would have affected the average Christian.

There is no chance whatsoever that any Christian in Chrysostom's bailiwick of Constantinople would have continued to keep the Sabbath.

And this had NOTHING to do with Rome either, since the Patriarch of Constantinople hand-selected and appointed the Roman Pontiff for over 200 years. To this day in Rome, there is a section of town that is virtually all Greek speaking, a holdover from the days when the Patriarch of Constantinople ruled church affairs in Rome:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine_Papacy



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman "In fact, it is telling that the Laodicean Council had to actually issue a decree, a canon, making Sabbath observance illegal and punishable by excommunication – along with a command to try to force Christians to actually meet on Sunday instead."

Your ignorance of Canon Law is as shocking as your ignorance of Eastern Christianity. Several things:

- a). The powerful Bishop Chrysostom constantly railed against ANY association between Christians and Jews. He is the only Bishop in history that preached regularly to the Roman Emperor, who lived in Constantinople.
- b). The Canons are listed in descending order of importance. Remember that when reading them. Laodicea #29 is behind Canons

that guide whether a Deacon can sit down during the Divine Liturgy; Whether those in 2nd marriages can partake of the Lord's Supper; How soon after one is baptized can one become a Deacon; And the procedure for repenting of heresies.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "There is simply no rational way to deny such facts of history by citing a few cases (primarily in Rome and Alexandria) where Christian leaders spoke out against Sabbath observance and gradually more and more in favor of Sunday observance."

You must have "forgotten" to mention my citing of the celebrated Bishop of Constantinople's condemnation of Sabbath Keeping, from the Capital of the Roman Empire Constantinople. So I will repost both cites AGAIN:

One of Chrysostom's most famous homilies against the Sabbath is found here:

<http://blog.theotokos.co.za/?p=2776>

Chrysostom lived about the same time as your Apostolic Constitution was being written out:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Chrysostom



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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#) in our research this is what we found to be true.

The Adventist God is not all-powerful (omnipotent). Instead of His God-breathed word being the immutable, powerful revelation of absolute truth, Adventism believes Scripture contains errors just as the writings of His end-time prophet, Ellen White, are filled with errors. Moreover, in Adventism, God could lose His governance of the universe to Satan if He cannot demonstrate His fairness. In fact, the classic investigative judgment doctrine teaches that rather than God saving man, man saves God. This judgment sounds harsh, but the investigative judgment doctrine teaches that in order for God to be vindicated over Satan's accusations and to maintain His rulership, God needs men who can demonstrate that His Law can be kept.

In short, Adventism has a weak God that cannot do what the Bible says He does. This unbiblical God is the fundamental error of Adventism. There cannot be truth built on top of a foundation that is a lie.

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Larry Dean "First off, Hadrian did outlaw Sabbath observance in the early second century. However, this was primarily targeted at the Jews because of very bloody and costly Jewish revolts. "

And also because Jews were still practicing Sabbath Keeping, whereas the Christians weren't. This is what your own scholar Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi was forced to admit in his doctoral dissertation.

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Larry Dean "It is fitting for whoever is righteous among the saints to keep also the festival of the Sabbath. Which is, indeed, the festival of the Sabbath, except that concerning which the Apostle said, 'There remaineth therefore a sabbatismus, that is, a keeping of the Sabbath, to the people of God [Hebrews 4:9]'. Forsaking therefore the Judaic observance of the Sabbath, let us see what sort of observance of the Sabbath is expected of the Christian. On the day of the Sabbath nothing of worldly acts ought to be performed..."

Once again, your profound ignorance of Eastern Christianity is glaring and comical.

The Sabbath "Festivals" that you speak of bookend Holy Week. "Lazarus Saturday" is the day before Palm Sunday. The Great Sabbath is the day before Easter. Neither have anything to do with the 7th Day Weekly Sabbaths or the 7th day of Creation. The following is Eastern Orthodoxy 101:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lazarus_Saturday

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Saturday



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Lazarus Saturday in the Eastern Orthodox Church[^{note 1}] is the day before Palm Sunday...

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Larry Dean "Tertullian pointed out that, "it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Mark 3:4) and went on to explain, "For when it says of the Sabbath-day, 'In it thou shalt not do any work of thine,' by the word thine it restricts the prohibition to human work—which everyone performs in his own employment or business—and not to divine work."

You are simply lying now:

"[L]et him who contends that the Sabbath is still to be observed as a balm of salvation, and circumcision on the eighth day . . . teach us that, for the time past, righteous men kept the Sabbath or practiced circumcision, and were thus rendered 'friends of God.' For if circumcision purges a man, since God made Adam uncircumcised, why did he not circumcise him, even after his sinning, if circumcision purges? . . . Therefore, since God originated Adam uncircumcised and unobservant of the Sabbath, consequently his offspring also, Abel, offering him sacrifices, uncircumcised and unobservant of the Sabbath, was by him [God] commended [Gen. 4:1–7, Heb. 11:4]. . . . Noah also, uncircumcised—yes, and unobservant of the Sabbath—God freed from the deluge. For Enoch too, most righteous man, uncircumcised and unobservant of the Sabbath, he translated from this world, who did not first taste death in order that, being a candidate for eternal life, he might show us that we also may, without the burden of the law of Moses, please God" (An Answer to the Jews 2 [A.D. 203])."

Tertullian NEVER advocated Sabbath Keeping and never kept it. Your quote mining and proof-texting of him is so dishonest, I refer to an Andrews University journal article:

"That Tertullian is negative toward the seventh-day Sabbath in his Answer to the Jews is obvious."

<https://www.andrews.edu/.../Per.../AUSS/1971-2/1971-2-03.pdf>

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Larry Dean "Clement of Alexandria wrote in a similar manner regarding Sabbath observance for the Christian: "For the teacher of him who speaks and of him who hears is one—who waters both the mind and the word. Thus the Lord did not hinder from doing good while keeping the Sabbath; but allowed us to communicate of those divine mysteries, and of that holy light to those who are able to receive them."

You are simply lying again. Clement NEVER advocated Sabbath Keeping and NEVER kept it himself.

Once again, a scholarly journal article from Andrews University:

Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215 A.D.) 'has been credited with being "the first Church Father whose extant writings use the term 'Lord's day' to apply to the weekly Christian Sunday.'"

<http://digitalcommons.andrews.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi...>

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Larry Dean "Irenaeus also acknowledged that Christ did not do away with the law of the Sabbath. He emphasized, in contrast to the common Jewish position however, that Jesus said, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Matt. 12:12, NKJV). It followed, then, that humanity need not be idle on the Sabbath: "And therefore the Lord reproved those who unjustly blamed Him for having healed upon the Sabbath-days. For He did not make void, but fulfilled the law. . . . And again, the law did not forbid those who

were hungry on the Sabbath-days to take food lying ready at hand: it did, however, forbid them to reap and to gather into barns."

Irenaeus was such an outspoken OPPONENT of Christian Sabbath-keeping that the Worldwide Church of God was forced to write a polemic condemning him as a heretic:

<http://www.cogwriter.com/irenaeus.htm>

Irenaeus: The Most Dangerous Heretic?

Is the most dangerous heretic the one who directly denies Jesus and makes himself God, like Simon Magus did? Is the most dangerous heretic the one who first did away with the Old Testament and the Sabbath, like Marcion did? Is most dangerous heretic the first one who taught an odd Trinity like Monta...

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Larry Dean "Of course, others took it a step further and started to allegorize the meaning and purpose of the Sabbath – according to the teachings of the Gnostics which heavily influenced those in Rome and Alexandria beginning within the 2nd Century. For example, Justin Martyr wrote: "If there is any perjured person or a thief among you, let him cease to be so; if any adulterer, let him repent; then he has kept the sweet and true sabbaths of God..."

You are simply lying again. I just find it ASTONISHING that you would quote Justin Martyr as a "gnostic" who allegorized the Sabbath." He was an OUTSPOKEN critic of Sabbath-Keeping:

"On the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together in one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read.... Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead."

"We live not after the law, and are not circumcised in the flesh as your forefathers were, and do not observe sabbaths as you do..."

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Larry Dean "Again, it is quite clear, from numerous historical sources (the Constitutions only being one such source among many) that the early Christians continued to keep the Sabbath as a very common practice in most areas all over Asia, Africa, and Europe for hundreds of years....."

Name one.

Tertullian, Clement, Irenaeus and particularly Justin Martyr were OPPONENTS of Sabbath-keeping, as I have demonstrated from (2) TWO Andrews University seminary articles and a polemic written by the World Wide Church of God. Justin Martyr's statements against Sabbath-keeping are so rabid, it is just mind-boggling that you would cite him in SUPPORT of Sabbath Keeping.

Your statements on the role of Church Canon Law; and simply ignoring and lying through your teeth about the position of St. John Chrysostom - the celebrated Bishop of Constantinople; indicates an abysmal lack of knowledge about the Eastern Church. You must think it is like the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Adventist trolls come on here all the time and declare that they disregard this or that Fundamental Belief of the Church.

Rest assured, that does not occur in Eastern Orthodoxy. Not when a Canon Law is so clear and a powerful bishop in the Capital of the Roman Empire was so stridently anti-Sabbatarian.

Your entire approach to citing the Church fathers is glib, superficial and the product of dishonest and shoddy "quote mining." Tertullian, Clement, Irenaeus and particularly Justin Martyr were strong OPPONENTS of Sabbath-keeping, and yet you dishonestly wrench their quotes out of context to show that they were PROPONENTS of Sabbath Keeping! AMAZING, but then you realize that this cult is founded on lies and defends itself with egregious lies.

By the way, if I were you, and I were trying to defend your ridiculous and baseless scam, I would probably try to dodge any discussion of John Chrysostom too.

But to shamelessly lie like you did when you claimed that anti-Sabbatarianism only took hold in Rome and Alexandria is lying at a level that should shock any Seventh Day Adventist.

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Larry Dean "Research has shown that during the second and third centuries various prominent leaders of the Christian communities endeavored, by being busy doing "divine work" on the Sabbath, to cope with Roman laws against Sabbathkeeping – to include Irenaeus, Pothinus, Tertullian, Clement, and Origen."

Once again, you are simply lying through your teeth. NONE of the Christian fathers that you cited "endeavored, by being busy doing "divine work" on the Sabbath, to cope with Roman Laws against Sabbath-keeping."

Origen trashed the notion that Sabbath-Keeping was a Creation ordinance and claimed a CLEAR superiority of the Lord's Day over the Sabbath. I have included an excerpt from DA Carson below.

Irenaeus, Tertullian, Clement and Origen were outspoken OPPONENTS of Sabbath-Keeping. They did not disagree with Rome's laws against Sabbath-keeping in the slightest.

SHAME SHAME SHAME SHAME on you!



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Larry Dean I will grant you one thing.

It is good that you admit that the Didache was a First Century Christian Church manual. It is also good that you admit that it does not command Sabbath-Keeping. It is also good that you admit that the Didache specifically-commands assembly on the Lord's Day.

That is the first time I have seen a Seventh Day Adventist being honest about those three critical points.

In all respects, the Didache is completely consistent with the ruling of the Apostles at the AD 50 Council of Jerusalem. As Adventist theologian Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi was forced to concede in his oral dissertation defense, the Acts 15 Council of Jerusalem resolved the issue of Sabbath-Keeping once and forever. And that was AGAINST Sabbath-keeping.

Don't you think it is time for Adventists to be told the truth about this?

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Larry Dean I am happy you also endorsed the Didascalia:

"However, the first part of the Constitutions (Books 1-6) are a free re-wording of the Didascalia Apostolorum (not the same as the Didache). In contrast to the Didache, the Didascalia Apostolorum was written in the 3rd, not the 1st, century. While the Didascalia was clearly modeled on the earlier Didache, they aren't the same works."

Here's what the Didascalia SAID about the issue of Sabbath versus Sunday:

"The apostles further appointed: On the first day of the week let there be service, and the reading of the holy scriptures, and the oblation [sacrifice of the Mass], because on the first day of the week [i.e., Sunday] our Lord rose from the place of the dead, and on the first day of the week he arose upon the world, and on the first day of the week he ascended up to heaven, and on the first day of the week he will appear at last with the angels of heaven"

NOTE: In that day and age, the Mass was NEVER said on Saturday. This is a critical point that Adventists always miss and can NEVER comprehend. That makes Saturday at best a second place runner-up to Sunday. It is the Eucharist that gives Sunday its importance.

The Eucharist is the sign or sacrament of Christianity. Not the Sabbath. That is crystal clear from the New Testament.

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Larry Dean It is UNBELIEVABLE that you would proof-text the Apostolic Constitution to supposedly support Sabbath Keeping:

"And on the day of our Lord's resurrection, which is the Lord's day, meet more diligently, sending praise to God that made the universe by Jesus, and sent him to us, and condescended to let him suffer, and raised him from the dead. Otherwise what apology will he make to God who does not assemble on that day . . . in which is performed the reading of the prophets, the preaching of the gospel, the oblation of the sacrifice, the gift of the holy food" (Apostolic Constitutions 2:7:60.

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Which nicely-introduces us to the bald-faced lies that Ellen White told about the Waldensians being Sabbath Keepers:

"Through ages of darkness and apostasy there were Waldenses who denied the supremacy of Rome, who rejected image worship as idolatry, and who kept the true Sabbath. Under the fiercest tempests of oppositions they maintained their faith." The Great Controversy, page 65.

"Some of whom [Waldenses] were observers of the Sabbath." (page 577)

Once again leave it to Adventist theologian Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi to refute this utterly-dishonest, baseless laughable nonsense:

"I spent several hours searching for an answer in the two scholarly volumes Storia dei Valdesi--(History of the Waldenses), authored by Amedeo Molnar and Augusto Hugon. These two books were published in 1974 by the Claudiana, which is the official Italian Waldensian publishing house. They are regarded as the most comprehensive history of the Waldenses. To my regret I found no allusion whatsoever to Sabbathkeeping among the Waldenses."

Which is the only honest position to take, since NONE of the Waldensian Statements of Belief mention the Sabbath or Sabbath-Keeping:

Here's the 1120 AD Waldensian confession:

<http://oldwaldensianpaths.blogspot.co.uk/p/blog-page.html>

Here's the Waldensian confession of 1544:

<http://oldwaldensianpaths.blogspot.co.uk/.../waldenses...>

And here's the Waldensian confession of 1655:

<https://carm.org/waldensian-convession>

Not one word about the Sabbath or Sabbath-Keeping in any of the three confessions of the Waldendians. Moreover, the 1655 confession was issued after the Waldensians joined forces with John Calvin and became allied with the Swiss Reformed movement, according to Phillip Schaff, in "The Creeds of the Evangelical Protestant Churches," which is posted below.

Once the Waldensians joined forces with Calvin and modified their Confession of 1655 to reflect it, then the full extent of Ellen White's mind-boggling-depraved dishonesty can be appreciated in its full extent.

Calvin was a RABID opponent of Sabbath Keeping. The following are quotes of his from the Institutes of the Christian Religion;

"Still there can be no doubt, that, on the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ceremonial part of the commandment was abolished."

...

"The Sabbath being abrogated, there is still room among us, first, to assemble on stated days for the hearing of the Word, the breaking of the mystical bread, and public prayer; and, secondly, to give our servants and labourers relaxation from labour."

....

This is not contented with one day, but requires the whole course of our lives, until being completely dead to ourselves, we are filled with the life of God. Christians, therefore, should have nothing to do with a superstitious observance of days.

....

I am obliged to dwell a little longer on this because some restless spirits are now making an outcry about the observance of the Lord's day. They complain that Christian people are trained in Judaism, because some observance of days is retained.

....

If superstition is dreaded, there was more danger in keeping the Jewish sabbath than the Lord's day as Christians now do. It being expedient to overthrow superstition, the Jewish holy day was abolished; and as a thing necessary to retain decency, orders and peace, in the Church, another day was appointed for that purpose.

.....

It was not, however, without a reason that the early Christians substituted what we call the Lord's day for the Sabbath. The resurrection of our Lord being the end and accomplishment of that true rest which the ancient sabbath typified, this day, by which types were abolished serves to warn Christians against adhering to a shadowy ceremony."

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/.../fourth-commandment.html>

One can hardly imagine a more dishonest claim by Adventists and their False Prophet, that Waldensians were Sabbath Keepers. Once the Waldensians joined forces with Calvin, they became outright OPPONENTS of Sabbath Keeping.



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Nancy Paige Thank you for this study [Larry Dean!](#)

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Sandi Haynes This is excellent information [Sean D. Pitman](#). Have you actually really studied the information you posted?

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William Hohmann People like Pitman do not seek evidence of truth. They seek evidence of validation.

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Sandi Haynes So, everything we've posted to [Sean D. Pitman](#), you are saying he isn't looking at?

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William Hohmann Look at what he wrote. Party-line drivel. Nothing substantive. Just "conditioned response" replies. He is an SDA parrot, blind and deaf to all outside the SDA world.

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William Hohmann What you wrote addressed to him does get read by lurkers who are not commenting. It may be seed on stony soil when it comes to Pittman, but some finds good soil.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman You've argued that the Apostolic Constitution enjoins Sabbath Keeping for Christians. I note that you proof-texted the Constitution. Here's a fuller excerpt, so please answer my questions after you have read the entire thing:

"XXXVI. O Lord Almighty You have created the world by Christ, and hast appointed the Sabbath in memory thereof, because that on that day You have made us rest from our works, for the meditation upon Your laws. You have also appointed festivals for the rejoicing of our souls, that we might come into the remembrance of that wisdom which was created by You; how He submitted to be made of a woman on our account; He appeared in life, and demonstrated Himself in His baptism; how He that appeared is both God and man; He suffered for us by Your permission, and died, and rose again by Your power: on which account we solemnly assemble to celebrate the feast of the resurrection on the Lord's day, and rejoice on account of Him who has conquered death, and has brought life and immortality to light. For by Him You have brought home the Gentiles to Yourself for a peculiar people, the true Israel beloved of God, and seeing God. For You O Lord, brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, and delivered them out of the iron furnace, from clay and brick-making, and redeemed them out of the hands of Pharaoh, and of those under him, and led them through the sea as through dry land, and bore their manners in the wilderness, and bestowed on them all sorts of good things. You gave them the law or decalogue, which was pronounced by Your voice and written with Your hand. You enjoined the observation of the Sabbath, not affording them an occasion of idleness, but an opportunity of piety, for their knowledge of Your power, and the prohibition of evils; having limited them as within an holy circuit for the sake of doctrine, for the rejoicing upon the seventh period. On this account was there appointed one week, and seven weeks, and the seventh month, and the seventh year, and the revolution of these, the jubilee, which is the fiftieth year for remission, that men might have no occasion to pretend ignorance. On this account He permitted men every Sabbath to rest, that so no one might be willing to send one word out of his mouth in anger on the day of the Sabbath. For the Sabbath is the ceasing of the creation, the completion of the world, the inquiry after laws, and the grateful praise to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon men. All which the Lord's day excels, and shows the Mediator Himself, the Provider, the Lawgiver, the Cause of the resurrection, the First-born of the whole creation, God the Word, and man, who was born of Mary alone, without a man, who lived holily, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and died, and rose again from the dead. So that the Lord's day commands us to offer unto You, O Lord, thanksgiving for all. For this is the grace afforded by You, which on account of its greatness has obscured all other blessings."

<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/07157.htm>

A). You DO agree that the Lord's Day is described as CLEARLY superior to the Sabbath, don't you?

B). Since you are misusing the Constitution to support Saturday-keeping, don't you agree that you should follow its advice on the REST of the Jewish Sabbaths, that apparently you wish to ignore? If you use the Constitution to support Saturday-keeping, when are you proposing to follow its authority for ALL of the Jewish Sabbaths?

"On this account was there appointed one week, and seven weeks, and the seventh month, and the seventh year, and the revolution of these, the jubilee, which is the fiftieth year for remission, that men might have no occasion to pretend ignorance."

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Besides carefully "trimming" away the previous statements about the Jewish monthly and yearly Sabbaths; it appears to me that you may have "accidentally" redacted statements in support of the Lord's Day and Fasting AND celebration of Easter.

Apostolic Constitutions VII.23, which states:

"But let not your fasts be with the hypocrites; for they fast on the second and fifth days of the week. But do you either fast the entire five days, or on the fourth day of the week, and on the day of the Preparation, because on the fourth day the condemnation went out against the Lord, Judas then promising to betray Him for money; and you must fast on the day of the Preparation, because on that day the Lord suffered the death of the cross under Pontius Pilate. But keep the Sabbath, and the Lord's day festival; because the former is the memorial of the creation, and the latter of the resurrection. But there is one only Sabbath to be observed by you in the whole year, which is that of our Lord's burial, on which men ought to keep a fast, but not a festival. For inasmuch as the Creator was then under the earth, the sorrow for Him is more forcible than the joy for the creation; for the Creator is more honourable by nature and dignity than His own creatures."

Did you "accidentally" "forget" to mention that the Constitution advises Christians to observe just one Sabbath in a year?

"But there is one only Sabbath to be observed by you in the whole year, which is that of our Lord's burial, on which men ought to keep a fast, but not a festival."

Remember what I told you about the "Sabbath Festival" that is the day before Easter in the Christian calendar? It sounds like you ought to stop trying to refute it, since your own source supports it.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Adventist conspiracy theorists ought to downright panic over this section of the Apostolic Constitution.

- a). It makes the Sabbath and the Lord's day equal.
- b). It commands the day of Christ's Ascension to be a holiday on the Church calendar. You DO celebrate that on the Seventh Day Adventist Church calendar every year, do you not?
- c). It commands the Day of Pentecost to be a holiday on the Church calendar. You DO have that on the Seventh Day Adventist Church calendar, do you not?
- d). It commands Christmas to be a holiday on the Church calendar. You DO have that on the Seventh Day Adventist Church calendar, do you not? I thought your cult teaches that Christmas is a Pagan holiday?
- e). It commands Epiphany to be a holiday on the Church calendar. You DO have that on the Seventh Day Adventist Church calendar, do you not?
- f). It commands "the days of the Apostles" to be a holiday on the Church calendar. You DO have that on the Seventh Day Adventist Church calendar, do you not?
- e). It commands the day of St. Stephen's martyrdom and all of the martyred Saints to be a holiday on the Church calendar. You DO have that on the Seventh Day Adventist Church calendar, do you not?

If you do not celebrate ALL of the Holidays as commanded, along with the Lord's Day, I accuse you of craven dishonesty.

"I Peter and Paul do make the following constitutions. Let the slaves work five days; but on the Sabbath day and the Lord's day let them have leisure to go to church for instruction in piety. We have said that the Sabbath is on account of the creation, and the Lord's day of the resurrection. Let slaves rest from their work all the great week, and that which follows it— for the one in memory of the passion, and the other of the resurrection; and there is need they should be instructed who it is that suffered and rose again, and who it is permitted Him to suffer, and raised Him again. Let them have rest from their work on the Ascension, because it was the conclusion of the dispensation by Christ. Let them rest at Pentecost, because of the coming of the Holy Spirit, which was given to those that believed in Christ. Let them rest on the festival of His birth, because on it the unexpected favour was granted to men, that Jesus Christ, the Logos of God, should be born of the Virgin Mary, for the salvation of the world. Let them rest on the festival of Epiphany, because on it a manifestation took place of the divinity of Christ, for the Father bore testimony to Him at the baptism; and the Paraclete, in the form of a dove, pointed out to the bystanders Him to whom testimony was borne. Let them rest on the days of the apostles: for they were appointed your teachers to bring you to Christ, and made you worthy of the Spirit. Let them rest on the day of the first martyr Stephen, and of the other holy martyrs who preferred Christ to their own life."

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Sandi Haynes Wow!!! I stand amazed at the clarity here, [Sean](#). Did you read these last 3 post by [Larry](#)? He posted links with proof. Can you refute any of this? Not just your opinion but absolute proof.

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Margaret Squire Wow! The fun you guys have when I'm asleep. Reading back!

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Malia Reichmänner Sean D. Pitman Hi, I have been following this thread for awhile and I am amazed and surprised at some of the comments. I first want to say that I don't know anyone here besides my mom and I am not on any of the fb groups. No one has tried to convert me or anything of the sort. I discovered the truth of the gospel just my mom and dad have. I truly know and understand where you are coming from, we were all in the Adventist Religion and we DO know what it teaches. The Bible made no sense to me before I surrendered my life to Jesus. He granted me the wisdom through the Holy Spirit to understand the Word.

I was never able to before. Once you "get it" and understand what Jesus did for YOU at the cross, your life will never be the same. "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me (this is the Holy Spirit). The life I now live in the body, I live by Faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" Gal. 2:20 Do you realize what this actually means? Jesus died for YOU. He loves YOU. If you were the only man on the earth He would do it for you. That is how much He loves you, Sean. The moment He said the words "It is Finished" and died, the battle was won once and for all. He was the ultimate sacrifice that atoned for YOUR sins. The moment I realized this, that the power of Satan was defeated at the cross, my life was changed forever. The Battle is WON. When I was in Adventism I was so lost, I had no peace, and I struggled daily with fear and torment. God used to be a far off unreachable thing that I could never grasp or please. Since finding Jesus, my life has done a 180 overnight. I was instantly delivered of debilitating depression and anxiety, and the love of Jesus poured over my soul. I have peace that surpasses all understanding, the joy of the Lord is my strength, Rivers of living water pour from my soul! Fear is a distant memory. I have trust and Faith in my Lord. The song Amazing Grace has new meaning for me. "Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see!" I know without a shadow of a doubt that He is with me always, something I never knew before. I pray with the utmost sincerity that you would read the articles that Larry Dean posted. If you seek Him with all your heart you will find Him. I can promise you that. We really aren't out of our minds, and there is only love in what I say. WHAT IF there is an ounce of truth to what we say? Wouldn't you want to know?

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Sandi Haynes I love hearing your love for your Savior, my precious girl! Your own testimony is pretty awesome along with many other incredible testimonies like [Larry](#) and [Deborah](#). None of us have ever met and yet the Holy Spirit led us all to the same Truth.

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Margaret Squire Maria, what an amazing and wonderful testimony you have just given. Thank you for speaking up, and I pray that Sean D Pitman takes heed.

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Sean D. Pitman [Malia Reichmanner](#) I'm not sure what you were taught when you were going to Adventist churches growing up, but it was clearly something very different from what I was taught. I've always known, since I was a young child, that Jesus died for my sins and that he would have died for just me if I had been the only one lost in the universe. I've always known that my sins have been forgiven and that there is nothing that I can do to earn such Amazing Grace. That simply has never been an issue for me. I know and I've known for a long time now that I'm in a saving relationship with Jesus. I actually agree with everything you've just said here. This is what the Adventist Church actually teaches... everything you've just said here.

What I can't understand, however, is how the Sabbath teaching takes all that away from you? You and your mother and everyone in this forum believe that nine of the Ten Commandments, written by Jesus with His own finger on stone, are still binding as expressions of Love toward God and our neighbors, but for some reason you believe that the one of these commandments that Jesus created as a blessing and gift for all of mankind (Mark 2:27) ruins everything for you? How is a beautiful gift, a memorial of creation and a sign of freedom from slavery, and a special time every week set aside especially to spend with God, with your best friend, somehow turned into something evil for you? I just don't get it? The 7th-day Sabbath is a beautiful thing – and was always intended to be (Isaiah 58:13-14). My whole family loves the day – especially my kids. And, because of the Ten Commandments, I don't feel guilty setting aside my regular weekly activities to devote a day to heavenly things. Why is that at all an issue for any Christian who actually understands the original purpose and meaning of the Sabbath-day gift to humanity?

Also, I simply don't understand how you can view a loving God as being willing to torture people for all eternity in Hell. I don't care if it is the worst person or devil who ever lived. How is it just or loving to torture anyone for *eternity* in Hell? That makes no sense and it simply isn't biblical. This picture of God that your mother and her friends are promoting here paints God as an evil tyrant... something very different compared to the picture of God painted by the Bible. The Bible says that the soul that sins will actually die, not be tortured forever and ever in Hell. The soul of the wicked person will suffer "eternal punishment" in the form of eternal death – not eternal life in Hell (Ezekiel 18:4 ,20).

Beyond this, the Bible is quite clear that Jesus kept the Sabbath as God originally intended for it to be kept. He repeatedly pointed out that everything that He did on the Sabbath was "lawful" for everyone to do. It has always been true that it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day. It is good to help both man and beast especially on the Sabbath day (Matthew 12:12). Jesus also made it clear that the Sabbath was created as a gift for all of mankind (anthropos), not just the Jews (Mark 2:27). His disciples continued to observe the Sabbath in like manner after Jesus was taken from them... and they taught those who came after them to do likewise. Despite what those like Larry Dean might tell you, the earliest Christians continued to observe the Sabbath wherever the Gospel was taught around the world. In fact, if you do your own research into this question, you will discover that Sabbath keeping was the norm throughout the Christian world for hundreds of years. At first, only the regions of Rome and Alexandria started to disregard the Sabbath, in favor of Sunday, beginning in the early second century (for reasons already discussed in some

detail in this particular thread). Everywhere else Christians continued to observe the Sabbath throughout Christendom - and to teach as to its importance and value to the Christian experience. This is all preserved in writing in many many documents. There really is no real disagreement here among most historians. Please look into it for yourself. Otherwise, you're simply missing out on a very valuable gift that God intends as a blessing for you. Don't look at it as a rule or something you need to do to be saved. Look at it as a gift of God. Why would you turn down a beautiful gift from someone that you already love?

Look Malia, I've always liked you and thought of you as a very nice and sweet person – beautiful in fact. I'm really sorry that you were so sad and depressed and discouraged while you were an Adventist. That's really terrible. And, I'm glad that you feel so much better now and that you have found a new and vibrant relationship with Jesus and understand now that He really does love you and will save you – that all of your sins are freely forgiven. That's really great! God has always deeply loved you. After all, He gave up everything and died to save you! – and me too! I'm glad you know that now! However, please understand that this new understanding of yours really has nothing to do with the actual teachings of the Adventist Church. It really doesn't. Whoever told you otherwise was severely misinformed – and you still seem to be misinformed about a great many things. However great your life is now with the Lord, don't stop learning and growing. The true Spirit of God will ever lead you to keep studying and learning from the Bible and from nature and even from history. God is the Source of all Truth – and, if you are honest in your search, He will lead you to learn more and more as you walk with Him.

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Sean D. Pitman Sandi: Just because God is all-power / omnipotent (which the Adventist Church does teach by the way), this does not mean that someone who is omnipotent is therefore automatically “good”. It is possible to be all-powerful and evil at the same time.

Let me ask you, wouldn't it possible for an all-powerful God to simply snap His fingers and erase someone's memory? - or even existence? Why then didn't He do this when Lucifer originally rebelled in Heaven? Why didn't He do this when Adam and Eve rebelled? Or, why didn't He just make it impossible for them to sin to begin with?

Think about it for a minute. An omnipotent God could have done a lot of things that God didn't actually do. Why didn't He do any of these things? Not because He isn't omnipotent (because He is omnipotent), but because He simply chose not to do these things. Why not? Because, only He would have known that He was cheating. No one else need know, but He cannot deceive Himself. What God seems to value, above everything else, is not omnipotence, but love. He desires to earn the true love of the sentient beings that He has made. He desires true friendship and love – not just blind service from robot-like creatures. Well, such a situation, which God places upon Himself, means that He limits His own omnipotence so that He can actually create an environment where true love can exist. This means that He cannot simply wipe everyone's minds clean whenever things go awry. He cannot simply zap someone instantly out of existence without everyone fully understanding the reasons for removing someone from existence – otherwise He would create fear rather than love throughout the universe.

So, you see, you've created an omnipotent God that is actually evil – but you refuse to call eternal torture evil. Adventists, on the other hand, recognize God as omnipotent and good at the same time. We just see God as limiting His own omnipotence in order to create the possibility of love in the universe. Of course, true love is based on true justice as well as mercy. And, eternal torture in Hell is neither just nor loving... nor is it biblical. Those who chose not to love God, to hang on to hate for God and for their neighbors, will simply suffer eternal punishment in the form of eternal death – not eternal life in the tortures of Hell. This isn't a doctrine of a “weak God”, but of a loving God who even loves His enemies as He tells us to do (Matthew 5:44).

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Margaret Squire You have just shown right there Sean, how two faced the SDA church is. You believe the Gospel, then you add to it. You just can't accept the Gospel alone, grace alone, Scripture alone, Christ alone.

Lord help you.

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: I didn't “redact” anything. While the author of the Apostolic Constitutions does in fact talk about observing the Lord's Day, fasting, and Easter, you are quite mistaken that the Constitutions advise Christians to only observe *one* Sabbath per year (please). That's just nonsense and anyone at all familiar with the Constitutions knows it. You seem to be deliberately misreading the relevant passages here in a rather desperate effort to support your original contention that Sabbath observance was extremely rare among early Christians (which is absolute nonsense given the abundant recorded evidence to the contrary). Of course, what the passage you quote actually says is that on only one Sabbath per year are Christians to *fast* – while the rest of the weekly Sabbaths are to be observed as festival days to the Lord.

Clearly, if you read *all* of the passages in the Constitutions dealing with Sabbath observance, it is quite clear that the Constitutions are promoting Sabbath observance on all of the weekly 7th-day Sabbaths. The Constitutions clearly advise the

Christian to reverence the Ten Commandments, including the weekly Sabbath of the Ten Commandments:

“Have before thine eyes the fear of God, and always remember the ten commandments of God, - to love the one and only Lord God with all thy strength; to give no heed to idols, or any other beings, as being lifeless gods, or irrational beings or demons. Consider the manifold workmanship of God, which received its beginning through Christ. Thou shalt observe the Sabbath, on account of Him who ceased from his work of creation, but ceased not from his work of providence: it is a rest for meditation of the law, not for idleness of the hands... O Lord Almighty, thou hast created the world by Christ, and hast appointed the Sabbath in memory thereof, because that on that day thou hast made us rest from our works, for the meditation upon thy laws. ... Thou didst give them the law or decalogue, which was pronounced by thy voice and written with thy hand. Thou didst enjoin the observation of the Sabbath, not affording them an occasion of idleness, but an opportunity of piety, for their knowledge of thy power, and the prohibition of evils; having limited them as within an holy circuit for the sake of doctrine, for the rejoicing upon the seventh period... On this account he permitted men every Sabbath to rest, that so no one might be willing to send one word out of his mouth in anger on the day of the Sabbath. For the Sabbath is the ceasing of the creation, the completion of the world, the inquiry after laws, and the grateful praise to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon men.”

Testimony of the Apostolical Constitutions (375-380 AD)

So, please, try to actually present what the authors you reference are actually saying – instead of trying to distort the passages you quote contrary to their obvious original intended meaning.

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Sean D. Pitman Sandi; You will know that this information posted by Larry isn't "excellent" at all once you actually take the time to read the actual historical documents for yourself - not just a few select quotes from posts like Larry's and websites sympathetic to your own current position. Do your own research and you will see how desperately Larry tries to distort the actual evidence, which in reality abundantly contradicts his positions. Read widely, not just the things those who agree with you tell you. If you do this, Larry's arguments will not seem remotely reasonable. They really only appeal to those gullible people who are ignorant of the actual evidence available... and who don't care to investigate for themselves.

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Margaret Squire Sean, your beliefs, like that of your church are not based on the Bible. Take your own advice, and research.

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Deborah Owen David You know it is real simple, if Ellen is a true prophet then the SDA is all there is because Ellen is the SDA and the SDA is Ellen. Without Ellen G White there never would be an SDA religion. Same with Muhammad, Joseph Smith of Mormonism and on it goes for all modern day prophets. But if Ellen is not a true prophet and fails the tests of a prophet outright without any manipulating to make it appear that she fits of Biblical tests, she has to fit them clearly and precisely every single one of them and she cannot miss or fail one test. She as well has to have had an "in your face miracle" and not breathing does not count because a person in a deep trance state will appear as if they are not breathing. Holding a bible in the air does not count - the evil one can lift tables so he certainly can hold a bible in the air. Every single biblical test of a prophet must be passed with flying colors.

If Ellen fails the tests and frankly she does, then all of her writings, teachings, preachings is nothing but hot air and the SDA religion is straight out a fraud built on a foundation of lies and manipulations.

If SDA's need to believe in Ellen so be it. As for me and my house, we have found the Christ of Scripture, God Almighty with the Father and the Holy Spirit all of one essence. Not Ellen's angel appointed god.

My God did not leave His church stupid, blind and dumb having to guess what is a sabbath day and how to keep it and what to do or not to do on the said day. If God was so detailed to give such a glorious perfect working Law of 613 parts all working together in perfect unison then I know God would have done the same for His church within the new contract made by Christ for the church, His very bride. If the NT includes so many commands from Christ on good living, then He would have made sure all the parameters of any particular day keeping would be there.

Ellen was just a pissed off teenager who was made to look like a fool because she was gunned down by Miller and when the second coming didn't happen she and her little following flock came up with other ideas. The SDA religion is a religion built on an anti-biblical stance from its inception and it is still is.

Sean just as I once was has been indoctrinated, brainwashed and is too deep into it to even consider that he has been brainwashed. But no one who is brainwashed realizes it that is why cults thrive. And is it why it is so destructive and hard for them to see anything outside the brainwashed doctrines they have had instilled in them.

Only the Holy Spirit can break the bond which Satan has on them through their false prophet. She is the conduit. The more enamored with her the stronger the binding.

Simple test - false or true.

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Deborah Owen David Sean sure has done a lot of blasphemy and charges against God.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman said "Clearly, if you read *all* of the passages in the Constitutions dealing with Sabbath observance, it is quite clear that the Constitutions are promoting Sabbath observance on all of the weekly 7th-day Sabbaths. The Constitutions clearly advise the Christian to reverence the Ten Commandments, including the weekly Sabbath of the Ten Commandments."

But here is where the Constitution contradicts what Sean said:

"But there is one only Sabbath to be observed by you in the whole year, which is that of our Lord's burial, on which men ought to keep a fast, but not a festival."

And here is another of Sean's ignorant responses:

"Of course, what the passage you quote actually says is that on only one Sabbath per year are Christians to *fast* – while the rest of the weekly Sabbaths are to be observed as festival days to the Lord."

To this day, The Great Sabbath is STILL the only Sabbath that is observed in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Nothing has changed. It is observed with a fast because it is the final day of Lent, which is 40 days of fasting leading up to Pascha! You obviously do not know that. That you didn't even know that and couldn't even be bothered to look it up is horrifying. And yet I made it easy for you, by posting the link to Great Sabbath several times. Each time, you ignored it. I will post it again and you will ignore it again. The liturgy that is chanted on Great Sabbath STILL word-for-word tracks what the Apostolic Constitution commands!

"Today Thou dost keep holy the seventh day,
Which Thou has blessed of old by resting from Thy works.
Thou bringest all things into being and Thou makest all things new,
Observing the Sabbath rest, my Saviour, and restoring strength."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Saturday

You really don't "get" ancient Eastern Christianity. Much of the Apostolic Constitutions were "boiled into" the present day Divine Liturgy - written by John Chrysostom, which I will address AGAIN in the next post - or into the liturgies that are used during Holy Week. But then, you ignored my post twice on John Chrysostom. At this juncture, your ignorance is deliberate and willful.

That you pontificate on Christian practices that you are abysmally-ignorant of is appalling. It shows the extent of your depraved and nonsensical quote mining and proof-texting. You continue to ignore the existence and meaning of the Great Sabbath, which has nothing in common with either the 7th day of Creation or the 7th Day Sabbath that memorializes the liberation of Hebrew slaves from Egyptian bondage. That is CLEARLY the Sabbath that the Apostolic Constitution is describing in the passages. It spells it out in very specific details. It is once a year. There is only one Sabbath that the Eastern Church celebrates to this day, and that is the day before Pascha, the last day of Lent fasting.

Your horrifying ignorance of ancient and present-day Eastern Christianity is both profound and disturbing.

Here's what you need to do: Seventh Day Adventism has no historical, biblical, theological or factual basis. It would be best not to apply your shoddy and ridiculous SDA principles - invented 170 years ago by a brain-damaged woman, who was a third-grade dropout - and deceptive proof-texting to a Church that has withstood 2,000 years of persecution at the hands of Romans, Islam and the Soviet Union.

It knows what it is doing. It doesn't need your advice.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman "Do your own research and you will see how desperately Larry tries to distort the actual evidence, which in reality abundantly contradicts his positions."

One of my "positions" is that you deliberately lied through your teeth when you claimed the following paragraph. I will limit myself to just this one, since it is such an obvious lie and you have now been confronted squarely with proof otherwise TWICE now, with no response. Additionally, I made a dozen posts yesterday, with about 30 different cites in them, including two cites from Andrews University Seminary. Sean - as per his usual SOP - has not addressed a single fact in ANY of them. Here's his most egregious bald-faced lie:

"There is simply no rational way to deny such facts of history by citing a few cases (primarily in Rome and Alexandria) where Christian leaders spoke out against Sabbath observance and gradually more and more in favor of Sunday observance."

It is "rational" to cite John Chrysostom, who totally refutes what you said. I've cited the celebrated Bishop of Constantinople TWICE, and both times you haven't even remotely addressed what he said against the Sabbath. Your silly and obvious lie is addressed fully in one of the cites:

"John was ordained as a deacon in 381 by Saint Meletius of Antioch who was not then in communion with Alexandria and Rome."

Antioch wasn't even in communion with Alexandria and Rome. And yet Chrysostom wrote the most famous homilies against Sabbath Keeping in the tradition. The nakedness and boldness of your lying is simply alarming.

You've simply played Adventist Dodge Ball with both links. So I will post it the THIRD time and see if that might publicly embarrass you out of your present stance of ultra-deceptive and ultra-evasive Adventist Dodge Ball. This is crucial, since the Bishop of Constantinople was the most powerful Bishop in Christendom, and his reign both predates and goes past the date the Apostolic Constitutions were written:

"You must have "forgotten" to mention my citing of the celebrated Bishop of Constantinople's condemnation of Sabbath Keeping, from the Capital of the Roman Empire Constantinople. So I will repost both cites AGAIN:

One of Chrysostom's most famous homilies against the Sabbath is found here:

<http://blog.theotokos.co.za/?p=2776>

Chrysostom lived about the same time as your Apostolic Constitution was being written out:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Chrysostom"



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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Thus your ignorance and self-deception is intertwined. There is a method to your madness. I will summarize point by point to make it easy for you:

a). You lied when you claimed that only in Rome and Alexandria did Christian leaders speak out against Sabbath observance. I've provided you with the most powerful refutation of that statement, TWICE: The celebrated Bishop of Constantinople John Chrysostom. You've ignored it TWICE without any comment whatsoever. Chrysostom lived at the time the Apostolic Constitutions were being written. He most likely directed and approved of the Constitutions, since the Bishop of Constantinople was the most powerful Bishop of Christendom. What is even MORE crucial about Chrysostom is that he wrote the liturgies that have incorporated the Constitutions into a living tradition:

"The Apostolic Constitutions is an important source for the history of the liturgy in the Antiochene rite. It contains an outline of an anaphora in book two, a full anaphora in book seven (which is an expansion of the one found in the Didache), and the complete Liturgy of the eighth book of the Apostolic Constitutions, which is the oldest known form that can be described as a complete divine liturgy."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostolic_Constitutions

John Chrysostom wrote the Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy straight from the Apostolic Constitution.

That same Divine Liturgy is still in use today, in every Eastern Orthodox Church, word-for-word, exactly the way he wrote it. Adventists do not "get" liturgical practice. You do not "get" how the liturgies have incorporated tradition like the Apostolic Constitutions, and transformed them into the living vibrant life of the Church. I've had Adventists assure me that Protestant hymns and Protestant sermons are heard in Roman Catholic Churches every week. That must be what you think as well. Educate yourself. Your ignorance is shocking and brutal.

b). Next, the Apostolic Constitution clearly-command the observance of just One Sabbath Day a year, the day before Pascha. The Constitutions are explicitly clear. It commands that the Great Sabbath be observed with a fast. The Great Sabbath of Lent - and the final day of 40 days of fasting at Lent - is clearly where this occurred, and continues to occur, 1600 years later. Every year in every Eastern Orthodox Church, this practice continues without variance and without fail, using the same liturgies written by John Chrysostom, that incorporated the Apostolic Constitutions. Nothing has changed. There were no vast Papal conspiracies that have tried to shut down weekly Sabbath-observance. Rome had no influence over the Eastern Church's liturgical evolution. The Bishop of Constantinople - located in the Capital of the Roman Empire - hand picked the Pope for over 200 years (but that is another post and discussion that Sean completely ignored). Sean has repeatedly ignored my links to both the Great Sabbath and John Chrysostom and Chrysostom's famous homily against Sabbath-keeping, that occurred contemporaneously with the writing of the Apostolic Constitutions. The Apostolic Constitutions, the Great Sabbath and John Chrysostom are intertwined and interlinked in the Church liturgy, and the Church year, to this very day. They are alive and well.

What a pity! Sean is mired in his own self-created self-deception and ignorance. He cannot see beyond the prison of a laughable and ridiculous Restorationist cult that arose in a 200 mile radius with the equally-silly and bizarre Mormon, Shaker, JW, WWCOW, Oneida, Christian Science and Fox Sisters cults. Religiously entrepreneurial activity created a veritable gold rush of cultic theology. That is all Seventh Day Adventism is: a ridiculous product of recent time that is obsolete and debunked.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) As pointed out earlier, the 8th book of the Apostolic Constitutions has been incorporated entirely into the present-day Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Orthodox Church, written by John Chrysostom while he was Bishop of Constantinople. The 8th book of the Constitution is also the source of present-day Great Sabbath observance, the day before Lent, the only Sabbath observance of the year that the Constitutions command.

I was curious why only the 8th Book of the Constitutions was still in present-day use. In a book that details the evolution of Constantinople's dominance over Rome - "Byzantine Rome and the Greek Popes," by Andrew J. Ekonomou, it appears that the rest of the Constitutions were rejected as heretical by the so-called "Quinisext Council." I have pasted the end-notes below.

The Quinisext Council was entirely Eastern in its composition, and rejected the Arian roots of much of the Constitutions:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quinisext_Council

I note that most of the quotes that Sean quoted from in the Constitutions have been condemned as both heretical and unoriginal. Only the 8th book - where my contentions about Great Sabbath and the Divine Liturgy emanate from - were declared to be orthodox, original and non-heretical. Here's the dishonest heretic's summary:

"Clearly, if you read *all* of the passages in the Constitutions dealing with Sabbath observance, it is quite clear that the Constitutions are promoting Sabbath observance on all of the weekly 7th-day Sabbaths. The Constitutions clearly advise the Christian to reverence the Ten Commandments, including the weekly Sabbath of the Ten Commandments."

No wonder a self-deceived and willfully-ignorant Seventh Day Adventist heretic would seize on and quote from literature that had been condemned as heretical and unoriginal! The deep and vast commitment to absolute deception and depraved anti-Christian heresy of this ridiculous cult simply has no bounds. Here's what Sean wants us to "read:"

"The Church seems never to have regarded this work as of undoubted Apostolic authority. The Apostolic Constitutions were

rejected as canonical by the Decretum Gelasianum. The Quinisext Council in 692 rejected most part of the work on account of the interpolations of heretics."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostolic_Constitutions



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Malia Reichmänner **Sean D. Pitman** Thank you for your reply. I was never taught that you can have that kind of relationship with Jesus. I went to Adventist schools growing up and I never ever heard the gospel like I know it now. In fact I was never ever shown any kind of love from anyone. I was criticized by certain teachers, even made fun of. I was humiliated in front of class by a staff member. LOVE was never involved. I lived my life through college in fear not knowing if I was saved. I even took the Adventist heritage class at southern and a couple others. I DO know what Adventist believe and I was never shown the gospel the way I know it now. I still stayed in adventism in spite of the problems I had and depression and anxiety. My soul was tortured. It wasn't until about 3 years ago that God showed me the true Gospel, which is Jesus alone. I understand why you can't see, it's the same reasons I couldn't see practically my whole life. Knowing the gospel and living it are two different things. You can have head knowledge but not heart knowledge. Adventist don't teach that the Holy Spirit lives inside of you the moment you accept Jesus. That is what the Bible teaches. I use only the Bible as my source for information.

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Larry Dean **Malia Reichmänner** "My soul was tortured. It wasn't until about 3 years ago that God showed me the true Gospel, which is Jesus alone."

You must have stole my mail out of my mailbox! That is MY story, right down to the "3 years ago" when the Gospel jumped up and bit me in the face!

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Malia Reichmänner @ Larry Dean Wow Really? I'm sorry your soul was tortured too, I wouldn't wish that on anyone. But Hallelujah for the gospel!

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Larry Dean **Malia Reichmänner** I blame my tortured soul on Adventism, which in turn resulted in my becoming a Death Penalty defense attorney, living in pure agonizing-hell for 25 years.

And you are quite correct about never hearing about the Gospel in all your years of Adventist education. I did not go to an Adventist college, but I went through 12 years of Adventist education. I did not have the slightest, even most remote idea of what the Gospel was all about.

I was taught the Gospel by a nearly-illiterate Death Row client, who learned it from a pocket Book of John that he had stolen from another Death Row inmate.

He taught me about the God, "man-enough to take a shank" through the battered and fogged plexiglass window of the attorney-client visiting room.

I can still remember the warmth of his hand, through the plexiglass window, on my hand.

I was saved just in the nick of time.



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[Sandi Haynes](#) Wow! Praise God!! Your testimony gives me chills. It brings tears to my eyes!

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[Malia Reichmänner](#) [Larry Dean](#) That is absolutely incredible! What an amazing testimony. Yes, our God is great, kind, loving, merciful and Holy. He goes after the most vile and makes them white as snow. No one is too sinful or beyond saving.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Malia Reichmänner](#) Your mom suggested that I post the whole thing. IT is in two parts.

In a 25-year career as a hard-bitten and jaded criminal defense attorney, I had some hard-won personal experiences dealing with the Problem of Evil ("POE"). I've earned my stripes, looking into that abyss. I've earned them, the hard way. For awhile, I was cocky and arrogant. None of the capital cases I had represented ended up with a client on Death Row. Not one in 25 years. That is still true. Only I am not cocky about it any more. This is what happened.

One day, I was a visiting with a potential new client on Death Row. He preached a rambling, rant of a "sermon." He preached it through the greasy, battered plexiglass, separating us, as we spoke on the phones. He preached from a tattered and greasy Gospel of John, that he had stolen from another Death Row inmate. He cut right to the core of my battered, jaded cynicism. I had seen and heard horrible and horrific things on a daily basis, for 25 years. It was starting to "get" to me. I was a raggedy-ass Death Penalty Defense attorney with a "thousand yard stare" from looking at far too many grizzly autopsy photos. He kept murmuring sympathetically: "Brotha, you got it BAD." I can still remember the warmth of his hand, through the plexiglass window, on my hand. I think I was hanging on for dear life.

I listened to his words, almost in a reverie. He was telling the truth. The daily train of grotesque human suffering had become more than I could bear. So I had a motto. I repeated it a lot. I repeated it because it kept me sane. I wasn't interested in plumbing the depths of the POE. I was more interested in a practical outcome. I wanted to get EVEN:

"If there is a God, the son of a bitch should be given a fair trial, then taken out and shot."

I meant it, too. My client knew the same thing. It was the philosophy that kept me mildly sane. It had kept him sane for years, too. This client on Death Row told me in blood-curdling measured tones how he survived in that human-made hell. He was a tough guy in a tough world. Here's what happened to him. A "shank" is a crude homemade stabbing tool that inmates make. He spent almost a year on his, by patiently-sawing through his plastic dinner tray with dental floss. And then he "shanked" another inmate with that sharp piece of plastic, splaying out the guts, hanging out of the abdomen. Then He was hopeless and at the end of his rope. Revenge was no relief from the human condition. Revenge is not the tonic for the POE. Seeing those guts made him realize that he was the cause of so much immense human suffering. He had no right to be cynical about it. Some people tolerate tragedy, poverty, and brutality as hard facts of life. Other people CAUSE those things.

He had an amazing light in his eyes, when he looked into my vacant, dead-killer eyes. His eyes verified his sermon. His world was transformed when he had inadvertently-discovered something after 10 years on "The Row." He had discovered and now worshiped a God, "man-enough to take a shank."

I had to look away.

In his eyes I saw something rare and powerful that I did not have, and I never had: Hope. A burning, powerful, hope. I walked away from his "home" behind the razor-wire at the Maximum Security Prison that day, feeling very strange. Something felt lighter. Something was different. I had encountered the God that keeps desperate condemned killers sane, in hellish places named anodyne names like "J-Block." "C-Seg." And Death Row. "The Row." Places where desperate people are "doing all day and all

night." I was a tragedy junkie. I loved and wallowed in the "sepia tones" of tragedy. This prison-macho God "man-enough to take a shank" made sense.

I had encountered the bad-assed, prison-macho God of J-Block and C-seg.

Several attorneys and law professors have written an analysis of the Gospels, using the ordinary Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Two of them started out as diehard atheists. Professor Greenleaf - one of the founders of Harvard Law school - wrote my favorite one. These former- atheists realized that the Gospels and the Resurrection were events that would be admissible evidence in an ordinary court of law, and were more probably true than not. The Gospel's depiction of the Resurrection exceed the ordinary burden of proof that is the gold standard in any courtroom dispute. Believing in those events only required the same epistemology that every person uses to survive their ordinary day-to-day lives. I read those things and they made sense.

It was the "Reasonable Person" standard that all law is founded on.

God was admissible evidence, in a court of law.

I had set the burden of proof too high. I had been unreasonable. Some cracks started to emerge in my addiction to tragedy.

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[Larry Dean](#) Part Two.

And then, I saw and heard horrific, shockingly-grizzly, unspeakable things with the last two capital murder cases. For six months, I would get up in the middle of the night, and sit on the shower floor with the water going, so that my poor wife could not hear my wracking, bone-cracking sobs. I had to wear sunglasses in restaurants, because when little kids saw my disfigured, soul-less, shark-like eyes, they would burst out crying. You could look in my black eyes and see all the way to my hellish soul. It forced me to look for the truth about my addiction to tragedy. Where did I go wrong? How did I end up like this?

Then a "left hook" came out of nowhere.....

The Resurrection jumped up and bit me in the face. The God "man-enough to take a shank" revealed himself.

I was blinded by the Son.

It shocked me to the core and shocked me out of 25 years of hard-bitten, jaded, cynical agnosticism. It was time to leave that dear old friend behind. It had served me well. It had been necessary to survival, but only mere survival. I said goodbye to my old friend, and was baptized 6 months later. I began to heal very quickly from a lifetime of fear and terror. It is almost all gone. Those bitter dark nights of the soul are over.

"Res judicata" is a Latin term that means "the judgment is final, and not subject to appeal." How could any God worth serving be any less noble than this wonderful human-made concept? At some point, the struggle and litigation has to end. There has to be a final answer for all of the horrible suffering that I witnessed for 25 years.

The POE has to have an "end-game." God owes suffering humanity that much.

There has to be a final judgment, and one that we can trust. We have to have rest. And it has to be final. And so, I have adopted "Resjudicata" as my avatar.

My final judgment took place 2,000 years ago. I was found "Not Guilty," even though my guilt could not be any clearer. As the Greeks recall it, in first century Judea in AD 31 a half-man half-God creature killed itself and Resurrected itself in front of 500 eyewitnesses. My Death Row client had prophesied that this creature, was God, and "man-enough to take a shank." He was man-enough to take it for ME. This God that is willing to suffer with us, is also worth worshiping. The Judgment that took place was once and forever:

"The Lamb was Worthy."

Nobody can dispute my verdict or question the fact that I was found "Not Guilty." I am 100 percent sure of that, more sure than anything that has ever happened in any other event in my life.

What started out as a mind-game toying with Rules of Evidence and dorm-room bullshit debates about the POE has morphed into something living and glowing inside of me. It feels like a tiny vibrant nuclear reactor has taken over my insides. I can feel it all the time. The light from that 2,000 year-old judgment keeps growing and growing and growing. The finality - and sheer animal

magnetism of it - is something that simply annihilates the POE. It is final and certain. I know that beyond all reasonable doubt.

I am Resjudicata. My judgment took place 2,000 years ago. It is the most final event in all of human history. The God "man-enough to take a shank" took the punishment I deserved. He took it like a man.

I am Resjudicata.

I am one of the Redeemed ones



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Sean D. Pitman Again [Malia](#), I'm so very sorry for what you've been through since childhood. I really appreciate you sharing this experience with me and I'm so happy that you've finally discovered the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus. However, your experience was very very different from mine... and very different from the actually fundamental teachings of the Adventist Church itself. I'm sorry that you had unkind teachers and that no one else sat down and explained the Good News to you in a way that you could understand it – not even your parents? That's very unfortunate. However, your assumption that my experience must have been the same as yours, that I have no real personal relationship with God, that Jesus is not my personal friend and Savior, and that the Holy Spirit doesn't yet live within me, is simply mistaken. I have been born again, from the time I was a child. I've always felt that I was deeply, even desperately, loved by God and that Jesus is constantly with me as my guide and comforter – through the power of the Holy Spirit. Again, I'm exactly the same as you are now in this regard – and I have been this way for a very long time. It is because of this knowledge and personal relationship with God that Christians should be the happiest and most joyful people in the world. We are truly blessed...

Where my difficulties lie with your moving on from the Adventist Church is that you and your parents have given up on certain biblical truths – to include the Sabbath of the Ten Commandments and idea that the soul is not inherently immortal and therefore the wicked will not be tortured for all eternity in Hell. Again, this isn't just "head knowledge" stuff. These ideas have real implications regarding the love and nature of Jesus and the rest of the Godhead. The God of the Bible is both just and loving while the concept of eternal torments of His enemies is neither just nor loving, but evil. There's just no other word for it. How do you get around that?

Also, I don't see my relationship with Jesus as being the end of having to study the Bible and my efforts to try to learn more and more from God's Word. The Holy Spirit is with me, but that doesn't mean that I'm a prophet or that He gives me privileged information outside of my own efforts to search out and obtain more knowledge of God and His will for me from His Word. That is why I keep reading and studying it – even though I've read the entire Bible countless times now. Regarding the Sabbath of the Ten Commandments in particular, it is one of the greatest gifts to all of humanity if understood as the blessing to humanity that God originally intended it to be. It remains as a taste of Heaven. Along with marriage and the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Sabbath is a reminder, and a guarantee even, of much much better things to come after the pain and suffering of this life. Why seek ways to give up such a wonderful gift of love? – with the 7th-day Sabbath clearly remains one of the gifts of Jesus Himself, the Lord of the Sabbath, and was thought of as such by His own disciples who cherished the day – and by most of the original Christian Church for hundreds of years after? I just don't understand the desire to turn one's back on it...

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): That's a wonderful story of conversion. You are in fact "one of the redeemed ones" and your judgment and vindication did in fact take place over 2000 years ago now - and mine too! That's the wonderful news of the Gospel! Jesus paid it all and we are free from the burden of guilt! It's a beautiful thing...

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Malia Reichmänner [Sean D. Pitman](#) Sean, the only thing I have turned my back on are the false teachings of the Adventist church. Tell me, how can so many people come to the same conclusion....I don't know any of these people yet we all have had drastic conversions and all came to the same conclusions about the gospel? I think the thing that we are having a hard time seeing

eye to eye on is the the New Covenant. My rest is in Jesus. You see, I rest every day of the week, not just Saturday. I think what you might not understand is that if one is truly born again, you are no longer a slave to sin. "Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin." Rom 6:6 You see, the power of sin is broken. Being born again gives us the power to say no to sin. A good example of this would be a person struggling with an addiction like pornography or alcoholism. I know many many Adventist and all other religions where people struggle with this daily. There flesh desires the sin but they know it's wrong and feel guilty about it but can't stop. It's a constant battle between right and wrong. The sin reigns over them. The law doesn't keep them from doing it. No matter how hard they try. Even with the sin of adultery...I know that to be rampant in the Adventist church. Now, once a person is born again the desire to sin goes away completely. I can attest to this myself. I can also attest to this from some close friends also. I have a friend who was a raging alcoholic and drug addict. A Christian prayed for him and he surrendered his life to Christ and he was instantly delivered. He became born again and never had another drink or drug from that day forward. Although the temptation may still come at times he now has the power to say no. The sin no longer reigns over him. The struggle with his sin is no longer an issue. He walks with the Lord daily with freedom. This is what it Truly means to be born again. This is what the New Covenant is all about. The power of sin is broken because when Jesus died on the cross, he abolished the law that brings sin and death. Rom. 6:7 "For he who has died has been freed from sin." "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the law but under grace." Rom 6:14
And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness." Rom 6:18

Just because we are now under grace doesn't mean we are going to go out and sin. That desire is gone. This I think is what you have a hard time grasping. You think we must have the law to not sin, but in reality, the law doesn't keep us from sinning. It's our new life in Christ that gives us the freedom from sin. I realize this is contrary to what you believe, but I know it to be true. You can't combine the old Covenant with the new, if this were the case, Christ would of died for nothing. "I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died in Nothing." Gal. 2:21

The bottom line is Religion can't be combined with the true gospel. You are trying to combine the two together. It just can't work. I know this will not make sense to you, but I wanted to at least try to explain it the best I know how.

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: First off, I never said that only in Rome and Alexandria did Christian leaders speak out against Sabbath observance. What I said was that through most of the Christian world the early Christians continued to observe the 7th-day Sabbath. Sabbath observance first started to slip away in Rome and Alexandria, beginning in the early 2nd century, while most of the rest of the Christian world continued to observe it. The evidence for this fact is overwhelming in literature.

Beyond this, I have a day job (usually work over 60 hours per week) and I simply cannot keep up with everything you write. I just don't have the time to respond, line-by-line, to each one of your points. So, I do what I can as I have the time.

As far as Bishop Chrysostom, he was not at all unique in his claims that the Sabbath "was not part of natural law". That is in fact the current Catholic position. However, this concept, thought it was becoming more and more popular in more and more Christian regions by the time of the 4th century, does not negate what the Constitutions themselves actually say regarding the Sabbath. It is quite clear that Sabbath observance was still in place for many Christian churches within and far beyond the 4th century. It really amazes me that you continue, desperately it seems, to try to argue against this historical reality. You claim that my ignorance is "shocking and brutal" even! Brutal? Really? How am I actually misreading what the documents I've presented actually say? Why do you try to warp the obvious meaning of the texts in question? And, how is pointing out that Sabbath observance remained common for many hundreds of years throughout most of Christendom "brutal" ignorance?

What seems most ignorant to me is your reading of the Constitutions and your claim that the Constitutions only commanded the observance of just one Sabbath per year. That's clearly a mistaken interpretation of the Constitutions. As I've already pointed out to you, the writer of the Constitutions (clearly not Chrysostom), pointed out that the 7th-day Sabbath was to be observed on a weekly basis with only one of those 52 Sabbaths being observed as a fast day (the day before Pascha at the time of the Passover) – while none of the others were to be observed as a fast day. According to the Constitutions, Sabbath observance in general was *not* to involve fasting – as explained here:

"We enjoin you to fast every fourth day of the week, and every day of the preparation, and the surplusage of your fast bestow upon the needy; every Sabbath day, excepting one, and every Lord's day, hold your solemn assemblies, and rejoice: for he will be guilty of sin who fasts on the Lord's day, being the day of the resurrection, or during the time of Pentecost, or, in general, who is sad on a festival day to the Lord. For on them we ought to rejoice, and not to mourn.-Apostolic Constitution Book V: Section XX

Also, notice this passage from the Canon of the Holy Apostles (6th Ecumenical Council and contained within the 47th chapter of the 8th book of the Constitutions), which basically says the same thing:

"If any of the clergy be found fasting on the Lord's day [Sunday], or on the Sabbath, excepting the one (the Great and Holy

Saturday) only, let him be deposed. If a layman, let him be excommunicated.”

So, there you have it. Fasting was originally forbidden every Sabbath during the year (and on every Sunday or “Lord’s Day” as well), with the exception of the one Pascha Sabbath, because these were considered days of rejoicing, not fasting.

Again, I point out to you the use of the word “every” Sabbath day – not just once per year. That’s what it actually says if you read it in context. The writer of these Constitutions is quite clear regarding Sabbath observance throughout the rest of the year – tying in Sabbath observance with the Decalogue, “written by thy hand” and that people should “rejoice upon the seventh period” because God “permitted men every Sabbath to rest... not affording them an occasion of idleness, but an opportunity of piety, for their knowledge of thy power, and the prohibition of evils; having limited them as within an holy circuit for the sake of doctrine.” Notice here the term “every Sabbath” – not just once per year regardless of how the Eastern Orthodox Church currently does things.

Another way it could be said is as follows:

"But keep the Sabbath [rest each Saturday], and the Lord's day festival [go to church each Sunday]; because the former is the memorial of the creation, and the latter of the resurrection. [Now here an exception is made] But there is one only Sabbath to be observed by you in the whole year, which is that of our Lord's burial [the sabbath before Easter], on which men ought to keep a fast, but not a festival [because all the other Saturdays of the year are festivals and not fast days]."

This is what the writer of the Constitutions was obviously saying. To emphasize this point, the writer of the Constitutions points out that generally speaking the Sabbath day is not to be observed as a fast day – with the exception of the one Sabbath that occurs before Pascha.

Again, Sabbath observance has been lost over time, but this was not originally the case for the early Christian Church. I can only conclude that it is your own desire for self-deception that makes you blind to the otherwise overwhelming evidence along these lines – and unable to interpret the clear meaning of otherwise straightforward passages within as well as outside of the Bible.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman IT's not my "reading of the Constitutions." It is what the Church has authoritatively-adjudicated in the Quinisext Council and adopted; and then adapted as its Divine Liturgy as written by John Chrysostom, which remains in use to this day in the Eastern Churches, completely-unmodified. Church Canons were adopted at the 7 Ecumenical Councils that incorporated my "reading of the Constitutions." None of those Canons have been changed since the final Ecumenical Council in 787 AD. Your ideas were certainly considered, but have been authoritatively-rejected by the Councils. If you go into a searchable database of the 7 Ecumenical Councils, you will be unable to find any mention of Sabbath or Sunday. It simply was never an issue after the Acts 15, AD 50 Council of Jerusalem.

The Bishop of Constantinople wrote the definitive Divine Liturgy, 1600 years ago, flatly-rejecting your proposed heresies and heretical-interpretation of the Apostolic Constitutions.

300 million orthodox Christians and their Bishops and Patriarchs have rejected your strained interpretation, and have flatly-rejected it for the last 1600 years. Moreover, they have flatly-rejected the 10 Commandments "Ministry of Death written on Stone" and the "Veil over the heart" and the "Unbearable Yoke" and the "Wall of Hostility" that your thoroughly dark and depressing cult recommends. Nowhere in an Eastern Orthodox Church will you find an Icon of the Ten Commandments. Nowhere in Greece and Turkey - the hotbeds of Apostolic missionary activity in the First Century - will you find a public display of the Ten Commandments. It is clear that the Apostles never taught the Sabbath or the Ten Commandments. The Sabbath is commanded NOWHERE in the New Testament, even where the other 9 commandments are mentioned.

Your proposed rewriting of the Apostolic Constitutions - that you have cleverly done using brackets to insert your proposed Judaizing heretical language - was emphatically-and authoritatively-rejected by the Church. 1600 years ago.

Your interpretation and misuse of the Apostolic Constitutions was definitively-rejected by the Quinisext Council and then by Bishop John Chrysostom in the Divine Liturgy. The sections outside of Chapter 8 that you depend on were rejected as both heretical and unoriginal:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quinisext_Council

Your side lost. Get over it.

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Nancy Paige Well said **Malia Reichmänner**. It isn't strange at all that we formers, without ever meeting one another, all agree on the new covenant and the gospel. We don't need a "prophet" to explain it to us. Our "code book" is scripture. We are united in

Christ, not in a denomination, or church group. We belong to the body of Christ and are motivated by the Holy Spirit, not the law of sin and death.

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Nancy Paige [Larry Dean](#), thank you so much for your wealth of knowledge. I learn new things every day from your posts.

Sean has insulated himself from truth by surrounding himself and saturating his mind with heretical ideas. He reminds me of Pharaoh. God hardened his heart. Sean has a heart of stone.

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Sandi Haynes It makes me sad to think about [Nancy](#). So many hardened hearts.

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Sandi Haynes Very well said my sweet girl, [Malia](#).

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Sean D. Pitman Again [Malia](#), you have me all wrong. I am in complete agreement with you that the Law cannot and never could keep people from sinning or wanting to sin. It has always been true, even before Jesus came along to live and die on this Earth, that it is only through the power of God that we can actually get rid of our desire for sin and rebellion against the Law of Love. I totally agree with you that unless one is "born again" and lives in the power of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to actually keep the Law – to actually have true love for our neighbors and for God. That's all totally true!

What might surprise you is that this is right in line with Adventist teachings. True "religion" does not counter this Divine reality. Religion, like the Law, isn't what saves a person. It is the relationship with God that saves a person. However, religion has its place in that it has the potential at least to teach a person more and more about the love of God and about how to live better and better in this world. Having good loving motives as you walk with God doesn't mean that all knowledge suddenly comes to you. Continual study of God's word, the Bible, is still necessary as part of the Christian walk. Also, a daily choice is necessary to continue your walk with God. Paul himself explained that he had to "die daily" in order to continue his walk with God.

And yes, the walk with God is a type of rest – rest from guilt and sin and worry and fear. However, the Sabbath rest is an additional form of rest. It is a special time set aside to devote one's time and thoughts entirely to God without the distractions that are common to the rest of the days of the week. It is very difficult to spend "quality time", if you will, with God while doing regular secular activities (at least for me and I'm sure for you as well). So, God set aside one day a week for us to put aside all other unnecessary secular activities that might be distracting from spending an entire day focused just on Him and the joy that He can give us when we do this. After all, if I truly love someone, being able to devote an entire day to that individual would not seem to me to be a bad thing, but a very very good thing. And, the command of God to do this relieves me from feeling guilty for putting away all of the other secular activities and daily work that I would otherwise be doing. I just don't feel bad about doing it because God told me not to do it. This command is a relief to me and always has been. Otherwise, I really would feel guilty taking an entire day off from doing what I would otherwise view as something I should be doing... see what I mean?

I know that a lot of Adventists view the Sabbath day as a day of "don'ts" – as a very difficult and burdensome day where kids especially are counting the minutes until the day is over and they can go out and do something fun finally. But, that just isn't the way I was raised and that isn't how I'm raising my own kids. For me and my family, Sabbath is the best and most fun family day of the week... because that is how God intended it to be. It was always intended to be a gift for humanity. Mankind was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was made for mankind (Mark 2:27).

Beyond this, I am particularly surprised by what I assume is your view in favor of eternal Hell. Do you actually view eternal Hell as just and loving? – something that Jesus would do to people who chose not to love Him? How is that consistent with the character of Jesus that you see in the Bible?

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Clearly, you're not the only one who has selectively read and misinterpreted the Constitutions...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) 900 Trillion Saturday Spam posts later, and you will STILL never find an Adventist speaking of the Lord's Supper, the undisputed sign of the New Covenant.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: Really? We just celebrated the Lord's Supper this past Sabbath in my church - and spoke a lot about it.
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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Again, it is not my "reading of the Constitutions."

The Church has interpreted them with authority, that it was given in Matthew 18:18. Your proposed gloss of the Judaizing heresy was emphatically-rejected when it was squarely presented to the Quinisext Council.

Your side lost. Get over it.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: Oh, so now it's all based on the authority of the Church as to how one should interpret various passages in the Constitutions and in the Bible? How very Catholic of you...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** I've been debating Adventists for 3 years and I have NEVER seen one start a thread on the New Covenant's Lord's Supper.

Not one.

I've seen 900 trillion "Saturday-is-my-Savior" threads though:



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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: Then you were in a very unusual SDA Church... because every one that I've ever been often celebrates and talks about the Lord's Supper...

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Sean D. Pitman Anyway, I think we are getting just a bit off topic. You clearly misinterpret the intended meaning of the writer of the Constitutions and then cite "church authority" as your cover. Please... you can do better than that.

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Sandi Haynes Really **Sean D. Pitman**? Were we ALL in very unusual SDA churches?

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Sean D. Pitman **Sandi Haynes** Evidently! 😊

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying.

First of all, you have no problem with a church council being authoritative. Your General Conference is "God's Highest Authority on Earth." For Adventists, it determines authoritative doctrinal statements.

SO you have no trouble with Church Councils. Adventists have long lied about this.

Secondly, your false prophet is enshrined as a canonical, infallible interpreter of scripture in your Fundamental Belief #18. Your cult depends on her 25 million words of extra-biblical tradition for its authoritative interpretations of scriptures. So your response is deeply-disingenuous and dishonest.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Not for me it isn't. I do not go by the word of the GC over what the Bible says to me as an individual. I really don't care what the GC says if it counters the Bible as I see it. And, no, the writings of Mrs. White are not viewed as Canonical... not by herself as the "lesser light" nor by the SDA Church as an organization...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Your interpretation of the Constitutions lost at the Quinisext Council. That is not my reading of them. That is the Church's definitive adjudication of them.

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Nancy Paige [Larry Dean](#), I have had SDA friends claim grace only, but only if one does not accept the mark of the beast by worshipping on Sabbath. None ever have been willing to discuss the covenants or the gospel.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying about your Cult's fundamental beliefs. Your cult declares that adherence to the Fundamental Beliefs is required for baptism and continued membership in the cult.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Again, the Church Council was obviously mistaken in its interpretation. All you have to do is read the Constitutions for yourself to know this...

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Nancy Paige I blocked Sean so I cannot see his posts. I am laughing at what Sandi said to him. Of course we all came from very unusual SDA churches! All SDA churches are unusual! 😄

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) 300 million modern Orthodox Christians; 7 Ecumenical Church Councils; and the unanimous Bishops and Patriarchs of the Church have rejected your interpretation for 1600 years.

Your argument was heard and rejected by the Quinisext Council.

You lost. Get over it.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Again, appeals to authority will not make the actual text say anything other than it actually says. Read it. You and your millions of "authorities" are clearly mistaken here.

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Sean D. Pitman That is why it is necessary to have the Bible in the language of the common people - so people can read it and see what it actually says for themselves.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying through your teeth. Your infallible and canonical authority is found in your Fundamental Beliefs #18 and in her endorsement of "God's Highest Authority on Earth."

Christianity has the right to define Christianity, just like the cults of Adventism and JW's have the right to define their heresies.

Accepting both of the previously-mentioned heretical beliefs are tests of the SDA faith and membership:

<https://www.adventist.org/.../seventh-day-adventist...>

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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#)

I think it's more likely than not that what we were taught by the SDA church is what the church teaches. Now, they may have amended some of their thinking, but one central thing stands out to me and that is that EGW is not a true prophet and all SDA doctrine comes from her and her alone. There is not one Truth she has told.

So, in light of that knowledge, we threw out everything we'd been taught and let the Holy Spirit guide us to what He wanted us to know in only the Bible.

David had to go to a class when he was getting his teaching credentials from SMC(SAU) and the entire class has to go through EGW's book on Education.

So, every teacher is indoctrinated into her way of thinking and teaching so they can teach her methods and way.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Nope, that's simply not true. The GC doesn't trump the Bible - according to the church itself.

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Sean D. Pitman [Sandi](#): Not a single one of the doctrinal positions of the SDA Church is based on the writings of Mrs. White. It is all based on the Bible alone. She herself pointed out that her writings would have been completely irrelevant and unnecessary if people had only read and studied the Bible as they should.

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Malia Reichmanner [Larry Dean](#) Thank you for sharing your story. It's nothing short of miraculous! I LOVE it. I do understand the inner torture you went through. I recall how I felt. It was as though I were in a deep dark pit. It was so black. I had heavy chains around my neck, feet and hands. I was unable to free myself. I suffered from inner torture and suicidal thoughts. I couldn't even function normally in the real world. And the anxiety was out of control. I had hardened my heart to God and I tried running away from God for years. I know a lot of it was the bondage I was in in Adventism. God chased me down and wouldn't let me hide. The first time I heard the gospel I just cried. I realized that he died for me, because of my sin. I put him there. That was just too much. I felt like I was there, watching him die. The cross became so real me. God poured out His love over me and saved me from the hell I was living. I can feel God's presence with me and sometimes it's so powerful I just weep. Someone still under the law cannot possibly understand this. I think God every day for saving me.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Was your false prophet lying when she said the GC is "God's Highest Authority on Earth?"

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Sandi Haynes That is a total lie! [Sean D. Pitman](#). Can you find the Investigative Judgement doctrine the Adventist teach in the Bible? The entire church doctrine is built around that.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): When it comes to church order and government, the Church as an organized body, does have authority - from God. However, this authority does not by any means trump the Bible.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Have you recently publicly-denounced your cult's false prophet for declaring the GC is "God's Highest Authority on Earth?"

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Are you publicly-denying FB #18?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): Again you are taking things way out of context.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The Bible and the Bible only is God's highest authority on Earth. If the Church makes decisions that go against the Bible, the Church loses its divine commission and its authority.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) Can you prove the Investigative Judgment from the Bible?

It's what the GC has promoted as truth.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) What part of this are you publicly-disagreeing with?



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[Nancy Paige](#) [Sandi Haynes](#), it is also true that all who are educated in SDA educational institutions are required to study the founding of the church. No one can study the history without noticing that the foundation of their education is EGW. And at some point in their education they must accept the lie that she was a true prophet of God and that she had the authority to interpret and re-align scripture to fit her supposed visions. SDAism is willful ignorance.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#)

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) The investigative judgment is a Biblical concept - and a good thing for Christians because the Bible says that judgement will be given in favor of the Saints of God. Note also that, "Judgment must begin at the house of God." 1 Peter 4:17. Again, this is a good thing. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12.

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[Nancy Paige](#) [Malia Reichmänner](#), "I PUT HIM THERE!" That is what changed everything! Forever!

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[Larry Dean](#) Sean Pitman has seriously misrepresented the authority of both Ellen White and the General Conference of his cult:

"I have been shown that no man's judgment should be surrendered to the judgment of any one man. But when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon the earth, is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered." 3T p. 492.



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Sean D. Pitman Sandi: Just because students in SDA schools are required to study about SDA origins does not mean that students are required to accept Mrs. White's writings as canonical. Mrs. White herself went so far as to say that church membership should not be based on the acceptance of her writings as inspired.

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Larry Dean ".....private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered."

This is the heart of Adventist authority.

As Sean said earlier: "How very Catholic!"



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Sandi Haynes Sean D. Pitman do you even know what the "Investigative Judgement" is that is taught by the Adventist church? It not been proven in the Bible by many many of the SDA Bible theologians! Yes, the church has hidden it from its members. You are obviously one of them.

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: Again, this is only in regard to church government and order. This is not saying that the individual should blindly follow wherever a church government might lead. You completely ignore the numerous statements of Mrs. White that clearly point out that church authority can only be maintained on the basis of Biblical authority and that the individual is not bound if the church moves outside of a clear Biblical foundation.

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Larry Dean "I have been shown that no man's judgment should be surrendered to the judgment of any one man. But when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon the earth, is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered." 3T p. 492.

Yes, how very Catholic!



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Sandi](#): Please do explain it to me if you honestly think I'm ignorant as to the church's true "secret" positions...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#): "This is not saying that the individual should blindly follow wherever a church government might lead."

You are simply lying.

"I have been shown that no man's judgment should be surrendered to the judgment of any one man. But when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon the earth, is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered." 3T p. 492.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): Again, you're taking this out of context of everything else that is written on this topic - and you know it.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#): They are not "secret." And I have been repeatedly posting them.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): You mean you've been distorting things and posting statements completely out of context...

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[Nancy Paige](#) [Larry Dean](#), can you open a blind man's eyes?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#): I guess we have a choice in believing what the Seventh Day Adventist Church officially-declares about its one and only "prophet" and its own Fundamental Beliefs. Versus what you say they believe.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#): "The Scriptures are our rule to test everything by, the visions as well as all other things. That rule, therefore, is of the highest authority; the standard is higher than the thing tested by it. If the Bible should show the visions were not in harmony with it, the Bible would stand, and the visions would be given up. This shows plainly that we hold the Bible the highest, our enemies to the contrary, notwithstanding."—Mrs. White, The Review and Herald Supplement, Aug. 14, 1883, p. 12.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#): Your church's one and only "prophet" declared this at least three different times:

"I have been shown that no man's judgment should be surrendered to the judgment of any one man. But when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon the earth, is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered." 3T p. 492.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) That she lied and frequently contradicted herself and the Bible is a built in feature of having such a dishonest person as your founder.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): Whatever... you can make a person appear to say contradictory things that were never intended if you deliberately try to take statements out of context.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Whatever? You are the one defending this dishonest and ridiculous scam.

Not me.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) I guess that's why people can read it for themselves...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) They sure can. I would strongly compare what you are saying as against what the cult says about itself.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You clearly have taken the statements of the Constitutions far beyond their obvious intended meaning. And, you're doing the same thing with the Bible and even with statements from Mrs. White. But, at least you're consistent...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Anyway, I have to sign off for now. All the best to all of you. Keep searching...

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[Malia Reichmanner](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Things must be way different for you where you live because people around here don't believe in anything I just posted earlier. But now I'm going to address eternal hell. First off, we are just humans, do you really think we have the place to judge God? What we think is unjust or evil may in fact be just and fair? "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'" Matthew 25:41. I know that God is Holy and Righteous and Good and that He is a God of legalities. He obviously has a place prepared for Satan and his demons. Do you not agree? It says that the unsaved will go to that same place. In Isaiah 55:8,9 It says "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts your thoughts." Have you ever considered the possibility, that the creator's sense of justice is actually more developed than yours? And that maybe his love and his mercy are perfect, and that you could be the one that is flawed? When we make statements like "Well God wouldn't do this, would he?" Do you realize that by saying that you are putting God's actions in submission to your reasoning? It is easy for us to say "Well, God wouldn't think that way or act that way, because I wouldn't act that way." Remember, His ways are higher than your ways, and His thoughts are higher than your thoughts" I can look throughout the Bible and I find things that I would never say or do. I am not God, so how can I possibly understand why He does them? I could choke up many many texts that clearly point to that fact that there is an eternal hell. I would be more than happy to post them if you would like.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Greek hostility to the Sabbath, circumcision and the Jewish Food restrictions long predate the Birth of Christ. 1 Maccabees 1. The Greeks are very convincing: They convinced 95 percent of diaspora Jews and 80 percent of Palestinian Jews to jettison the Sabbath long before the Birth of Christ. That's why there are just 442 Adventists in Greece today (population 11 million). Greeks know their own history and they read the New Testament in the original Greek, so they are impervious to the SDA Scam.

In between the ancient and modern, we have the Quinisext Council - an Eastern-only Greek Council - that rejected the parts of the Apostolic Constitution that support your Judaizing heretical view, as both heretical and unoriginal. The 8th section of the Constitutions were adopted into the Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy, still in daily use 1600 years later.

The Greek church has also emphatically-rejected the ridiculous Roman Catholic-invention of the Ten Commandments, adopted at the Roman Catholic-only Council of Trent. This occurred 500 years after the Greek Church excommunicated the Pope and

permanently-broke communion with Rome, dealing a death blow to Ellen White's imaginary "Papal Supremacy" fairy tale. Then Adventists plagiarized this novel Roman Catholic invention - needless to say - by way of the False Prophet of Adventism, 300 years later.

This is unbroken consistency from before the Birth of Christ until today. No wonder Ellen White and Dr. Samuele Bachiochi never mention the Eastern Church in all of their vast diatribes about the ancient Church. Their ire is ironically-focused only on Rome, the source of their Ten Commandments fetish! ROTFLOL!!! The Greeks have never accepted the Sabbath or the Ten Commandments and never will. Nowhere in Greece or Turkey will you find a public display of the Ten Commandments, or anywhere else for that matter. Nowhere will you find an Icon of the Ten Commandments in the Icon-crazy Eastern Church. Fortunately, the farsighted Apostles recognized this, since they jettisoned the entire Mosaic Law - including the Sabbath - at the AD 50 Council of Jerusalem. (Acts 15). They rejected the "Ministry of Death Written on Stone" and the "Wall of Hostility" and the "Veil over the Heart" and the "Unbearable Yoke," as applied to Greek Gentile Christians living in Greek-dominated Antioch. They clearly endorsed the Holy Spirit as the "Law of the New Covenant." They did this repeatedly throughout the New Testament. The Ten Commandments are clearly death to the Holy Spirit.

Your side lost. Get over it.

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Sandi Haynes [Sean D. Pitman](#), this is not why we left Adventism but it is what we discovered that confirmed our decision. This is all about the "Investigative Judgement."

Dr. Cottrell was the editor of the Adventist Bible Commentary for many years and a leading Hebrew scholar and theology teacher for Adventist.

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William Hohmann [Larry Dean](#), there is a common denominator that keeps popping up for a lot of formers. They were abused and disenfranchised by the organization(s). Those who were accepted and given preferential treatment rarely leave.

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William Hohmann It isn't doctrine, for most, it was how they were treated. It was the result of watching ungodly behavior in others, especially the ministry.

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William Hohmann A voice pops up in your head and asks, is this really the way godly people behave? Is this really how a minister of Jesus Christ would act? Then is when a person is willing to start studying on their own.

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Deborah Owen David Sean apparently is unable to comprehend that each of us; 1) never knew each other just two years ago or less; 2) that we each figured out the teachings and doctrines of Ellen brought to us through and by the SDA religion has been an indoctrination into an anti-biblical semi-Christain cult which teaches a false gospel and a false Christ, makes additions to salvation, marries the old (a tiny paragraph of it) and new covenant (missing the most important part of it), makes additions to the Holy Bible as in the Investigative Judgement and many other erroneous ideas from the screwed up mind of Ellen G White; 3) That we former Adventists were all at one time just or nearly just as rabid in defending the SDA religion as Sean is right now.

Christians defend Christ. Adventists defend doctrines and Ellen.

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Deborah Owen David William Hohmann True. And it may be what started each of us on the road to discovering the false teachings of Adventism. I was certainly able to see clearly that some high and mighty pastors were just abusers in sheep clothing and yet there were thousands upon thousands of Adventist that nearly worshiped the man's name.

but is it not why I ultimately left Adventism. I left once I discovered that Ellen is a false prophet just by reading the bible in whole, alone, just me and God each night for two years. If what Ellen wrote and teaches and the SDA religion teaches and upholds is not in Scripture then the woman is false. Once I discovered that the doctrines and teachings I held all my life are not in

It was that simple. Ellen made additions to the scriptures which are not there. The Word is simple and plain and Ellen embellished it into a descriptive story line with additions and omissions. The SDA religion basically teaches Ellen's storyline to the members. A good overview of the SDA teachings and doctrines is the "Great Controversy." The apologetics have taken it to a new level by taking what Ellen said and wrote and finding scripture verses piecemeal to back up what she said. Then they have gone into history to try and prove it even more with a bit here and there as well.

While I stopped attending anymore "church" it was another 4 years before I left Adventism completely with the knowledge that I had been lied to, used, spiritually abused for 61 years of my life. I was right about the verse because Ellen is a liar and a false prophet and the only messages she got were her own imagined authority and that of the evil spirit guides who came to her at night.



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 Sean D. Pitman Larry: Oh, so now it's all based on the authority of the Church as to how one should interpret various passages in the Constitutions and in the Bible? How very Catholic of you...

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 Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman I've been debating Adventists for 3 years and I have NEVER seen one start a thread on the New Covenant's Lord's Supper.

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The Calvinist Bible was determined by the Westminster Confession, after many changes and much deliberation, by Continental European Calvinist Councils:

https://en.wikipedia.org/.../Westminster_Confession_of_Faith

The Adventist Bible called "The Clear Word Bible" was written by Jack Blanco. It immediately began being sold by the Adventist Book Centers. There were no church councils and no oversight and no review of this abomination:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Clear_Word

Knowing all of this, are you absolutely SURE you want to stick with your original denunciation of Church Councils? Are you really SURE that the Adventist method is superior to the Christian Council method?

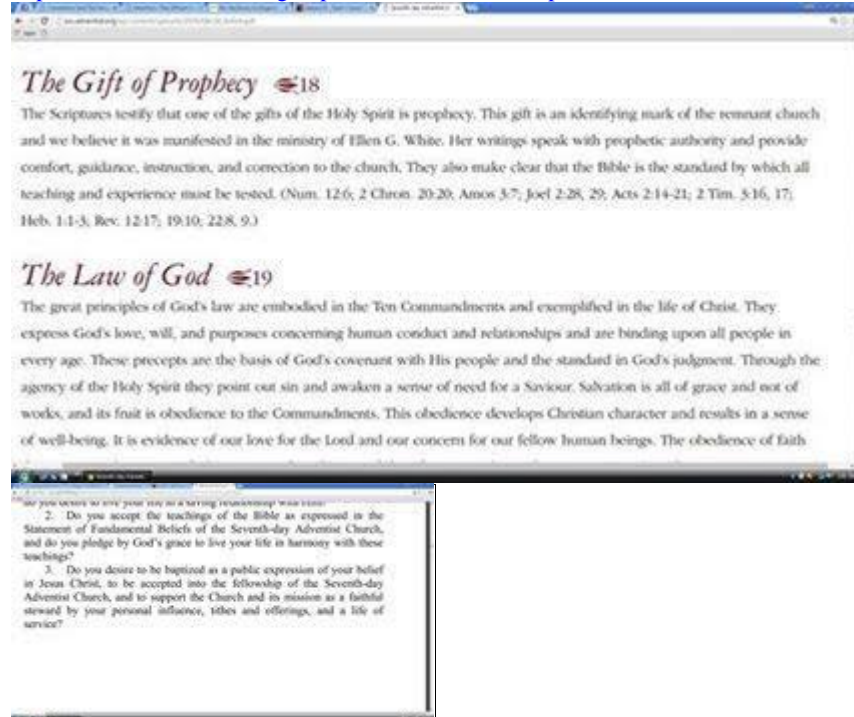


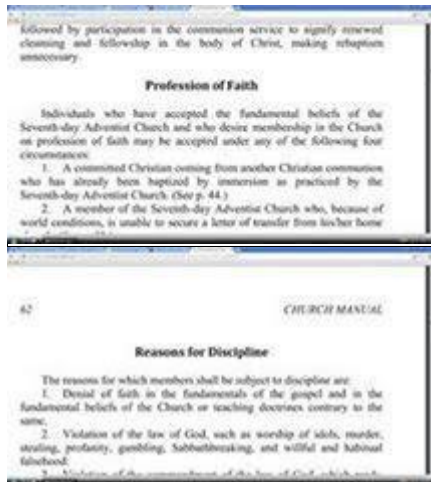
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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) You have seriously-misrepresented the teachings of your cult on the role of your cult's prophet. And because she clearly stated that the General Conference is "God's Highest Authority on Earth" in her undisputed and indisputable role as the cult's prophet, you simply do not have the option of declaring otherwise:

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[Larry Dean](#) *to* [The SDA Theology & Sabbath Discussion Group](#)
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Adventist trolls nowadays frequently try to lie their way out of the fact that Ellen White is the one and only recognized prophet of the cult - equal in every respect to a Biblical prophet. This appears to be the latest concerted ultra-deceptive marketing scam, from a deceptive cult that is notorious for its deceptive marketing. Don't let them get away with it.

That Ellen White is the cult's one and only prophet is set forth in Fundamental Belief #18. Public statements by Adventist leadership have repeatedly affirmed that she is Canonical and equal to anything in the Bible. She has been frequently touted as an infallible interpreter of scripture. Most importantly, SHE made many statements that indicate that she regarded her visions as directly from God and infallible and to be followed by members without question.

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Adventists are required to affirm their commitment to the Adventist Fundamental Beliefs when they are baptized. They are subject to Church discipline if they deny the Fundamental Beliefs, or teach doctrine that are contrary to them. I have included screen shots from the Adventist Church manual that state that adherence to the fundamental beliefs is a condition for continuing church membership and baptism, which are be found here:

<https://www.adventist.org/.../seventh-day-adventist-church-manual>

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#) ([Malia](#) and [Sandi](#)): Part1: Regarding the claim that the Greeks never have and never will accept the concept of Sabbath observance, that's simply not true. There is abundant historical evidence that the Eastern Orthodox Church originally observed the weekly Sabbath for many hundreds of years.

As I've mentioned before, the 5th-century historian Socrates Scholasticus of Constantinople noted that, "For although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the Sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this." Sozomen (Salminius Hermias Sozomenus; 400-450 AD) also writes: "The people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assemble together on the Sabbath, as well as on the first day of the week, which custom is never observed in Rome or at Alexandria..."

Zeger-Bernard van Espen also writes that "among the Greeks the Sabbath was kept exactly as the Lord's day except so far as the cessation of work was concerned [since the Apostolic Constitutions allowed for "good works" to be done on Sabbath]." - "The Canons of the Synod of Laodicea," NPNF2 14:133, notes by van Espen

This difference between the Western and Eastern Church was over the original determination of the Eastern Church to follow the Apostolic Constitutions – which conflicted with the determination of the Western Church, during later centuries, to distance itself from anything remotely resembling Judaic practices.

In the Eastern churches it was a general rule that there should be no fasting on Saturday and, specifically, that Saturday, as well as Sunday, should be exempt from fasting in the period before Easter. The Council in Trullo (692 AD) strongly reacted against the proposed changes of Rome (to include making the weekly Sabbath a day of fasting). In Canon 55 issued by the Council of Trullo, a portion of the Apostolic Constitutions was referenced which said, "If any cleric shall be found to fast on a Sunday or Saturday (except on one occasion only [during the Easter Weekend]) he is to be deposed; and if he is a layman he shall be cut off."

In this canon, the fathers of the Council in Trullo reacted against the noncanonical practice of fasting by the church in Rome on Saturdays and Sundays during Lent and throughout the year. At the end of the Apostolic Constitutions, "Ecclesiastical Canon"

no. 64 states: "If any one of the clergy be found to fast on the Lord's day, or on the Sabbath-day, excepting one only [Easter weekend], let him be deprived; but if he be one of the laity, let him be suspended." On the basis of this statement, the Eastern church adopted, as a general rule, that there should be no fasting on Sabbath, and that Sabbath and Sunday should be excluded from the period of fasting before Lent. The one exception in the whole liturgical year was the Sabbath just before Easter.

In fact, as I've explained in some detail before, there was only one Sabbath during the year when, according to the Council in Trullo (late 7th century), the faithful should fast: the "Great Sabbath of Lent". The Apostolic Constitutions 7.23 describe this as the Sabbath of "our Lord's burial, on which men ought to keep a fast, but not a festival. For inasmuch as the Creator was then under the earth, the sorrow for him is more forcible than the joy for the creation." It is clear that for the Eastern churches the Sabbath day, as well as Sunday, had to be set apart not just as a special day of nonfasting, but also as a day of worship on which the faithful should experience both the joy of the creation and the resurrection of Jesus.

Around the same time another learned theologian from the East, Nicetas Stethatos, wrote a booklet *Libellus Contra Latinos*, in which he accused the Roman church of breaking the rules of the Constitutions of the Holy Apostles against fasting on the Sabbath, as well as of being disobedient to the Scriptures and the canons of other church councils, which had forbidden this practice. - Nicetas Stethatos, "Libellus Contra Latinos," (PG 120:1011-1022).

Moreover, Pope Leo IX decided, early in the year of 1054, to send a group of theologians to Constantinople to discuss further the contended issues. This group consisted of three papal legates: Cardinal Humbert; Frederic, deacon and chancellor of the Church of Rome; and Peter, archbishop of Amalfi. Upon their arrival the papal legates discussed the disputed issues with the patriarch, the emperor, and publicly, with Nicetas Stethatos, in the presence of the emperor, his court, and other persons of high rank in affairs of state and church. Patriarch Michael Cerularius was offended by the letter brought to him by the legates and responded to the accusations concerning the Sabbath observance by saying: "For we are commanded also to honour the Sabbath equally with [Sunday] the Lord's [day], and to keep [it] and not to work on it." - Cerularius, "Letter I," (PG 120:777, 778) - - Humbert, "Brevis et Succincta Commemoratio," (PL 143:1001, 1002).

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Sean D. Pitman Part 2: After these unsuccessful discussions and other attempts to bring the Eastern church into submission to the Church of Rome, there occurred one of the most dramatic and most devastating events in the history of Christianity. On July 16, 1054, the Sabbath day, when preparations had been made for the liturgy on that day, the three papal legates entered the Church of St. Sophia and laid the bull of excommunication on the altar and walked away, toward Rome, shaking the dust from their feet. From that day on, the fracture between Constantinople and Rome has never been completely healed. The key problem being that the Eastern churches continued to observe the weekly Sabbath in a way that was much too similar to the way the Jews observed the weekly Sabbath...

In his work, *Adversus Calumnias Graecorum* (Against the Calumnies of the Greeks), Cardinal Humbert wrote (11th century): "Therefore, in such observance of the Sabbath, where and in what way do we [Latins] have anything in common with the Jews? For they are idle and keep a holiday on the Sabbath, neither ploughing nor reaping, and by reason of custom do not work, but they hold a festivity and a dinner, and their menservants, maidservants, cattle, and beasts of burden rest. But we [Latins] observe none of these things, but we do every [sort of] work, as on the preceding five days, and we fast as we fast on the sixth day [Friday] next to it. However, you [Greeks], if you do not judaize, tell (us) why do you have something in common with the Jews with the similar observance of the Sabbath? They certainly observe the Sabbath, and you observe (it); they dine, and always break the fast, on the Sabbath. In their forty day period they break the fast every Sabbath except one, and you [Greeks] in your forty day period break the fast every Sabbath except one. They [the Jewish Christians] have a twofold reason for observing the Sabbath, obviously by reason of the precept of Moses, and because the disciples were saddened and heavy (of heart) on this (Sabbath) day on account of the death of the Lord, whom they did not believe to be about to be resurrected. Wherefore, because you observe Sabbath with the Jews and with us Sunday, [the] Lord's day, you appear by such observance to imitate the sect of the Nazarenes, who in this manner accept the Christianity that they might not give up Judaism."

Here we see that Cardinal Humbert argued, as late as the 11th century, that the Christians from the East continued to celebrate the Sabbath in a similar way as do the Jews and Nazarene Christians ("why you have something in common with the Jews in a similar observance of the Sabbath?"; "They certainly observe the Sabbath, and you observe [it]"). He also states that the Jews and by analogy the Christians from the East "are idle and keep a holiday on the Sabbath, neither ploughing nor reaping, and by the reason of custom do not work." Further, he explains the theological reasons why the Jews and the Christians from the East observe the Sabbath: observing "the precept of Moses," according to the revelation given to humanity through the prophet Moses in the Pentateuch and more specifically the Ten Commandments, and (2) the fasting of the Orthodox Church on only one Sabbath during the year—the day when Christ was in the tomb and "the disciples were saddened and heavy (of heart) . . . on account of the death of the Lord." Cardinal Humbert concludes that since the Christians from the East "observe the Sabbath with the Jews" and the Lord's Day (Sunday) with the Latin church, they must be designated as a sect, not fully in line with the teachings of the Western Churches – which, according to Humbert, defined full and complete Christianity at that time.

At least equally important, if not more so, is the response given by Patriarch Michael Cerularius, in which he states that Christians are “commanded also to honour the Sabbath equally with the [Sunday] the Lord’s [day], and to keep [it] and not to work on it.” Consequently, Cerularius does not deny the accusations made by Humbert, but argues that the Christians are “commanded,” by biblical revelation and the apostolic tradition, to honour, worship, and not work on the Sabbath - even as on Sunday.

Although sometimes this theological quarrel is blurred with cultural and nonbiblical elements, one cannot but appreciate the resolve of the fathers of the Council of Trullo, Patriarch Photius, and Patriarch Cerularius to remain faithful to the tradition of the apostles and church fathers. Five canons of the Synod in Trullo emphasize, in one way or another (four directly), the necessity for the Christian church to remain faithful to the truth about not fasting on Sabbath as expressed in the Apostolic Constitutions.

Unfortunately, the Eastern Orthodox Church did not follow the words of Patriarch Michael Cerularius. In the centuries to follow, little by little, Eastern Orthodoxy distanced itself in its understanding of the Sabbath from the Apostolic Constitutions, from the fathers assembled at the Synod of Trullo, and from Patriarchs Photius and Cerularius, and came ever closer to the Church of Rome’s understanding of the Sabbath. However, the current practice of the Eastern Orthodox Church does not negate its original stand on Sabbath observance. A stand which fundamentally contradicts your assertions that the Greeks never ever observed the weekly Sabbath. Clearly, that simply isn’t true. The Greeks did observe the weekly Sabbath for over a thousand years after the time of Christ.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) The Greeks somehow missed the memo that they were diligent Sabbath Keepers:

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Was the Bishop of Constantinople lying when he condemned Sabbath keeping? Was Laodicea #29 lying when it condemned Sabbath Keeping?

Both are still followed today in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

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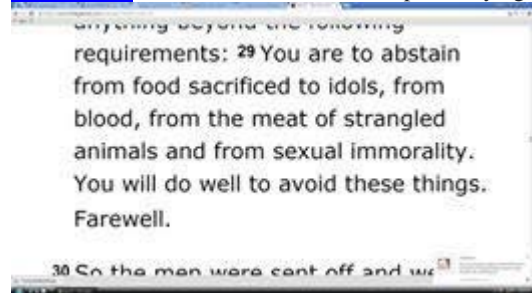


Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Clearly, there was a difference between the Christian Greeks... read the historical documents yourself. Actually take the time and read the relevant literature. It simply doesn't support your claims...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Were the Apostles lying in Acts 15 when they wrote the letter to the Gentile Christians in Antioch?



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Sean D. Pitman Also, your tendency for selective reading and arguing that everyone who disagreed with your position or presented something contrary, even in historical documents, was "lying". That's simply not true Larry.

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Sean D. Pitman Anyone reading this stuff with a candid mind will see right through the feebleness of your position and your bald unsupported claims. You're the one presenting false concepts here...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) If Christian Greeks were such good Sabbath keepers, why are there just 442 Adventists in Greece (population 11 million) after 150 years of intense Missionary Activity?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Was Bishop John Chrysostom lying about Sabbath Keeping when he repeatedly denounced it?

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Sean D. Pitman I explained why the Greeks eventually fell away from Sabbath observance in my original post....

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Sean D. Pitman Again, I recommend that you read the historical literature for yourself - and not just selective parts of it (you too [Malia](#) and [Sandi](#)).

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Why is the Bible completely silent on Greeks keeping the Sabbath?

Why did Paul never mention the Sabbath in his Mars Hill Sermon? (Acts 17)

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Sean D. Pitman There were lots of bishops over the years that condemned Sabbath keeping. None of this counters the fact that most of the early churches outside of Alexandria and Rome actually continued to observe the weekly Sabbath for a very very long time. This is a solid historical fact backed up by numerous historical documents. You are simply being dishonest with the available literature here...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) So the Christians in Constantinople continued to keep the Sabbath, notwithstanding the sermons of Bishop of Constantinople John Chrysostom that condemned it, and Laodicea #29 that excommunicated them for it?

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Sean D. Pitman Anyway, that's all I have time for at the moment. All the best to you until next time 😊

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Evasive and ultra-deceptive Adventist Dodge Ball.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) is the Greek Church today lying when it proclaims publicly that Sabbath abandonment and Sunday assembly commenced on Resurrection morning?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "The people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assemble together on the Sabbath, as well as on the first day of the week, which custom is never observed in Rome or at Alexandria..."

They did so in spite of the prohibitions by the powerful Bishop of Constantinople?

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Sandi Haynes Lol [Larry](#) you'd think? If [Sean](#) truly. Believes that Sabbath keeping had no part in his salvation, which he has stated in this thread, why is he defending it so vehemently? Sean, is it because you think if we don't observe it that you think we will hunt you down and kill you when your church's Sunday blue laws(as taught by the SDA church) go into affect in the very last days? After all, isn't that what this is really all about, the sabbath? It is an idol to you and that is so obvious! You Worship the day more than God.

For me, it's all about God and NO day has any importance to me. He is everything!!!

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Larry Dean [Sandi Haynes](#) [Steve C Yu](#) The Powerful Bishop of Constantinople John Crystostom clearly argued that Jesus broke the Sabbath and preached to his congregation to do likewise:

"And what is this to the question, one may say; for it was not surely the Sabbath, that he transgressed? Thou tellest me of that which is greater, and which especially shows the wisdom of Christ, that letting go the Sabbath, He brings another example greater than the Sabbath. For it is by no means the same, to break in upon a day, and to touch that holy table, which it was not lawful for any man to touch. Since the Sabbath indeed has been violated, and that often; nay rather it is continually being violated, both by circumcision, and by many other works; and at Jericho Joshua 6:15 too one may see the same to have happened; but this happened then only. So that He more than obtains the victory. How then did no man blame David, although there was yet another ground of charge heavier than this, that of the priests' murder, which had its origin from this? But He states it not, as applying himself to the present subject only."

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Larry Dean [Steve C Yu](#) I think Adventists must think the Eastern Church is like Adventism: Adventists frequently argue that they do not accept one or more of the Fundamental Beliefs of Adventism.

That is simply not an option under the Church Canon Law that controls Eastern Orthodoxy.

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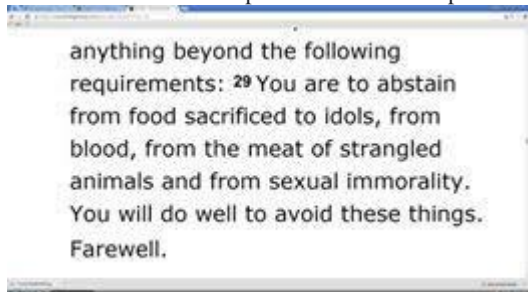


Steve C Yu Thanks, [Larry Dean](#). I'm also amazed how anyone could not simply understand that Paul's letters to the Colossians, Galatians, Romans, etc. were meant for Greek/Roman or Greek/Roman - Hebrew mixed churches; that he repeatedly fought off attempts to Judaize the non-Jews and to have the Jewish converts refocus their ideology onto Christ and not to old covenant law keeping. It's plainly obvious now.

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Larry Dean [Steve C Yu](#) Not to mention the Decree of Jerusalem, where the duties of Christians were spelled out in specific detail in Acts 15. That represented what the Apostles felt was the guiding of the Holy Spirit.



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Steve C Yu Amen! It mentions nothing about the Sabbath!

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Steve C Yu You would think that, when creating those requirements for the Gentiles, that the Sabbath would have been mandated if it was an important issue! This observance was not part of the Greek, Roman, etc. cultures.

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Larry Dean **Steve C Yu** The Holy Spirit is repeatedly-mentioned as conflicting with the Law and the "Ministry of Death written on Stone." The Holy Spirit is quite plainly the "Law of the New Covenant" that was prophesied by Jeremiah. The New Testament stresses the conflict between the Holy Spirit and the law, repeatedly.

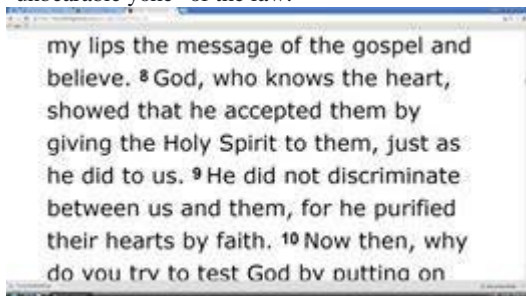
- Moses went onto Mt. Sinai and was given the Tablets of Stone, 49 days after the first Passover. This is called the Feast of Weeks in Leviticus 23.

- The Apostles were in Jerusalem 49 days after the Resurrection when the Holy Spirit Descended on them. They were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks.

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Larry Dean **Steve C Yu** The Apostles CLEARLY realized that the Gentiles had the Holy Spirit, yet kept NONE of the "unbearable yoke" of the law:



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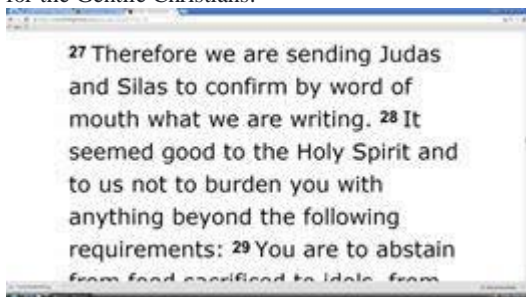


Sandi Haynes Praise God! We have the Holy Spirit! I love being able have Him with me all the time. I love being quiet and listening for His direction in my life.

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Larry Dean **Steve C Yu** **Sandi Haynes** The Apostles claimed that the Holy Spirit guided them into their selection of obligations for the Gentile Christians:



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Larry Dean **Sandi Haynes** **Steve C Yu** When Adventists insist that Christians keep the Sabbath, they are claiming that the Apostles did not have the Holy Spirit and that the Gentiles did not have the Holy Spirit.

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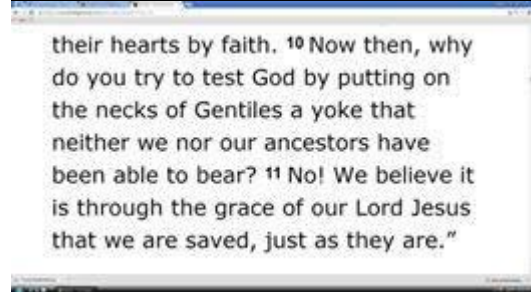


Steve C Yu Agreed **Larry Dean**, that's what they're effectively saying.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Steve C Yu](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) Adventists are simply Pharisees, that want to enslave Christians to an "unbearable Yoke."



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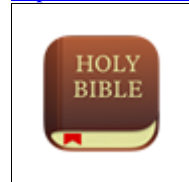
[Sandi Haynes](#) [Larry](#) and [Steve](#) I couldn't understand why it took someone with a theology degree to explain the Bible until my veil came down and I could read it for myself. Plain and simple language that anyone could understand.

"We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:13-16, 18 NIV

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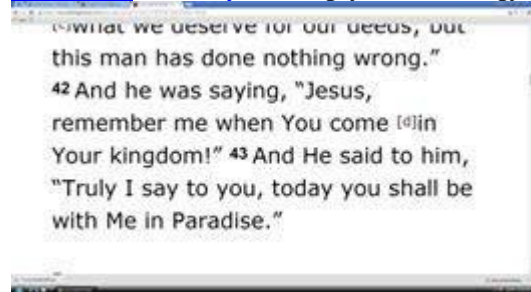
[2 Corinthians 3:13-16; We are not like Moses, who would put a veil...](#)

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) This guy had no theology degree, and yet he got Christianity perfectly:



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[Steve C Yu](#) [Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) notice the word "today." Not in some distant future. 😊

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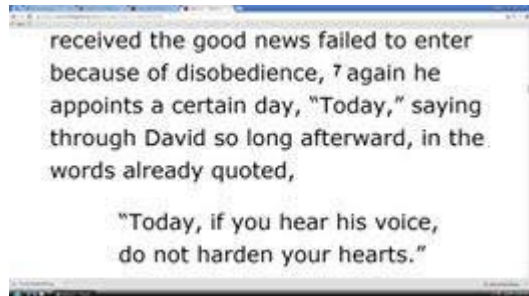


[Sandi Haynes](#) Yes! Simple language for ALL to understand.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Steve C Yu](#) Yeah, you know that error about TODAY is repeated in Hebrews 4. I think the Clear Word Bible editorial committee needs to get rid of this stuff, and do it FAST:



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Steve C Yu Haha. I assumed that they already had!

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Larry Dean [Sandi Haynes](#) [Steve C Yu](#) [Malia Reichmänner](#) By the way, if I haven't said this yet:

"HAPPY SABBATH."

Wednesday is "TODAY" where I am, and TODAY is the Sabbath, according to Hebrews 4.

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Larry Dean [Steve C Yu](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) [Malia Reichmänner](#) I hope y'all will join me in keeping "HAPPY SABBATH" tomorrow as well.

I like having Sabbath on both Wednesday and Thursday. When Friday rolls around, I'll probably wish you HAPPY SABBATH that day as well.

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Larry Dean [Steve C Yu](#) [Malia Reichmänner](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) Oh, and before I forget, the Thief on the Cross's final Happy Sabbath day falls two days before Easter, on a Friday, about April 13.

Maybe sure you wish everyone "HAPPY THIEF ON THE CROSS SABBATH DAY" on that Friday.

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Malia Reichmänner [Sean D. Pitman](#) I am now thoroughly confused. I don't think you realize how much you have contradicted yourself in this thread. You say that you understand that the law doesn't keep us from sinning and that only through the NEW covenant and the HOLY spirit the desire to sin is broken. Yet, you still believe we must keep the 10 commandments. That is impossible to do. You also state that one doesn't need to keep the Sabbath to be saved. I know this to be totally false. The Sabbath is at the Adventist core. They believe that if you don't observe the Sabbath you won't be saved. Therefore, Adventists are under the law, NOT under grace and the new covenant. The law certainly didn't help me while I was in Adventism, it kept me in bondage. Adventists expect one to be perfect. It is impossible to keep the law perfectly. I really do not think that you understand what you are saying or that you know what you are saying. You can clearly see that Sabbath breaking is a big deal. It even requires discipline. Adventists also believe that if you don't keep the sabbath you will be persecuted in the end times. CHURCH MANUAL

Reasons for Discipline

The reasons for which members shall be subject to discipline are:

1. Denial of faith in the fundamentals of the gospel and in the fundamental beliefs of the Church or teaching doctrines contrary to the same.
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[Larry Dean](#) [Malia Reichmänner](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) [Steve C Yu](#) Someday, we MIGHT achieve the amount of Belief that the Thief on the Cross had. The Thief on the Cross was the world's best Christian.....EVER. Did you know he even has his own statue, even though he failed to keep the Sabbath his whole life and failed to mention the Sabbath, even while he was dying with Jesus?

I'll never have a statue erected in MY memory, I can guarantee you that. He's also got his own Wikipedia entry.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penitent_thief



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[Sandi Haynes](#) He only had to BELIEVE!!!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) Well, that was certainly enough for him to have ANOTHER statue at the Cathedral of Milan.

I think this belief business is getting carried away.



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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) And he even has a Cathedral named after him. With ANOTHER statue:

http://www.stoneskingston.ca/.../1237561337_38-st-dismas/



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[Sandi Haynes](#) Wow!

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[Larry Dean](#)



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[Sandi Haynes](#) Another thing [Larry](#), Jesus did Not make that a condition to the thief being saved. No exception! Nothing to do! Just BELIEVE!!! Whew! Thank you Jesus for making it so simple.

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[Larry Dean](#) “This Day”

This day
has come.
This day
I have dreaded
since they caught me
in my crime,
in my sin.
And now,
now I hang here
on this cross,
a public spectacle,
along with these others –
a fellow thief,
and This Man.

But who is He?
What has He done?
Nothing,
from what I hear.
But the crowds mock Him,
much louder than us.

“Come down,”
they say.
“Save yourself!”
Even that other,
from his cross,
dares to mock –
“Save yourself –
and us!”
He must be crazy
from the pain.

“Be still,”
I shout –
the pain of drawing breath
rips through me.
“Have you no fear of God?”
(Silently, He still hangs there)
“We deserve this;
but This Man,
This Man has done nothing wrong.”

It hurts to turn myself to see Him,
but I must.
“Jesus,”
I wheeze,
“remember me
when You come into Your kingdom.”

And then He stirs.
His blood-stained face
turns to me
(is there a glint in His eye?).

"This day,
you will be with Me
in paradise."

It is so dark now,
so cold.
This is it.
This is the day.
But today,
for some reason,
I can still hope."

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[Sandi Haynes](#) This brings tears of joy to my eyes! Beautiful words!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sandi Haynes](#) The God, "man-enough to take a shank."

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[Sandi Haynes](#) Yes! The God, "man-enough to take a shank" for me!

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[Malia Reichmänner](#) [Larry Dean](#) This is beautiful! I had no idea there was a statue of him. Very Interesting!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Malia Reichmänner](#) I spent considerable time in Europe as an undergraduate. There were statues of the Thief on the Cross (St. Dismas as he is called) in St. Vitas Cathedral in Prague, Czech Republic; the Cathedral at Notre Dame in Paris; the Cathedral at Milan; St. Peter's Basilica in Rome; and the Cathedral at Seville in Spain. There are paintings of him in the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the Church of the Holy Wisdom in Istanbul, and the Cathedral of Cologne in Germany.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Sandi](#); I honestly feel the same way about you guys. You seem blind to what is otherwise obvious and straightforward. You don't seem to want to look into the available literature or relevant documents for yourself, and appear to blindly trust anything coming from anybody, however unreasonable or unreliable, as long as it supports your current position - at least that is how it appears to me. I'm not sure I should trouble you all any longer, and am thinking I should just let you be. I do wish you all the best. You will continue in my prayers - and I hope that I will continue in yours. Until we all get to heaven and God Himself sorts it all out... 😊

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) " don't you get it?" NONE of your arguments really matter. None of them, NONE are salvation issues. Not eternal hellfire, the day to worship on (Saturday Sabbath) or any doctrinal issue you bring up matters. What Jesus did on the cross for you and me, is ALL that matter! NOTHING else!!!

You are bogged down in all these doctrinal issues while I'm LIVING in the confidence of the cross!

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[Nancy Paige](#) Amen and well said [Sandi Haynes](#)!

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[Malia Reichmänner](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) no amount of documents matter if they don't agree with what the Bible says. I have read every single thing that you have posted and also what Larry has posted. You are so concerned about proving us wrong and defending Adventism, I do not think you have even stopped for a minute to question whether we could be right. Trust me, we didn't just wake up one day and decide to leave Adventism. We use to defend it just as much as you are. I was the one arguing with a "non Adventist" about my Faith trying to prove them wrong. It was a difficult thing for me to accept that I had believed a

lie my entire life. I am not blind. I know it boggles your mind that you think we can't see what you see, but I do understand where you are coming from. No amount of literature is going to sway me back into Adventism. It frustrates all of us just the same that you can't see the gospel for what it is.

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Steve C Yu Amen! There are no "Steps to Christ." There is Christ who not only came down and died for you and I, but continuously (even now) reaches out to us because of who He is; God, Spirit, and Love. We can never be separate from Him and it is because of Him that we walk our path. He does not sit idly by or turns His back on us when we stumble; He walks with us, carries us, and leads us every step of the way. It is the great liberation given to us by His grace!

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Sean D. Pitman Maybe one or two more responses, since these appear to me to be honest questions/concerns of yours [Malia](#).

There is no contradiction here. Both concepts are true: 1) It is impossible to keep from sinning without the new birth and the Holy Spirit living inside of one's self so that one no longer has the desire to sin. 2) The Ten Commandments should still be kept since they are in fact a description of the Royal Law of Love.

But, you say, that this is "impossible to do" – to actually keep the Ten Commandments. Yet, you yourself just said that what is impossible without the Holy Spirit is, in fact, possible with the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us both the desire and power not to sin. And, what is the definition of "sin" according to Paul and the other writers of the New Testament? Sin is consistently defined by the Law.

"I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." (Romans 7:7)

"Sin is the transgression of the Law" (1 John 3:4).

So, while the Law cannot save you or make you good, the Law can tell you that what you are doing is wrong and sinful. That's the power of the Law – to point out sin whenever it happens. It can, therefore, show you that you need help and that you do in fact need the power of God to escape from the sin in your life... as defined by the Law. And, the only way of escape from sin in one's life is through rebirth into a new life governed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now, when I say that one doesn't need to keep the Sabbath to be saved, I'm talking about someone who is honestly ignorant of or sincerely misunderstands God's command in this regard. The same is true of all of the first four commands of the Decalogue. This is because the first four commandments of the Decalogue were not written on the heart by God, but have to be learned over time as they are revealed to a person through the study of God's written Word.

For example, what about the first command to have "no other gods"? How is that going to work for someone who doesn't yet know the True God?

Or, what about the second command that says not to create or worship idols? How is that going to work for someone who honestly doesn't know any better?

Or, what about the third command that says not to take the name of God in vain? How is that going to work for someone who really doesn't understand who God is or what His name means?

The same is true for the Sabbath commandment. God isn't going to hold anyone responsible for Sabbath observance who doesn't honestly understand it and God's wishes regarding the 7th day. It is different, however, for those who do understand God's wishes, but who still choose to disregard the His wishes anyway...

But, you argue, "The Sabbath is at the Adventist core. They believe that if you don't observe the Sabbath you won't be saved. Therefore, Adventists are under the law, NOT under grace and the new covenant."

This isn't correct as stated. Adventists believe that if one deliberately disobeys any of God's commands that one is not acting lovingly toward God. After all, it was Jesus who said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15). Of course, this is impossible to do without the power of the Holy Spirit – as we've previously discussed. You and I agree so far. In fact, you agree that it would be sinful to lie or murder or commit adultery. It is just that the Holy Spirit enables you to actually hate doing such things against your neighbor. Right? The same is true regarding the first four of the Ten Commandments as well – the ones that are directed at our love for God Himself. It is the Holy Spirit that actually gives us the desire to want to keep these first four Commandments along with the rest of them.

Again, it isn't our keeping of any of the Ten Commandments that saves us. It is our relationship with God that saves us. However, if we start to desire to go against one or more of God's commands, however small, we can know that we have moved away from a relationship based completely on love and trust.

This means, of course, that one doesn't have to be a Seventh-day Adventist to be saved. You can be saved even without keeping the Sabbath commandment if you are honestly ignorant regarding God's wishes here. However, if one is aware and understands God's wishes here, one becomes guilty of violating the Law of Love toward God if one deliberately chooses to disregard such a Divine command.

You see then, it wasn't Adventism or the Sabbath command that kept you in bondage any more than it was the command against murder or adultery or worshiping idols that kept you in bondage. Rather, it is the Holy Spirit that gives the true desire and power to actually follow all of God's commandments.

Yet, you write, "Adventists expect one to be perfect. It is impossible to keep the law perfectly."

You mean it is impossible to keep the law perfectly, to stop sinning, without the Holy Spirit? – right? That's what you said before. Think about it. Are you really suggesting that it is impossible for the Holy Spirit to keep you from murdering or committing adultery? – to keep you from even wanting to do these things? If not, then it is not impossible for the Holy Spirit to keep you from breaking the Sabbath command – in the same manner. The fact is that it is possible for the Holy Spirit to make you perfectly loving toward God and everyone else around you. And, perfect love is the same as being morally perfect before God. After all, it was Jesus who told the woman that He forgave to "Go and sin no more." (John 8:11). Why would He tell her this if it was an impossibility? Or, why would He say, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)? – if this is an impossibility for the Christian? It shouldn't be seen as an impossibility, but as a promise or as a gift of God where God supplies the means whereby we can be truly free from sin.

You write that keeping the Sabbath "requires discipline" – which is true. However, not murdering also requires discipline as well. Where do you get this discipline? From yourself? No. That's impossible. Neither you nor I have the discipline required to stop sinning. The required discipline, therefore, comes from God – from the power of the Holy Spirit working within us.

This Divine Power, of course, does not remove our ability to choose to reject God's commandments. After all, Adam and Eve were created perfect in the Garden of Eden, with a perfect relationship with God free of sin. Yet, they both deliberately chose to go against one of His commands, and fell into sin. It did take some discipline to obey – the power for which was supplied, abundantly, by God Himself. Yet, they did not lean on the power of God to protect them from sin, and they, depending upon their own power, fell into sin – and this evil world in which we now live was the result of that fall. The same can happen to us if we choose not to continue to hold only the Word of God with the power of His Spirit.

Again, it isn't like we have no part to play or conscious decisions to make here. We are free moral agents and have been given the ability to choose the right as God has given us to see the right (through the power of the Holy Spirit which He has also given to us). Or, we can choose to act contrary to what God has said, and reject the power of the Spirit and His leading in our lives – and remain separated from God and from the source of all life.

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Sean D. Pitman Sandi: Of course these things aren't *inherently* salvational issues that we are discussing here. Sabbath observance isn't going to save anyone – and neither is a correct understanding of the state of the dead – or never having committed adultery or murder. None of that saves a person! The only thing that saves a person is a personal relationship with Jesus and what Jesus did for us in His life and death on the cross. That much we agree on.

Your mistake, however, is in thinking that if something isn't inherently salvational that it is therefore completely unimportant for the Christian. That simply isn't true. Just because remaining faithful to my wife and not committing adultery, even in my mind, does not save me, doesn't mean that not committing adultery isn't important for the Christian. It is important. It is a sign of love to God and my fellow man. Paul himself repeatedly highlights the importance of the Law as a mirror to the soul – to show the Christian if he/she is or isn't actually living a life of love.

So, is getting "bogged down" with the doctrinal issue of asking God to help me actually keep the Law, of asking God to change my mind so that I don't even think bad thoughts, really a problem for you? Of course not. You're all in favor of the doctrinal idea that at least 9 of the 10 commands of the Decalogue are important for the Christian to observe. As I originally pointed out in this thread, everything boils down for you over just 1 of the Ten Commandments – just one. All of this effort and discussion of yours is entirely about trying to absolve yourself of observing the Sabbath Commandment.

So, of course you say that there is nothing that can possibly be said to you or shown to you that could possibly change your mind regarding just this one Commandment – regardless of if Jesus observed the day and taught His disciples to do the same;

regardless of if Jesus' disciples also continued to observe the Sabbath and in turn taught their own disciples to do the same; regardless of if the early Christian Churches continued to keep the Sabbath; regardless of if most churches kept the Sabbath for hundreds of years thereafter and most church leaders promoted Sabbath sacredness (outside of Rome and Alexandria). According to you it doesn't matter if any of this is true or not. You have your mind made up and it simply doesn't matter what Jesus or His disciples told anyone else to do?

How then can you claim to love someone when, at the same time, you claim that it doesn't really matter one lick to you what they actually said or taught? How is that love Sandi? It's an honest question... a question that is salvational.

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Larry Dean Breaking Saturday is clearly a cause for Church disciplinary action in the Adventist Church. And Saturday is one of their Fundamental Doctrines.

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Malia Reichmänner [Sean D. Pitman](#) Sean...Adventists Do Not teach that the Holy Spirit breaks the power of Sin. I grew up in Adventist schools.....it was always don't do this, don't do that. We constantly had standards to adhere to or we were made to feel like we were Not saved. I was under the law. I never ever ever heard the gospel preached. NEVER. If that were the case then there wouldn't be so much SIN in the Adventist church. I don't know of one Adventist that isn't under condemnation under the law. What you are hung up on is the old Covenant law. Those were for the Israelites. Jeremiah 33:31 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." The key here is "I will write it on their hearts" Since I found the gospel my desire is to Only Please my Lord. I hate sin. No where does it state anything about the 10 commandments. THIS is where we don't see eye to eye. If you can show me proof In the New Testament where God command the 7th day sabbath worship I would like to see it. Not just "sabbath" but the 7th day.

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Deborah Owen David Adventist are getting deeper and deeper into just outright plain lying to the members and the members then regurgitate that back out to anyone who challenges the SDA religious doctrines. There was a time when at the very least the religion was more upfront with what they were teachings members. Just three years ago my very SDA rabid family member told me, "If I do not keep the Sabbath I will be lost." Yep, exactly what I was taught and believed all my 61 years.

I started seeing a change in how Adventists were going about this whole "Sabbath for salvation issue" and it was getting more sneaky and hidden. I know how brainwashing works, it is a very slow progression, think of the phrase, "If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it, and you will even come to believe it yourself." I understood that a change of understanding can take place whereas a group of people can slowly be influenced and indoctrinated into a very slightly different view of something given just a little bit of time.

So with that in mind, I ask that very rabid SDA family member of mine, "If you as a Seventh-Day Adventist do not keep the seven day Sabbath will you be lost?"

Here is the latest answer, ""And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." Acts 17:30. From this and other passages, my answer would be yes; and at the same time no. Let me explain. If we know to do good (obey a command of God) and don't do it we sin. Continuing in a known sin begins to separate us from God. Separation from God means we are lost since salvation comes only through Christ and His sacrifice not through keeping the law. There is a balance between the law and grace. As Paul said grace does not do away with the law. It enables us to keep it. I keep the Sabbath from gratitude to God for saving me and because He said He made the day holy. There will be people in heaven who never knew about the seventh day Sabbath. So in a way it is not a salvation issue. My relationship with Christ IS a salvation issue. If I continually and deliberately do things that my wife hates or refuse to do things that she wants me to do it will eventually destroy our relationship. It is the same way with our relationship with God."

This is one twisted messed up thinking. Basically, the answer is the same as it was 3 years ago and yet to get to the straight answer an SDA person today is being taught a convoluted response and along with that it is slowly indoctrinating them into thinking they are now keeping the Sabbath out of love and relationship. Whereas before, as I had been taught, "keep the Sabbath or be lost" A simple doctrine brought to them by Ellen through the SDA religion.

The SDA religion hierarchy knows they are wrong but they need to keep the religion alive for various reasons so they just slowly bring in a new understanding of "Sabbath, salvation" etc and start saying it. Within three years as in the case above the person has no clue that he believes that Sabbath is a salvation issue and will be lost if they do not keep it and yet they cannot formulate that belief into a distinct sentence any longer. They don't even realize that their heart belief and their word sayings do not match up. They truly puppet back what they are told without any cognitive knowledge of what they are even saying.

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Sandi Haynes Amen! [Deborah](#) very well said! Now, I'm going to close this thread as it is way too long. We will no longer reply to this thread. Praise God! I am FREE from this brainwashing!

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman

For those who think that the two Great Commandments (Love God and love your neighbor- Matt. 22:36-40) are a summary of the Ten Commandments, please think again!

I'm going to share with you this simple yet profound parable that Jesus taught. In it, He shows a group of Priests and Levites (men who knew the whole law to the letter) that the keeping of the letter was not how you loved your neighbor.

We start in Luke chapter 10.

Luke 10:30-36 Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"

The Priest and the Levite kept all Ten Commandments in this parable;

They did not have another God before God;
They did not take God's name in vain;
They did not create any idols;
They didn't violate the Sabbath day;
They did not murder;
They did not steal;
They did not bear false witness;
They did not commit adultery;
They did not dishonor their parents;
They did not covet.

The Priest and the Levite kept all Ten Commandments and yet Jesus declared that they did not love their neighbor!

That is because the keeping of the law is not how you love God or love your neighbor.

And that is what Jesus came to teach.

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Elce Thunder Lauriston Definitely copying this bro.

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Sean D. Pitman That's not true. The priest and Levite here did covet something that didn't belong to them. They put themselves and their own interests above God and His interests. That's a form of coveting - a form of stealing if you will. This is why Paul said, "I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'" (Romans 7:7). You see, without the moral Law (which says that we shouldn't covet) we would not know sin. And, since this law is written on the hearts of mankind, the priest and Levite in this story are without excuse before God. They stand guilty before God of violating the Law.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Not even close!
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[Elce Thunder Lauriston](#) Sean D. Pitman prove it from the text. 😊
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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) For Adventists, "keeping" the Ten Commandments involves taking a nap on a Saturday afternoon.

And they think we should be impressed by their gloating and bragging about their law-keeping superiority!



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[Elce Thunder Lauriston](#) [Larry Dean](#) Despite the fact that their prophet said that they SHOULD NOT SLEEP DURING SABBATH HOURS!

"None should feel at liberty to spend sanctified time in an unprofitable manner. It is displeasing to God for Sabbath-keepers to sleep during much of the Sabbath. They dishonor their Creator in so doing, and, by their example, say that the six days are too precious for them to spend in resting. They must make money, although it be by robbing themselves of needed sleep, which they make up by sleeping away holy time. They then excuse themselves by saying, "The Sabbath was given for a day of rest. I will not deprive myself of rest to attend meeting; for I need rest." Such make a wrong use of the sanctified day." Gospel Workers 92, p. 208.4

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[Randy Karnes](#) Daniel Dulcich--That is one of the BEST examples of that I have ever seen! EXCELLENT!

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[Nancy Paige](#) Sean D. Pitman, you can't even misinterpret Jesus' parable without looking really insanely foolish.

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[William Hohmann](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) touches on something profound. The law taught Paul what sin was. To word it another way, the law imparted to him a knowledge of good and evil. So Pitman wants the wrong law and the wrong tree ruling over people's lives. He wants the tree of the knowledge of good and evil written on the heart.

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[Larry Dean](#) [William Hohmann](#) Truly the Ten Commandments are a barrier to mystagogy.....the Holy Spirit written on the Heart as prophesied by Jeremiah. The Law of the New Covenant.

"the veil over the heart, whenever Moses is read." "The Ministry of Death written on Stone." "The Wall of Hostility." The "unbearable yoke."

Maybe its just me, but I am not sensing that the Ten Commandments makes a person smarter.

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William Hohmann They could claim here, again, that they don't keep the 10 as a means of salvation or justification, but just to avoid sinning. So given this claim, how can they declare them to be "moral" law? Just another example of the cognitive dissonance inherent in the belief system.

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Sandi Haynes Yes! Sean has claimed that already in this long thread.

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Larry Dean **William Hohmann** **Sandi Haynes** The Ten Commandments were unfortunately adopted by both the Jesuits and the Protestant Reformers as a teaching tool for illiterate simpletons.

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Larry Dean shared a [link](#) to the group: [Sabbath Keepers of the New Covenant](#).

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I found it! This knocks the stuffing out of the simplistic Adventist Ten Commandments fetish. Simply put, Christianity never taught the Ten Commandments as a moral guide for Christians until the medieval period (1300's). Let me repeat that:

CHRISTIANITY NEVER TAUGHT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AS A MORAL GUIDE TO CHRISTIANS UNTIL THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD!!!

When you understand the motivations for this drastic shift away from stressing the Holy Spirit and the Sermon on the Mount as the moral guide for Christians; you can also understand why the Idiot-Culture sister-cults of Adventism, Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses are presently-flourishing in low-information primitive third-world cultures. All three Restorationist scams heavily-promote the Ten Commandments. This emphasis was recognized in the Medieval times, when theocratic societies were being revolutionized by a variety of factors. The Ten Commandments were adopted to stifle these upheavals, and control the ignorant and illiterate peasantry:

"The Ten Commandments were increasingly seen as a simple and decisive authority for the illiterate masses (the Ten Commandments can easily be counted on one's fingers). They were also conceived as an easy and obvious program for enforcement by lay magistrates."

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"The Ten Commandments, many a cleric pointed out, were easily remembered. They could be counted on one's fingers. Pound away at the Ten Commandments, tell the people that this was the way of Christianity, and they would follow.

Bast writes of the vernacular (common language) catechisms of this era,

They aimed for utility, eschewing difficult questions of theology and concentrating on simple doctrines and moral guidelines that taught people what to believe, how to act, how to pray – the very essence of the catechism."

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Larry Dean **William Hohmann** **Sandi Haynes** And here is the Jesuit justification for adopting this same abominable technique:

"The emphasis on teaching reappears in section three of the document where Ignatius instructs future Jesuits to hold esteemed the instruction of children and the uneducated in the Christian doctrine of the Ten Commandments and other similar rudiments."

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Bob Holland I love it. The Adventists are so afraid of the Jesuits, yet the Jesuits succeeded in tricking the SDAs into adopting the Catholic method of indoctrination! 😊

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Daniel Dulcich Hermeneutics through Exegesis is a wonderful way to dig deeply into the word of God. Learning and understanding the biblical languages (i.e., Koine Greek, Semitic Greek, Aramaic, and Hebrew) adds knowledge of the Bible that gives us a wonderful view of Christ and the early church, through the writings of the Apostles. Please don't misunderstand; I am not saying that you can't understand the gospel or the scriptures without that knowledge, but the lack of that knowledge can lead to easily misunderstanding passages and a reliance on your Pastor(s) and Theologians. There is the need for someone to know the biblical languages, in fact, it's why your Pastor(s) spend countless hours (years) at Seminary and in their home library rooting out the meaning through the original languages. And certainly, training through a solidly biblical foundational Seminary is necessary, so that we don't add or subtract from a biblical passage. In fact, my efforts below were put together with the assistance (peer reviewed) of several Seminary trained Theologians and current Pastors.

Here is a prime example of when and where the knowledge of the original biblical languages can clarify a point of scripture.

Topic: Colossians 2:16,17

Did the Apostle Paul teach the unknowing Gentiles (e.g., Romans, Greeks, Turks, Egyptians, etc.) that they were required to observe the Jewish weekly holy day, the weekly Sabbath? Given the numerous letters that Paul wrote, we should see clear evidence of this in each letter, or at least most letters. Although the lack of it's mention may be insufficient for determining its place in the Christian life, it does raise the question, "why isn't it taught?" However, there are plenty of examples where we repeatedly find Paul arguing against any required days which adds the clarity needed to make the determination that he did not teach them. In the book of Romans, we see the clear intent of this in chapter 14. In the book of Galatians, we see this in chapters 2 & 4, and, of course, we see this clear fact in Colossians 2:16,17.

In Colossians 2:16,17, some Sabbatarians would like you to think that Paul is only referring to the non-seventh day Sabbaths here, and elsewhere, yet when we look into the text we see that that is not the case. The structure of naming the feasts (food & drink), the festivals, the new moons, and then the weekly Sabbaths is found all throughout the Old Testament; a great example of this is found in Ezekiel 45 & 46. Ezekiel 45 lays out the structure, and Ezekiel 46 explains what each component is referring to; the Sabbaths (plural form) is a reference to the weekly Sabbath.

So, where Paul is clear, let the Sabbatarians take note!

Colossians 2:16-17 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

The Koine Greek word used in Colossians 2:16 is "Sabbatōn". The use of "Sabbatōn" in the NT is used 59 times for the weekly Sabbath.

Colossians 2:16 Grk

οὐν τις ὑμᾶς κρινέτω ἐν βρώσει καὶ ἐν πόσει ἢ ἐν μέρει ἑορτῆς ἢ νεομηνίας ἢ σαββάτων

Transliteration:

oun tis hymas krinetō en brōsei kai en posei ē en merei heortēs ē neomēnias ē sabbatōn

The KJV New Testament Greek Lexicon:

Strong's Number: 4521

Original Word: savbbaton

Word Origin: of Hebrew origin

Transliterated Word: Sabbatōn

Phonetic Spelling: sab'-bat-on

Definition:

the seventh day of each week which was a sacred festival on which the Israelites were required to abstain from all work

the institution of the sabbath, the law for keeping holy every seventh day of the week

- a single sabbath, sabbath day

- seven days, a week

King James Word Usage - Total: 68

sabbath day 37, sabbath 22, week 9

KJV Verse Count

Matthew - 9

Mark - 11

Luke - 19

John - 11

Acts - 10

1 Corinthians - 1

Colossians - 1

Total 62

Strong's Concordance:

sabbaton: the Sabbath, i.e. the seventh day (of the week)

Original Word: σάββατον, ου, τό

Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter

Transliteration: sabbatōn

Phonetic Spelling: (sab'-bat-on)

Short Definition: the Sabbath, a week

Definition: the Sabbath, a week.

Thayer's Exhaustive Concordance:

Word Origin:

of Hebrew origin shabbath

Definition:

the Sabbath, i.e. the seventh day (of the week)

NASB Translation Usage Count

Sabbath (58), Sabbaths (1), week (9).

Here are a few examples of the same word usage, which refer to the weekly Sabbath:

Matthew 28:1 N-GNP

GRK: Ὅψε δὲ σαββάτων τῇ ἐπιφωσκούσῃ

NAS: after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn

KJV: In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn

INT: after moreover Sabbath it being dawn

Luke 4:16 N-GNP

GRK: ἡμέρᾳ τῶν σαββάτων εἰς τὴν

NAS: the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood

KJV: the synagogue on the sabbath day, and

INT: day of the Sabbath into the

Acts 13:14 N-GNP

GRK: ἡμέρᾳ τῶν σαββάτων ἐκάθισαν

NAS: Antioch, and on the Sabbathday

KJV: the synagogue on the sabbath day,

INT: day of the Sabbath they sat down

Acts 16:13 N-GNP

GRK: ἡμέρα τῶν σαββάτων ἐξήλθομεν ἔξω

NAS: And on the Sabbath day we went

KJV: And on the sabbath we went out of

INT: day of the Sabbath we went forth outside

The usage of the sabbatōn as a reference to the weekly Sabbath is abundant all throughout the New Testament. The text is clear, the weekly Sabbath was a shadow.

This is in perfect harmony with Romans 14, Galatians 2 & 4, and Hebrews 3 & 4. (Continued...)

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Sean D. Pitman Again, you're only real problem with the Moral Law is over the Sabbath commandment - a commandment that is just as binding in God's eyes as His command that we not murder or steal or covet. If you accept nine of these commands as binding, how do you get to reject one of them at your own choosing?

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Deborah Owen David Sean D. Pitman - please tell me why Christ did not even mention the word Sabbath in His discourse of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew if indeed after the cross and to the church, His very Bride some particular 24-hour time frame weekly or otherwise was to be set aside, kept etc.? And where in all the NT is the rule for such a special day as given to Israel, where is this given to the church and taught with all the do's and do not for any particular day? How was it the pagan, gentile, Romans the Greeks, how were all these people to learn all the particulars of some special set aside 24-hour time frame sine NOT one letter to the church even mentions a Sabbath but yet writes of a lot of other commands given to the church by Christ? I do not think Christ left His bride stupid, dumb and blind to the "keeping of a Sabbath day" until Ellen came upon the scene of history. furthermore, in Acts 15 the very church fathers decided just what to teach to those gentile etc and again the word Sabbath was not even given a thought, nor put down on paper for the church to know of. SDA's marry the Old Law given to Israel, but just a tiny portion of it, 10 out of 613 and try to carry it into the New Covenant law given my Christ and on top of they throw away most of the New Covenant commands as well. There are 1050 of them, do you know them because when I was an Adventist I did not have a clue, the 10 from the old covenant given to people I am not even blood too is all I heard about. I didn't even know that the commands John is speaking of in Revelation is the commands of Christ and not the commandments that were given to Israel.

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Sean D. Pitman **Deborah**: Jesus did talk about the Sabbath quite a bit - mostly about how to correctly keep the Sabbath. And, of course, Jesus also predicted that His true followers would be keeping the Sabbath decades after His own death and resurrection. He even counseled His followers to remember to pray that their flight from Jerusalem not take place in the winter or on the Sabbath day (Matthew 24:20).

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Deborah Owen David You are wrong Sean - and you did not answer one question I asked.

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Sean D. Pitman How then do you interpret Matthew 24:20?

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. I see you prefer the man made eisegesis, instead of the clear scriptural Exegesis!

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Actually Jesus only spoke of the Sabbath in the breach, when he was accused of breaking it.

And he cheerfully admitted doing so in John 5.

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. Matthew 24:20 is written to Jews, living in the city of Jerusalem.

However, if you would like to see the warnings given to the other cities of the region, see these...

(No mention of a Sabbath here:)

Mark 13:14-19 "But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be let the reader understand, then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. The one who is on the housetop must not go down, or go in to get anything out of his house; and the one who is in the field must not turn back to get his coat. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that it may not happen in the winter. For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will.

(Or here:)

Luke 21:20-24 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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[Larry Dean Daniel Dulcich](#) ROTFLOL Matthew 24:20 was fulfilled in AD 70, when the Temple was destroyed.

Not a single Christian was killed, since not a single Christians was a Sabbath Keeper or assisted in the defense of the Temple by then. The Destruction of the Temple is not even mentioned in the New Testament, even though it is one of the most significant events in Jewish history, and one of the most significant places in Jesus's earthly ministry!

Sabbath Keeping is not possible without the Temple. The Sabbath sacrifices and offerings are mandatory and spoken directly by the Mouth of God and were brought to the Temple. The Mandatory Death penalty for Sabbath violations is not possible without the Temple, since the Sanhedrin meant in a complex that adjoined the Temple. It too was destroyed in AD 70 and the Sanhedrin was outlawed in AD 70.

Emperor Hadrian totally outlawed Sabbath-keeping in the Roman Empire 65 years later. The only people executed for violating Hadrian's decree was Jewish Rabbis. Not a single Christian was killed under Hadrian's decree.

Emperor Constantine enshrined into law the Sunday worship tradition of Christianity in 325 AD. There was no protest from any Sabbath Keeping Christians about the law, nor were any Sabbath-keeping Christians persecuted under the law. There simply weren't any.

The Adventist conspiracy theory about "Sabbath Abandonment" has been a running source of comedy for late night stand up comedians for 100 years now.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) This next section was written by Elce Thunder Lauriston.

Diet and the Sabbath are not Tests of Christian fellowship.

Σαββατων (sabbaton- genitive plural) in Col. 2:16-17

Sabbatarians attempt to discredit the fact that the third reference in this passage is a reference to the Weekly Sabbath of the Decalogue by saying that Paul used the plural form of the word, which would signify it was one of the other kind of ceremonial Sabbaths. This attempt to evade the plain meaning of the passage doesn't work because there are about 20 other places in Scripture where the plural form of the word Sabbath (σαββατων) is used where context demands the meaning be the weekly Sabbath.

The Greeks didn't have the same concern over plural versus singular forms of words that is found in the English language. Of the 50 plus times the Greek NT uses the word σαββατων (sabbaton) in its various declension cases, whether in the singular or plural, with or without the definite article, it ALWAYS mean the weekly Sabbath. This fact is so obvious to NT Greek students, that I will use ONE passage to demonstrate this.

In Matt. 12:1-12, the forms of σαββατων are used as follows: v.1- σάββασιν (dative plural), v. 2- σαββάτω (dative singular), v.5- σάββασιν (dative plural) and σάββατον (accusative singular), v. 8- σαββάτου (genitive singular), v. 10, 11 & 12- σάββασιν

(dative plural).

For the sake of showing it in all its declension forms, we also see in these texts- Mark 2:27- σάββατον (nominative singular), Acts 17:2- σάββατα (accusative/nominative plural), and Luke 4:16- σαββάτων (genitive plural).

The sentence structure of this text (Col. 2:16), FESTIVAL, NEW MOON, and SABBATH is a phrase used in the Hebrew OT to imply the three aspects of Jewish festival structure and designates the order of ANNUAL, MONTHLY, and WEEKLY festivals. This same annual, monthly, and weekly sequence appears five times in the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament), in both ascending and descending order — i.e., 2 Chron. 2:4; 31:3; Neh. 10:33; Ezek. 45:17; Hosea 2:11. All through the history of the Israelites we have Annual Sabbaths, Monthly Sabbaths, and Weekly Sabbaths. If the word Sabbath as used here means monthly Sabbaths, the sentence would read, “Annual Sabbaths, Monthly Sabbaths, and Monthly Sabbaths.” Which clearly would not make any sense and also violates the chiasmic structure that we observe in this passage.

Whenever the Old Testament links the New Moon celebration with the Sabbath, as in Colossians 2:16, it is referring to the Weekly Sabbath (2 Kings 4:23, 1 Chron. 23:31, 2 Chron. 2:4; Neh. 10:33; Isa., 1:13; 66:23; Ezek. 45:17; 46:1; Hosea 2:11; Amos 8:5).

In the Old Testament, annual Sabbaths are always called “a Sabbath of (solemn) rest” in the Septuagint. This Greek version of the Old Testament always, or nearly always, translates this as σαββατα σαββάτων (see Lev. 16:31, 23:32, etc.) and not simply Sabbaton— as here in Colossians 2:16-17. Conclusively, the weekly Sabbath is what is referred to here.

Paul clearly states that these four things —diet, annual feasts, monthly feasts, and the weekly Sabbath, are not to be made tests of Christian belief, practice, and fellowship because they are merely shadows of things that were and are to come and Christ is the present Reality.

Further evidence evince that σαββάτων (sabbatōn- neuter noun, genitive, plural) always mean the weekly Sabbath in the New Testament (see Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 4:16, Luke 24:1, John 20:1, John 20:19, Acts 13:14, Acts 16:13, Acts 20:7, etc).

As is clearly demonstrated, the weekly Sabbath, along with all the others, is only a mere shadow that has Christ as its conclusive and paragonic Reality. Therefore, as Christians, Christ is our Sabbath and test of fellowship, not the by-gone shadow, the weekly Sabbath. He gives the real rest that the Sabbaths typified (Matt. 11:28-30) and this rest can be obtained and entered into “Today”, that is, whenever we hear the Gospel and believe (Heb. 4:1-11). With regards to observing the weekly Sabbath, or any other day for that matter, Paul instructs that it is optional and is based on personal conviction and individual devotion to God (Rom. 14:5-6).

May our test of fellowship be faith in Christ and not diet and the observing of days. Rom. 14: 17- For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking (may I venture to add “and the observing of the Sabbath”) but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, Paul is clearly speaking here of ceremonial Sabbaths. After all, if Paul got into such a heated debate over the topic of circumcision, what do you think would have happened if he had suggested getting rid of one of the Ten Commandments of the moral Law? There is no way that Paul was suggesting any such thing. In fact, Paul specifically said that the Sabbath commandment remained (Hebrews 4:9). Beyond this, Jesus himself told His own disciples to pray that their flight (during the destruction of Jerusalem) be not on the Sabbath day (Matthew 24:20). Quite clearly Jesus expected that His true followers would still be honoring the Sabbath as Holy decades after His own death and Resurrection....

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) NONE of the reputable translations agree with you that it was only "ceremonial Sabbaths. Are you sure you aren't getting that out of the Clear Word Bible?

New International Version

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

New Living Translation

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths.

English Standard Version

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

Berean Study Bible

Therefore let no one judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a festival, a New Moon, or a Sabbath.

Berean Literal Bible

Therefore let no one judge you in regard to food, or in regard to drink, or in regard to a feast, or a New Moon, or Sabbaths,

New American Standard Bible

Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day--

King James Bible

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Therefore, don't let anyone judge you in regard to food and drink or in the matter of a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day.

International Standard Version

Therefore, let no one judge you in matters of food and drink or with respect to a festival, a New Moon, or Sabbath days.

NET Bible

Therefore do not let anyone judge you with respect to food or drink, or in the matter of a feast, new moon, or Sabbath days--

New Heart English Bible

Let no man therefore judge you in eating, or in drinking, or with respect to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath day,

Aramaic Bible in Plain English

Let no man disturb you about food or about drink or in the distinctions of feasts and beginnings of months and Sabbaths,

GOD'S WORD® Translation

Therefore, let no one judge you because of what you eat or drink or about the observance of annual holy days, New Moon Festivals, or weekly worship days.

New American Standard 1977

Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—

Jubilee Bible 2000

Let no one therefore judge you in food or in drink or in respect of a feast day or of the new moon or of the sabbath days,

King James 2000 Bible

Let no man therefore judge you in food, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

American King James Version

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

American Standard Version

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day:

Douay-Rheims Bible

Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of a festival day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbaths,

Darby Bible Translation

Let none therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in matter of feast, or new moon, or sabbaths,

English Revised Version

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day:

Webster's Bible Translation

Let no man therefore judge you in food, or in drink, or in respect of a holy-day, or or the new-moon, or of the sabbaths:

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Daniel Dulcich Nope, Sean, you may be dreaming of "other Sabbaths", but the text is clear. It's the weekly Sabbaths that are shadows.

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Daniel Dulcich Plus, Hebrews 4 is a repudiation of a physical type, with the true rest of God, contrasted against the weekly Sabbath and the promised land, both the weekly and the promised land were physical shadows of the greater, true rest found in Christ.

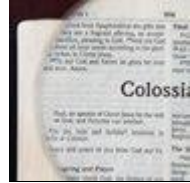
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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) First, there is nothing in the Ten Commandment law about food, drink, festivals, new moons, or sabbath days (plural). All these were actually separate laws that God gave for the physical and spiritual health of His Old Testament people; these were called ceremonial laws.

Second, Paul wrote plainly that he was speaking of "sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come," and not of the weekly Sabbath, which is a memorial of something that happened in the past, at the creation. The contrast between a shadow and a memorial is quite clear. Indeed, the fourth commandment does not tell us to keep the seventh day as a type of something to come. It says: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ... For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:8, 11).

Moreover, to show that he had something other than the weekly Sabbath in mind, Paul distinctly mentioned "sabbaths," plural," which are a shadow of things to come." (The word "sabbath" in the Greek can be singular or plural according to Strong's and Greek lexicons.) <http://www.sabbathtruth.com/.../please-explain-colossians...>



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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. You can keep offering conjecture, but the flat out truth is that the weekly Sabbath is the "Sabbaths" of Colossians 2:16,17. No amount of wishing is going to change the Koine Greek word usage.

Why do you have such a hard time accepting that fact?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "First, there is nothing in the Ten Commandment law about food, drink, festivals, new moons, or sabbath days (plural). All these were actually separate laws that God gave for the physical and spiritual health of His Old Testament people; these were called ceremonial laws."

I could care less about your ridiculous and comical strained differentiation between the "Ten Commandments" idea that you stole from the Roman Catholics; versus the other laws that you mentioned. They were Spoken into existence by God. Your silly and dishonest theory that only the laws written by God's finger are eternal, but the ones that he spoke aren't; has now been debunked.

When God spoke laws into existence, he wasn't lying. He spoke the world and everything in it into existence.

So I just reject your stupid classification scheme.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman "Second, Paul wrote plainly that he was speaking of "sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come," and not of the weekly Sabbath, which is a memorial of something that happened in the past, at the creation. "

You are simply lying. There is no such distinction made in any of the reputable translations.

Your ridiculous scam has billions of income at stake based on the notion that Colossians 2 does not mean what it says.

Your scam's proposed modification of Colossians 2 has been rejected by every single reputable translation.

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel: I'm sorry, but the original language and context of the verses in question is quite clear to the careful scholar of Scripture. The term "sabbaths", as used by Paul in Colossians 2 is clearly in reference to the ceremonial sabbaths which were a "shadow of things to come" - not the Sabbath of the decalogue which was not a prophetic shadow of things to come, but an eternal memorial of God's creative power instituted in Eden before the Fall of mankind and before the Jews existed.

It is very obvious to the careful student of scripture that the 7th Day Sabbath was not intended to be a shadow of the life and death of Christ, because it was instituted before sin existed on this planet and before the promise of Jesus' coming and death was given. Jesus Himself affirmed this reality noting that the 7th Day Sabbath was originally made for mankind - not just the Jews (Mark 2:27).

Beyond this, if the people of Paul's day had understood him to be setting aside the Sabbath of the eternal decalogue, there would have been a huge outcry over this. This didn't happen. In fact, Paul himself continued to worship regularly on the Sabbath - even with the Gentiles (Acts 13:42, 44).

Your position that the 7th-day Sabbath was classified, by Paul, along with all of the other ceremonial shadow sabbaths simply isn't consistent with everything else Paul wrote about the eternal Moral Law or with everything else the Bible has to say about the Moral Law and the 7th Day Sabbath as part of that unchanging Law. You yourself accept that 9 of the Ten Commandments are still in effect. You just reject one of them is all - as being a shadow. How does that make sense to you? How can 9 of the 10 be eternal while one is a temporary shadow? - even though it too was written on permanent stone by the finger of God Himself as a sign of His own creative power?

The ceremonial law, the ordinances written by the hand of Moses in a book, was clearly distinct from the Ten Commandments, which were written by the finger of God on tables of stone. In Leviticus, Moses makes note of the fact that the yearly ceremonial sabbaths, instituted for the purpose of offerings and sacrifices, were separate and distinct from the weekly Sabbath (Leviticus 23:37-38). The weekly seventh day Sabbath commandment is also distinctive in that it does not have any intrinsic requirement for sacrifices or burnt offerings (Exo. 20:8-11, Deut 5:12-15), and it is not set by the new moon.

Paul is saying that the believing Christian need not keep the ceremonial laws, the shadow sabbaths, because they find fulfillment in faith in Jesus Christ, the true Passover lamb. The schoolmaster was the yearly ceremonial sabbaths associated with the Hebrew Temple, which taught the plan of salvation through a coming Messiah, the Passover lamb of God. Now that salvation through Jesus of Nazareth is clear to the Gentile church, there is no further need of the schoolmaster (the earthly Temple, its ceremonies and shadow sabbaths) because that lesson has been learned by those with faith. However, nowhere does the Bible indicate that one of the Ten Commandments has been abrogated, or that the disciples or Jesus abandoned the weekly Seventh-day Sabbath for Sunday keeping. Indeed the Bible makes clear, that in the future, in the New Earth, all the ransomed will keep the true Seventh-day Sabbath (Isa 66:23).

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman NONE of the respectable translators agree with you.

I've already posted them.

Only the Clear Word Bible agrees with your proposed rewriting of Colossians 2.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman None of the "careful scholars" agree with your proposed addition of "ceremonial" to the text.

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New Living Translation

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths.

English Standard Version

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Berean Study Bible

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Berean Literal Bible

Therefore let no one judge you in regard to food, or in regard to drink, or in regard to a feast, or a New Moon, or Sabbaths,

New American Standard Bible

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King James Bible

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International Standard Version

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NET Bible

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They repeatedly tried to kill him. Do you have a more strenuous method of expressing their outrage?

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: All of the translations are very clear in pointing out that Paul is talking about the sabbaths that are a "shadow of things to come." Clearly, a careful reading of Scripture will show the candid reader that the Sabbath of the decalogue is not a prophetic shadow of something to come in the future at all. Rather, it is a memorial of a past event - the creation week. It is also included among nine other eternal moral laws that are also not temporary shadows, but are permanent and unchanging - written by the finger of God in stone.

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Sean D. Pitman Larry: I'm talking about the fellow believers and other disciples here. If Paul had suggested doing away with one of the Ten Commandments, his own closest companions would have been strongly opposed. This didn't happen.

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Margie Littell who said Paul was "doing away with any of the Mt Sinai Law?"

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: You only quoted part of the passage. Quote the rest of it where it explains that Paul is talking about the specific sabbaths that are "shadows of things to come".

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** The Sabbath of the Decalogue is also "ceremonial" The Jewish Courts that God ordained to interpret and enforce the law (Deuteronomy 17) categorized ALL of the Ceremonies under the Fourth Commandment.

The Original Hebrew does NOT say "Ten Commandments." The Jewish Courts ruled that it stands for "Ten Categories." Thus ALL of the ceremonies were covered under the 4th "Category."

Paul was a Pharisee and Pharisees accepted these definitions from the Jewish Courts.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** Not one jot or tittle of any of this huge law has been done away with...except by people who tell me they keep it.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** When Paul called the Ten Commandments the "Ministry of Death Written On Stone" he made it quite clear that he intended to get rid of them.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Nowhere does Paul add "Ceremonial." NO scholar agrees with you.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: That's not true. Paul said that the moral Law was righteous and good. He explained that the moral law is what tells us that we are sinful, in need of a savior (Romans 3:20).

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: When Paul uses the term "shadow of things to come", only the ceremonial laws written by the hand of Moses fit this description...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Your dishonest use of out-of-context proof-texts was denounced by Adventists theologian Dr. Raymond Cottrell, here:

http://www.rethinkingadventism.com/supp.../cottrell_1844.pdf

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying now and no reputable Bible scholar agrees with you.

Nobody has added "ceremonial" to the description in Colossians 2. NOBODY.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: Again, only the ceremonial Sabbaths can rationally be termed "shadows of things to come". It's quite simple.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Nobody has translated that it means only the "ceremonial" laws "written by the hand of Moses," either.

You are simply lying.

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Margie Littell Isn't it interesting **Larry Dean** that **#Sean** is advocating the law has been "done away with"!?

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: What do you think the term "shadow" means? - as used by Paul?

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** All Sabbaths - including the weekly one - are ceremonial and a shadow.

Jesus made that crystal clear in John 5 and John 9, when he violated the Sabbath.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** It means mere typology. Jesus said he was the "rest." That fulfilled the typology of the Sabbath.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie**: Paul himself pointed out that the ceremonial laws that foreshadowed the life and death of Christ were "nailed to the cross." - that they are no longer needed because Christ has already come.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Jesus made it clear that he was the "rest" promised by the typology of the Sabbath. He made it clear that he was the fulfillment of the Sabbath when he willfully broke the Sabbath in John 5 and John 9.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** you need to read that passage again...Paul does not say any of this law has "passed away".

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: Jesus never broke the Sabbath as it was originally intended to be kept. Jesus Himself wrote the Moral Law with His own finger. That is why He claimed to be "Lord of the Sabbath" and able to explain how it was to be kept.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Paul never used the word "ceremonial." You are simply lying.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Jesus said he was "working." The 4th Commandment prohibits "working" on the Sabbath.

John just agreed that this broke the Sabbath.

The Pharisees were and are the appointed experts on the law (Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3). It was obvious Sabbath breaking in both John 9 and John 5.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie**: You need to read where Paul said that these ceremonial laws foreshadowed Christ and that is why there is no more need for things like sacrificing lambs etc. Jesus has come and made the ultimate sacrifice - of which all other sacrifices were just a type - a shadow of Jesus' own sacrifice.

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Margie Littell ALL the Mt Sinai Law is a "moral" law telling them how to behave, worship, eat, wear clothes...etc.

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Margie Littell Please share with me where the word "ceremonial" is in the Bible..Sean.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Is circumcision a moral law? It must be done on the 8th day, even if it is a Sabbath. It trumps the Sabbath every single time.

And it clearly violates the Sabbath.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): That's not true. Some of the laws were moral laws, while others were prophetic laws used as a reminder to people of the coming Messiah.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nope, Colossians 2 doesn't mention sacrificing lambs.

It mentions Sabbaths.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): Circumcision is not a moral law. It is not required of all people at all times and places. It was not instituted until Abraham goofed up and took Hagar as his wife and tried to have a son through his own power. Circumcision was given to Abraham and to all of his offspring as a reminder that it is not through human power that God's promises will be fulfilled.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): Colossians 2 mentions lots of ceremonial laws... not any moral laws at all.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) ROTFLOL!!! "Circumcision wasn't required of all people at all times and places."

Neither was the Sabbath.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both Sabbath and Circumcision were ceremonial laws.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): You're mistaken. The Sabbath was instituted at creation in the Garden of Eden - well before circumcision was given during the time of Abraham.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) are you a Roman Catholic? Why do you follow their doctrine?

God did not divide the law into "ceremonial law" [law of Moses] and "moral law." [Law of God] Man did.

It is a traditions of men started by Origen Adamantius around 200 AD. Jerome (the author of the Latin Vulgate - the Roman Catholic Bible for hundreds of years) followed his error. It was adopted as Canon law by the Roman Catholic Church. They did it to avoid keeping the 4th commandment.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) What makes Sabbath "Holy" is the Death Penalty for Sabbath violations and the mandatory offerings and sacrifices.

Both of which Adventists have rejected.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) where are people either commanded to keep the Sabbath or are keeping the Sabbath in Genesis? Sean?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nope, Sabbath is never mentioned in Genesis. Nobody was given a tablet of stone with the Ten Commandments written by God's finger - which of course Adventists INSIST is what supposedly makes the Sabbath and the Ten Commandments "eternal."

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie](#): You're mistaken. The ceremonial laws were set aside as different by God himself. They were placed in a side compartment on the Ark of the Covenant - not with the Ten Commandments which were placed inside the Ark right below the Mercy Seat. Clearly, a distinction was made there. One was permanent, written on stone, while the other was a temporary shadow of permanent things to come.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Read Genesis again where God specifically set the 7th Day aside as Holy - as a day of rest. And, again, with His own finger on tables of stone He cited creation week as the basis of the holiness of the 7th-day in the 4th Commandment of the Decalogue.

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And nobody in Genesis had an Ark of the Covenant to put their tablets of stone in.

In addition, nobody in the New Testament had either the tablets of stone OR an Ark of the Covenant to put them in either.

Your argument utterly fails.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Why do you think that Genesis cited God as making the 7th day Holy? - if He didn't actually do it?

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Larry Dean "They were placed in a side compartment within the Ark of the Covenant - no with the Ten Commandments where were placed inside the Ark right below the Mercy Seat. Clearly, a distinction was made there."

Do you have a proof-text when this was done in Genesis?

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): This law of types and ceremonies was written by Moses in the book of the law, and was placed beside the Ark.

And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee (Deuteronomy 31:24-26).

These two sets of laws, the one moral and the other ceremonial, were thus entirely different and served different purposes.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): The holiness of the 7th day is mentioned in Genesis...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Genesis 2:3 - "Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) And, the Same language is used in the 4th Commandment...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You've repeatedly said that the Ten Commandments were written by God's finger and placed in the Ark of the Covenant. That's what supposedly makes them special.

Genesis Proof-texts for the existence of :

a). Tablets of stone written by God's Finger

b). Ark of the Covenant.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nope, Sabbath is never mentioned in Genesis. Nobody was given a tablet of stone with the Ten Commandments written by God's finger - which of course Adventists INSIST is what supposedly makes the Sabbath and the Ten Commandments "eternal."

And nobody in Genesis had an Ark of the Covenant to put their tablets of stone written by God's finger.

Your argument utterly fails.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): Writing the Ten Commandments on stone simply highlights their eternal nature - that they always existed and always will exist.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nobody had tablets of stone or an Ark of the Covenant in Genesis.

You've said REPEATEDLY that is what gives them their importance, compared to the laws that God merely spoke.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry](#): Do you not recognize that the 7th Day was set aside as a Holy Day by God Himself - at the end of the very first week?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) I agree that there was ONE holy day at the end of creation week that was made holy.

Nowhere does this say it was recurring each week.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) You've got to be kidding me....

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** God takes great pains to spell out covenants and what they mean and if they are recurring:

2 And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14 It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Do you have a proof-text from Genesis that said the 7th Day of each week is holy?

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Recurring obligations are spelled out in painstaking detail in Genesis:

9 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. 12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. 13 He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

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[Larry Dean](#) Both Genesis 9 and Genesis 17 spell out covenants and obligations. Both the duties and the signs are spelled out in painstaking detail.

Nowhere is the Sabbath given the same treatment in Genesis.

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[Larry Dean](#) You DO Have a tablets of stone and an Ark of the Covenant that was given to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

Along with a covenant spelling out their Sabbath-keeping duties?

Any proof-text showing ANY of them kept the Sabbath will suffice.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) **[Larry Dean](#)** Come on now. According to your argument the weekly cycle itself wouldn't be recurring. If the week itself was set in place, a week of 7 days, then clearly the 7th Day Holiness was also set in place as an eternal reminder of the creative power of God. This is clearly pointed out by God several times throughout the Bible - including the 4th Commandment. If you don't accept this, there really is no basis for further conversation...

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** You DO Have a tablets of stone and an Ark of the Covenant that was given to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

Along with a covenant spelling out their Sabbath-keeping duties?

Any proof-text showing ANY of them kept the Sabbath will suffice.

Genesis 9 and Genesis 17 spell out in detail what a covenant and a sign look like.

NOWHERE in Genesis is the Sabbath mentioned similarly.

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Larry Dean "If the week itself was set in place, a week of 7 days, then clearly the 7th Day Holiness was also set in place as an eternal reminder of the creative power of God."

Proof text please.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 31 spell out in painstaking detail who the Sabbath was given to.

Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - to my knowledge - were never delivered from Egyptian bondage.

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Margie Littell I do feel sorry for the Hebrews...When they left Egypt....they left a very sophisticated law system...and they had none.

They also left behind the Egyptian calendar with 10-day weeks.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Genesis 26:5 "Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws." Clearly, the moral laws were in place since they are eternal. The 7th-day Sabbath was clearly set in place, according to God, as a memorial of Creation Week since the time of Creation. These moral laws were kept, according to Genesis, by Abraham.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) Yes, God is very specific which commandments He gave Abraham...offerings: Gen 4:3-4, Altars Gen 8:20, Priests: Gen 14:18, Tithes: Gen 14:20, Circumcision: Gen 17:10, Marriage: Gen 2:24 & Gen 34:9.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) By the way, you've lied repeatedly that without the Ten Commandments written on stone by the Finger of God, that murder would be permissible.

Genesis 9

"From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed;
For in the image of God
He made man.

7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply;
Bring forth abundantly in the earth
And multiply in it."

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) You'll notice that none of the commandments Abraham was given were the Ten Commandments.

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Larry Dean "Clearly, the moral laws were in place since they are eternal."

Proof text in support of this please.

"The 7th-day Sabbath was clearly set in place, according to God, as a memorial of Creation Week since the time of Creation."

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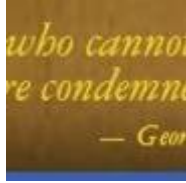
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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) Then don't forget this law written on stone that predates the one given at Mt Sinai about 370 years...

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) keeps making assumptions not present in the Bible, [Larry Dean](#)

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) I never said that the Moral Law didn't begin until they were written on stone by the finger of God. What I clearly said several times is that the Moral Law is eternal. It existed before they were written down on stone...

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) I'm talking about something written by the finger of God Himself on stone - big difference.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) ...according to God your assumptions are lies...Proverbs 30:6.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) What "assumptions" are you talking about? I'm citing for you actual Biblical texts that are quite clear if they are read in context. How do you know that your "assumptions" are correct and mine are wrong?

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) okay what about these laws written on tablets of stone (not written by God's finger)?

The oldest known evidence of a law code are stone tablets from the ancient city Ebla (Tell Mardikh in modern-day Syria). They date to about 2400 B.C.E. — approximately 600 years before Hammurabi put together his famous code.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) What about them? I would think that something written by God Himself would trump everything else...

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) Since moral knowledge is written on the hearts of all mankind by God, clearly such knowledge would be the basis of human laws throughout history...

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Margie Littell "ceremonial" + "moral" is an assumption based on RCC doctrine and not present with in the Bible. [#Sean](#)

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) the two law systems I shared with you are in civilizations that had many gods.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Your distinction is dishonest and laughable.

Written by finger of God = permanent and eternal

Spoken by the mouth of God = temporary

But of course, the Adventist "god" lies frequently, so you might need to keep up that laughable "distinction."

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): Not it's not. As I've clearly pointed out to you, this distinction did not begin with the RCC, but began with God Himself drawing a distinction between the 10C and the ceremonial laws - putting them in very different places. One was placed inside the Ark of the Covenant (the 10C) and was was placed outside (the ceremonial laws).

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "One was placed inside the Ark of the Covenant (the 10C) and was was placed outside (the ceremonial laws)."

Proof text where this happened in Genesis please.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) What about the commandments God spoke...why do you degrade them?

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) No Larry. God himself made the distinction between the permanent moral law and the temporary ceremonial laws that foreshadowed the coming of Christ...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Margie Littell](#) ROTFLOL...Adventists teach that God's spoken words are to be ignored and disobeyed.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) no He didn't...and He never has...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): Since when?

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) you keep trying to do away the commandments God spoke

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): Then why did He not place both laws in the same place in the Ark of the Covenant?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The words he spoke to Moses are merely ceremonial and temporary aren't they?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You see, one set of laws was deliberately intended to be temporary - while the other set was always permanent.

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[Margie Littell](#) He did...in the Book of the Law...you have two copies of the commandments written by God...and you have all the spoken commandments telling you how to keep them...

And the Book of the Law is the only one you have.

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Sean D. Pitman You don't seem to understand the point of a "shadow" law...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Why isn't there an Ark of the Covenant in Genesis?

That's what makes them eternal and moral isn't it?

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Margie Littell Yes,,,it is a shadow...all of it....God never divides it...just humans do.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): Not True. The book of the law was treated differently from the 10C. It was placed outside of the Ark - not inside like the 10C. Look it up.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): How is morality a "shadow" of something to come?

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) He did...in the Book of the Law...you have two copies of the commandments written by God...and you have all the spoken commandments telling you how to keep them...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Why isn't there a Ten Commandments in Stone written by God's finger in Genesis?

That's what makes them eternal, universal and moral isn't it?

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) Moses even wrote the words of the Old Covenant on tablets of stone...

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): Why then was the book of the law written down by Moses placed outside of the Ark?

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Margie Littell So, did Joshua

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) because God wanted to preserve ALL His law...

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): No. God wrote the 10C on Tablets of stone with His own finger.

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Margie Littell And He did.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** NONE of the Jewish Courts distinguished between the types of law. We are commanded to obey them in Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3.

That was an invention by Roman Catholic theologians Augustine and Thomas Aquinas.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell**: That doesn't answer the question as to why they were placed in different places - not in the same place.

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Margie Littell Moses did too... Exodus 34:28 So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Why isn't there a Ten Commandments in Stone written by God's finger in Genesis? Why isn't there an Ark of the Covenant there in Genesis?

That's what makes them eternal, universal and moral isn't it?

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** could it be the tablets of stone are heavy and big! <smiling>

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Larry Dean The "Covenant of Death written on Stone" represented all 613 Laws. That is the unanimous ruling of the Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3 courts that God gave authority to interpret his laws.

Paul was a Pharisee that accepted these oral traditions. He never repudiated them either.

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Margie Littell God is quite specific...how ALL this Law is ONE Law and to be kept... Exodus 24: 3, 7; Leviticus 19: 37; 20: 8, 22; 22: 31; 25: 18; 26: 3, 14, 15; Numbers 15: 39, 40; Deuteronomy 4: 2; 8: 1, 11; 11: 8, 13, 18-22, 26-28, 32; 12: 28, 32; 13: 18; 27: 26; 28: 1, 15, 58; 29: 9, 29; 30: 2, 8-18; Joshua 1: 7, 8; 2 Chronicles 34: 21, 24, 31.

For just a few references.

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Margie Littell **Larry Dean** here is what is interesting...**#Sean** is trying to do away with 98% of this law...then he accuses US of believing that it was "done away with"...what is strange he doesn't recognize his own contradiction!

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Larry Dean Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3 give ONE group of people the sole authority to interpret the laws and enforce them.

They NEVER made a distinction among the 613 laws. Paul, a Pharisee, never repudiated their interpretation:

"According to Jewish tradition, G-d gave the Jewish people 613 mitzvot (commandments). All 613 of those mitzvot are equally sacred, equally binding and equally the word of G-d. All of these mitzvot are treated as equally important, because human beings, with our limited understanding of the universe, have no way of knowing which mitzvot are more important in the eyes of the Creator. Pirkei Avot, a book of the Mishnah, teaches "Be as meticulous in performing a 'minor' mitzvah as you are with a 'major' "

one, because you don't know what kind of reward you'll get for various mitzvot." It also says, "Run after the most 'minor' mitzvah as you would after the most 'important' and flee from transgression, because doing one mitzvah draws you into doing another, and doing one transgression draws you into doing another, and because the reward for a mitzvah is a mitzvah and the punishment for a transgression is a transgression." In other words, every mitzvah is important, because even the most seemingly trivial mitzvot draw you into a pattern of leading your life in accordance with the Creator's wishes, rather than in accordance with your own."

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) **[Margie Littell](#)**: It wasn't because of their size that the tablets of stone with the 10C were placed inside the Ark while the ceremonial laws were placed outside. The reason is because they were different kinds of laws. One was permanent and the other, clearly, was not. It's the difference between a "shadow" and the real thing.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Proof text that demonstrates the Tablets of Stone and the Ark of the Covenant existed in Genesis.

Were you planning on getting that to me some time today?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) **[Margie Littell](#)**: Paul is who is saying that the ceremonial laws were done away with at the cross - when the "shadows" met the real thing...

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Nope. Jewish Courts rejected your argument. There are 613 Laws, all equally important. No distinction between Moral and Ceremonial.

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[Margie Littell](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Paul never makes that claim...and when are you going to answer **[Larry Dean](#)**'s request for scripture to back up your assumption?

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry**: Just because some do not understand the distinction doesn't make it any less real... from a correct study of the Bible.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3 do not give you authority to make distinctions among the law.

You were COMMANDED to obey the Jewish Courts and the Teachers of the law.

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Margie Littell you have not substantiated your claim at all [#Sean](#)

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** in fact, you are ignoring **Larry Dean**'s request that you do so.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry Dean**: Not true. The people were commanded to obey God and His Laws only. According to Jesus the teachers of the Law often distorted and original Law of God far beyond what it was originally intended to be.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Jesus COMMANDED you to obey the Pharisees and Teachers of the law in Matthew 23:1-3. Deuteronomy 17 COMMANDED you to obey the rulings of the Jewish Courts.

They never made any distinction between the laws. There are 613 Laws, all equally important and all equally moral.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell**: What, in particular, are you referring to?

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry Dean**: Jesus said that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees and teachers of the law that you won't get into heaven...

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** nope...the Pharisees know this law backwards and forwards...and they KNOW it can not be added to or subtracted from...

Deuteronomy 4:2

2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep all the commandments of the Lord your God that I give you.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Was God lying when he commanded this?

Deuteronomy 17'

9 And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment. 10 You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the Lord chooses. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you. 11 According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you. 12 Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the Lord your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel.

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[Margie Littell](#) there are lots of "jots and tittles" in this huge law for you to keep.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): The Parisees and teachers of the law added to the law... far beyond what God had actually said or intended.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) no they did not...and if you had read it...you would realize that fact.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Was Jesus lying here?

23 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): I have read it...

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) no you haven't or you would keep the 30 commandments God gave in how to keep the Sabbath holy.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Was God lying when he commanded this?

Deuteronomy 17'

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus himself was no fan of the Pharisees or the teachers of the law....

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) no He wasn't...He brought them a New Covenant and New commandments...but they rejected it (mainly over Sabbath issues).

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): You switched from the Pharisees of Christ's day to the Levites...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) which group do you belong to?

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): Not true. Jesus kept the Sabbath as it was *originally* intended. No one could accuse him of actually breaking the Sabbath - according to the original laws He kept it perfectly.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "You switched from the Pharisees of Christ's day to the Levites..."

Which group do YOU belong to that gives you authority to make distinctions in the law?

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) no He didn't....He did not go to the synagogue to worship Himself...He went to tell folks about Him...and they tried to throw Him off a cliff!

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): Again, the leaders in Christ's day had distorted the laws that God had given...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both John 5 and John 9 make it clear that Jesus broke the Sabbath.

The General Conference of SDA agree with this, since neither of the healings that Jesus did on those Sabbaths would be allowed in an Adventist hospital on a Saturday.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Can you supply me with a proof-text that says they lost authority over the law that they were given in Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3?

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Margie Littell True, [Larry Dean](#) and Jesus told another man to break one of the Sabbath commandments that Jesus, Himself gave.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) If they distorted the law, why did Jesus and Paul both submit to the Sanhedrin? Why didn't either of them argue that the Sanhedrin had distorted the law as you have claimed?

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Margie Littell So, in John 5, [#Sean](#) has two choices:

Either Jesus did break the 4th commandment

or

Jesus lied.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): Not true. As Jesus pointed out, God always allowed for actions to help humans or even animals on the Sabbath day. This was never an issue - and the Jewish leaders in Christ's day should have known better. That is why Jesus cited the whole "ox in the ditch" situation to them - because they already knew about it (Luke 14:5).

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) I really am seeing all your assumptions not present with in the scriptures...and your refusal to provide scriptures as Larry Dean has requested.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) How come Jesus and Paul never argued that the Sanhedrin had screwed up so badly that they had lost authority over the law?

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): How, exactly, do you think Jesus broke the Sabbath commandment? By helping people or animals? Really? That was always allowed for - as Jesus Himself explained several times.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) and the Pharisees knew that, too...and did not disagree with Jesus...you will notice.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) I've provided many Scriptures to both you and Larry - as requested.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying again. It was MANDATORY to save lives and emergency situations LONG before Jesus came along:

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that the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious consideration...

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) no you have not...and don't say that you have...

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): That's right. They were being inconsistent - accusing him on the one hand even though they knew he was right in line with the requirements of the law.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): That's what I said...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Can you supply me with a proof-text that says they lost authority over the law that they were given in Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) How come Jesus and Paul never argued that the Sanhedrin had screwed up so badly that they had lost authority over the law?

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): Jesus cited them as trying to circumvent the law all the time. He accused them of making laws that make of non-effect the laws of God - such as honoring father and mother.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) so...if you had been at the trial of Jesus under the Sanhedrin.. and heard an ordinary looking Man standing there who admits He breaks the Ten commandments...

1. Would have you have defended the Ten Commandments?
2. Would you have defended the Sabbath?

or

3. Would you have defended the Man that you heard with your own ears tell you that He breaks both of them?

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Margie Littell which they did...primarily over Sabbath issues.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You were going to get me a prooftext about the covenant of stone written by God's finger and the Ark of the Covenant in Genesis weren't you?

That's what gives the Ten Commandments their universal moral eternal status isn't it?

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): Where did Jesus ever admit to breaking any of the Ten Commandments? He specifically asked, "Which one of you is able to convict me of sin?" - and no one could.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "I am working." "Working" on the Sabbath is prohibited.

This is spelled out in John 5.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): Not all work is "prohibited" on the Sabbath. The work of helping those in need was never prohibited... as Jesus himself pointed out and the Jewish leaders knew full well that He was right.

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Larry Dean You are simply lying. I've already posted what is permissible on the Sabbath.

Jesus said he was "working." Not "helping someone in need."

16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him,[c] because He had done these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

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Sean D. Pitman Jesus specifically pointed out that the Priest do most of their work on the Sabbath day, yet are guiltless, because they are doing the work of God.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Not in John 5. He said he was "working." "Working" is prohibited on the Sabbath.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): Come on now - in every instance that Jesus was cited as "working" He was helping someone who was in need - most of the time healing them from some kind of sickness or injury.

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Larry Dean "He not only broke the Sabbath"

John was not lying.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Working" means what it says and says what it means.

Jesus said he was working.

The 4th Commandment prohibits working.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The 4th Commandment does not allow working to "help someone in need."

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): Of course John was not lying. Jesus never broke the original requirements of the Sabbath commandment because everything He did on that day was for the service of those who were suffering.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "He not only broke the Sabbath"

Says nothing about being of service or defending it.

You are adding to scripture.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): The Jews were specifically allowed, by God, to help man or beast on the Sabbath in cases where suffering could be relieved.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "He not only broke the Sabbath"

Says nothing about the original intent.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus told the man to take up his bed and walk.

Carrying loads is prohibited by Jeremiah 17.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#). Jesus commanded a man to break the Sabbath law.

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[Larry Dean](#) 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

And that day was the Sabbath. 10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): No he didn't - because it was necessary for the man not to loose his only possessions. Again, it was necessary to prevent suffering... right in line with the spirit of the Sabbath.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#). You are simply parroting what the SDA church has taught you to think about the Sabbath. You are not agreeing with the actual scriptures.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Can you show me in the text where it says "because it was necessary for the man not to loose his only possessions" is an exception to the Sabbath's ban on carrying loads?

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) When Jesus gave them that commandment...it was not a suggestion!

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): You completely misunderstand the original intent and spirit of the Sabbath as God wanted it to be - a gift to humanity. It was never intended to be the burden that the Priests and Pharisees created.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3 Courts that you were COMMANDED by both God and Jesus to obey have never agreed with your argument:

"because it was necessary for the man not to loose his only possessions. Again, it was necessary to prevent suffering... right in line with the"

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "a gift to humanity."

Proof text please in support of this.

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Daniel Dulcich [Sean D. Pitman](#). It wasn't the Pharisees who commanded that they carry no loads of any kind on the Sabbath, it was God who gave that commandment.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): Again, the spirit of the Sabbath was to give people time to worship God in a special way. It was also included that suffering could be relieved - especially on the Sabbath day....

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "It was never intended to be the burden that the Priests and Pharisees created."

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Again, the spirit of the Sabbath was to give people time to worship God in a special way. "

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Sean D. Pitman [Daniel Dulcich](#): It was the Pharisees who turned this command into a ridiculous burden - even at the cost of the suffering of humans and animals. This was completely outside of God's original intent for the day... as Jesus clearly explained over and over again. After all, it was Jesus Himself who created the day.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "It was also included that suffering could be relieved - especially on the Sabbath day..."

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Margie Littell Oddly, God never gave the Sabbath to the people of Babylon, or Egypt or Greece or Philistine or Romans or Americans...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** "It was the Pharisees who turned this command into a ridiculous burden - even at the cost of the suffering of humans and animals."

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Margie Littell "No other nation" David brags in Psalms 147:19-20 and Paul confirms in Romans 2:14.

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. No, it was God who very clearly stated that they could not carry any load. You keep adding your own ideas to the scriptures.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell**: The Sabbath was given at the beginning of Creation - as already noted. The Jews were intended to re-educate the entire world as to the benefits of following the laws of God.

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Larry Dean "his was completely outside of God's original intent for the day..."

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** "The Jews were intended to re-educate the entire world as to the benefits of following the laws of God."

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel Dulcich: You have to look at the intent of the law. The law that no load should be carried was to tell people that they should take the day off from burdensome toil for the specific purpose of worshiping God. This was not intended to add to people's suffering, but to relieve it.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** nope...find people having Sabbath in Genesis...it would be difficult...it has no time given to it...Look for the words: "and the evening and the morning were the 7th day".

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** "The Sabbath was given at the beginning of Creation - as already noted."

Proof text please in support of this that shows the weekly Sabbath was given in Genesis.

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Margie Littell <<<looking for when God returned 7 days later to have another Sabbath...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** "You have to look at the intent of the law. "

You were not given this authority in Deuteronomy 17 or Matthew 23:1-3

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Sean D. Pitman

Jeremiah 17:21-22 Thus says the Lord, "Take heed for yourselves, and do not carry any load on the sabbath day or bring anything in through the gates of Jerusalem. You shall not bring a load out of your houses on the sabbath day nor do any work, but keep the sabbath day holy, as I commanded your forefathers.

So where is the exception written in this direct command from God?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): Clearly the weekly pattern was established in Genesis - as was the holiness of the 7th Day. This was pointed out, yet again, in the wording of the 4th Commandment.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "The law that no load should be carried was to tell people that they should take the day off from burdensome toil for the specific purpose of worshipping God."

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) so why doesn't it say "and the evening and the morning were the 7th day"? Did Moses forget?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Daniel Dulcich](#): The exception, as clearly pointed out by Jesus Himself and recognized by the Jewish leadership as well, was in the case where the suffering of man or beast could be relieved. The Sabbath was intended to be a blessing, not a curse, to humanity.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#). You still don't know why God told them to "Remember", do you?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Clearly the weekly pattern was established in Genesis"

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Daniel Dulcich](#) Why don't you tell me....

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[Margie Littell](#) <<<looking for Adam and Eve having the Sabbath day in Genesis...perhaps when God kicked them out of the Garden..God said..."Thou shalt work by the sweat of your brow...except on the Sabbath day."

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Read the 4th Commandment....

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "The Sabbath was intended to be a blessing,"

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[Margie Littell](#) 4th commandment was given at Mt Sinai not Genesis

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Sean D. Pitman. Why not read it from scripture. Deuteronomy 5:15, go ahead, we will wait.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): He did say that. Even before the 4th Commandment was given to Moses, God pointed out that the Israelites were not keeping the Sabbath day.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Read the 4th Commandment...."

"The Sabbath was intended to be a blessing,"

Not finding blessing mentioned.

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[Margie Littell](#) The first time people had a Sabbath is in Ex 16...and it is the first time the world had a 7-day week...Egypt had a 10-day week.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Daniel Dulcich](#) I have read it.... The Sabbath command served a dual purpose. If you re-read the actual text of the 4th commandment, you will see that it was a memorial of creation - as well as a memorial of their rest from slavery.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) sorry...it Bible never makes that claim...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "God pointed out that the Israelites were not keeping the Sabbath day."

That's because they hadn't been given it yet.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) God wouldn't have pointed it out if it hadn't already been set up... from the beginning of time.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Sean D. Pitman. Apparently not.

Deuteronomy 5:15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

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[Margie Littell](#) The Bible facts do not support your assumptions [#Sean](#)...and ignoring Larry Dean and [Daniel Dulcich](#) wasn't make your assumptions go away either...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "God wouldn't have pointed it out if it hadn't already been set up... from the beginning of time."

So they were being led by God for at least five weeks and they were breaking the Sabbath and he waited five weeks to tell them?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) I haven't ignored anyone...

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Larry Dean **Margie Littell** He's just playing the usual ultra-deceptive and evasive Adventist Dodge Ball.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** I suspect you don't keep the 4th commandment...weekends are not permitted...Work 6 days and Rest 1 day...so be sure to get off work ...

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Daniel Dulcich God said "Remember" that you were a slaves and that it was God who had freed them, and then He says that is why He commanded them to observe the Sabbath day.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry Dean**: God takes people where they are. They had just be set free from hundreds of years of slavery where they were forced to break the Sabbath...

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Margie Littell True **Larry Dean** how many requests have you made to [#Sean](#) for Bible references that he refuses to do?

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Sean D. Pitman **Daniel Dulcich**: Yes, exactly. They were to remember their deliverance from slavery as well as the creation week - both past events. This is no "foreshadowing" of some future event...

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Daniel Dulcich **Sean D. Pitman**. No Hebrew was forced to "break the Sabbath" while a slave in Egypt.

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Sean D. Pitman **Daniel Dulcich** Really? You must not know how slavery worked...

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Daniel Dulcich **Sean D. Pitman**. Yes, it was a foreshadowing event.

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Daniel Dulcich **Sean D. Pitman**. There was no weekly Sabbath to break while they were slaves.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** God led the Israelites for five weeks before he told them they were breaking the Sabbath?

Is this because they were still in slavery?

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Sean D. Pitman **Daniel Dulcich**: A memorial of creation week, as described in the 4th commandment, is not a foreshadowing event. The Sabbath was originally created in Eden to be eternal. And Isaiah tells us that it will continue to be celebrated in the New Earth...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Why did God wait five weeks before he told the Israelites they were breaking the Sabbath, right under his nose, while he was leading them?

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Sean D. Pitman **Daniel Dulcich** Yes, there were - as God himself explained before he actually gave the 10C to Moses in stone.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "The Sabbath was originally created in Eden to be eternal. "

Proof text please.

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[Margie Littell](#) and Moses re-wrote them in stone...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): God wrote them in stone originally - as you very well know.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Proof text of the tablets of stone and the Ark of the covenant in Genesis please.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) And God carefully protected all the commandments telling them how to keep the Ten...(which you ignore).

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Don't be ridiculous. The moral law existed before the Ark or the tablets of stone...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "The moral law existed before the Ark or the tablets of stone..."

Proof text please that supports this.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) where? provide the scriptures...we already know specifically the commandments that Abraham and Noah were given.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Sean D. Pitman. You should be smart enough to realize that Isaiah is not telling you that you will keep any days in the new heavens or new earth!

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) and none of them are in the Ten Commandments..

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) I don't ignore them at all. I ask for God's help to enable me to actually keep the spirit of all of His commandments....

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Proof text of the tablets of stone written by God's finger and the Ark of the covenant in Genesis please.

You've REPEATEDLY argued that these make the law moral, universal and eternal.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) yes you are ignoring them and making up your own...(because quite frankly, you don't even know what they are!)

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Daniel Dulcich: Well, that's what Isaiah certainly seems to be saying... and not just about the Jews either. Everyone is included.

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Sean D. Pitman. No, not even close. It's what you were taught he was saying. Big difference!

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Daniel Dulcich I'm reading it directly from the Bible with my own eyes.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Proof text from Genesis that shows the tablets of stone written by God's finger and the Ark of the covenant were given to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Really? So you will go to heaven in a wagon or the back of a camel...see Isa 66:20

So, you will see dead bodies in heaven ...see Isaiah 66:24...

And since there is no day or night in heaven...what you are going to do with all those New Moonssee Isaiah 66:23?

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Sean D. Pitman. And yet you ignore the parts about dead people and dying at 100, in the same passages!

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[Margie Littell](#) [Daniel Dulcich](#) [#Sean](#) is doing that Isaiah 28:13 thing again...which is why he has so many strange assumptions.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Daniel Dulcich: I'm not ignoring any of it. The idea was that Isreal was suppose to gain the blessings of God even before the New Earth. However, these passages clearly describe the blessings of the New Earth as well...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The "dead bodies" are the bodies of the wicked before the Earth is cleansed with fire and the New Earth is set up.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#)...another assumption...do you see New Earth mentioned?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Proof text from Genesis that shows the tablets of stone written by God's finger and the Ark of the covenant were given to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

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[Daniel Dulcich](#) Nope. Try again Sean D. Pitman. The use of the New heavens and new earth is simply a reference to time, not a reference OF.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) verse 22 mentions the "new earth"

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[Margie Littell](#) You are doing that Proverbs 30:6 behavior again.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Proof text from Genesis that shows the tablets of stone written by God's finger and the Ark of the covenant were given to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

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Margie Littell yes...it does...and it mentions new moons...and dead folks...and going to heaven in a wagon...

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel Dulcich: What?

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Margie Littell read it.

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. Take a closer look. They go to view the dead bodies AFTER they have been worshipping

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): Yes, and what do you think is going on here? The wicked will be destroyed, and the Earth will be left desolate for 1000 years - before the final cleaning of the Earth with fire and the re-creation of the New Earth.

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Margie Littell This chapter is telling the children of Israel who are in exile they will return to Palestine before Jesus is born..and the next chapter...and quite accurately too.

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Sean D. Pitman Regardless, the text clearly says that everyone will be observing the weekly Sabbath.

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Daniel Dulcich Nope.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) more assumptions not present with the words of the Bible...where does the Bible say only dead folks will be on the earth for 1000 years?

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): It does that, but goes beyond to actually describe the "new earth".... the future of the entire world.

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Daniel Dulcich Once again, this is where the original language clears it up.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) no it does not...written just the folks that God gave these Sabbaths to....Ex.31:13.

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel Dulcich: The original language says the same thing - using the concept of the future of Israel and the entire world.

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Daniel Dulcich Isaiah 66:22-24 “For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me,” declares the Lord, “So your offspring and your name will endure. “And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me,” says the Lord. “Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die And their fire will not be quenched; And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind.”

The use of the word "mankind" is the third definition of the Hebrew word of "Man", not the plurality.

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Margie Littell actually it doesn't...but don't let your assumptions be contradicted!

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Larry Dean This also happens in heaven, using your logic

“He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man;
He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog’s neck;
He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine’s blood;
He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) Likewise...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Dog's necks will be broken in Heaven? Bulls slain? Offerings of Swine's Blood?

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) You keep saying things not present within the Bible. and when we ask you for Bible support you don't provide it.

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel Dulcich: "All man" incorporates everyone... not just the Jews. That was the original intent of the text. And, it is for this reason that it is translated in this manner....

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Margie Littell Also according to Sean's assumption..in the New Earth people will be earth bound with only camels and wagons as transportation...which contradicts what his church teaches...

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Sean D. Pitman Anyway, I have to run for now. All the best to you until next time 😊

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. Lol! No, it was not the original intent, but keep trying, eventually you may actually stumble upon the original expression.

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Margie Littell "Your offspring" are the children of Israel...[#Sean](#). notice who Isaiah is talking to...

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Daniel Dulcich Isaiah 66 is simply a prophecy about the return of Israel to Jerusalem, after the captivity in Babylon.

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Margie Littell I hope [#Sean](#) re-reads this thread and notices how much HE contradicts the Bible and substitutes his assumptions not present within the Bible.

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Margie Littell [Daniel Dulcich](#) true...all the final chapters of Isaiah is about that topic...and historically are quite accurate and can be confirmed by historical records...

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) So you are trying to tell me and Sean D. Pitman that Dog's necks WON'T be broken in Heaven? No Bulls slain? No Offerings of Swine's Blood?

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Daniel Dulcich The above example of "rightly dividing the word of God" can make a clear distinction between a honestly held, yet incorrect belief, and the actuality of what the Bible teaches.

Now, this doesn't mean that we shouldn't gather together, rejoicing in the Lord, as a church; after all, we are instructed to gather together and encourage each other daily!

Nor does it mean that Sabbatharians have to stop attending church on Saturday. It is simply proof, beyond any doubt, that the Sabbaths (all of them) were shadows of Christ.

So God bless you and may His face shine upon you!

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Sean D. Pitman Again, something pointing backward toward the Creation Week cannot be a shadow of something to come.

There were Sabbaths that did in fact point forward as shadows of something to come - but just not the 7th-day Sabbath. That is why only the 7th-day Sabbath was included in the Moral Law. If you acknowledge the rest of the 9 commandments as binding, which you do, then you are clearly being inconsistent in your rejection of just one of them - the only one that says, "Remember".

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Daniel Dulcich You are really trying to save your shadow, despite the clear text that the weekly Sabbath was a shadow!

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. You don't even know why God said "Remember", do you?

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Rita Woods Kollist When the Passover occurred for the 1st time Moses instructed them "to remember" it; it meant to commemorate from that day/time forward. (Exodus 12:14,17) So the commandment to 'remember' the sabbath can also follow that pattern. I found a number of interesting passages that clearly state that God's rules, laws, statutes, & Sabbath were given to Israel/Jews only:

Psa 147:18-20

Neh 9:13-14

Eze 20:10-12

Exo 31:12,16

Rom 2:12,14

Rim 9:4-5

I hope you will look these up

These are clear to me. I found them reading through the whole bible asking God to reveal Truth to me. This did not come from an exercise in proof-texting; nor from asking other people what is in the Bible. I encourage anyone & everyone to read the entire bible for yourself with no other books, commentaries, or writers. My SDA bible doctrines classes did not teach or include these scriptures. There is some 'inconvenient truth' there.

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Sean D. Pitman The moral law existed before Moses. It wasn't just for the Jews or no one else could be accused of sin against God. People knew it was wrong to steal or murder since the beginning of time.

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Sean D. Pitman Also, God declared the 7th Day of the week to be holy right at the beginning - before Jews existed.

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. Morality has been around for quite a while, but the Sabbath day as a required observance has only existed since the desert of Sin'.

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Rita Woods Kollist Sean have you looked up the dictionary definition of 'holy'? I looked it up last August; then I applied it mentally everywhere I read the word holy in scriptures. It has clarified my understanding. Try it! Apply it to Gen 2:2-3 for starters.

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Sean D. Pitman **Rita**: The 7th-day being made "Holy" to the LORD made it a unique day - a special day set aside to deliberately spend time with God. This was a time set aside for Adam and Eve to spend an entire day especially with God like no other day during the week. And, the holiness of this day was preserved after the Fall of mankind. Those who continued to worship God continued to maintain the 7th day of the week as holy to God - as a memorial of creation. And God's creative power is cited as a reason for this in the 4th commandment as well. It simply wasn't given to the Jews alone, but to the entire human race as a special gift of God - written in stone by the finger of Jesus Himself.

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel: In Genesis the 7th day was made holy by God as a day of rest and companionship with Him - well before Jews existed and before the Fall of mankind.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** funny how you don't notice that wherever God is....is holy. I recall a burning bush.

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. No, the 7th day was not made as a day of rest and companionship at the close of creation. Try sticking with the actual words of the scriptures, not your preconceived ideas.

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Margie Littell Strange how SDA's make Sabbath an issue...When Jesus points out that not only He works on Sabbath and breaks the 4th commandment...and Jesus tells a man to break one of the 30 Sabbath commandments how to keep it that Jesus actually gave them in Jeremiah 17:21-27.

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Sean D. Pitman Come on now. God never gave any commandment in the Old Testament that said that helping someone in need couldn't be done on the Sabbath. That's ridiculous - as Jesus Himself pointed out. The Mosaic Laws specifically cited examples of how one could help another in need on the Sabbath - even an animal. The point was that Sabbath was to be a day of rest and joy for everyone. That is why it was always perfectly in line with the Sabbath command to help those in need on the Sabbath day.

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Deborah Owen David Driving to church each Saturday is breaking the law of Sabbath according to the rules God gave concerning the do's and do not of Sabbath. Lighting a fire and leaving ones house.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman You are simply lying. The Jewish Courts had made Sabbath-Breaking MANDATORY for saving a life or for emergencies. NONE of Jesus's Sabbath healings would be allowed in an SDA Hospital on a Saturday, under rules put out by the General Conference. Here's the Jewish rules that REQUIRED Sabbath Breaking:

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that the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious consideration....

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman None of Jesus's healings would be allowed in an Adventist hospital on a Saturday, under rules put out by the General Conference. Your argument that Jesus taught "doing good" on the Sabbath has been rejected by the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

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Sean D. Pitman That's ridiculous. I'm a doctor and I've worked in several Adventist Hospitals. Such hospitals are all about striving to help people heal - on the Sabbath as well as on the other days of the week. The Adventist Church is famous for its hospital programs and it's effort to help people feel better and recover - especially on the Sabbath day. Beyond this, Jesus Himself showed us what it meant to keep the Sabbath Holy. He Himself kept it holy and went around promoting it as a holy day. He even stayed in the grave over the Sabbath hours in its honor.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Is the General Conference lying about what is allowed in an SDA Hospital on a Saturday?

"The following applications of Sabbath observance principles are recommended:

a. Provide emergency medical care willingly and cheerfully whenever needed with high levels of excellence. However, neither Adventist institutions nor physicians and dentists should provide the same office or clinic services on the Sabbath as they do on weekdays. b. Discontinue all routine activities that could be postponed. Usually this means a complete closing of those facilities and departments not immediately related to patient care, and the maintenance of a minimum number of qualified people in other departments to handle emergencies. c. Postpone elective diagnostic and therapeutic services. Decisions as to what is necessary or of an emergency nature should be made by the attending physician. If this privilege is abused, it should be dealt with by the hospital administration. Nonadministrative institutional employees should not become involved in making these decisions nor should they be obliged to confront the attending physicians. Misunderstandings may be avoided by making it clear in medical staff bylaws that only surgical, diagnostic, or therapeutic procedures which are not postponable because of the condition of the patient, will be done. A clear understanding with all who are appointed to staff membership, at the time of appointment, will do much to avoid misunderstandings and abuses. Convenience and elective surgery should be discouraged or limited on Fridays. Procedures thus scheduled allow the patient to be in the hospital over the weekend and hence lose fewer days at work. However, this places the first post-operative day, usually with the most intensive nursing care, on the Sabbath. d. Close administrative and business offices to routine business. Although it may be necessary to admit or discharge patients on the Sabbath, it is recommended that the rendering of bills and the collection of money be avoided. Never should the keeping of the Sabbath be a source of irritation to those we seek to serve and to save, but rather a hallmark of "the children of light" (Eph 5:8; Acts of the Apostles, p 260). e. Make the Sabbath a special day for patients, providing a memory of Christian witnessing never to be forgotten. Meaningful Sabbath-keeping is much easier to achieve in an institution that employs a predominantly Adventist staff. Presenting the Sabbath in a proper light can be accomplished by the believing workers employed in patient care, and may well be a convicting influence in the lives of those not of our faith. f. The direct care of the sick is a seven-day-a-week activity. Illness

knows no calendar. Nevertheless, when scheduling all personnel, health-care institutions should take into consideration the sincere religious beliefs, observances, and practices of each employee and prospective employee. The institution should make reasonable accommodation for such religious beliefs unless it is demonstrated that such accommodation would place an undue hardship on its operation. It is recognized that the consciences of individuals vary in regard to the propriety of Sabbath employment. Neither the Church nor its institutions can act as the conscience for its employees. Rather, reasonable accommodation should be made for individual conscience. g. Resist pressures for relaxing Seventh-day Adventist standards. Some institutions have been pressured by the communities, the medical staffs, and/or employees (where a majority is comprised of non-Adventists), to abandon or weaken Sabbath keeping principles and practices so that the Sabbath would be treated as any other day. In some cases, pressure has been applied to maintain full services on the Sabbath and reduce them on Sunday instead. Such action should be vigorously resisted. Compliance would cause serious reexamination of the relationship of such an institution to the Church. h. Educate employees who are not Seventh-day Adventist concerning Sabbath keeping principles practiced by the institution. Every non-Adventist, at the time of employment at an Adventist health care institution, should be made aware of Seventh-day Adventist principles, especially institutional policies regarding the observance of the Sabbath. Though non-Adventists may not believe as we do, they should know from the very beginning how they are expected to fit into the institutional program to help it reach its objectives. i. Foster an attitude for continuing Christian witnessing by Adventist employees. The only contact that many non-Adventist workers ever may have with Seventh-day Adventists may be in the institution employing them. Every relationship should be friendly, kind, and expressive of the love that exemplified the life and work of the Great Physician. Compassion for the sick, unselfish regard for our fellowman, an eagerness to serve, and unstinted loyalty to God and the Church may well prove to be a savor of life unto life. The keeping of the Sabbath is a privilege and an honor as well as a duty. It should never become burdensome or obnoxious to those who keep it or to those about us."

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Under the rules that the General Conference put out, ALL of Jesus's Sabbath healings would be prohibited in an SDA hospital on a Saturday.

- NONE of Jesus's healings were life-threatening or emergency situations.
- MOST of them were long-term decades' long disabilities.

Under the GC rules, they would be required to be performed on a weekday.

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Margie Littell Jesus never even quoted the 4th commandment to anybody.

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Sean D. Pitman You know as well as I do that Jesus talked about the Sabbath a great deal - even telling His disciples that they should pray that their flight from Jerusalem (some decades into the future) should not take place on the Sabbath day (Matthew 24:20). Clearly then, Jesus expected that His true followers would still be striving to keep the Sabbath day Holy to God according to the Moral Law that He wrote with His own finger. Beyond this, Jesus Himself rested in the grave over the Sabbath day in honor of the Sabbath.

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Deborah Owen David Please, someone, give Sean the detail and reason why Jesus said to pray that their fleeing of the city does not happen on a Sabbath. It has nothing to do with Christians keeping a Sabbath.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman ROTLFO! Adventists CELEBRATE the day that the dead Jesus spent in the tomb. Adventists CELEBRATE the Great disappointment.

"Jesus Himself rested in the grave over the Sabbath day in honor of the Sabbath."

Christianity celebrates the day the Resurrection happened and the birth day of the Church (The Day of Pentecost).

No WONDER Adventism is so depressing!

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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) In that Matt. 24 passage Jesus was talking about the impending destruction of Jerusalem, NOT the end times that we are living in. The reason He said to pray that their flight not on Sabbath was that the city gates were closed and locked over the Sabbath hours, and no one could enter or exit the city. Also, since they weren't allowed to carry anything heavier than a handkerchief, they wouldn't have been able to carry the things they would need during their flight. It had nothing to do with any sabbathkeeping reminder or command.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#)** Remarkably, no Christians were killed when Jesus's prophecy was fulfilled, when the Temple was destroyed in AD 70. No Christians joined with the Jewish revolt.

ROTFLOL!!! Since no Christians were killed (and only Jews), doesn't that establish once and forever that no Christians kept the Sabbath?

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[Margie Littell](#) Jesus never called breaking the Sabbath a sin.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus called breaking many of the Ten Commandments "sin" - including murder, adultery, theft, dishonoring parents, etc. And, He specifically pointed out that keeping the Sabbath holy would be a mark of His own followers into the future beyond His own death and resurrection.

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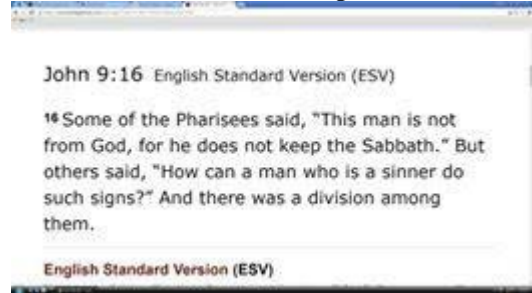
[Deborah Owen David](#) Really where did Jesus say that!!!!

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** You stole your argument that Jesus was a sinner if he broke the Sabbath (which he clearly did in John 5 and John 9) from the Pharisees!

ROTLFOL. Adventist stole the argument that "A sabbath-breaking Jesus is a sinner" from the enemies of Jesus!



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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) **[Sean](#)**, please show us where Jesus said that keeping the Sabbath holy would mark His followers. He said that love for one another would be the defining mark for his disciples (followers).

John 13:35 By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

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Sean D. Pitman Sure, love is the most important thing - upon which hang all the Law and the prophets. However, the Sabbath is part of that Moral Law which God wrote with His own finger. It was a memorial of creation, made holy at the end of the very first week of creation as described in Genesis. And, this is the reason given for keeping the 7th day holy - within the commandment itself. Also, the Bible says that everyone will continue to keep the Sabbath in the New Earth - not just the Jews. Read Isaiah 66:22-23: "For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD, "So your offspring and your name will endure. "And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD."

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Death Penalty for Sabbath violations was spoken by God's own mouth.

Was he lying?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Funny, Love is never mentioned a single time in the Ten Commandments.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Your Cheap Law and Cheap Saturday replacement for the Gospel require no love.

They only require overdosing on cherry cheese cake and green bean casserole at the Saturday potluck



Margie Littell yet...SDA's ignore Paul's advice and make it an issue:

Romans 14: 5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord.

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Sean D. Pitman Paul wasn't talking about the Sabbath of the decalogue. Paul Himself pointed out many times that the Moral Law was just as binding for the Christian as it had been for the Jews - which includes the Sabbath of the decalogue. It was Paul who explained that without this moral law there would be no knowledge of sin (Romans 7:12)...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying that Paul was not talking about the Sabbath of the Decalogue.

Paul repeatedly broke the Sabbath by associating with Gentiles on the Sabbath. Peter acknowledged in Acts 10 that associating with the Gentiles was a big no no.

It was TEN times worse on the Sabbath.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#): The fact is that the Sabbath was made for mankind - not just the Jews. Associating with Gentiles in order to spread the love of God is and has always been a great thing to do on the Sabbath. In fact, it was God's original intent that the Jews were to spread the knowledge of God and His love to the entire world - a mission they failed to achieve. So, this mission has now been given to His church...

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 31 spell out in crystal clear terms who the Sabbath was for. IT was for only the Jews.

The Greeks missed the memo that the Sabbath was made for them:

"41-43 Antiochus now issued a decree that all nations in his empire should abandon their own customs and become one people. All the Gentiles and even many of the Israelites submitted to this decree. They adopted the official pagan religion, offered sacrifices to idols, and no longer observed the Sabbath.

44 The king also sent messengers with a decree to Jerusalem and all the towns of Judea, ordering the people to follow customs that were foreign to the country. 45 He ordered them not to offer burnt offerings, grain offerings, or wine offerings in the Temple, and commanded them to treat Sabbaths and festivals as ordinary work days. 46 They were even ordered to defile the Temple and the holy things in it.[e] 47 They were commanded to build pagan altars, temples, and shrines, and to sacrifice pigs and other unclean animals there. 48 They were forbidden to circumcise their sons and were required to make themselves ritually unclean in every way they could, 49 so that they would forget the Law which the Lord had given through Moses and would disobey all its commands. 50 The penalty for disobeying the king's decree was death."

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Do you have a proof-text that supports the following two assertions:

"Associating with Gentiles in order to spread the love of God is and has always been a great thing to do on the Sabbath."

That is absolutely false and Peter admitted as much in Acts 10. Associating with Gentiles at ANY time was a severe law violation. Peter admitted that. You are simply lying.

"In fact, it was God's original intent that the Jews were to spread the knowledge of God and His love to the entire world - a mission they failed to achieve."

Proof-text please. Otherwise, you are simply lying. Here's what God ACTUALLY commanded the Jews to do to the rest of the world:

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you - and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy" (Deut 7:1-3).

"Joshua commanded the people, 'Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury.'" When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys." (Joshua 6: 16-20)

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.'" (1 Sam 15:1-3)

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Margie Littell #Sean has made the Sabbath an issue...^^^scroll up.

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Daniel Dulcich [Margie](#), I think that I am only seeing one half of your conversation! Who were you responding to with the above comment?

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Sean D. Pitman If murder is an issue, if adultery is an issue, because of the moral law, how then can you say that one of the Ten Commandments, and only one, is no longer an issue?

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Deborah Owen David And murder, adultery, stealing (Ellen did a lot of that) are all covered by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount - 24-hour times frames are not.

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Sean D. Pitman So you are claiming that Jesus Himself only supported nine of the Ten Commandments? - So that is why only 9 of the original 10 are still binding on the Christian? What then do you do with Matthew 24:20? - where Jesus tells his own followers to pray that their flight not take place on the Sabbath? What do you do with Mark 2:7 where Jesus specifically tells us that the Sabbath was originally made for all of mankind? What do you do with Hebrews 4:9 where the Sabbath is citing as "remaining" for the people of God?

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Deborah Owen David You never told me why Christ mentioned commandments from the old covenant in the Sermon on the Mount but DID NOT even say the word - sabbath at all.

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Deborah Owen David History will explain the Matthew 24:20. And it certainly has nothing to do with "keeping a Sabbath" and is certainly should not be used to build a doctrine on. What does one have to do to get out of a city on a Jewish Sabbath Day?

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Sean D. Pitman The Sabbath was not really a debatable issue at that time. It was quite clear, to everyone, that the Sabbath was to be kept Holy. If anything, they were too keen on making many many many rules on what to do and not to do on the Sabbath Day. Jesus, on the other hand, went around showing and explaining to people what God's original intent for the Sabbath really was - a day made for man, not man for the Sabbath (Mark 2:27). It was a day set aside to especially spend time with God and to help others enjoy the day as well. It was intended as a blessed gift, not a burden. Also, as far as Matthew 24:20, Jesus was clearly talking about the destruction of Jerusalem. There really is no doubt about this. And, in this context, he was telling his followers that they should pray that the time of their flight from Jerusalem, when it was surrounded by Roman armies, should not take place on the Sabbath.

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Deborah Owen David It had to do with being able to leave the city or not on a Sabbath Day. Jews for the most part still somewhat kept a Sabbath Day many had already given it up. Either way, it was a Jewish community with Jewish laws and Gates are closed on a Sabbath Day, period. It had to do with no one was able to leave the city or enter it on a Sabbath Day. Christians were not keeping Sabbath Days, Jew yes and most died. Christians fled and they knew they were going to be unable to flee if they did wait for a Sabbath Day in order to try and flee. What Jesus said had nothing to do with building a law or doctrine for the Church, it had everything do with a warning with gates closed and stuck in place when the siege came.

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Deborah Owen David The Sabbath Day was made for man and it is Jesus Christ. Adventists are still stuck in everything physical, physical day keeping, no eternal living spirit component part of man, a portion of the old covenant law in the form of a

physical list they, have to look at and read constantly least they forget. But Adventists threw out the 30 rules God gave for Israel for the do's and do not's for said Sabbath and year Sabbath Day keeping all the while they sucked up Ellens rules.

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Sean D. Pitman The 7th Day Sabbath is a memorial in physical time and always has been. Jesus gives us both physical and spiritual rest. However, the physical rest that He gives us is based on the 7th-day Sabbath and always will be - even in the New Earth we are told that we will keep the Sabbath holy. There are physical as well as spiritual benefits from doing do.

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Sean D. Pitman Also, if the advice of Jesus to pray that the flight from Jerusalem not take place on the Sabbath was just for practical reasons, why then He himself keep the day Holy even during his time in the grave? Why did all of his disciples continue to keep the day holy and teach their followers to do likewise? Why didn't Jesus or his followers specifically explain that one and only one of the Ten Commandments in the Moral Law was no longer binding? Such arguments simply aren't rationally consistent.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Do you have a proof-text that the physical rest that JEsus gives us is based on the 7th Day Sabbath?

He never said that. You are simply lying.

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Deborah Owen David Scripture says nothing about christ keeping the Sabbath holy while in the grave. That idea is another Ellenism. Nor does scripture tell us anywhere that in the New earth we will be keeping a weekly sabbath day holy. Another Ellenism.

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Deborah Owen David Why didn't Christ tell his church that He was splitting the LAW of 613 rules and paring it down to 10 and marrying the New Covenant with the Old covenant, fusing them together and then on top of that since he didn't tell the church such things I guess He forgot also to tell the church the rules HE wanted for a sabbath day to continue to be taught, since not He nor any of the apostles taught the pagans, gentiles, Greeks nor the Romans of day keeping. Only Ellen did and she taught you, she came along to correct the wrongs of the church for 1800 years. Did you know the Mormon religion and Islam say the same thing of their religion and their perspective prophets came to correct the mistakes of Christianity. Gee will the real prophet please stand up --- there isn't one, all are false and that includes your Ellen.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Sean, you said: Jesus himself took upon himself the death penalty for us all. That does not mean that the moral law itself has been done away with

Yes, this is absolutely TRUE!! This means that the law was never "done away with," but Jesus FULFILLED (completed, brought to an end) the law just as He said He had come to do, by FULFILLING all of its requirements and suffering its death penalty. IT IS FINISHED!!! Now, as born-again believers in Him, we are no longer subject to the law's requirements OR its death penalty! And we have no need for laws or rules if we are led by the Holy Spirit. He fulfills that job flawlessly, far better than the law could ever do, or has ever done for ANYONE, don't you agree?

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Sean D. Pitman Jesus didn't bring an "end" to the badness of murder or adultery. Committing murder or adultery is still just as "sinful" as it ever was. That is why Jesus told the woman caught in the act of adultery to "go and sin no more." Jesus did not put an end to such acts being sinful. That's not at all what He did. What Jesus did was to live a sinless life - a life that was entirely in line with everything that the Moral Law required (in thought and action). That is how he "fulfilled" the law. He actually lived according to it - as our example. We should also strive to do as He did.

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Deborah Owen David Those things, of course, are just a sinful, but a spirit led, born again believer has no thought of doing such things. The Spirit Himself controls and guides, teaches, the born again believer. There is no need for a physical list of do or do not's. They have died to the law and are alive in Christ who is the Sabbath rest. The physical rest of the old covenant was a shadow of that which only Christ now can give a believer in him. It is no longer a teaching tool, it has been fulfilled, seen and know to a born again believer.

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Sean D. Pitman The 7th Day Sabbath is part of the Moral Law. It wasn't a shadow of things to come, but was a memorial of Creation. If you recognize the rest of the Moral Law as still binding, then it is inconsistent of you to reject the only law that specifically says to "remember" it. There simply is no valid reason to accept 9 out of 10 as continuing to be binding. Beyond this, the disciples of Jesus continued to recognize the Sabbath as holy and the earliest Church founders did the same. Nowhere did any of Jesus' disciples write or otherwise claim that the 4th commandment was no longer binding. That's just not a Biblical position. It is no more Biblical than to say that the command against adultery is no longer binding... or bearing false witness against your neighbor. These moral laws are eternal...

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Deborah Owen David Sabbath not mentioned in the creation account - that is another Ellenism.

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Deborah Owen David Sean, you need to read some real historical facts concerning the early church. And still have not told me why Christ did not teach the Church His bride that a particular day - 24-hour time frame needed to be set aside.

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Deborah Owen David Why not one letter to the churches speak of "day keeping time frames" and yet all other commands given by Christ for the church are mentioned. Did all the pagans and gentiles of the earth just magically know and absorb information on a particular day - no, there was no particular day keeping for those in Christ and for the church and that is why Col 2 is important letter to the church. Go to church on a Saturday if you want, or a Wednesday but it is just a day to come together with others and celebrate the Lord's Supper and hear the preaching of God's word. But Adventists have made it a salvation issue yet do not even keep the said day as given to Israel from God Himself. And where did this whole issue come from - their false prophet/messenger ellen G White.

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Deborah Owen David Lev 23 tells me that Sabbath all them, weekly and yearly are feasts. All of them were shadows of the rest one finds in Christ who is the true REST.

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Sean D. Pitman **Deborah:** Again, Sabbath observance in the early church simply wasn't an issue. It was well understood and simply not at all controversial - unlike some other touchy subjects like circumcision. And, I have done a fair amount of reading of the historical literature of the early church and most early Christian communities did in fact continue Sabbath observance for hundreds of years. For example, Polycarp, the disciple of John (the disciple of Jesus) was a Sabbath keeper...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Gentiles were banned from Sabbath keeping by UNANIMOUS decisions of the Jewish Courts (Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3). The vast majority of Jewish Christian converts were Hellenized Jews, who had abandoned Sabbath keeping long before Christ. See 1 Maccabees 1.

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Rita Woods Kollist **Deborah Owen David** In addition to Lev 23, Num 28 gives the Sacrificial system: Daily - morning & evening, Weekly - am & pm + 2 lambs, Monthly New Moon, Yearly Festivals. If the Sacrificial system is gone because the Lamb of God Jesus was slain, then the Weekly Sabbath is gone too. 2 Chr 2:4 gives the same pattern when Solomon repeats the pattern of sacrifices of the Temple: 'each morning & evening, on the Sabbaths, at new moon celebrations, and at the other appointed festivals of the Lord our God. He has COMMANDED ISRAEL to do these things FOREVER.' Forever ended at the CROSS when the veil was torn; later the Temple was destroyed & the sacrifices have never been resumed.

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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) Apparently SDA leadership thinks it's OK to murder, Sean, since abortions are readily performed in SDA hospitals. And as further evidenced by the fact that a gigantic complex at La Sierra University was named after a prolific [SDA] abortionist who boasts of having performed more than a quarter million abortions (murders). But the doctor made a sizable donation to the university (filthy lucre, blood money) so, of course, they happily accepted the money and named the complex in his honor. Money talks, I guess. How anyone can remain in that organization (Adventism) in all good conscience is beyond my comprehension! What about "Do no harm," Dr. Pitman??

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) I no fan of many things done at La Sierra University or of all things done in the name of Adventism. However, this is completely irrelevant to the fact that Jesus maintained the Ten Commandments as binding - all of them. I you think you are about to commit a murder or adultery, know that you are about to commit a real sin in God's eyes. Such things were not removed from being "sinful" with the life and death of Jesus.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) My question to you is, why are you arguing that murder is wrong? Since you seem to be claiming that Jesus fulfilled the Law and therefore we need not think of the law as binding any longer? Aren't we all free to murder as we see fit now? Since we are no longer under the law? - but under grace? Really now, if you are being consistent in your arguments, why don't you apply your arguments consistently for all of the Ten Commandments? Why do you get so upset when the topic of murder comes up, but not when some of the other commandments come up?

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Are you a fan of taking Saturday off from genocidal blood-soaked murder, as Adventists did in Rwanda? Adventists hacked 4,000 other Adventists to bloody bits with machetes during the Rwanda Massacre, but took Saturday off:

"The answer to this plea came the next day, Sabbath morning, at approximately 9 o'clock am. The attackers advanced toward the church from all sides chanting "Eliminate the Tutsis!" They worked methodically with guns and machetes, moving from church to school to hospital. The victims, weak from food and water deprivation, mounted a feeble defense with bricks and stones. But they were overcome with little effort. The killers, keen to spare bullets, only paused when the physical exertion of chopping and spearing demanded rest. By evening, mop-up operations had begun: tear gas was fired to cause any living Tutsis among the corpses to cry out. The attackers then made sure these joined the rest.

In the end, Mugonero may have been the worst single massacre in the entire 1994 genocide. In a single day almost all of the 3,000 Tutsis who had gathered at the Adventist mission were slain, some 2,000 inside the Seventh-day Adventist church building itself. The bloodstains were no longer visible on the walls and floor when I visited Mugonero one week ago. The church is in fact still being used as an active place of worship. Near the entrance to the Mugonero high school there is, however, a small building with stacks of machete-hacked skulls as a memorial to what happened here more than 15 years ago.

Several months after the attack, in a short interview published in the Review, J. J. Nortey, then president of the African-Indian Ocean Division, said that as many as 99 percent of all Adventist workers in the Mugonero region—among them pastors, hospital personnel, and mission employees—were killed. In total, an estimated 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists died in Rwanda in barely three months.

Even more alarming in the aftermath of the genocide, however, is the fact that Adventists were not only among the victims. On February 19, 2003, Pastor Ntakirutimana was sentenced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to 10 years in prison for complicity in crimes against humanity. The Tribunal found that Pastor Ntakirutimana, together with his son Gerard—the head doctor at the Adventist Mugonero Hospital—aided and abetted Hutu killers, going so far as to order the removal of church roofing so that Tutsis would have nowhere to hide.

But the Ntakirutimanas were not the only Adventists who sided with the killers. In regions with large numbers of Seventh-day Adventists, the killings were just as bad as in the rest of the country. "[T]here were church-going people seen in the mobs, cheering...those who did the killings," Nortey reported. Today, jails in Rwanda hold large numbers of Adventists who have been implicated in the genocide. According to one high level church official I spoke with at the Union office in Kigali, not only Adventist lay members but numerous Adventist pastors have been convicted by Rwanda's village level gacaca courts for their role in genocidal crimes against humanity. During the genocide, he told me, some Adventists maintained their Adventism by scrupulously resting from killing on Sabbaths.

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Levy reported that while traveling in war-torn Burundi (which borders Rwanda and is comprised of the same Hutu and Tutsi tribes) he asked a taxi driver to take him to the southern part of the country. The driver consented, but on one condition: the trip had to be on Saturday. "Why on Saturday?" Levy writes. "Because the 'genocidal aggressors', those Hutu of the National Liberation Front, of which the whole country continues to repeat by memory abominable crimes... they are also good Christians, mostly of Adventist confession, who don't smoke, don't drink, arrive at the villages singing loud songs and consider Saturday a sacred day, dedicated to prayer, in which one must not kill."

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman But for Adventists, Saturday is CLEARLY their Savior, so what the Adventist murderers in Rwanda did on the OTHER six days a week was apparently not a deal breaker for Salvation:



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Joanne Hoyt Ault I'm not arguing that murder is wrong, YOU ARE, Sean! You, as an SDA, maintain that your church teaches that the ten commandments are still binding. Apparently your church leaders don't believe murder is wrong. So if murder is OK (according to SDA leadership), what about the other nine??

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Joanne Hoyt Ault I guess sabbathkeeping is King 'O The Ten.

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Sean D. Pitman **Joanne**: No, but Sabbath Keeping is part of the Ten. It is just inconsistent of you to recognize 9, but not all 10 of God's commands that He wrote with His own finger on stone - as part of His eternal Moral Law.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault I don't "recognize" any of The Ten - Have no for any of them! The Holy Spirit replaced them as the Guardian of my life the moment I was born again.

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Sean D. Pitman **Joanne**: As long as you say that murder is bad, which you have in this very thread, you recognize the the Moral Law as valid - as least 9 parts of it. You still believe it would be a sin to commit murder and that those who are murderers are sinners. You do this based on God's moral Law. So, you are being inconsistent....

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Joanne Hoyt Ault No, I have said that murder is an unloving act. All unloving acts are wrong.

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Sean D. Pitman **Joanne**: Exactly. And, the breaking of any of the Ten Commandments would be an unloving act. After all, the Ten Commandments are based on the underlying Royal Law of Love.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault But I also pointed out (as did my friend [Larry Dean](#)) that the Ten are weak and incomplete, and much wrongdoing is left uncovered by the Ten, which Adventism teaches in error as "The Law." (One of many, many errors in SDA teachings!).

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Sean D. Pitman The first four commands are in reference to our love for God, while the last 6 are in reference to our love for our fellow man. If you actually love God and your fellow man you wouldn't have any problem keeping all of the Ten Commandments without even thinking about it.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault And those heinous wrongdoings that are left uncovered...???

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are lying about the place of murder versus the Sabbath. Your false prophet declared that she saw a halo around the Sabbath, but not around the commandment against murder.

Here is the sickening result:

"The answer to this plea came the next day, Sabbath morning, at approximately 9 o'clock am. The attackers advanced toward the church from all sides chanting "Eliminate the Tutsis!" They worked methodically with guns and machetes, moving from church to school to hospital. The victims, weak from food and water deprivation, mounted a feeble defense with bricks and stones. But they were overcome with little effort. The killers, keen to spare bullets, only paused when the physical exertion of chopping and spearing demanded rest. By evening, mop-up operations had begun: tear gas was fired to cause any living Tutsis among the corpses to cry out. The attackers then made sure these joined the rest.

In the end, Mugonero may have been the worst single massacre in the entire 1994 genocide. In a single day almost all of the 3,000 Tutsis who had gathered at the Adventist mission were slain, some 2,000 inside the Seventh-day Adventist church building itself. The bloodstains were no longer visible on the walls and floor when I visited Mugonero one week ago. The church is in fact still being used as an active place of worship. Near the entrance to the Mugonero high school there is, however, a small building with stacks of machete-hacked skulls as a memorial to what happened here more than 15 years ago.

Several months after the attack, in a short interview published in the Review, J. J. Nortey, then president of the African-Indian Ocean Division, said that as many as 99 percent of all Adventist workers in the Mugonero region—among them pastors, hospital personnel, and mission employees—were killed. In total, an estimated 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists died in Rwanda in barely three months.

Even more alarming in the aftermath of the genocide, however, is the fact that Adventists were not only among the victims. On February 19, 2003, Pastor Ntakirutimana was sentenced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to 10 years in prison for complicity in crimes against humanity. The Tribunal found that Pastor Ntakirutimana, together with his son Gerard—the head doctor at the Adventist Mugonero Hospital—aided and abetted Hutu killers, going so far as to order the removal of church roofing so that Tutsis would have nowhere to hide.

But the Ntakirutimanas were not the only Adventists who sided with the killers. In regions with large numbers of Seventh-day Adventists, the killings were just as bad as in the rest of the country. "[T]here were church-going people seen in the mobs, cheering...those who did the killings," Nortey reported. Today, jails in Rwanda hold large numbers of Adventists who have been implicated in the genocide. According to one high level church official I spoke with at the Union office in Kigali, not only Adventist lay members but numerous Adventist pastors have been convicted by Rwanda's village level gacaca courts for their role in genocidal crimes against humanity. During the genocide, he told me, some Adventists maintained their Adventism by scrupulously resting from killing on Sabbaths."

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Levy reported that while traveling in war-torn Burundi (which borders Rwanda and is comprised of the same Hutu and Tutsi tribes) he asked a taxi driver to take him to the southern part of the country. The driver consented, but on one condition: the trip had to be on Saturday. "Why on Saturday?" Levy writes. "Because the 'genocidal aggressors', those Hutu of the National

Liberation Front, of which the whole country continues to repeat by memory abominable crimes... they are also good Christians, mostly of Adventist confession, who don't smoke, don't drink, arrive at the villages singing loud songs and consider Saturday a sacred day, dedicated to prayer, in which one must not kill."

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Sean D. Pitman Name one "sin" that isn't covered by the Ten Commandments?

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Margie Littell malice

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Murder is not nearly as bad as breaking the Sabbath, [Larry](#)! Go ahead, kill your unborn baby, but your behind had better be planted in that pew in the SDA church on Saturday morning!!

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Margie Littell pride

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** I will name you several:

Drug dealing, wife beating, pornography, bestiality, sodomy, homosexual conduct are not mentioned under the Ten Commandments.

Adventists who are addicted to pornography LOVE the 10C for that reason:



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Margie Littell bestiality

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Sean D. Pitman Malice, anger, pride, etc., are all covered by the Ten Commandments - especially when you consider the 10th commandment as Paul did.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** nope...not mentioned...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying about that.

Malice, anger, pride are not mentioned in the 10 Commandments.

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Sean D. Pitman Taking something that isn't yours, or wanting to take something that isn't yours - from God or from your fellow man, is breaking the Ten Commandments.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** you have some severe issues if you just keep the Ten commandments:

1. You won't love God...not commanded until Deut.6:4
2. You won't love others...not commanded until Lev. 19:18

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Sean D. Pitman If you want to get more specific, as Jesus did in His sermon(s), that's fine, but the Ten Commandments do a very good job at explaining the Golden Rule (or the Royal Law if you prefer).

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Joanne Hoyt Ault **Sean** will NEVER be able to see the light or hear the truths we are attempting to show him, as long as that blinding SDA veil remains over his spiritual eyes, **Larry Dean**. We've all been there and done that (I, for 54 years of my life)!

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply a pimp for the Cheap Law and Cheap Saturday scam. For Adventists, keeping the Ten Commandments boils down to sleeping for an hour on Saturday afternoon.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying again.

The Ten Commandments cannot be construed to incorporate the Golden Rule.

The 10C require nothing of the sort.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** 3. You won't repent of your sins...not commanded until Lev.5.5

4. you won't keep the Sabbath holy from even to even...not commanded until Lev. 23.
- BUT on the other hand you WILL have fun doing all those sins in Lev. 18...

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** This huge and glorious law deserves a lot more respect than you give it,

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Joanne Hoyt Ault So true, **Larry**! Only ten things are covered in the Commandments, and there are far more than ten things on the unending list of wrongdoings that the sin-bent human mind can contrive to do!

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Elce Thunder Lauriston Despite how clear and oft repeated, it is HARD for some people to learn and understand.

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Sean D. Pitman I agree! 😊

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Deborah Owen David I don't think one understands until that veil is removed and only the Holy Spirit can do that - but if one is willing to have that removed I am certain that pleading and praying that it be removed God will teach and open one's eyes to Himself and removed the veil completely and when it happens it usually happens in a millisecond and all becomes clear. All taught by the Holy Spirit in a millisecond of time as everything become clear.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault [Sean](#), Now I have a question for YOU. Is murder a loving or unloving act? I ask because these things God asks of us:

BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ and you WILL be saved.
LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind.
LOVE others unselfishly, as Christ loves us.

It's now all about FAITH and LOVE!

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) Facts about the Law of the Old Covenant ...given at Mt Sinai...astonish me..

First, Jesus said (I do believe Him because He can not lie)
Matt.5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an jot, not a tittle, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished".

Second, if you choose to keep this Old Covenant law, you have a lot scheduling to do in your personal life:

1. Lev. 23 gives you the days and times of all the holy Sabbaths given in this Law. Mark your calendar so that you can get off work if you need to.
2. Lev. 19 gives you the new hair do you have to have...make sure the person who cuts your hair knows your new standards.
3. Lev. 19 also gives you the clothes that you must wear...so shop carefully so you don't break this law.

Third, if you choose to keep this Old Covenant law, you may need to acquire a taste for interesting food groups and learn how to prepare them. See Lev. 17 for further. specific directions. It might get expensive at the grocery store.

Four, however, I am sure you will enjoy the tithe commandment if you live too far away from the church. You can spend your tithe money for fermented drinks and have a party with your friends and family.

Five, if you do not have indoor bathrooms in your house, this law will tell you how to construct outdoor bathrooms and where to place them so you won't get sick. I really don't know if you need to take out your indoor bathrooms in order to keep the Law...but you might.

And this is just the beginning of the Old Covenant law that you have to keep. "Not one jot or tittle" Jesus said.

Therefore, here is my advice. First step, read it. It will take you awhile. And write your own copy of it. Yes, the Law requires you do that too.(Deut. 31:19).

God has not given any human being the authority to add to this law or subtract from it: Deut. 4:2 " You shall not add to the Law that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep all the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you." Jesus in Matthew 5:17-18 confirmed this scripture: Lev. 19: 37 And you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them: I am the Lord."

On the other hand, you might want to explore Jesus's New Covenant and choose to live under it and keep Jesus's New commandments that go with it...instead. See Heb.12:19-18 for more information.

Jesus has a New Covenant and New commandments to keep.

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Sean D. Pitman Joanne: It has always been about faith and love. It is impossible to please God without both faith and love - and this has always been the case. The Ten Commandments were simply a way to get people to realize when they weren't acting lovingly toward each other. Murder implies hate toward one's neighbor. It is impossible to murder someone without first hating them and treating them contrary to how you would like to be treated. It is the motive that is important to God - and always has been. The action is only the result of the underlying motive. God has not changed. God has not improved over time. God was the same yesterday as He is today. The "New Command" of Jesus that we love one another (John 13:34) was not really new at all - but simply a restatement of a very old command for us to love one another - for us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Leviticus 19:18).

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Sean D. Pitman Margie: You're lumping all the Mosaic Laws into the same category. They weren't all the same. The ceremonial laws having to do with the temple service, for example, are not the same as the moral laws of the Ten Commandments. They mean very different things and have very different purposes. The temple service and the laws relating to that spoke directly about the coming of the Messiah and all that would be involved. They were prophetic. This is not the case for the Moral Laws of the Ten Commandments. These Laws told people when they weren't being loving - and that they needed to get help from God to love God and their neighbors as themselves. That is why you yourself recognize that it is still wrong to murder, lie, steal, cheat, etc., while you have no problem not sacrificing a lamb for your sins - since Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice, negating the need for this part of the temple service. The sacrificial service was simply a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. This was accomplished at the cross.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman ROTFLOL....You claim that the Ten Commandments are about Love.

2 Corinthians 3 calls them the "Ministry of Death written on Stone." Acts 15 calls them the "Unbearable Yoke." Ephesians 2 calls them the "Wall of Hostility."

I'm not feeling the Love.

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Deborah Owen David I'm just curious as to why Sean D. Pitman is arguing all this with us. Does he really think we are going to come back and live under the Hellenism/SDAism again? Without Ellen, there would be no SDA period. Everything he has argued each of us has at one time argued when we too were brainwashed by the Ellenites. At that time when we were blinded under the dark veil, we thought everything which spewed from our mouth to give Ellen, Sabbath and SDA religion high status was bringing people to Christ when in fact it was taking them under bondage and into a false gospel and a false religion, one built only by the writings of a woman, Ellen et al. It could just as easily been living under the Islam but for us it was the SDA religion - false as it is and was each one of us struggled to know Christ in full truth and light. And this is what Sean needs to do, we cannot give him that light, only the Holy Spirit and only when Sean actually wants to know it, yearn for it, until then, Sean, I am leaving you one last word or two - Just what if all we are telling you is truth and what you have been told your whole life under SDA religion is a lie made to look like a truth? You do know, don't you that all the SDA religion teaches is that which Ellen wrote by use of out of context verses made to appear that all she wrote was biblical and solid. A lie is a lie not matter how it is

presented. It comes down to this - Do you really want to know Jesus Christ in full or would you rather stay in the lies under the veil of Ellen - up to you.

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Leslie Harvella I'm going to have to unfollow this post [Sandi Haynes](#). I put my 2cents in earlier and then a huge "back and forth" went on under it and my phone continues to go off. LOL. I just give up. I am reminded of being a child in the SDA church and when Jehovah's witnesses would come over, my ignorant step father would invite them in and argue with them over which religion is right and which religion is wrong. It would go on incessantly. I get tired just reading. God bless you Sandi for attempting to enlighten people. Much love! ❤️

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Margie Littell Leslie, honest belief systems are never threatened by honest investigation and discussion. (besides that it's fun learning what God wants us to know!) <smiling>

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Sandi Haynes [Leslie Harvella](#) I understand! God continues to direct me and shows me His Truths only in His Word! God go with you sweet one!

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Margie Littell Myths about Sabbath firmly believed.

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NO, not anywhere in the [Bible](#)

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NO, time is NOT given for the 7th day in Genesis

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NO God finished His work on the 7th day Gen. 2:2

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NO, God wants people to stay home...Exodus 16:27-28

5. God gave the Sabbath to remind them of creation,
NO, God gave them the Sabbath to remind them of their deliverance from Egypt...Deut. 5:15

6. God gave the Sabbath to everybody,
NO, God gave it only to the Israelites as a special sign Exodus 31:13

7. God gave only one holy Sabbath.
NO, God gave a list of holy Sabbaths. Lev. 23

8. God declared that the 7th Day Sabbath was to be kept from "even to even".
NO, only the Ninth Day Sabbath was given that time boundary Leviticus 23:32

9. God has never commanded worship on the FIRST DAY.
YES, He did, twice Leviticus 23:24 and Leviticus 23:39

10. God works on Sabbath and Jesus works on Sabbath even though the 4th commandment prohibits work.
YES, John 5:17.

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The weekly cycle was set up in Genesis, and the holy 7th-day was clearly part of that cycle. This is reaffirmed in the 4th commandment where God reiterates that the holiness of the 7th day is due to the fact that it commemorates creation week. "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20:11).

2. The 7th Day in Genesis is set aside as "and the evening and the morning were the 7th day".
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That's really irrelevant since the pattern of days was already established. There simply is no need to be redundant here – especially since God reiterates the basis for the holiness of the 7th day in the 4th commandment.

3. God finished His work on the 6th day,
NO God finished His work on the 7th day Gen. 2:2

God finished His work of creating the physical space for mankind in six days – and rested from this particular labor on the 7-day. "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work." (Genesis 2:2). So, you see, it was on the 7th day that God created a period of time for rest and fellowship between Himself and mankind – a holy day that was set apart that completed the weekly cycle.

4. God wants people to come to church on Sabbath .
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It was the custom of Jesus Himself to go to the synagogue on Sabbath to worship as a congregation (Luke 4:16).

5. God gave the Sabbath to remind them of creation,
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Actually, it was both. The wording of the 4th commandment also clearly states that the Sabbath was set up as a memorial of creation. "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." – Exodus 20:11

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God gave the Sabbath to Adam and Eve before there were any Jews. Jesus also noted that He Himself created the Sabbath for mankind, not just the Jews (Mark 2:27). Isaiah also notes that one day all of mankind will observe the Sabbath (Isaiah 66:23).

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Of course there are different types of Sabbaths – most of which were ceremonial sabbaths foreshadowing the coming of the Messiah. However, there is only one Sabbath of the Decalogue and this Sabbath points backward toward prior event(s) – to include the creation week as well as the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

8. God declared that the 7th Day Sabbath was to be kept from "even to even".
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God marked off the boundaries of a day in Genesis – and this is how the Jews observed the Sabbath hours – from evening to evening. There has never been a controversy here on how the Jews observed the Sabbath at God's command.

9. God has never commanded worship on the FIRST DAY.
YES, He did, twice Leviticus 23:24 and Leviticus 23:39

The ceremonial sabbaths fell on various days of the week. This isn't the case, however, for the Sabbath of the Decalogue – a Sabbath which always fell on the 7th-day of the week throughout history.

10. God works on Sabbath and Jesus works on Sabbath even through the 4th commandment prohibits work.
YES, John 5:17.

Jesus never broke the Sabbath. The "work" that Jesus performed was not proscribed for anyone to perform on the Sabbath day. God always made exception to allow for work which relieved the suffering of fellow human beings or even animals on the

Sabbath day. This was clearly pointed out, repeatedly, by Jesus Himself who explained that anyone who worked for the service of someone who was suffering or for the work of God in the service of humanity was guiltless before God for performing such acts of love on the Sabbath Day (Matthew 12:1-8).

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Margie Littell I see that [#Sean](#) likes his assumptions more than Bible facts...for example, where in Genesis 1 or 2 say: "And the evening and the morning were the 7th day?"

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Margie Littell [#Sean](#)...where does God command folks to keep the Sabbath in Genesis? He made all His Sabbaths holy...even His First Day Sabbaths.

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Margie Littell [#Sean](#) why is the 7th day Sabbath listed in the "ceremonial Sabbaths"?

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#): The 7th-day was made "Holy" by God in Genesis. Holy for whom? Obviously, it was made holy for mankind – all of mankind. It was originally “made for mankind”. Jesus confirms this "assumption", as you call it, by explaining to the Jews that the Sabbath was originally created, by Him, for all of mankind (“Anthropos” in the Greek) - not just the Jews (Mark 2:27). Jesus could easily have said that the Sabbath was made for the Jewish nation, but He didn't do this. Jesus clearly explained that the Sabbath existed before the Jews and was intended to be a blessing for all of mankind. In fact, the Sabbath was also known to the Jews before the Ten Commandments were written on tables of stone and given to Moses on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 16:21-30) – clearly supporting the statement in the 4th commandment that the Sabbath is and always has been a memorial of creation.

The fact of the matter is that Jesus Himself was a big fan of the Ten Commandments – all of them. And, He strove to teach His followers the importance of the moral Law written by His own finger on tablets of stone when He talked face-to-face with Moses. Isaiah prophesied concerning Jesus that, "He will exalt the law and make it honorable" (Is 42:21). And, that is exactly what Jesus did. He perfectly kept all of the Ten Commandments, including the 4th Commandment. He did not violate any one of them in thought or action.

For example, Mark and Luke cite a story of a man asking Jesus what he needed to do to be saved: "Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, 'Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?'" So Jesus said to him...“You know the commandments” (Mark 10:17,19) and then He listed off several of the Ten Commandments and the moral obligations for mankind (also in Luke 18:19-20). He went on to say, “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19).

And His disciples, even after His death, continued to recognize the moral Law as binding for the Christian. Consider the words of John: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome (1 John 5:3). In fact, sin was continually defined, in the New Testament writings, as the “transgression of the Law.” (1 John 3:4). On this point, Paul is also quite clear when he says, "I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet.'" (Rom 7:7).

But several in this forum have continually tried to argue that Jesus specifically broke the Sabbath command. Well, that's just not how Jesus saw it – and his accusers could not answer His defense because according to their own laws He was right. Jesus clearly pointed out that it is *lawful* to do good on the Sabbath – not a violation of the Sabbath commandment at all (Matthew 12:12). If someone's sheep fell in a hole then it would be *lawful* to get it out - as Jesus explained and as the scribes and Pharisees who were accusing Jesus already knew full well. That's why they could not defend their accusations of “Sabbath breaking” against Him – according to the actual Law put in place by God.

So, not only did Jesus keep the Sabbath perfectly, He claimed to be the Creator of the Sabbath, and therefore the “Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:28). And, He claimed to have created the Sabbath for all of mankind, from the very beginning of the creation of humanity, to enjoy as a beneficial gift!

As an aside, if Jesus is “Lord of the Sabbath”, that would make the Sabbath, “The Lord's Day” (Rev. 1:10).

And, this isn't just my understanding of the eternal nature of the Sabbath of the Decalogue. This was the understanding of the disciples of Jesus as well – even after His death. The Sabbath was observed by Jesus and His followers at the time of His death.

According to Luke, "Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment." (Luke 23:56).

Some may argue that some of His followers did not know that the Sabbath commandment was done away that quickly -- but certainly Luke would have known this if it were true since he wrote this account decades after Jesus died. If Luke, a long-time companion of the Apostle Paul, thought that the Sabbath was no longer binding after the death of Jesus, he would no doubt have clarified this, but he didn't do this. The rest of the disciples are also recording as worshiping on the Sabbath day, to include Paul who made it his custom (Acts 17:2). In fact, this custom was taught to the entire early church so much so that Sabbath observance was continued among Jewish and Gentile converts for quite some time. It first died out in Rome and Alexandria, but not until the early second century. And, outside of these regions, Sabbath observance often continued for many hundreds of years.

Consider, for example, the words of the 5th-century historian Socrates:

"For although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this. (Socrates Scholasticus. Ecclesiastical History, Book V, Chapter XXII. Excerpted from Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Second Series, Volume 2. Edited by Philip Schaff and Henry Wace. American Edition, 1890. Online Edition Copyright © 2005 by K. Knight).

Sabbath-keeping also had a long history in the British Isles. Sabbath-keeping was clearly occurring in the Celtic regions until at least 886. The Celtic Church which occupied Ireland, Scotland, and Britain, had the Syriac (Byzantine) scriptures instead of the Latin vulgate of Rome. The Celtic Church, with the Waldenses and the Eastern empire, kept the seventh-day Sabbath... The Roman 'movement' to supersede the Celtic Sabbath with Sunday 'culminated in the production of an (apocryphal) 'Letter of Jesus', or 'Letter of Lord's day', alleged to have been found on the altar of Peter in Rome; and is said in the annals to have been brought to Ireland by a pilgrim (c. 886). Upon this basis laws were promulgated, imposing heavy penalties for those that violated on Sunday certain regulations derived from Jewish prohibitions for Sabbath. . . . (Ibid., page 28.) (Celtic Sabbath-Keeping Study No. 264, from Cherith Chronicle, April-June 1998, pp. 46-47.).

Notice some of the statements by Ethiopian Emperor Galawdewos (A.D. 1540-1559):

"We do celebrate the Sabbath, because God, after He had finished the Creation of the World, rested thereon...and that especially, since Christ came not to dissolve the law but to fulfill it. It is therefore not in the imitation of the Jews, but in obedience to Christ, and His holy apostles, that we observe that day." (Quoted in Bradford C.E. Sabbath Roots, The African Connection. L. Brown and Sons, Barre (VT), 1999, p. 26).

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Since you are playing Adventist Dodge Ball with Margie's question, I'll repost it;

why is the 7th day Sabbath listed in the "ceremonial Sabbaths"?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) As your actions and refusal to answer questions makes very clear, Saturday is the Savior of the Adventist cult.

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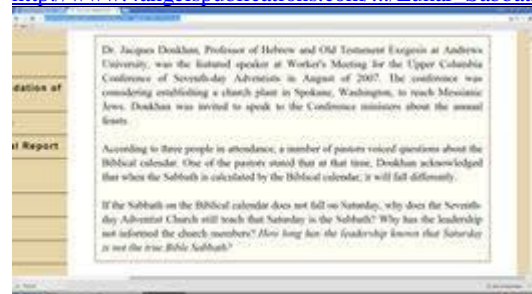


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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Adventist scam has long known that Saturday is not the Sabbath. When do you think they might finally tell the truth to their members?

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) didn't answer my question...let me re-ask it...Why is the 7th day Sabbath listed with the "ceremonial" Sabbaths?

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Maybe this help?



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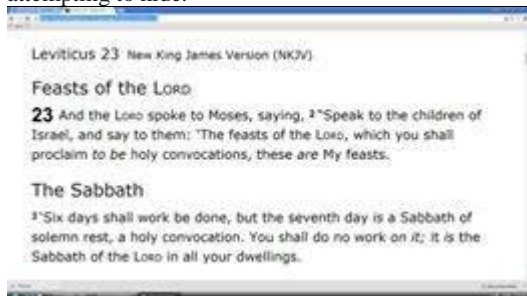


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You have to keep them all. That is the basis for the burgeoning Adventist Feast Keeper movement that Adventists are so carefully attempting to hide.



Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. You still have not offered any objective evidence that the "Sabbaths (sabbatōn)" of Colossians 2:16,17 is not the weekly Sabbath!

What I have seen you do, is repeatedly present your subjective opinions based upon eisegesis.

There are no scriptural examples where the pattern usage of feasts, festivals, new moons, and Sabbaths only refer to non-seventh day Sabbaths.

To put it simply, the Bible does not textually or contextually support your position on Colossians 2:16,17.

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Sean D. Pitman Another important problem for the idea that the Sabbath of the Decalogue was intended by God to no longer be observed by Christians is that the earliest Christians continued to observe the 7th-day Sabbath. Outside of Alexandria and Rome, this practice continued for hundreds of years within the Christian Churches – and within even Alexandria and Rome until the early second century. Paul himself regularly observed the Sabbath – as was his custom among both Jews and Gentiles alike.

When Paul came with the decrees from the council at Jerusalem, notifying the Christian Gentiles of their deliverance from circumcision and the ritual of the Jews, wherever he went he set the example by observing the Sabbath. When he came to Thessalonica, he, "as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures." Acts 17:2. This states that it was Paul's manner, or custom, to do that. Then, when he went to Corinth, "he reasoned in the synagogues every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." Acts 18:4.

Note also that Paul himself claimed that he followed Jewish religious laws. He said, "Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple. . . . have I offended anything at all." Acts 25:8. Clearly then, it was the habit of Paul to observe the Jewish Sabbath – and he did not teach or act contrary to this practice.

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Sozomen, in the mid-fifth century reported:

"The people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assemble together on the Sabbath as well as on the first day of the week, which custom is never observed at Rome or at Alexandria." (Sozomen. THE ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF SOZOMEN. Comprising a History of the Church, from a.d. 323 to a.d. 425. Book VII, Chapter XIX. Translated from the Greek. Revised by Chester D. Hartranft, Hartford Theological Seminary UNDER THE EDITORIAL SUPERVISION OF PHILIP SCHAFF, D.D., LL.D., AND HENRY WACE, D.D., Professor of Church History in the Union Theological Seminary, New York. Principal of King's College, London. T&T CLARK, EDINBURGH, circa 1846).

This shows that Sabbath keeping continued in parts of Asia Minor through the time of Sardis and into what is sometimes considered to be the Pergamos era, but that Rome and Alexandria were only observing Sunday (even though they observed the Sabbath until at least the early second century).

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Margie Littell Ah...I see that [#Sean](#) has pulled out verbiage to help him...and ignores the simple fact that it was the Sabbath keepers who had Paul beaten, thrown in jail, run out of town and left for dead...seems like a good reason that Paul never ever quoted the 4th commandment or told anybody to keep it, doesn't it [Larry Dean](#)

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Larry Dean Sabbath Keeping was outlawed throughout the Roman Empire in 135 AD. The only people killed for violating Emperor Hadrian's Decree were Jewish Rabbis.

"In the years following the revolt, Hadrian discriminated against all Judeo-Christian sects, but the worst persecution was directed against religious Jews. He made anti-religious decrees forbidding Torah study, Sabbath observance, circumcision, Jewish courts, meeting in synagogues and other ritual practices. Many Jews assimilated and many sages and prominent men were martyred including Rabbi Akiva and the rest of the Asara Harugei Malchut (ten martyrs)."

No Christians were ever killed under the decree.

This is why Adventist Theologian Dr. Samuele Bacchioni was forced to admit that Sabbath "abandonment" was 100 percent of all Christians no later than 135 AD.

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/the-bar-kokhba-revolt...>

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ROTFLOL!! The staggering-ignorance of Adventists is simply astonishing. They don't have the slightest idea of what is meant by "The Great Sabbath" in Greek Orthodox lingo.

Holy Week, is "bookended" with two significant Saturdays, the only Saturdays of the year that are celebrated, since the Greek Orthodox officially proclaims that Sunday observance commenced on Resurrection morning:

- Lazarus Saturday - the day that Jesus rose Lazarus from the dead, and a typology of his own Resurrection.

- The Great Sabbath - the day that Jesus spent in the tomb. It is dark and gloomy and a time of mourning.

Neither of these have anything whatsoever to do with the 7th Day weekly Sabbath or the 7th Day of Creation. Thus, Polycarp was killed on the day before Easter. This ought to give Adventist Easter Conspiracy theorists fits! ROTFLOL!

If the Orthodox thought Rome had ANYTHING whatsoever to do with Christian Sunday worship, they would have adopted Sabbath Keeping out of pure spite.

I just can't stop laughing at this idiot that didn't spend five seconds what Orthodox mean by the "Great Sabbath."

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Next time, five seconds of research would save you acutely embarrassing yourself publicly.

as you noted, Polycarp was martyred on the Great Sabbath:

"Holy Saturday (Latin: Sabbatum Sanctum), the Saturday of Holy Week, also known as the Great Sabbath, Black Saturday, or Easter Eve,[1] and called "Joyous Saturday" or "the Saturday of Light" among Coptic Christians, is the day after Good Friday. It is the day before Easter and the last day of Holy Week in which Christians prepare for Easter. It commemorates the day that Jesus Christ's body lay in the tomb and the Harrowing of Hell."

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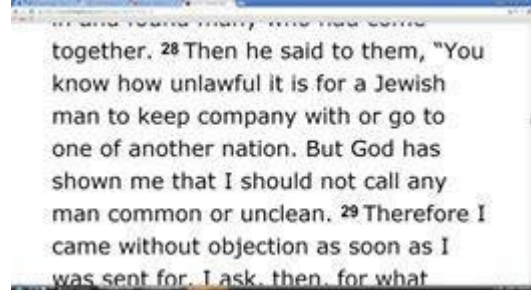
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the Greeks." Acts 18:4."

Associating with Greeks on ANY day of the week was a major Mosaic Law violation, which Peter noted in Acts 10:28. It was made MUCH MUCH WORSE by associating with Greeks on the Sabbath, since Greeks were forbidden by the rulings of the Jewish Courts to keep the Sabbath, facing the Death Penalty if they tried. Worse yet, Greeks were banned on penalty of death from Jewish places of worship.

Paul was flaunting his Sabbath BREAKING



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You really don't keep up on anything modern, do you?

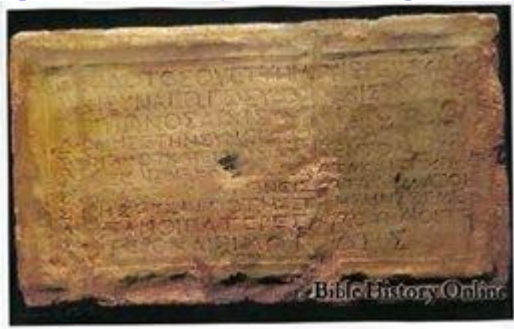
Greeks who went into a Synagogue or Temple faced the Death Sentence. They recently found the sign on the 2nd Temple spelling out this prohibition:

"Josephus the Jewish historian of the first century A.D. wrote about the warning signs in Greek and Latin that were placed on the barrier wall that separated the court of the gentiles from the other courts in the Temple. Not until 1871 did archaeologists actually discover one written in Greek. Its seven line inscription reads as follows:

NO FOREIGNER
IS TO GO BEYOND THE BALUSTRADE
AND THE PLAZA OF THE TEMPLE ZONE
WHOEVER IS CAUGHT DOING SO
WILL HAVE HIMSELF TO BLAME
FOR HIS DEATH
WHICH WILL FOLLOW

The Temple Warning Inscription is important in the study of Biblical Archaeology and confirms events outlined in Scripture. When Jesus saw this inscription he knew that his own life would be the cost for the gentiles to go past this barrier."

<http://www.bible-history.com/.../israel/temple-warning.html>



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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) Much of your copy-and-paste there sounds very "Follow the Crowd," Sean.

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Gentiles were barred from Sabbath Keeping and Torah reading by rulings of the Jewish Courts (Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3). They faced the death penalty if they disobeyed. The Jewish Courts simply applied the obvious meaning of Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 31, which makes it clear that the Sabbath is a unique sign between God and the Israelites:

"10.11 A non-Jew who busied himself with Torah is liable with his life He must involve himself in their Seven Commandments only. Similarly, a non-Jew who "rested" as one would on Shabbos, even on a weekday, is liable with the death penalty. There is no reason to mention (that he is culpable) if he invented his own holiday.

10.12 The principle here is that we do not permit them to make a new religion and create new commandments for themselves based on their own reasoning. They may only become Righteous Converts and accept upon themselves all the Commandments, or they must observe their own (Seven) Laws only, and not add or detract from them. If a non-Jew busied himself with Torah or made Shabbos or made up something new, we give him lashes and punish him and tell him that he is liable with the death penalty for doing this."

<http://halakhah.com/rst/kingsandwars.pdf>

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Margie Littell **Larry Dean** even during Daniel 7 and Daniel 11 time period....it was outlawed by local law not to keep the Torah.

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The Greeks expressed their murderous hatred of the Sabbath, circumcision and the pork ban when they occupied Palestine. Had Sabbath keeping been part of Christianity, it would have quickly shriveled into an obscure Jewish sect localized around Jerusalem:

"41-43 Antiochus now issued a decree that all nations in his empire should abandon their own customs and become one people. All the Gentiles and even many of the Israelites submitted to this decree. They adopted the official pagan religion, offered sacrifices to idols, and no longer observed the Sabbath.

44 The king also sent messengers with a decree to Jerusalem and all the towns of Judea, ordering the people to follow customs that were foreign to the country. 45 He ordered them not to offer burnt offerings, grain offerings, or wine offerings in the Temple, and commanded them to treat Sabbaths and festivals as ordinary work days. 46 They were even ordered to defile the Temple and the holy things in it.[e] 47 They were commanded to build pagan altars, temples, and shrines, and to sacrifice pigs and other unclean animals there. 48 They were forbidden to circumcise their sons and were required to make themselves ritually unclean in every way they could, 49 so that they would forget the Law which the Lord had given through Moses and would disobey all its commands. 50 The penalty for disobeying the king's decree was death."

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Larry Dean **Margie Littell** The Death Penalty for Gentile Sabbath Keeping was quoted from the Mishnah Torah.

The Mishnah Torah was the oral law that was given to Moses at Mt. Sinai. This is consistent with the Commandments of God on what Jews should do to Gentiles. When Ephesians 2 described the law as a "Wall of Hostility" that divided Jew from Gentile, Paul wasn't kidding around!

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you- and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy (Deut 7:1-3)."

....

Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury." When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys. (Joshua 6: 16-20)

....

This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.' “ (1 Sam 15:1-3) But Saul does not fully comply, keeping some of the cattle for himself and his men. God therefore rejects him as King for his failure to keep the Ban wholly. (1 Sam 15:23).

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[Margie Littell](#) Evidently [#Sean](#) D. Pitman doesn't know very much world history so it has been easy to deceive him...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Margie Littell](#) This is the kind of stuff that jumped up and bit me in the face nearly everyday of the six months I spent in Greece.

I thought there was a conspiracy going, to break my Adventist belief system with the overwhelming "facts on the ground."

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[Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) It's that way with most SDA's, [Margie](#), including myself when I was in Adventism.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Margie Littell](#) LOL....I got so sick and tired of everything in Greece refuting Adventism, wherever I turned. I was just SICK of it. So a Parisian girlfriend wanted me to go to Paris for a week. She was a professor of Classical Rhetoric at The Sorbonne, and new how distressed by Greece I was. I was delighted! We Texas-line danced all night long in the swanky bistros of the Fourth Arrondissement on Paris's Right Bank, and got crazy with the Green Fairy (look it up). The American Urban Cowboy was the rage, and I had my Tony Llama shitkickers and my real American-made black stetson on! YAYY HOOOOOO!!!

She wanted to go to the Avignon Festival. I had been away from Anti-Adventist facts for several days and was feeling better, so off we went to Avignon.

You can run, but you can't hide.

Avignon was a brand NEW set of facts that refuted Ellen's Papal Supremacy Conspiracy theory.

I was so ANGRY! I wanted to scream!

On the way out of the Pavilion, I was livid and seeing red, and ran face-first into a statue celebrating the "Avignon Popes," a period of time when France had its own Popes, essentially extending the middle finger to Rome's claim of being the center of Catholicism. Needless to say, Adventists have never heard of this, and Ellen never mentioned it in any of her writings. It would have refuted her absurd conspiracy theory of a monolithic Roman Pontiff.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Margie Littell](#) This is why there are only 442 Adventists in Greece (population 11 million), after almost 150 years of "Missionary Activity." There are about 30,000 Jehovah's Witnesses there, who are actively persecuted by the Greek government, but is thriving anyway, since they don't keep Saturday.

Adventists simply don't "get" Greek culture. Greeks can almost look outside of their front door in Athens and Thessolnaki and tell that Adventism is an impossible fraud.

Greeks have never accepted the Sabbath and never will. Greece also has the lowest circumcision rate in the Western World, at less than 1 percent. And that is with about 6 percent of the population being Jews and Muslims, who both require Circumcision. That's how much Greeks HATE Jewish customs. They DESPISE them with a passion. Especially the Sabbath. Read about it in 1 Maccabees 1.

Moreover, the Greeks read the New Testament in Greek. They know that John never was referring to the "Ten Commandments" whenever he was referring to "Commandments" in any of his writings, but the Commandments of Jesus. That's the Sermon on the Mount and his other Commandments. The Greeks flocked to Christianity because of the heroic and brave Martyrs, who obeyed this Commandment of Jesus:

John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Because Greeks read the NT in Greek, they are virtually immune from the Adventist scam:

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[Larry Dean](#) Sean Pittman.

"Ebionites and Nazarenes, groups who claimed descent from the Jerusalem church, were keeping the Sabbath in the fourth century, and their observance of Jewish laws probably goes back to apostolic times."

It is good that you mentioned these Arian heretics, who rejected the Divinity of Christ; taught that Jesus was an Angel, and insisted that vegetarianism and Saturday Keeping were the path to Salvation.

Sound familiar? Yep, it should. They were early Adventists to a "T".

Only they were extinct no later than 200 AD:

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Ebionites - Wikipedia

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Larry Dean Sean Pittman

Contrary to what you say, the vast overwhelming majority of First Century Jewish Christian Converts were Hellenized Jews, not observant Jews. You can read about the Hellenized Jews in both 1 Maccabees and Acts 6.

Modern day social science has extracted scientifically-significant samples from 1st Century Funerary Records, and then crunched them using Multivariate Regression Analysis. They've determined that 95 percent of Diaspora Jews in Rome, Alexandria and Greece were Hellenized; whereas 80 percent of Palestinian Jews were Hellenized.

This is significant, since Hellenized Jews had jettisoned the Sabbath, Circumcision and the Food laws at least 100 years before the Birth of Christ. They retained only the Passover and some of the Temple rites. Some of them even had their circumcision reversed through the painful process of foreskin restoration known as epispasm. Virtually 100 percent of Hellenized Jews adopted Christianity shortly after the Resurrection, and were already a major power player in First Century Christianity by Acts 6.

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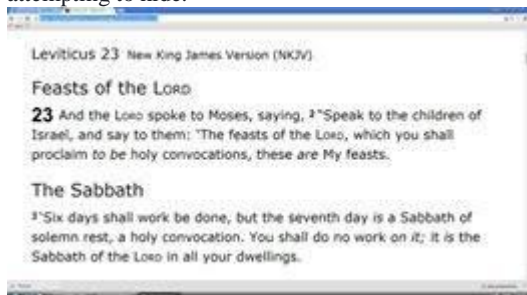
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Larry Dean The notion that the 7th Day Sabbath is not ceremonial is just demolished by its placement in Leviticus 23. It is listed along with all of the other Ceremonial Sabbaths and Feast days as just another routine "Holy Convocation. Leviticus 23 is just a list of all of them. The 7th Day Sabbath is given no more importance than any of the other ones, and its placement in the 10 Commandments is not even mentioned:

You have to keep them all. That is the basis for the burgeoning Adventist Feast Keeper movement that Adventists are so carefully attempting to hide.



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Margie Littell Isn't it interesting that neither Jesus nor the Apostles ever quoted the 4th commandment while they did quote these: [#Sean](#)

- 1). To worship the Lord God only (1st commandment): no less than 50 times
- 2). Idolatry (2nd commandment): condemned 12 times
- 3). Profanity (3rd commandment): condemned 4 times
- 4). Honoring parents (5th commandment) is taught 6 times
- 5). Murder (6th commandment) condemned 6 times
- 6). Adultery (7th commandment) condemned 12 times
- 7). Theft (8th commandment) condemned 4 times
- 8). False Witness (9th commandment) condemned 4 times
- 9). Covetousness (10th commandment) condemned 9 times
- 10). But, we are never commanded to observe the Sabbath in the NT by Jesus or the Apostles.

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Sean D. Pitman Jesus referenced the 4th commandment many times - usually in reference to what was actually lawful to do on the Sabbath in response to those who were constantly accusing Him of breaking the Sabbath commandment. And, He never said that it wasn't binding. What He said is that the Jewish leaders weren't observing it properly. He always held the Sabbath in high esteem - as He did with all of the Ten Commandments that you just listed here.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus referenced the Sabbath only in the breach: when he was breaking it.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) As your actions and refusal to answer questions makes very clear, Saturday is the Savior of the Adventist cult.



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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** The Adventist scam has long known that Saturday is not the Sabbath. When do you think they might finally tell the truth to their members?

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Margie Littell Isn't it also an interesting fact that breaking the Sabbath is never called a sin in the NT:

See these texts... In Mark 7:21-22, 13 sins are listed. Jesus did not mention breaking the Sabbath.

In Romans 1:29-32, 20 sins are listed and not one of them is Sabbath breaking.

In Galatians 5:19-21, a list of 15 sins are given, but Sabbath breaking is not there.

In 1 Timothy 1:9-10 is a list of 11 sins, but Sabbath breaking is not mentioned.

In 2 Timothy 3:1-4 there's a list of 18 sins, but not once is Sabbath breaking mentioned!

In Revelation 21:8, seven types of sin are listed that will get one thrown into the Lake of Fire – but Sabbath breaking is not first on the list of sins, or even mentioned!

In Revelation 22:15, six types of sinners are seen outside the New Jerusalem, but Sabbath-breakers are not the first ones named, or even mentioned!

Something amazing must have happened between this time period:

Numbers 15:36 So the assembly took him outside the camp and stoned him to death, as the Lord commanded Moses.

and this one: Rev.21:8 and Rev. 22:15 where breaking the Sabbath is not even mentioned.

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Larry Dean All of the Translations lump the weekly Sabbath as one of the Ceremonial Sabbaths.

Why? Because the Apostles ruled in Acts 15 that NONE of the Mosaic Law applied to Christians.

No Circumcision = No Sabbath.

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Sean D. Pitman Jesus mentioned breaking the Sabbath all the time since He was accused of it all the time. However, He specifically argued that He did not break the Sabbath commandment because it was lawful to do well on the Sabbath - to help those in need who were suffering.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying. John 5 has Jesus CLEARLY admitting he broke the Sabbath. And John stating that he broke the Sabbath.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** As your actions and refusal to answer questions makes very clear, Saturday is the Savior of the Adventist cult.

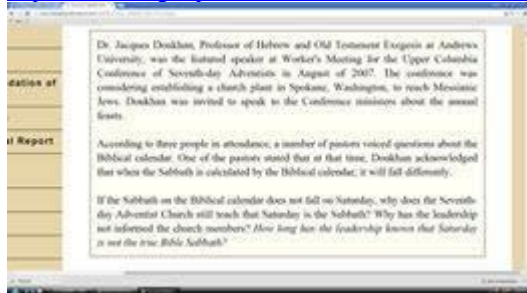


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[Margie Littell Larry Dean](#) instead of using the Sabbath to divide believers in Jesus and to judge folks...by the day they keep...I particularly like Paul's advice in Romans 14:
Don't judge folks by the foods they eat or don't eat...
Don't judge folks by the day they worship together on...

Good advice!

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You forget that Paul was very clear that sin is defined by the Moral Law - by the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God. These, of course, include the 4th Commandment - which Paul kept all of his life. There is no record at all of Paul putting aside Sabbath observance out of his own life. Clearly, Paul was speaking about putting aside the "sabbaths" that were a "shadow of things to come". This includes the ceremonial sabbaths, but certainly not the Sabbath of the Decalogue written in stone by the Finger of Jesus Himself... a commandment that both Jesus and Paul observed faithfully and taught others to observe.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) "Your forget that Paul was very clear that sin is defined by the Moral Law - by the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God."

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) As has been clearly established, Paul repeatedly broke the Sabbath by associating with Gentiles.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Interestingly, there is nowhere in scripture that states a requirement for worship on any specific day. Worship is never mentioned in the 4th commandment that SDA's so carefully protect.

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Sean D. Pitman The 4th Commandment is very clear that the day should be kept holy toward God - to include the forbearance of any unnecessary work for one's own benefit. The commandment clearly indicates a time especially devoted to God - which generally includes some form of worship. Jesus Himself made it a habit to worship on the Sabbath in the synagogues... and He is our pattern in all things.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** "The commandment clearly indicates a time especially devoted to God - which generally includes some form of worship. "

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Gene Greer If, indeed, Jesus is our pattern in all things.....then we should not get married, not be vegetarians, break the Sabbath, and consort with nonbelievers, prostitutes and undesireables, correct, Sean Pitman?

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Absolutely right on, [Gene](#)!! And we should show up at the Jewish synagogue (Jesus WAS Jewish, don't forget!) and stand up to read. If He is our pattern in ALL THINGS, we should walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead, turn water into wine, turn a sack lunch into food for 5,000 hungry diners... Shall I continue?

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Joanne Hoyt Ault The only place scripture says that Jesus was our example is in John 13 regarding having the humility to wash one another's feet. He was our SUBSTITUTIONAL SACRIFICE, NOT our example! SDA's want to promote that idea to bolster their belief that Jesus came to 'show us that the law could be kept perfectly.' Total Bandini!!!

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Larry Dean **Joanne Hoyt Ault** Jesus was a flagrant law-breaker. He violated the Sabbath repeatedly. He associated with Gentiles, women, and lepers, without undergoing to the strict Mosaic laws regarding purity and cleansing.

Finally, he was convicted and executed for Blasphemy. He was Dead Bang Guilty of it too. He REPEATEDLY claimed to be God, and under the Mosaic law a person that claims to be God has committed blasphemy.

Deuteronomy 17:1 gave the Sanhedrin the full authority to determine a perfect sacrifice. When it convicted and executed Jesus for Blasphemy - because he truthfully claimed to be GOD - they were just doing their job and they did it well.

THAT'S what it means when Jesus said he came to "fulfill the law."

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Bob Holland **Joanne Hoyt Ault**, what about 1 Peter 2:21 ?

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Yes, that one too, [Bob](#), that we should be willing to suffer as He suffered, without reviling or deceit (guile).

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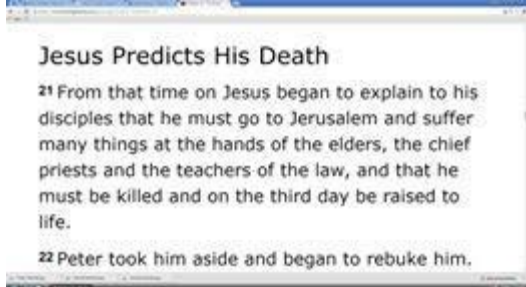
Nancy Paige Jesus made himself unclean many times. Touching a dead body...when he raised the only son of a widow; when the woman with an issue of bleeding touched him; when he healed the blind man by spitting and making mud for his eyes; when he healed the lepers; along with other examples. Jesus made himself unclean by dying on the cross.

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Larry Dean [Nancy Paige](#) IT is illegal under the Mosaic Law to bear the punishment that someone else is sentenced to. It is also illegal to have any part with human sacrifice.

Jesus violated both of those laws. Adventists argue vehemently that Jesus didn't deserve and shouldn't have had his unfair trial and unfair punishment. Jesus disagreed with Adventists. Adventists would make Jesus into a liar:



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Nancy Paige I have had an SDA tell me she could not worship a God who killed animals. I asked her if she could worship a God who gave his own Son to save her from the penalty of the law? She said she could not worship a God like that.

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Sandi Haynes Wow! [Nancy Paige](#)

Something I found among SDA friends after leaving Adventism is that ALL of them have different views about what the Adventist church teaches or they believe. This was surprising to us. I guess there is confusion within its members.

On the flip side, I've found that former Adventist all came to the same truth on their own. None of us knew each other before and yet all of us were led to the same Truth by the Holy Spirit. Now, that's powerful!!

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Joanne Hoyt Ault I had that same revelation, [Sandi](#)! Inspired by the same Holy Spirit, we couldn't help but come to the same conclusions!

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Sandi Haynes Amen!

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman If you would like some actual historical records, and not just modern people talking about those days, then here you go.

The Didache (c. AD 50-100) records that Christians were meeting for corporate worship on the first day of the week, the Lord's day.

"And when coming together on the Lord's own day, break bread and give thanks after confessing your transgressions. In that manner, your sacrifice will be pure. And do not let anyone coming with a quarrel against a brother join you until they get reconciled, in order that your sacrifice is not impure. For this has been spoken of by the Lord, "in every place and time offer me a pure sacrifice, for I am a great King," says the Lord, "and My name is wonderful among the nations."" (Didache Chapter 14)

100 AD BARNABAS "We keep the eighth day [Sunday] with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead" (The Epistle of Barnabas, 100 AD 15:6-8).

100 AD BARNABAS: Moreover God says to the Jews, 'Your new moons and Sabbaths I cannot endure.' You see how he says, 'The present Sabbaths are not acceptable to me, but the Sabbath which I have made in which, when I have rested [heaven: Heb 4] from all things, I will make the beginning of the eighth day which is the beginning of another world.' Wherefore we Christians keep the eighth day for joy, on which also Jesus arose from the dead and when he appeared ascended into heaven. (15:8f, The

Epistle of Barnabas, 100 AD, Ante-Nicene Fathers , vol. 1, pg. 147)

150AD EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLES.- I [Christ] have come into being on the eighth day which is the day of the Lord.

150AD JUSTIN: "He then speaks of those Gentiles, namely us, who in every place offer sacrifices to Him, i.e., the bread of the Eucharist, and also the cup of the Eucharist, affirming both that we glorify His name, and that you profane [it]. The command of circumcision, again, bidding [them] always circumcise the children on the eighth day, was a type of the true circumcision, by which we are circumcised from deceit and iniquity through Him who rose from the dead on the first day after the Sabbath, [namely through] our Lord Jesus Christ. For the first day after the Sabbath, remaining the first of all the days, is called, however, the eighth, according to the number of all the days of the cycle, and [yet] remains the first." (Justin, Dialogue 41:4)

150AD JUSTIN: ...those who have persecuted and do persecute Christ, if they do not repent, shall not inherit anything on the holy mountain. But the Gentiles, who have believed on Him, and have repented of the sins which they have committed, they shall receive the inheritance along with the patriarchs and the prophets, and the just men who are descended from Jacob, even although they neither keep the Sabbath, nor are circumcised, nor observe the feasts. Assuredly they shall receive the holy inheritance of God. (Dialogue With Trypho the Jew, 150-165 AD, Ante-Nicene Fathers , vol. 1, page 207)

150AD JUSTIN: But if we do not admit this, we shall be liable to fall into foolish opinion, as if it were not the same God who existed in the times of Enoch and all the rest, who neither were circumcised after the flesh, nor observed Sabbaths, nor any other rites, seeing that Moses enjoined such observances... For if there was no need of circumcision before Abraham, or of the observance of Sabbaths, of feasts and sacrifices, before Moses; no more need is there of them now, after that, according to the will of God, Jesus Christ the Son of God has been born without sin, of a virgin sprung from the stock of Abraham. (Dialogue With Trypho the Jew, 150-165 AD, Ante-Nicene Fathers , vol. 1, page 206)

150AD JUSTIN: "And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration." (First apology of Justin, Weekly Worship of the Christians, Ch 68)

150AD JUSTIN: We are always together with one another. And for all the things with which we are supplied we bless the Maker of all through his Son Jesus Christ and through his Holy Spirit. And on the day called Sunday there is a gathering together in the same place of all who live in a city or a rural district. (There follows an account of a Christian worship service, which is quoted in VII.2.) We all make our assembly in common on the day of the Sun, since it is the first day, on which God changed the darkness and matter and made the world, and Jesus Christ our Savior arose from the dead on the same day. For they crucified him on the day before Saturn's day, and on the day after (which is the day of the Sun he appeared to his apostles and taught his disciples these things. (Apology, 1, 67:1-3, 7; First Apology, 145 AD, Ante-Nicene Fathers , Vol. 1, pg. 186)

200AD BARDESANES: Wherever we are, we are all called after the one name of Christ Christians. On one day, the first of the week, we assemble ourselves together (On Fate)

I could keep going with many, many more quotes, even from Ignatius of Antioch, that show that Christians have kept the first day, and referenced it as "The Lord's Day" since before John even wrote Revelation.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It is quite clear that the discarding of the Sabbath starting quite early, during the early part of the second century after the Resurrection, in places like Rome and Alexandria. However, this was not universal and it did not start with the apostles of Christ. The Sabbath was observed by Jesus and His followers at the time of His death. According to Luke, "Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment." (Luke 23:56).

Some may argue that some of His followers did not know that the Sabbath commandment was done away that quickly -- but certainly Luke would have known this if it were true since he wrote this account decades after Jesus died. If Luke, a long-time companion of the Apostle Paul, thought that the Sabbath was no longer binding after the death of Jesus, he would no doubt have

clarified this, but he didn't do this. The rest of the disciples are also recording as worshipping on the Sabbath day, to include Paul who made it his custom (Acts 17:2). In fact, this custom was taught to the entire early church so much so that Sabbath observance was continued among Jewish and Gentile converts for quite some time. It first died out in Rome and Alexandria, but not until the early second century. And, outside of these regions, Sabbath observance often continued for many hundreds of years.

Consider, for example, the words of the 5th-century historian Socrates:

"For although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this. (Socrates Scholasticus. Ecclesiastical History, Book V, Chapter XXII. Excerpted from Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Second Series, Volume 2. Edited by Philip Schaff and Henry Wace. American Edition, 1890. Online Edition Copyright © 2005 by K. Knight).

Sabbath-keeping also had a long history in the British Isles. Sabbath-keeping was clearly occurring in the Celtic regions until at least 886. The Celtic Church which occupied Ireland, Scotland, and Britain, had the Syriac (Byzantine) scriptures instead of the Latin vulgate of Rome. The Celtic Church, with the Waldenses and the Eastern empire, kept the seventh-day Sabbath... The Roman 'movement' to supersede the Celtic Sabbath with Sunday 'culminated in the production of an (apocryphal) 'Letter of Jesus', or 'Letter of Lord's day', alleged to have been found on the altar of Peter in Rome; and is said in the annals to have been brought to Ireland by a pilgrim (c. 886). Upon this basis laws were promulgated, imposing heavy penalties for those that violated on Sunday certain regulations derived from Jewish prohibitions for Sabbath. . . . (Ibid., page 28.) (Celtic Sabbath-Keeping Study No. 264, from Cherith Chronicle, April-June 1998, pp. 46-47. <http://www.giveshare.org/.../264.celtic-sabbath-keeping.html> 6/24/06).

Notice some of the statements by Ethiopian Emperor Galawdewos (A.D. 1540-1559):

"We do celebrate the Sabbath, because God, after He had finished the Creation of the World, rested thereon...and that especially, since Christ came not to dissolve the law but to fulfill it. It is therefore not in the imitation of the Jews, but in obedience to Christ, and His holy apostles, that we observe that day." (Quoted in Bradford C.E. Sabbath Roots, The African Connection. L. Brown and Sons, Barre (VT), 1999, p. 26).

The 17th century historian William Cave reported that the early Christians in Asia Minor (which he called "the Eastern parts"), kept the Sabbath. Notice his report:

"The Sabbath or Saturday (for so the word sabbatum is constantly used in the writings of the fathers, when speaking of it as it relates to Christians) was held by them in great veneration, and especially in the Eastern parts honoured with all the public solemnities of religion...This is plain, not only from some passages in Ignatius and Clemens's Constitutions, but from writers of more unquestionable credit and authority. Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, tells us, that they assembled on Saturdays, not that they were infected with Judaism, but only to worship Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath." (Cave William, D.D. Primitive Christianity: or the Religion of the Ancient Christians in the First Ages of the Gospel. 1840 edition revised by H. Cary. Oxford, London, pp. 84,85).

Ebionites and Nazarenes, groups who claimed descent from the Jerusalem church, were keeping the Sabbath in the fourth century, and their observance of Jewish laws probably goes back to apostolic times.

Polycarp, the disciple of the John the beloved, kept the seventh day Sabbath and endorsed the Ten Commandments as binding.

Scholars in this field recognize that the apostle James and the church at Jerusalem never gave up Sabbath keeping so long as Jerusalem stood. When Paul was there at least two years after he wrote the epistle to the Galatians, he proceeded to show that he was in accord with his brethren in Jerusalem, as is recorded in Acts 21:20-24. Even after that, when he was at Rome, he said, "I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers." Acts 28:17.

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Sean D. Pitman THE EPISTLE OF BARNABAS: Not actually written by Barnabas, but probably by someone from Alexandria. It was probably written between the years 100 – 131 A.D. It is not accepted as Scripture for several reasons to include numerous errors and inconsistencies with the rest of Scripture.

THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLES: Also non-canonical... not written by any of the actual apostles of Christ. Also, there are different versions of the text – especially this particular passage that you cite. All we have are some fourth- or fifth-century Coptic fragments, a few small fifth-century Latin fragments, and several eighteenth-century Ethiopic manuscripts. The Ethiopic manuscripts alone preserve this document in its entirety. So, where the text says "eight," quotes from various web sites usually say "eighth day." Whether they have also added "day" to the phrase "day of the Lord," we cannot tell, since we don't presently have access to the Coptic text. But much more importantly, these web sites only cite the Coptic version, not the Ethiopic version,

without informing their readers of that fact. The Ethiopic version says nothing about days at all! In other words, the different versions say different things. One should also note that this quotation says nothing about Christians meeting for worship on either Sabbath or Sunday. All that is of interest is the quotation's apparent identification of Sunday as the "day of the Lord." But whether the writer thought every Sunday was the day of the Lord, or whether he thought that only Easter Sunday was the day of the Lord, cannot be determined from the passage. Since Sunday began to be called the Lord's day sometime in the last half of the second century, it would be no surprise if a document written around 150 A.D. did so. But 150 A.D. is about 120 years after the cross. That means that we have to wait until at least 120 years after the cross before we find any documents calling Sunday the Lord's day. Yet in regards to Epistula Apostolorum, it cannot be known for sure when the words in question made their way into the text. Were they part of the original? Were they added by the Coptic translator? Were they added by a fourth- or fifth-century copyist? No one knows for sure. But, in light of some commentaries on Justin Martyr (150 A.D.), identification of every Sunday as being the "Lord's day" seems unlikely (<http://www.pickle-publishing.com/papers/sunday-fraud.htm>).

JUSTIN MARTYR: Most of the rest of your quotes are from Justin Martyr. There would have had to be two very different professing Christian groups in Ephesus. Justin Martyr specifically claimed his group did not observe the Sabbath, keep the Feasts, or eat unleavened bread (Dialogue with Trypho. Chapter 18). Yet, according to the Catholic historian Eusebius, Polycrates later confirmed that Passover was continually kept on the 14th and unleavened bread was still eaten annually by the Christians who were the followers of Polycarp and John in Ephesus (Eusebius. Church History. Book V, Chapter 24). Perhaps it should be noted that in the famous letter The Martyrdom of Polycarp it is clear that those in Polycarp's area, which included Ephesus, still kept the Sabbath (Verse 8.1. Holmes MW, ed. As translated in The Apostolic Fathers Greek Texts and English Translations. Baker Books, Grand Rapids, 3rd printing 2004, p. 231) (more can information can be found in the article Location of the Early Church: Another Look at Ephesus, Smyrna, & Rome). It is possible that the reason that Justin Martyr decided to leave Ephesus and go to Rome was because the true Christians in Ephesus (and nearby Smyrna) would not accept him or his teachings. Also, the "eighth day" concept presented by Justin was a Gnostic concept called the Ogdoad that pagan philosophers advocated. As a philosopher this may be part of where Justin got his "eighth day" mystical ideas, but it isn't in the Bible outside of a period of time to wait before circumcision. The eighth day of circumcision had nothing to do with any day of the week--its was the eighth day of a male baby's life. There is NOTHING in the entire Bible that ties the circumcising on the eighth day of life to the seventh day Sabbath-rest. There are a couple of places in the Old Testament about the eighth day being a Sabbath (Leviticus 23:39; Nehemiah 8:18), but this is the eighth day associated with the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles (a Feast/Holy Day that Justin does not support) and it also has NOTHING to do with a day of the week. In short, Justin Martyr came up with these ideas outside of anything found in Scripture or the influence of the Apostles of Christ.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Ignatius's Epistle to the Magnesians strongly condemns Sabbath Keeping. It was written in 107 AD.

Sabbath Keeping was banned throughout the Roman Empire by decree of Hadrian in 135 AD. Dozens of Rabbis were killed under the decree, but no Christians.

This forced Adventist theologian Samuele Bacchiocchi to concede that Sabbath abandonment was unanimous by 135 AD.

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman. I never claimed that Barnabas was scripture. And I am quite aware of the claims made by some. However, those claims have not been proven and simply remain as speculation. Thus the quotes stand.

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Larry Dean [Daniel Dulcich](#) Barnabas, Ignatius of Antioch's Letter to the Magnesians, Justin Martyr, Hadrian's 135 AD decree, the Didache are all relevant extra-biblical historical documents that prove beyond all reasonable doubt that 99 percent of all Christians had rejected Sabbath Keeping no later than 135 AD.

And that is at the LATEST.

The Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, and the Assyrian Churches of the East all insist that Sunday worship commenced on Resurrection morning, and escalated only further on the Day of Pentecost.

All three of these churches have deep-seated animosity toward Roman Catholicism. If any of them thought Rome instituted Sunday worship, they would all three convert to Saturday-keeping out of sheer spite.

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Daniel Dulcich Yep! There are also letters, of historical record, from local governors of the Roman Empire which speak of the religious sect known as Christians who gather together on the first day of the week. The letters are discussing civil policies and local problems that these governors are having, one being the persecution of Christians by the Jews.

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Sean D. Pitman Daniel and Larry: You are failing to read and understand the evidence that clearly shows that, outside of Rome and Alexandria, Sabbath keeping was persistent and widespread for hundreds of years. And, the loss of Sabbath keeping did not creep into even Rome or Alexandria until the early 2nd century. Your claims that the vast majority of the earliest Christians, to include the apostles themselves, rejected the Sabbath is clearly mistaken. You simply have not addressed the numerous reliable documents that counter this strange uninformed position of yours.

Beyond this, you cite numerous questionable references – some of which have been significantly altered at later dates or are downright forgeries. The Epistle of the Apostles, as previously noted, is different in different versions, with some versions not even mentioning the quotes you're using.

In addition, the earliest author you cite in favor of observing Sunday as a worship day (as opposed to the Sabbath) is Ignatius in his "Epistle to the Magnesians" around 107 AD. The problem here is that of the fifteen Epistles generally attributed to Ignatius, eight of them are outright forgeries. But, that's not all, of the remaining seven Epistles that Ignatius may have had a hand in writing, according to Eusebius, there are different versions – shorter and longer versions. And, now, it is generally accepted that the longer versions have been extensively corrupted and are clearly not reliable. And, many Christian historians also question the credibility of the shorter versions as well – to include Lardner (Credibility of the Gospel History, 1743), Jortin (1751), Mosheim (1755), Griesbach (1768), Rosenmüller (1795), Neander (1826), and many others.

Now, the passage many quote in the Epistle to the Magnesians is taken from the "longer form" of the text as follows:

"And after the observance of the Sabbath, let every friend of Christ keep the Lord's day as a festival, the Resurrection Day, the queen and chief of all the days." - Epistle to the Magnesians (longer form), chap 9

This particular passage that is most often cited was not actually written by Ignatius, but was written about the time that the Apostolical Constitutions from 375 to 380 AD. What is interesting here, however, is that even though this passage was written over 200 years after Ignatius, it still cites the fact that the Sabbath was being observed. This forged passage serves to highlight the transition from Sabbath to Sunday observance within the Christian church over time. Sunday, or the "Lord's Day" as it was later called, was more and more often observed as a fun day, a "festival" day, while the Sabbath was more and more often observed as a day of fasting – not fun at all. No wonder, then, that Sunday became the more popular day over the centuries.

As an aside, you have cited Barnabas and Justin in support of your position. However, there is something very interesting about these authors. If Sunday was known as the "Lord's day" during the last of the first and the early part of the second century, how can we explain the fact that the two strongest advocates of Sunday observance in the second century, Barnabas and Justin Martyr (in fact, the only ones thus far discovered, who denounced Sabbath observance and urged the observance of Sunday in that period - most of the rest of the church leaders and members during this time clearly continued to observe the Sabbath day as a day of worship) never referred to Sunday as "the Lord's day"? Although they were trying to find a reason for observing Sunday, yet they always referred to it simply as the first day, or the eighth day; and in one instance Justin used the heathen expression, "he tou heliou hemera," the day of the sun, in referring to it. If Sunday was then known as "the Lord's day," and these men were urging the observance of it, why did they not use that title, and cite the apostle John as their example? All this seems to indicate that these men and their associates knew nothing about Sunday as "the Lord's day."

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are failing to note that the position of the Greek Orthodox Church is two-fold:

- a). Sunday assembly commenced on Resurrection morning, only gaining velocity on the Day of Pentecost.
- b). The Greek Church NEVER kept the Sabbath. The Greek hatred of the Sabbath was well-documented BEFORE the Birth of Christ in 1 Maccabees 1. And it continues to this day with just 442 Adventists in Greece, a country of 11 million people.

Your contention that the Greeks would have ever accepted Christianity with the Sabbath attached is simply dishonest and laughable.

They have made themselves crystal clear about the Sabbath for 2,200 years. The Greeks have never changed and never will.

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Daniel Dulcich Sean D. Pitman What I find interesting is that you cling to the conspiracy theories of Sabbatarians in relation to the numerous writings. The Bible, itself, supports the position of Christians gathering together on the first day of the week.

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Margie Littell Sean D. Pitman have you noticed yet it was the Sabbath keepers who had Paul beaten, thrown in jail, run out of town, and left for dead?

Did you ask why?

Acts 18:13 "This man," they charged, "is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law."

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman The genuineness of Ignatius's Epistles (he died in 107 AD) is no longer in serious dispute.

"The shorter versions of the seven epistles of St. Ignatius of Antioch, considered by scholars to be the authentic texts. The so-called longer versions are thought to be 4th century forgeries. In these electronic versions the footnotes, unfortunately, were not provided."

https://www.ewtn.com/lib.../PATRISTC/ignatius_magnesians.htm

EPISTLE TO THE MAGNESIANS

Ignatius, who is also called Theophorus, to the [Church] blessed in the grace of God the Father, in Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whom I salute the Church which is at Magnesia, near the Moeander, and wish it abundance of happiness in God the father, and in Jesus Christ.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman "Sunday, or the "Lord's Day" as it was later called, was more and more often observed as a fun day, a "festival" day, while the Sabbath was more and more often observed as a day of fasting – not fun at all. No wonder, then, that Sunday became the more popular day over the centuries. "

Your ignorance of the practices of the Eastern Orthodox Church are simply abominable.

The weekly fasting days of the Eastern Church have ALWAYS been Wednesday and Friday.

There is only ONE Saturday fasting year of the year, and that is Holy Saturday, the day before Pascha.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Here's some accurate information on the Fasting days of the Eastern Church.

Maybe you should look at non-Adventist authorities on Eastern fasting practices in the future? Maybe the Orthodox have more to say about their fasting days than Adventists do?

https://orthodoxwiki.org/Fasting#Fasting_days

Fasting - OrthodoxWiki

Orthodox Christians also regularly fast on Wednesdays and Fridays to commemorate, respectively, Christ's betrayal by Judas Iscariot and His Crucifixion. Monasteries additionally commemorate the angels on Mondays by fasting.

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Daniel Dulcich Acts 20:7

7On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

And before you try to use the Sabbatarian excuse of Saturday night, the Koine Greek text makes it abundantly clear that this occurrence is during daylight on the first day, and then continues into the dark hours, thus requiring the use of lamps. And Luke, the author of Acts, being a Greek and not a Jew, does not use Jewish time descriptions in his texts.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Your statement that Ignatius's Epistles were forgeries was commonly believed in the Middle Ages. That has been refuted totally by modern-scholarship.

Next time, try to cite stuff that is newer than 500 years old, why don't you?

<https://ianhughclary.wordpress.com/.../the-authenticity.../>

The Authenticity of Ignatius' Seven Letters

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Steve C Yu Both chapter 8 and 9 of the Letter to the Magnesians, makes it quite clear that Ignatius meant what he said; that the early Christians did NOT observe the Sabbath any longer, but gathered on Sunday, The Lords Day instead. "Be not deceived with strange doctrines, nor with old fables, which are unprofitable. For if we still live according to the Jewish law, we acknowledge that we have not received grace...If, therefore, those who were brought up in the ancient order of things have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's Day, on which also our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death— whom some deny, by which mystery we have obtained faith, and therefore endure, that we may be found the disciples of Jesus Christ, our only Master— how shall we be able to live apart from Him, whose disciples the prophets themselves in the Spirit did wait for Him as their Teacher? And therefore He whom they rightly waited for, having come, raised them from the dead." Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Magnesians, Chapter 8 & 9, 109 AD (Disciple of St. John the Apostle)

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Steve C Yu Also, SDA apologists should not be using the Eubonites as a source to support their Sabbath observations. The Eubonites were considered heretics because they denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. http://biblehub.com/.../chapter_xxvii_the_heresy_of_the.htm

The Heresy of the Ebionites.

2. For they considered him a plain and common man, who was justified only because of his superior virtue, and who was the fruit of the intercourse of a man with Mary. In their opinion the observance of the ceremonial law was altogether necessary, on the ground that they could not be saved by faith i...

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Larry Dean Steve C Yu The Ebionites - along with their rejection of the Divinity of Christ and the Trinity - also claimed that Jesus was an angel and Satan's brother. They also claimed that Saturday and vegetarianism were necessary for Salvation. They also fancied themselves as quite the clairvoyant spirit mediums, who could summons up angels at will.

Does any of this sound vaguely familiar?

They went extinct about 170 years after the Resurrection. Adventism is now almost 170 years old.

We can always hope, can't we?

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Steve C Yu Larry Dean Thanks for that info! Very insightful.

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Steve C Yu Additionally, SDA apologists should stop using the Nazerites in addition to the Ebonites. This sect accepted the Aramaic written Book of Hebrews (they were Jewish converts), but rejected the Apostle Paul's writings. Because of this, it is not surprising that they would be out of touch with the Gentile Christian world and many other Jewish converts who recognized God's grace: <http://jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/11393-nazarenes>

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Larry Dean Steve C Yu The Ebionites also rejected the writings of St. Paul. Credit must be given where credit is due: Quite a few Adventist theologians have quietly argued that Paul's writings should be removed from the Bible, since they contradict Ellen's writings so harshly.

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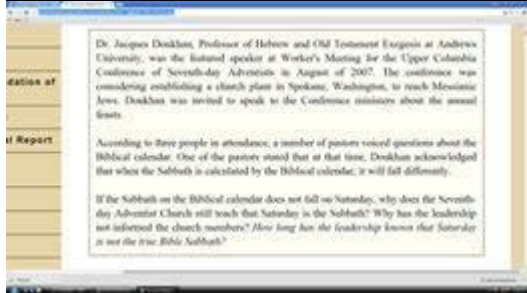
[Steve C Yu](#) [Larry Dean](#), I wouldn't be surprised. It may make it onto the next version of the Muddy, I mean Clear Word Bible one day. 😊

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[Larry Dean](#) The Adventist scam has long known that Saturday is not the Sabbath. When do you think they might finally tell the truth to their members?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The 7th-day Sabbath is very ancient. There really is no question which day is the 7th. For the thousands of years since Judaism began, an entire nation of Jews has kept track of the weekly cycle and observed the seventh day Sabbath, sometimes even without a calendar. Nevertheless, many rationalize that it's impossible to verify which day of the week is actually the biblical Sabbath because Pope Gregory XIII changed the calendar. The Julian calendar, instituted by Julius Caesar around 46 B.C., calculated the length of the year as 365 1/4 days. In reality, the year is 11 minutes less than 365 1/4 days. So by the 1580s, the calendar and the solar cycle were ten days off. In 1582, Gregory changed the calendar so that Friday, October 5, became Friday, October 15, creating the Gregorian calendar we use today. But it did not confuse the days of the week; Friday still follows Thursday, Saturday still follows Friday, and so on and so forth...

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[Larry Dean](#) "For the thousands of years since Judaism began, an entire nation of Jews has kept track of the weekly cycle and observed the seventh day Sabbath, sometimes even without a calendar."

Proof text please.

Among the texts used by the Jews (Mishnah and Talmud) it is simply undisputed that a Lunar Calendar was used, and that New Moons was a Holy Sabbath and the first day of the Month.

This didn't change until at least 300 AD.

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[Larry Dean](#) Pope Gregory's calendar (which Adventists idolize and vehemently insist on for their Saturn's Day/Savior doctrine) is not synchronized with either the Jewish or the Julian calendar.

You are simply lying about how Judaism calculates its lunar calendar.

<http://www.thesanhedrin.org/en/index.php...>

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[Larry Dean](#) ROTFLOL....The irony is, William Miller used the Jewish Lunar calendar to calculate October 22, 1844, the date when modern Seventh Day Adventists insist is the day the Investigative Judgment began. Adventists insist that for this day-setting, the Jewish lunar calendar trumps the Gregorian calendar.

They have strenuously kept this hidden from Adventist members.

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Among many other things they have purposely hidden from the laity, [Larry](#) - For instance the 1919 Bible Conference information! I was born into Adventism (3rd-gen), and remained in the church for 54 years, but only found about the 1919 thing a couple of years ago!! Well hidden, I'd say!!

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Larry Dean [Joanne Hoyt Ault](#) ROTFLOL.....

The following was calculated using the Jewish Lunar Calendar. You cannot GET a more screamingly funny irony: "The Pillar and Foundation" of Adventism was calculated using a Jewish Lunar Calendar. But the Saturday-savior doctrine depends on Pope Gregory's calendrical invention.

"The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:14. These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord's soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy repeated as the watchword of their faith. All felt that upon the events therein foretold depended their brightest expectations and most cherished hopes. These prophetic days had been shown to terminate in the autumn of 1844. In common with the rest of the Christian world, Adventists then held that the earth, or some portion of it, was the sanctuary. They understood that the cleansing of the sanctuary was the purification of the earth by the fires of the last great day, and that this would take place at the second advent. Hence the conclusion that Christ would return to the earth in 1844."

<https://text.egwwritings.org/publication.php?pubtype=Book...>

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Larry Dean Adventism's most fundamental doctrines and the reasons that it exist are based solely on the Jewish Lunar calendar:

"The luni-solar calendar with its Sabbaths regulated by the courses of the moon should be studied by every Seventh-day Adventist. It is this calendar that was used by the Millerites to establish the ending date of the 2300 day prophecy. This prophecy, found in Daniel 8:14, and the cleansing of the sanctuary that it predicts, is Adventism's most unique, distinctive doctrine."

<http://www.4angelspublications.com/lunisolar.php>

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Larry Dean Take your pick on which of these doctrines Adventists are the most hypocritical and dishonest and deceitful about:

a). The Pillar and Foundation of the Adventist Faith is October 22, 1844, where Daniel 8:14 was supposedly fulfilled. Even Adventists admit that it was indisputably calculated using the Jewish Lunar Calendar. Adventism has gone to great lengths to hide this from Adventist membership, since it eliminates any possibility that Saturday is the Biblical Sabbath.

b). For its Saturn's-day-Savior doctrine, Adventists vehemently-insist that Pope Gregory's 1580 calendar is the only one that is reliable and corresponds with antiquity.

Ironically 500 Million Europeans - ironically the most Catholic continent on earth - have discarded Pope Gregory's calendar and have adopted the ISO Calendar. Adventists are more dedicated to a Pope's calendar than Catholic Europe!

The hilarious comedy of Adventism just doesn't get any richer than this.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_week_date



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[Margie Littell](#) [#Sean](#)...do you know what a HIGH Sabbath is? It is not possible for us in our present solar calendar to have a HIGH Sabbath...so the Bible's recitation of the crucifixion proves the Sabbath in the Bible is not Saturday....John 19:31 [Full Chapter]

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a High Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

I believe but ask [Larry Dean](#) the Eastern Orthodox church does understand what a High Sabbath is...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Margie Littell](#) The High or Holy Sabbath that is the day before Easter is simply a continuation of the Jewish tradition of High Sabbath. Easter (or "Pascha" as it is known in the East) is nothing more than Christianized Passover.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Saturday

[Holy Saturday - Wikipedia](#)

Holy Saturday (Latin: Sabbatum Sanctum), the Saturday of Holy Week, also known as the...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Margie Littell](#) Before I forget, both Eastern and Western Christianity continue to use the Jewish Lunar Calendar to set the day of Easter (West) and Pascha (East). They use different formulas that most of the time end at different days, but both of them indisputably use lunar calendars to set the day that the Resurrection is celebrated.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/.../determining-easter-date.html>



[Calculating the Easter Date](#)

The date of Easter Day is usually the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Margie Littell](#) How to calculate Easter was one of the earliest disagreements among Western and Eastern Christianity.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quartodecimanism>

[Quartodecimanism - Wikipedia](#)

The term "Quartodecimanism" (from the Vulgate Latin quarta decima in Leviticus 23:5,[1] meaning fourteenth) refers to the custom of early Christians celebrating Passover beginning with the eve of the 14th day of Nisan (or Aviv in the Hebrew Bible calendar), which at dusk is biblically the "Lord's pa...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) What do you want? The Jews have in fact been rather religious about keeping track of the weekly Sabbath - a Sabbath which Jesus Himself observed and honored. As far as the notion of a "lunar Sabbath", it's a bunch of nonsense: <http://www.sabbathtruth.com/.../what-about-the-lunar-sabbath>

[What About the Lunar Sabbath? | Sabbath Truth](#)

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) I don't wonder that you would say such a thing, given your absolute defiant rejection of God's Commandments in Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3. So of COURSE you think you can do a better job of interpreting the law than the people that God chose to interpret it!

But the Sanhedrin disagrees with you now and disagreed with you at the time when Jesus walked on the earth.

But then, you also reject the Holy New Moons day too. What did you think that was for? Why would the first day of the month be called New Moons and why was it kept Holy?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) ROTFLOL....Adventists are the first people in history that think that you can have "law" without a court system and without an central authority to interpret and enforce it. That must be why you have also jettisoned the Mandatory Death Penalty for Sabbath violations, a commandment that came straight out of the mouth of God.

Did you get together in a barn with the local illiterate farmers to figure out how to interpret law? '

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) You completely misread what I wrote. There were new moon "sabbaths", but these did not change the weekly cycle or alter the 7th-day Sabbath within that weekly cycle.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The New Moons was the first day of the month. Each Sabbath was on precisely the same day every month, each in 7-day increments from the New Moons.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) That's why when you look at the Jewish Calendar, you will see things like "Nissan 14."

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Your argument is absolutely rejected by the Jewish Courts.

You DID know that there were no written calendars at the time of Jesus, didn't you?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) While it is true that the New Moon was on the first day of the month, it is not true that the weekly Sabbath, the 7th-day Sabbath, was on the same day of the month. Read the article I cited for you above...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) I have read it. And the Sanhedrin disagreed with you at the time of Christ and disagrees with you now.

<http://www.thesanhedrin.org/en/index.php...>



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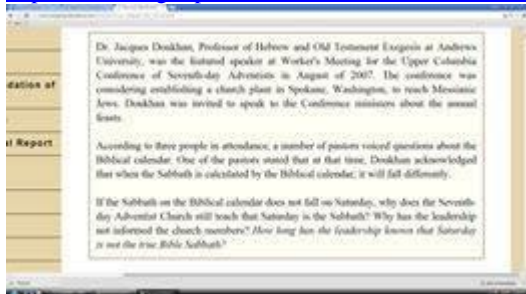
[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Again, you're mistaken...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Your own Andrews theological seminary professor also disagrees with you. Also, the date of October 22, 1844 disagrees with you.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Sanhedrin has the authority to make those kind of pronouncements. Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3 are crystal clear on that.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) The vast majority of theologians and historians actually agree with me on this one.... sorry.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) 100 percent of the Jewish courts and the Sanhedrin disagree with you. And since they are the only ones with the authority to make that determination, they win.

And so does your own theology professor:

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) I guess I will go ahead and obey Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3.

That part about God COMMANDING it both times sounds pretty emphatic.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying about the vast majority of theologians and historians rejecting the Lunar calendar.

We published a comprehensive survey of the historians and theologians opinions of the Jewish lunar calendar in "Lying for God." The majority of Christian historians and the UNANIMOUS Jewish ones agree with the lunar calendar.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You seem to have a habit of accusing people of "lying" whenever they disagree with you. However, such an accusation would suggest that you understand my motives. If you aren't a mind reader, then I suggest you simply say that you disagree rather than accuse those who don't agree with you of sinister motives. As far as the lunar Sabbath concept, see also: <https://www.adventistbiblicalresearch.org/.../Weekly...>

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) I co-wrote Lying for God, so I know how many historians and theologians have put out opinions on the lunar calendar. We covered them all.

Notably, you cannot escape the fact that October 22, 1844 was calculated with a lunar calendar. That date is the Pillar and Foundation of the Adventist Faith.

The Vast overwhelming majority of them agree with the UNANIMOUS Jewish authorities that the lunar calendar was the Biblical one.

That is also supported by the Biblical system of New Moons.

And of course, only the Jewish Courts had the authority to make a final decision and they emphatically agreed and agree that the Lunar calendar was the Biblical one.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) We covered the Lunar calendar controversy in a VERY long chapter of Lying for God.

No Adventist has managed to refute even the most minor of the facts. Lots of tried. All have failed.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Probably one of the best arguments against the lunar Sabbath concerns Pentecost. God instructs that the Day of Pentecost, correctly counted, will always occur on the day after a Sabbath:

You are to count seven complete weeks starting from the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the presentation offering. You are to count 50 days until the day after the seventh Sabbath and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord. (Leviticus 23:15-16 [HCSB])

So, the requirement that Pentecost fall on the day after the seventh Sabbath becomes a "check point" to ensure that we have counted correctly.

A person keeping the lunar Sabbath will never find an occasion where the count of those fifty days brings him to the day after the Sabbath he is keeping. Try it for yourself with paper and pencil; it will soon become clear that absolutely no scenario exists where Pentecost falls on the day after a lunar Sabbath. It will never happen.

If the concept of the lunar Sabbath were correct, the requirement that Pentecost fall after a Sabbath would be impossible to meet. The model that lunar Sabbatarians use to determine the Sabbath does not mesh with the instruction concerning Pentecost, as stated in Leviticus 23:15-16.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Read Lying for God. It has the broadest coverage of the Lunar Calendar controversy anywhere.

And then we'll talk.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) There's no point in going over this when the basic concept is clearly not Biblical and wasn't observed by Jesus or the Jews of His day...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying again.

The Feast of Weeks is 49 days after Passover. The Day of Pentecost is 49 days after the Resurrection.

Easter and Pascha (Eastern Easter) is STILL set with a lunar calendar, just like Passover was.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Passover was set with a lunar calendar. the Apostles were in Jerusalem for the Feast of weeks on the Day of Pentecost when they had the Holy Spirit.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Probably the reason you are upset by the Day of Pentecost being 49 days after Passover is because it fell on a Sunday, the same day as the Resurrection.

The two most important days of Christianity BOTH fell on the First day of the week.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It's 50 days actually, and it always lands on a Sunday after the Sabbath. That doesn't happen with the "lunar Sabbath" system...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both the Resurrection ("the day of the 2nd Creation") and the Day of Pentecost ("The birthday of the Church") both happened on the First Day.

The Assyrian Church of the East and the Armenian Apostolic Church were founded two years after the Resurrection by two Apostles - Thaddeus and Bartholomew - who were both martyred.

They both insist that they have worshiped on Sunday since they were founded and never kept the Sabbath. They are both located entirely outside of the Roman Empire and have never been in communion with Rome.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both the Resurrection and the Day of Pentecost (49 days later) fell on the first day of the week.

God was telling us something. The two most significant days of Christianity and Christian history BOTH fell on the First Day of the Week.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both Passover and Easter continue to be set by both Judaism and Christianity using the lunar calendar:

"The Christian holiday of Pentecost (Ancient Greek: Πεντηκοστή [ἡμέρα], Pentēkostē [hēmera], "[the] fiftieth [day]") is celebrated 50 (49 + 1) days from Easter Sunday, counting inclusive of Easter Sunday itself, i. e. 49 days or 7 weeks after Easter Sunday.[1][2] Therefore it always occurs on a Sunday. It is also the tenth day after Ascension Thursday, which itself is 40 days from Easter, counting inclusive of Easter Sunday itself.

The Christian Pentecost is based on the New Testament, where it refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1–31. According to Luke 22:12–13, the descent of the

Holy Spirit occurred while the Apostles were celebrating the Jewish day of Shavuot (Hebrew: שבועות, lit. "Weeks"), the Feast of Weeks, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law to Moses at Sinai. Subsequently, "Pentecost" may refer to the Pentecost of the New Testament and Shavuot of the Old Testament. Shavuot is a significant event shared by Jews and Christians but Christians do not commonly celebrate it as a separate holiday.

In the Christian liturgical year it became a feast commemorating what is described by some Christians as the "Birthday of the Church"

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost>



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The Christian holiday of Pentecost (Ancient Greek: Πεντηκοστή [ἡμέρα],...

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) There is simply no dispute that both Passover and Eastern ("Pascha" in the Eastern Church) are both set by a lunar calendar. It was one of the nagging issues in the church that cropped up early in the 2nd century:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quartodecimanism>

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The term "Quartodecimanism" (from the Vulgate Latin quarta decima in Leviticus 23:5,[1] meaning fourteenth) refers to the custom of early Christians celebrating Passover beginning with the eve of the 14th day of Nisan (or Aviv in the Hebrew Bible calendar), which at dusk is biblically the "Lord's pa...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, you're not doing the math. It doesn't work out if you use the "Lunar Sabbath" concept. A similar problem exists for the Passover. The Passover, at the time of Jesus' death was supposed to fall on a weekly Sabbath; and this weekly Sabbath is also supposed to be a moon phase (either a no moon, a half moon or a full moon). This does not work, because Jesus was resurrected three days later, and three days later is not a moon phase. If you study Lunar Sabbath theory you will see several variations on this theme, but they all share the same downfall, in that it requires three moon phases in a seven or eight day period. There is just simply no physical way that this can ever happen.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) You are dead wrong that Passover falls on the weekly Sabbath.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eve_of_Passover_on_Shabbat

[Eve of Passover on Shabbat - Wikipedia](#)

In Judaism, when the Eve of Passover (Hebrew: פסח ערב, Erev Pesach) falls on Shabbat, special laws regarding the preparation for Passover are observed.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) You may wish to review a Jewish Passover calendar before you make such a glaring public error again. Passover falls on Tuesday this year:

<http://www.chabad.org/.../1723/jewish/Passover-Calendar.htm>



[The Passover Calendar—2017 - An overview of the days of Passover in...](#)

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) I was talking about the specific Passover at the time of Jesus' death...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Back to Pentecost: Pentecost means 50th. It takes exactly 50 days to arrive at Pentecost—seven Sabbaths of precisely seven days each or $7 \times 7 + 1 = 50$. Partial weeks or extra days don't compute.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, both the Passover and the weekly Sabbath are determined by the lunar calendar.

That is crystal clear from both history and the rulings of the Jewish Courts.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) So you are saying now that the Resurrection and the day of Pentecost were both on Sabbath?

49 days from Resurrection to Pentecost, inclusive of Resurrection Sunday.

You don't think Passover is just one day do you?

It can spread across TWO weekly Sabbaths.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) That's not true: You can't have 7 Sabbaths totaling 51 or 52 days. Because you are spanning two months it is impossible to accomplish this as commanded when a new moon interferes with one of those weeks by adding extra days. You cannot get 7 Sabbaths to equal 49 days under the lunar sabbath scheme. It just doesn't work like you claim....

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) They don't have to be Sabbaths. Passover is 8 days long. Not one.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) I'm talking about Pentecost here... which must land on a Sunday 50 days after a Sabbath. That cannot happen using your Lunar system. Do you not get that?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Neither Passover nor Pentecost have to land on a Sabbath. The Day of Pentecost landed on the First Day of the week in the year Christ was executed.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Pentecost must land on a Sunday every time... which cannot happen using your lunar system.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) As your own committee proved, Jesus did NOT spend Saturday in the Tomb. He couldn't have.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Are you not reading what I'm saying here?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You ASSUME that Jesus spent Saturday in the tomb, when he manifestly didn't.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Tell me, how do you get Pentecost to land on Sunday? EVERY time?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Pentecost did not land on Sunday, since neither Saturday or Sunday were in existence in Biblical times.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) With the Gregorian Calendar that was adopted in the Middle Ages! Not the Jewish Calendar that was in use in the First Century.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) Don't be so obtuse. Pentecost MUST land on the FIRST day of the week very time - EVERY time. This cannot happen using your lunar system.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) In the First Century, it landed on the First Day of the Week of the Lunar calendar.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) Again, it must happen every time according to the Bible. This cannot be true using a lunar system.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) They know which day Passover fell on the year Jesus was crucified. He did NOT spend Saturday in the Tomb.

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Sean D. Pitman Why are you ignoring the problem here for your position?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, you have cited absolutely no biblical proof whatsoever. You assume that Saturday is the Sabbath, when it clearly wasn't.

Jesus spent the Sabbath in the tomb. And that was NOT Saturday.

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Sean D. Pitman You know as well as I do that Pentecost cannot land on Sunday every time using your system. Yet, the Bible says that Pentecost always lands on the first day of the week following a Sabbath...

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Sean D. Pitman Therefore, your lunar system contradicts the Bible's claims.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#)

First Century: Lunar Calendar Pentecost landed on First Day of the week.

Gregorian Calendar: Always lands 49 days inclusive of Easter. Since both are on Sunday every time, they always land on Sunday.

Two different calendars.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) As you have proven, neither Sunday or Saturday fell on the 7th day or the 1st day of the calendar that was in use in the First Century.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It doesn't matter what calendar you're using, Pentecost will not land on a Sunday following a Sabbath every time using your system - which is non-Biblical.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Do the math...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#)

First Century: Lunar Calendar Pentecost landed on First Day of the week. Jesus did NOT spend Saturday in tomb, even though it was the Sabbath. Sunday was NOT the first day of the week.

Gregorian Calendar: Pentecost Always lands 49 days inclusive of Easter Sunday. Since both are on Sunday every time, they always land on Sunday.

Two different calendars.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, we are talking about every single time here. That cannot happen. Yet, according to the Bible, it must happen.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You clearly don't understand simple math here.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Neither Sunday or Saturday are biblical.

Thanks for noticing.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Sabbath and the first day of the week, the day following Sabbath, are Biblical.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#)

First Century: Lunar Calendar Pentecost landed on First Day of the week THAT YEAR. Jesus did NOT spend Saturday in tomb, even though it was the Sabbath. Sunday was NOT the first day of the week THAT YEAR.

Gregorian Calendar: Pentecost Always lands 49 days inclusive of Easter Sunday. Since both are on Sunday every time, they always land on Sunday.

Two different calendars.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Your own Adventist Committee established that Jesus did NOT spend Saturday in the tomb, even though it was the Sabbath.

DO the math.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) That's completely irrelevant to the point! Try to follow along here. The argument is very very simple. It must happen EVERY SINGLE TIME! - according to the Bible. That's impossible according to your Lunar Argument....

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The day of the week it happens on only falls on Sunday or Saturday on the Gregorian Calendar.

Jesus did not spend Saturday in the Tomb. The Resurrection did not happen on Sunday.

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Sean D. Pitman Pentecost will very rarely land on the day following a Sabbath using your lunar calendar - and that flatly contradicts the Bible.

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Sean D. Pitman Of course, this means that your entire lunar argument is nonsense.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You assume that Passover is one day. You assumed wrongly. It is 8 days and is set with the lunar calendar. Shavuot is 49 days later.

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Sean D. Pitman That Jesus did die on what we call Friday, and He rose from the grave on what we call Sunday - or the first day of the week.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus did not die on Friday either. That is well established.

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Sean D. Pitman Again, we are talking about Pentecost here - not Passover.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Friday Saturday and Sundays were not in existence in the First century.

Calculating the final day of Passover in AD 31 proves that Jesus did not die on a Friday, did not spend Saturday in the Tomb and was not Resurrected on Sunday.

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Sean D. Pitman Tell me, can Pentecost always be on the day following the Sabbath using your lunar calendar? - yes or no?

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Sean D. Pitman It's a very simple question.

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Sean D. Pitman If you are honest that is...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Pentecost does not have to fall on any day. It is referenced to Passover, not to the Sabbath.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) Not true. According to the Bible, Pentecost must fall on the day after a Sabbath day.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Pentecost (or more honestly Shavuot) can fall on any day of the lunar calendar.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) WRONG!

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/shavuot>



Shavuot in the United States

Many Jewish Americans observe Shavuot, which is the second of three major Jewish festivals...

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Observance	Date	Year	Notes	Holiday Type	Where it is Observed
Shavuot	May 16	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 17	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 18	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 19	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 20	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 21	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 22	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 23	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 24	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 25	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 26	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 27	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 28	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 29	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 30	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States
Shavuot	May 31	2017	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	United States

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) ROTFLOL.....Jews continue to set both Shavuot (our "Pentecost") and Passover using the Lunar Calendar. Just like Christians set Easter/Pascha using the Lunar calendar.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Just because YOU ignore Leviticus 23 and its classification of the 7th day Sabbath as just another one of the Ceremonial Sabbaths set with the lunar calendar, does not mean that the Jews do now, or did in the First Century.

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Sean D. Pitman You're the one ignoring Lev 23, which clearly says, "Count fifty days, to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to Yahweh." There you have it. Pentecost must always fall on the day after a Sabbath day - which cannot *always* happen using the Lunar system.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) HINT: The Jews adopted Saturday as Sabbath under extreme duress by the Roman Emperor. Before then, it had always been lunar.

But the Jews STILL set Passover and Shavuot (Pentecost) using the Jewish Calendar. That's why they rarely "synch" up with the Gregorian calendar as compared to the Jewish Lunar calendar.

Rabbinical Decree has declared that many of the time-settings of the Bible are no longer in effect without a Temple. The 7th Day Sabbath is one of those.

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Sean D. Pitman [Larry Dean](#) That can't be true or Pentecost would not consistently fall on the day after a Sabbath day.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, do the math...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You clearly don't understand some very basic concepts here.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) you are the one doing that...you are not even reading what [Larry Dean](#) is showing you...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are mixing apples and oranges.

Easter is set with lunar calendar, and then Pentecost is 49 days later (inclusive of Easter Day)

Passover and Shavot are both set with lunar calendars.

7th Day Sabbath weekly is set with Gregorian.

That is why they do not "synch" with the way the Bible prescribes.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) are you reading the links that Larry is posting? You are responding so quickly I wonder if you are really checking them out. You may want to really study it out.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) I have read it - and much more. Larry is just ignoring the math. Evidently you don't understand it either.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) you are just pushing your doctrines..

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are mixing apples and oranges.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) It has nothing to do with doctrines. It's simple logic and a little basic math.

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[Margie Littell](#) no you are not...it is quite obvious...you didn't even read apples and oranges comment...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Again, how does that get you to one day after a Sabbath every single time? It just doesn't

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It really doesn't matter what calendar you using, the math just doesn't work for you.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) This is why Shavuot rarely ever falls the day after Sabbath. "

Two different calendars make that impossible. See with your own eyes:

Month	Day	Name	Holiday Type	When It's Observed
May	16	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	17	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	18	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	19	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	20	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	21	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	22	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	23	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	24	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	25	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
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May	27	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	28	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	29	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	30	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	31	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) does Shavuot fall on the day after the 7th day Sabbath?

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May	28	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	29	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	30	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	
May	31	Shavuot	Jewish Holiday	

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Sean D. Pitman Again, we are talking about what the Bible says about Pentecost in particular. It must always fall on the day after a Sabbath day - always. Your system doesn't allow that to happen.

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Sean D. Pitman How is that not getting through to you?

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Sean D. Pitman You're arguments simply aren't taking this Biblical requirement into account...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Saturday was adopted as the Sabbath by Jews LONG after the first Century.

Under protest. A Rabbinical decree is the only support there is for Saturday being the Sabbath day.

And you reject Rabbinical decrees, since you reject Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3.

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Sean D. Pitman Again, irrelevant to the question here.

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Sean D. Pitman How do you get Pentecost to land on the day after a Sabbath every single time?

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Sean D. Pitman It's a very simple question. What is your answer?

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Passover and Pentecost are still set with lunar calendars. A Rabbinical decree eliminated the Biblical command to have it the day after Sabbath.

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Sean D. Pitman That doesn't answer the question...

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Margie Littell how you get to Sabbath depends completely on when you begin to count...God did not make Sunday before He made Sabbath!....begin with the New Moon method (which is still being used by some Orthodox Jews:

"The lunar month on the Jewish New Moon calendar begins when the first sliver of moon becomes visible after the dark of the moon. In ancient times, the new months used to be determined by observation. When people observed the new moon, they would notify the Sanhedrin. When the Sanhedrin heard testimony from two independent, reliable eyewitnesses that the new moon occurred on a certain date, they would declare the rosh chodesh (first of the month) and send out messengers to tell people when the first day of their week and month began."

or begin on Sunday...

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Sean D. Pitman Using a lunar calendar, how do you get Pentecost to land on the day after a sabbath every single time?

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** It doesn't. that is the simplest answer:

See with your own eyes;

Month	Day	Year	Name	Observance Type	Where It Is Observed
May	1	2017	Memorial Day	Observance	United States
May	14	2017	Mother's Day	Observance	United States
May	14	2017	Pentecost	Observance	United States

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell** The Bible tells you when to start counting... and when to stop exactly 50 days later....

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** doesn't have much knowledge about calendars and how they were made thru history...obviously.

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Sean D. Pitman **Larry Dean** "It doesn't" is your answer - which goes contrary to the Bible.

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Sean D. Pitman You are not being Biblical with your theory.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) All of the counting assumed a lunar calendar. Now the 7th Day sabbath is set with a Papal calendar.

Shavuot and Passover are still lunar. They rarely ever "synch"

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The Bible says that Pentecost must always land on the day after a Sabbath while you say no....

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) That's because the 7th Day Sabbath is not longer set with the Biblical Calendar, while Pentecost IS.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) And that's a problem because it goes against what the Bible says...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The Bible is very clear that Pentecost must always land on the day after a Sabbath day.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#)

- 7th Day Saturday Sabbath = Pope Gregory's calendar, adopted under pressure pursuant to Rabbinical decree

- Pentecost and Passover still set pursuant to Biblical lunar calendar.

Something has to break.

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[Margie Littell](#) okay...look at creation...since God didn't make the sun and moon until the 4th day...which He created so man could make calendars...Gen.1:14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so."

God's day of rest is not the 7th day from this event...is it?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Bible is also very clear that the weekly Sabbath is set with a Lunar Calendar.

But that is no longer the case.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Even if you set the Sabbath with a lunar calendar, it would not turn out that Pentecost would always land on the day after a Sabbath. There's no calendar that will allow your Lunar system to match what the Bible says. Clearly then, such a system was not in use during Biblical times like you claim.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You've only proven that Saturday is not the Sabbath of the Bible.

That is why it doesn't line up with Pentecost, which IS set with the Biblical method.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) there are lots of references to the New Moon Calendar...in the Bible

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) The Bible never says that the weekly Sabbath was set by lunar calendar. That's nowhere in the Bible.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, your notions contradict what the Bible actually says.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) Of course there are, but none of these passages claim that the weekly Sabbath was set according to the lunar calendar. This is quite clear because of the whole Pentecost problem....

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Its very clear that is what New Moons was for.

The Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23;1-3 courts were UNANIMOUS on that.

Which is why your own cult's birthday was set using the Jewish Lunar calendar.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) While there were New Moon Sabbaths, the weekly Sabbath was not set by the new moon - clearly since the Pentecost problem proves it.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) the fact that you have usurped Rabbinical authority that was never given to you, to observe a day that was also never given to you is a problem that you have created for yourself.

That is not a problem I share with you.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) here are some of them...New Moon Calendar References...

Exodus 19:1 [Israel at Mount Sinai] On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

Numbers 29:6 besides the burnt offering of the new moon, and its grain offering, and the regular burnt offering and its grain offering, and their drink offering, according to the rule for them, for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the Lord.

1 Samuel 20:5 David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit at table with the king. But let me go, that I may hide myself in the field till the third day at evening.

1 Samuel 20:18 Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the new moon, and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty.

1 Samuel 20:24 So David hid himself in the field. And when the new moon came, the king sat down to eat food.

1 Samuel 20:27 But on the second day, the day after the new moon, David's place was empty. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has not the son of Jesse come to the meal, either yesterday or today?"

2 Kings 4:23 And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath." She said, "All is well."

1 Chronicles 23:31 and whenever burnt offerings were offered to the Lord on Sabbaths, new moons, and feast days, according to the number required of them, regularly before the Lord.

2 Chronicles 2:4 Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the Lord my God and dedicate it to him for the burning of incense of sweet spices before him, and for the regular arrangement of the showbread, and for burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths and the new moons and the appointed feasts of the Lord our God, as ordained forever for Israel.

2 Chronicles 8:13 as the duty of each day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses for the Sabbaths, the new

moons, and the three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths.

2 Chronicles 31:3 The contribution of the king from his own possessions was for the burnt offerings: the burnt offerings of morning and evening, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, the new moons, and the appointed feasts, as it is written in the Law of the Lord.

Ezra 3:5 and after that the regular burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the Lord.

Nehemiah 10:33 for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

Psalms 81:3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

Isaiah 1:13 Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

Isaiah 1:14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

Isaiah 47:13 You are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the new moons make known what shall come upon you.

Isaiah 66:23 From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman The Rabbinical Courts set the days that Passover, Shavuot and the 7th Day Sabbath would fall on, calculating with the Lunar calendar.

They still do.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell** Again, there are plenty of New Moon references in the Bible - just none that resent the weekly Sabbath by the New Moon. Clearly, the Pentecost problem highlights this fact.

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Margie Littell True...I wonder how God will treat [#Sean](#) when He asks...why have you coveted what I gave others and tried to steal it AND refuse to keep the 30 commandments I gave how to keep it holy...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman The Rabbinical Courts set the days that Passover, Shavuot and the 7th Day Sabbath would fall on, calculating with the Lunar calendar. They made complex calculations and took witness testimony.

They still do.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** no...you are mixing two completely different calendar systems...

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Margie Littell My orthodox Jewish landlord in Miami refused to use the "substitute Saturday Sabbath"! (He is the first one to tell me about it!)

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Margie Littell His rabbi sent him a list each New Moon...when the sabbaths would occur in our calendar...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Rabbinical Courts set the days that Passover, Shavuot and the 7th Day Sabbath would fall on, calculating with the Lunar calendar. They made complex calculations and took witness testimony.

They have that authority in Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3 to make those kind of determinations. It is simply a court of law that make those calculations routinely.

They still do.

But you've created this problem for yourself by defying God's Courts and adopting a special sign between Israel and God that was never given to you, and then mess it up even FURTHER by trying to adopt it to a Papal Calendar.

We can't help you out with the problem that you created yourself.

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) Your landlord sounds like they must be Haredi.

Neither Reformed or Conservative Judaism would agree with him.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) since the New moon cycle began Feb 27...the 7th day Sabbath will be on our Tuesdays...

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Margie Littell until the next New Moon...which will be March 29th...then the 7th day Sabbaths will be on our Thursdays.

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Margie Littell [Larry Dean](#) He didn't tell me what sect he was...but he did pay me 50 cents to light his stove for him.....<grinning>

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) That's Haredi.

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Margie Littell He sat me down with a piece of paper and a modern calendar and told me all about it...

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Margie Littell He also counted his steps when he walked to the synagogue.

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Margie Littell but he was a gentle loving and funny man

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) Yep. but Reformed and Conservative Jews follow Pope Gregory's calendar - for the weekly Sabbath - by way of Rabbinical decree a long long time ago.

But they still set Passover and Pentecost with a lunar calendar.

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Margie Littell he didn't have much respect for them...I recall...felt they had "sold out"!

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Margie Littell He had really long curls from his hair too..I remember..don't know what that meant.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) I'm not mixing calendar systems at all. The Bible is very clear in Lev. 23 where it states that Pentecost must always follow a Sabbath. That cannot happen using a lunar Sabbath system...

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) I spent a considerable amount of time in Israel and went to court where businesses that violated the Sabbath were fined and punished, in Tel Aviv. My girlfriend's apartment there also had a "Sabbath Elevator" that stopped at every single floor. You had to wait for the door to SLOWWWLY open and then SLOOOWLY close on every floor, even when nobody was getting on or off.

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) The curls are definitely Haredi.

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Margie Littell until I read it in Lev. 19...duh...says it right there why he had those long curls...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) But now the Sabbath is set iwth the Gregorian Calendar while Passover and Pentecost are set with the Lunar Calendar.

That's the problem you are having.

The Gregorian Calendar was adopted by Judaism and the lunar calendar jettisoned for the 7th Day Sabbath under pressure from the Roman Emperor. He was going to start killing Jews if they didn't.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The answers to your questions are found here:

<http://www.jewfaq.org/calendar.htm>

[Judaism 101: Jewish Calendar](#)

Learn about the Jewish calendar, its background and history, the numbering of Jewish years, the months of the Jewish year and the days of the Jewish week.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) again, Jewish courts have authority in Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3 to coordinate the Jewish Lunar Calendar and the Gregorian Calendar.

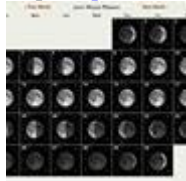
They make lots of adjustments when Passover and Pentecost are set. And they adopted the Gregorian for the 7th Day Sabbath under duress and protest.

They have that authority. You don't.

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Margie Littell the New Moon Calendar is in the Farmer's Almanac some farms use it to plant their crops! <http://farmersalmanac.com/calendar/moon-phases/>



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Farmers' Almanac's moon phase calendar includes information on full moons, new...

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) the reason that you are having trouble comprehending this is that you have rejected God's Commandment that gave the Jewish Courts the authority to set Holy Days, including the 7th Day Sabbath. They used a lunar calendar to do it. And the Lunar Calendar and its Holy Days required considerable finessing and fine-tuning virtually every single month.

You have no authority for setting Saturday as the Sabbath, since you have rejected the Rabbinical authority that was granted in Deuteronomy 17 and affirmed in Matthew 23:1-3.

That is not a problem I share with you. Poor you.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) the Fact that you have unwisely disobeyed God and adopted an exclusive symbol between the Israelites and God demonstrates your poor choice-making skills.

And then you compounded your poor choices by defiantly-rejecting the authority that God appointed to fine tune His system of Holy Days.

The OT system of Holy Days simply cannot function without Rabbinical authority to fine-tune it. You have demonstrated that over and over again.

That leaves you in a bit of a lurch. If I was not your best friend, I would be ROTFLMAO about right now.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#)

HINT: We are under the New Covenant now. The sign of that is ONLY the Lord's Supper.

HINT: Jesus told the disciples to take the Gospel to all nations, not just in Jerusalem, where there was Rabbinical authority.

HINT: The Lord's Supper is "portable." The Sabbath isn't, as so many Adventists who are now advocating for the Flat Earth theory are discovering.

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) This is the comedy of errors of Adventism:

- a). They adopt October 22, 1844 as the fulfillment of Daniel 8:14 and the most significant foundation and pillar of the Adventist faith. It was indisputably-calculated using the Jewish Lunar Calendar. But Adventists disobeyed God when setting the day of the 2nd Coming. Pay attention, since this will get repetitive. (Daniel 8:14 was fulfilled long before the Birth of Christ during the Maccabean times, and this interpretation was endorsed by Jesus when he celebrated Hanukkah in John 10:22-23).
- b). Out of Spite and to blame other Christians for the fact that Jesus did not return as disobediently-predicted, Adventists unwisely- adopted the Jewish Sabbath, defiantly-disobeying God who declared that it was exclusively between Israel and God, in Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 31.
- c). Adventists have also disobeyed God's choice of who would interpret and enforce his laws, the Jewish Courts (Deuteronomy 17 and Matthew 23:1-3). Adventists disobey the UNANIMOUS rulings of those courts that without full conversion to Judaism - including that meeting with the grinning Rabbi with the dull circumcision blade - there is no Sabbath Keeping. Not that it matters, but Adventists also defiantly-disobey the Sabbath mandatory Death Penalty for violations and the mandatory offerings and Sacrifices (Numbers 15 and 28).
- d). While Adventists vehemently disobey the New Testament's admonition that the law - including the Ten Commandments - was nailed to the cross, they suggest that only the ceremonial law was nailed to the cross. Adventists defiantly disobey this, and comically adopt the "Ministry of Death Written on Stone." 2 Corinthians 3.
- e). But since Adventists disobeyed God's exclusive grant of authority to the Jewish Courts, and invented all kinds of extra-biblical rules for Saturday Keeping. They found out that without the "ceremonial" laws, that Saturday was impossible to keep. So they disobediently-made up their own extra-biblical authority.

f). Adventists also defiantly-disobeyed the decision of the Apostles in Acts 15 to reject circumcision, which jettisoned the entire Mosaic Law on behalf of Gentile Christians.

Now we get to the juicy "money shot:"

- Adventists claim that the Biblical rules that guide Sabbath keeping were "nailed to the Cross."

- But the rules for Saturday-keeping invented by Ellen White and the General Conference were NOT nailed to the cross.

Ellen White declared that the GC was "God's Highest Authority on Earth."

The foregoing demonstrates a consistent theme: Disobedience of the Bible and Godly authority given to both the Jewish Courts and the Apostles, by Adventists. And then elevating extra-biblical authority over biblical authority. With NO authority to do so.

This is all very disturbing. You should be ashamed of yourself.

But of course, you aren't.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) But you have made me very thankful, after I have written out all this stuff, and listened to your lame arguments.

I am SO thankful that for some weird reason, God extricated me - I was kicking HARD and screaming LOUDLY every single step out of the way - out of the dark, dank, slimy morass of Adventism.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) I'm thankful to you too. After all, if this is the very best you have against just one out of the Ten Commandments, the Sabbath Commandment it seems to me to be on a more solid footing than ever...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Actually, you are the one that cannot "fit" the fact that Jesus was not executed on Friday; did not spend Saturday in the tomb; and did not resurrect on Sunday.

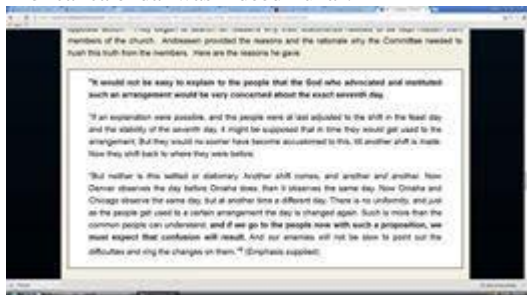
But you already knew that a 1930's Adventist Committee backs ME up, and not you.

But the LEAST you should do is pay attention to your own date of October 22, 1844, and how it was calculated, for the answers to your objections.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Here's the finding of ML Andreason, in the wake of the disastrous 1930 committee that found the Biblical calendar was indeed Lunar:



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[Margie Littell](#) [Larry Dean](#), I wonder if [#Sean](#) has noticed yet...God never commands people to WORSHIP Him on this 7th day Sabbath...He waits and tells them to come together to WORSHIP Him on the First Day Sabbath...(a small little detail they overlook).

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Ok, tell me, where is the command to worship God on the first day of the week? And, how do you get around the fact that God specifically commanded His followers to keep the Sabbath day holy? Or the fact\ that Jesus Himself was in the habit of worshipping on the Sabbath day with fellow believers? Nowhere does the Bible claim that Jesus or any other of His disciples kept any other day holy or made any other day a regular day of worship like the Sabbath. On the contrary, the Bible clearly points out that even after His death and resurrection, His disciples continued to worship on the Sabbath day and historical evidence proves that they taught their followers to do likewise.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Who said it was the First Day of the week?

According to the 500 Million Europeans that have rejected the Papal Calendar, Sunday is the 7th Day of the week:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_week_date

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Unfortunately for you, The Adventist General Conference agrees that Sunday is the 7th Day of the week;

Isn't a decree by the Adventist General Conference good enough for you?

<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/.../why-seventh-day...>



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Not in Christ's day or in the apostolic times...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Aren't you the least bit disturbed by this colossal fraudulent scam?

"I think it is high time for our church leaders to speak more truthfully and be more honest about where they stand with regards to the principles and core teachings upon which the SDA Church was/is founded. If they believe that Sunday can be the Seventh-day Sabbath for Adventists, then they should make that fact very clear to the World Church with sound supporting evidence for their case, and stop playing "hide-and-seek" and "pass-the-buck" as they have been doing for over two years now. Otherwise, if they are not willing to do that (i.e. state publicly their support for Sunday observance by the SDA Church) then they must stop this ridiculous Sunday keeping practice that has been allowed to exist in the Pacific for more than 120 years.

All the twists and turns, manipulations, and cover ups the South Pacific Division Office has been trying to deceive the Adventist constituency with (both in the South Pacific and abroad) do not work anymore. It may have worked in Tonga, Kiribati, and Wallis and Futuna, but not in Samoa. I have been corresponding with Dr David Tasker, Field Secretary of the SPD on behalf of the President Dr Barry Oliver, as well as with the President of the Samoa-Tokelau Mission, about this Samoan-Sabbath issue in the past. Both however have discontinued our communication – most likely reason being the lack of any theologically or logically sound reason or answer from their side to refute both the obvious flaws in their argument I pointed out, as well as the many questions I asked of them about the logic behind their Sunday-observance beliefs and practices."

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/doug-tasi/our-church-leadersbe-more-honestif-they-believe-that-sunday-can-be-the-seventh-d/1403268546594273/>



Doug Tasi

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Dear Elder Orville D. Parchment (GC General Field Secretary)

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Was Ellen White lying when she said the General Conference is "God's Highest authority on earth?"

You've done PRECISELY what Adventists have claimed the Pope did: Change Saturday to Sunday!

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Sean D. Pitman What are you talking about? Sabbath today is still on the very same day that Jesus observed Sabbath...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) But of course, honest Adventists already know that Saturday Keeping is impossible on a Globular Earth. That is why honest Adventists are Flat Earth advocates:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvAk9718Jo8>



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Sean D. Pitman You must be a bit cracked...

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Larry Dean <http://endrtimes.blogspot.com/.../the-flat-earth-new...>

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** SO the solution is to go on lying to Adventists that Saturday-keeping is possible on a globular earth?

"I think it is high time for our church leaders to speak more truthfully and be more honest about where they stand with regards to the principles and core teachings upon which the SDA Church was/is founded. If they believe that Sunday can be the Seventh-day Sabbath for Adventists, then they should make that fact very clear to the World Church with sound supporting evidence for their case, and stop playing "hide-and-seek" and "pass-the-buck" as they have been doing for over two years now. Otherwise, if they are not willing to do that (i.e. state publicly their support for Sunday observance by the SDA Church) then they must stop this ridiculous Sunday keeping practice that has been allowed to exist in the Pacific for more than 120 years.

All the twists and turns, manipulations, and cover ups the South Pacific Division Office has been trying to deceive the Adventist constituency with (both in the South Pacific and abroad) do not work anymore. It may have worked in Tonga, Kiribati, and Wallis and Futuna, but not in Samoa. I have been corresponding with Dr David Tasker, Field Secretary of the SPD on behalf of the President Dr Barry Oliver, as well as with the President of the Samoa-Tokelau Mission, about this Samoan-Sabbath issue in the past. Both however have discontinued our communication – most likely reason being the lack of any theologically or logically sound reason or answer from their side to refute both the obvious flaws in their argument I pointed out, as well as the many questions I asked of them about the logic behind their Sunday-observance beliefs and practices."

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Doug Tasi

February 2, 2014 ·

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Subject: Statement on the observance of Sabbath

Dear Elder Orville D. Parchment (GC General Field Secretary)

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Is the General Conference a bit cracked too?

Unfortunately for you, The Adventist General Conference agrees that Sunday is the 7th Day of the week;

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) That's a real issue with you?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Yep! The General Conference changed Sabbath to Sunday, by decree!

EXACTLY what they accused the Pope of doing.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The international date line?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) LOL - please.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The real issue is the church lying about the Pope doing when the General conference has done PRECISELY the what they accused the Pope of doing.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "It's a very different situation where God only expects people to do the best they can according to the spirit of the Law."

Proof text for the proposition that God only expects people to do their best, please.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) If you did it out of love for God or your fellow man, it was a righteous act in God's eyes.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Love is the fulfilment of the law (Romans 13:10).

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) After all, it would be wrong of God to condemn someone who was honestly doing his/her best to act lovingly toward God and others...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Cite the whole chapter.

That does not mean that you continue to keep the law.

That was very dishonest.

Plus, it answered NONE of the requests for proof-texts.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) I'm sorry, I don't follow you...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) After all, it would be wrong of God to condemn someone who was honestly doing his/her best to act lovingly toward God and others...

Flatly refuted by Numbers 15, when a man was executed for picking up sticks to use to warm and feed his family.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The man was not honestly confused nor was he acting the best he knew how before God...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) He was not ignorant of God's command...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Nor was he trying to do the best he could to keep God's command.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The text itself flatly refutes you

After all, it would be wrong of God to condemn someone who was honestly doing his/her best to act lovingly toward God and others...



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It would have been wrong of God, however, to punish someone who didn't know better...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You DO know better.

So when do the executions for Adventist Sabbath breakers commence?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Where does the text say that the man had no idea as to God's command?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Was God lying when he gave Moses the Ten Commandments BEFORE this happened?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, I don't follow you...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Usually you give a command beforehand...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "No work" = "No work"

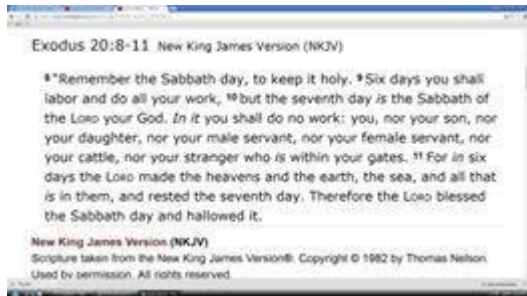
He was "working"

Just like Jesus was in John 5.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) He didn't know that "working" was prohibited?



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) No, it wasn't the same. He wasn't working in an emergency situation to help his fellowman. He was doing something that he knew he could do another time without any issue.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus was "working" in John 5.

It was no emergency either.

The man had been in the same shape for 30 years.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) He did know that the type of work he was doing was in fact prohibited.

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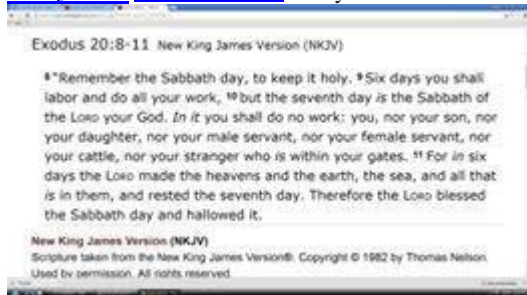


[Sean D. Pitman](#) Otherwise, it would have been unfair of God to punish him.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Can you show me where it allows "working" for a fellow man?



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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Otherwise, it would have been unfair of God to punish him.

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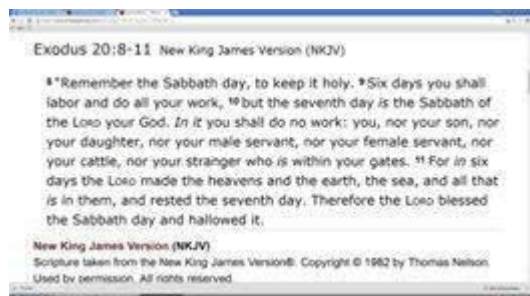


[Sean D. Pitman](#) Sure, Jesus explained it himself - and noted that it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath day.... to relieve the suffering of man or beast in urgent need of help.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) This does not allow "working" for good or bad



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Sean D. Pitman According to Jewish law, an ox could in fact be taken out of a pit on the Sabbath without guilt before God.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Jesus was caught breaking the Sabbath when he said that.

He is the one that gave the Sabbath the fatal head wound. Not a conspiracy of Jesuit Cigarette men.

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Sean D. Pitman No. Jesus Himself said that what He did was lawful for anyone to do on the Sabbath - and the Jews knew that He was right.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** That's an emergency. Going through a field picking grain is not an emergency.

That's why you insist on Preparation Day, isn't it?



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Sean D. Pitman Why do you think Jesus cited the ox in the ditch situation.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** He was confronted with his Sabbath Breaking. He was showing that he was God and the Sabbath did not apply to him. Or to his followers (who were picking grain with him, that could have been picked on the Adventist Preparation day)

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Sean D. Pitman Doing God's work on the Sabbath day is also not unlawful - according to the Jews themselves. The priests, Jesus pointed out, do most of their work on the Sabbath Day, yet are not guilty before God because they are doing the work of God.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus said he and God work 7 days a week in John 5.

I thought you claimed that you follow his example?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Are you a priest? Are you God?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) They work doing God's work - which is lawful for anyone to do on the Sabbath - and always has been.

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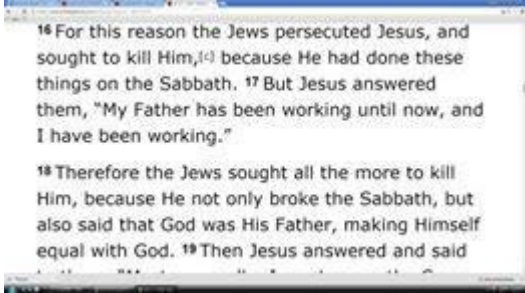


[Sean D. Pitman](#) I don't have to be God before it is good for me to relieve the suffering of others on the Sabbath day.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus CLEARLY broke the Sabbath and CLEARLY said he works 7 days a week.



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, it was part of the law that suffering could be relieved on the Sabbath day - without guilt.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying. That is NOT the law. Only life-saving and emergency procedures MANDATED Sabbath breaking.

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that the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious consideration....

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Try reading the actual arguments He presented in His own defense - noting that neither He nor His disciples actually broke the requirements of the Sabbath Day.

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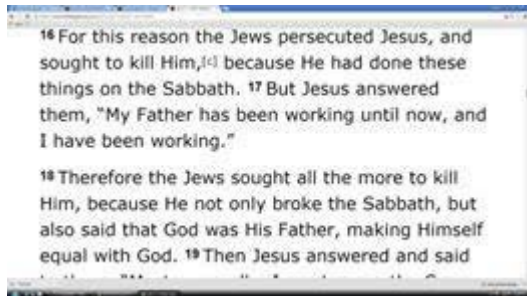


[Sean D. Pitman](#) "It is good to do well on the Sabbath" - to help the hurting.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Right here: I am working. Just like God works on Saturday.



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, taking an ox out of a ditch is an "emergency" in order to relieve suffering...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The same is true for healing a human being on the Sabbath day.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** healing a man with a hand that had been crippled for 30 years is NOT an emergency.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Sure it is... Why let the man suffer another minute if you can stop the suffering now? - especially on the Sabbath day.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Your General Conference STRONGLY disagrees with your analysis:

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) No it doesn't. And, even if it did, the Bible agrees with me.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The church is in full support of helping the hurting on the Sabbath.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, "It is good to do well on the Sabbath."

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** The General Conference disagrees with you. And Ellen declared the GC is "God's Highest Authority on earth"

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Sean D. Pitman "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." - Matt. 12:12

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** This is what happens when you disobey God and set up your own extra-biblical authority to make Saturday keeping rules.

ROTFLOL.....After you have said the Biblical authority and the Biblical Sabbath rules were nailed to the Cross:

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Sean D. Pitman Again, the GC does not disagree with me. And, even if it did, the Bible is God's highest authority on Earth.

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Sean D. Pitman Not true... and irrelevant.

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Sean D. Pitman Only the ceremonial laws were ended at the cross...

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** "the Bible is God's highest authority on Earth."

Ellen White vehemently disagreed with you. She declared on several occasions that the GC was "God's Highest Authority on earth" and you are to put aside your private opinion when it has issued rulings.

Which they have done.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** ROTFLOL...but Ellen's and the GC's rules survived the Cross?

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Sean D. Pitman Not when it disagrees with the Bible, which Mrs. White cited as the ultimate standard to test everything else.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Everything is to be based on the Biblical standard.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Was she lying? She never said that when she said the GC was "God's Highest Authority on Earth" and the infallible interpreter of Scripture.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) That's not what she said.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Except that you have erected a non-Biblical authority in an infallible canonical prophet and a GC that is "God's Highest Authority on Earth."

They have interpreted the Bible for you.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Not true. The Bible alone is the ultimate standard of Divine authority on Earth.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Mrs. White was neither infalable nor canonical.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** The Biblical Standard is here. You have rejected that;

Deuteronomy 17

9 And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment. 10 You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the Lord chooses. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you. 11 According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you. 12 Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the Lord your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel. 13 And all the people shall hear and fear, and no longer act presumptuously.

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** The Biblical Standard is here. You have rejected that;

Deuteronomy 17

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) How have I rejected any Biblical standard?

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** The Biblical courts have ruled that Gentiles are not to keep the Sabbath absent circumcision and conversion to Judaism.

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[Larry Dean](#) E. E. CLEVELAND: "I believe in the Testimonies. MRS. WHITE'S WRITINGS ARE THE WORLD'S Only Inspired Bible Commentary. They Constitute the most serious challenge to Christian Living That Has Come To The Church Since John's Patmos Revelation..." E. E. Cleveland, At One Time Assoc. Sec., Ministerial Assoc., Gen. Conf. SDA's. As Quoted In "Facts And Com Meets About The Spirit Of Prophecy", P. 14

STANLEY HARRIS: "...and yet, my dear friends, SHE DID ONE OF THE GREATEST WORKS THAT I HAVE EVER KNOWN SINCE JOHN THE REVELATOR. SHE'S TO ME ONE OF THE GREATEST PROPHETS THAT HAVE EVER Lived. Why.? Because SHE HAD THE SAME GIFT THAT Daniel HAD..." -- Stanley Harris, cassette tape "Greatest Prophet Since John", from God's Last Call, tape #811, SDA pastor.

RAYMOND COTTRELL: "ELLEN WHITE REINTERPRETS DANIEL for our time. And because I fully believe and am convinced that God spoke to and through Ellen White, I accept her writings 100%. I accept Ellen White's reinterpretation, her approval of the Adventist interpretation of the heavenly sanctuary, the Investigative Judgment and 1844, because I accept her as an inspired writer..." -- Raymond F. Cottrell, in talk given for Association of Adventist Forums, Loma Linda, CA shortly after the Glacier View meetings. I can provide the cassette tape for documentation if you need it, and the exact date.

SDA SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY: "THE BIBLE AND THE WRITINGS OF ELLEN WHITE ARE INERRANT..." -- Feb. 11, 1978, Sabbath School-Quarterly; teacher's Edition, p. 112

OFFICIAL SDA POSITION, 1928: "As Samuel was a prophet of Israel for his day, as JEREMIAH WAS A PROPHET OF ISRAEL in the days of captivity, as JOHN THE BAPTIST came as a special messenger of the Lord to prepare the way for Christ's coming, so WE BELIEVE THAT MRS. WHITE WAS A PROPHET TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TODAY." -- Official position of the SDA Church taken in 1928.

LOUIS VENDEN: "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DEGREE AND QUALITY DIMENSION OF THE INSPIRATION OF ANY BIBLICAL WRITER AND ELLEN WHITE...I believe that the Desire of Ages, for example, is just as high in quality or degree of inspiration as the Gospel according to Luke...What is the best way to keep it all in perspective and end up with ELLEN WHITE BEING FOR THIS CHURCH WHAT LUKE WAS for his generation and not one whit less in contribution and AUTHORITY." -- Louis Venden, as quoted on cassette tape "The Wilson Committee-Rea On Ellen G. White"

GLACIER VIEW DOCUMENT: "...HER AUTHORITY TRANSCENDS THAT OF ALL NON-INSPIRED INTERPRETER' OF THE SCRIPTURES..." -- Cassette tape 8/23/80, Pacific Union College, in a discussion o Glacier View with Charles Bradford and Philip Follett. Follett was quoting from official Glacier View document: "The Relation of Ellen White's Writings in Doctrinal Studies"

SDA BOOK: "Elder I. H. Evans, the General Conference representative at the conference declared: 'When the statement from Sister White is read, I am sure that the majority of our brethren will feel as we feel tonight - that THE LORD HAS SPOKEN, AND WE WILL OBEY.'"--Quoted in "The Invisible Irishman", p. 484, by Merlin Neff

ALDEN THOMPSON: "Second, I began to realize how creative ELLEN WHITE HAD BEEN IN INTERPRETING THE OLD TESTAMENT. AS I COMPARED HER INTERPRETATIONS in Patriarchs and Prophets with Scripture, I FOUND THEM MUCH MORE UNDERSTANDABLE THAN THE BARE OLD TESTAMENT NARRATIVES...I liked what Ellen White did, but upon reflection I decided that I had probably been slighting the Bible in favor of Patriarchs and Prophets..." -- Alden Thom son, SDA pastor and professor at Walla Walla College, as quoted in "Adventist Review" 12/17/81, article entitled "The story of a pilgrimage", p. 7

QUESTION: Do Seventh-day Adventists regard the writings of Ellen G. White as on an equal plane with the writings of the Bible? Do you place her in the prophetic class with such men as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel?

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[Larry Dean](#) ANSWER: That we do not regard them in the same sense as the Holy Scriptures...We have never considered Ellen G. White to be in the same category as the writers of the canon of Scripture.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST LEADERS Claim THAT ELLEN G. WHITE "HAS EQUAL AUTHORITY WITH THE BIBLE" AND BIBLE WRITERS AND PLACE HER IN THE SAME PROPHETIC CLASS WITH "JOHN THE REVELATOR, JEREMIAH AND DANIEL"

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Letter from D. A. Delafiel trustee of the EGW Estate, to P. C. Drew, June 24, 1981. Note: Delafield's letter was tampered with and the phrase that EGW was "canonical insofar as doctrinal interpretation" was deleted. See attached.

ROBERT PIERSON: "No excuses are made for her contributions...I speak these words after nearly forty years of denominational service...HER WRITINGS HELP US UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE ..." -- Robert Pierson, former President, General Conference of SDA's, as quoted in "What Sister White Has Meant To Me" and quoted in "Christianity Today" 8/29/75

PHILIP FOLLETT: "...THE WRITINGS OF ELLEN WHITE ARE INSPIRED IN THE SAME SENSE AS THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED..." -- Taken from cassette tape "What Happened At Glacier View", PUC, August 23, 1 980

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Larry Dean ROBERT OLSON: "Thank you for your letter of February 6, in which you made reference to Elder Walter Rea's meeting in Glendale, California,. I think you have somehow gotten the wrong impression of that meeting, because it took no particular courage on my part to vote the way I did. All of the votes of the committee were unanimous. There was no problem with any of the actions that were taken. When we acknowledged that Ellen White had engaged in a certain amount of literary borrowing, WE WERE NOT DIMINISHING HER AUTHORITY AS A PROPHET in the least. The brethren here in the General Conference do recognize that most of our people do not understand how inspired writings were developed, NOT ONLY IN THE CASE OF ELLEN WHITE, BUT ALSO IN THE CASE OF THE BIBLE Authors..." -- Letter from Robert Olson, Secretary, EGW Estate, to Eryl A. Cummings, February 21, 1980

"Our position on the Testimonies (Mrs. White's writings) is like the keystone to the arch. Take that out and there is no logical stopping place till all the special truths of the message are gone. Nothing is surer than this, that this message and the visions (of Mrs. White) belong together" (Review and Herald, Supplement, August 14, 1883).

They state further that her writings should "be received, the same as were the messages of the prophets of old. As Samuel was a prophet to Israel in his day, as Jeremiah was a prophet to Israel in the days of captivity, as John the Baptist came as a special messenger of the Lord to prepare the way for Christ's appearing, so we believe that Mrs. White was a prophet to the church of Christ today. And the same as the messages of the prophets were received in old days, so her message should be received at present times" Review and Herald, Oct 4, 1928.

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"God was speaking through clay. In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article in the paper expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision the precious rays of light shining from the throne." VISIONS OF MRS. E. G. WHITE TESTIMONY 31 p. 63

"We believe she has been empowered by divine illumination to speak of past events which have been brought to her attention with a greater minuteness than is set forth in ANY EXISTING RECORDS, and to read the future with more than human

foresight." ([any existing record includes the Bible to Adventists. They actually view the writings of White to be higher than the Bible, although they would deny such] Publisher's preface, The Great Controversy)

Erwin, the President of the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, affirmed the proposition in an actual debate that "the visions of Mrs. E. G. White are the revelations of God."

"When I send you a testimony of warning and reproof, many of you declare it to be merely the opinion of Sister White. You have thereby insulted the Spirit of God." E. G. WHITE TESTIMONIES Vol 5 p. 661

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Sean D. Pitman Your point?

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Sean D. Pitman You're talking to me here...

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Sean D. Pitman Again, I do not view Mrs. White as canonical nor infalable.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) My point?

You lied about your Church's position:



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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You are simply lying about how your church views Ellen white as BOTH infallible and Canonical.

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Sean D. Pitman No, I didn't. The current position of the SDA Church is that Mrs. White is not canonical.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying about how your church views Ellen white as BOTH infallible and Canonical.

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Sean D. Pitman Nope. Not at all. She was human and made errors like all humans make. And, she was not canonical.

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Sean D. Pitman Yet, God spoke to her with privileged information.

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Sean D. Pitman That is the position of the church.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are simply lying.

Prophets of God are both infallible and Canonical:



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Sean D. Pitman She didn't take the title of a prophet and she specifically said that her works should not be considered canonical.

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Sean D. Pitman They were simply to point the reader to the Bible - the only true light.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are lying about your church's position



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Sean D. Pitman No. I'm not.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) No human is infalable - prophet or not.

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Sean D. Pitman Are you just going to keep posting the same thing like a broken record?

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Sean D. Pitman I thought so. Have a nice day...

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Larry Dean "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7)

You cult calls her a prophet.

You are lying about her not being considered infallible and canonical, particularly in light of the DOZENS cult's leaders who have insisted that she was both CANONICAL and INFALLIBLE.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** You are lying about her not being considered infallible and canonical, particularly in light of the DOZENS cult's leaders who have insisted that she was both CANONICAL and INFALLIBLE.

I've cited them. That is what your cult teaches. You can't refute one of them.

Case closed.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** PHILIP FOLLETT: "...THE WRITINGS OF ELLEN WHITE ARE INSPIRED IN THE SAME SENSE AS THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED..." -- Taken from cassette tape "What Happened At Glacier View", PUC, August 23, 1980

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Larry Dean RON GRAYBILL: "THE QUALITY OF INSPIRATION OF ELLEN WHITE IS EQUAL TO THAT OF THE BIBLE WRITERS..." -- Ron Graybill, at that time Assoc. Sec. EGW Estate, in talk given at Southern Missionary College 9/27/80

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You just can't get past the sleaze and bald-faced lies and double-talk of your cult, with the internet.

You are simply lying about what your cult teaches: CLEARLY it teaches that she was infallible and Canonical.

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Larry Dean RAYMOND COTTRELL: "The Bible speaks to all the world; the writings of Ellen White were addressed primarily to the remnant church. Herein lies the only significant difference between them. THE PERSON WHO LISTENS TO BOTH with an open mind WILL HEAR THE SAME VOICE SPEAKING THROUGH BOTH, WITH EQUAL AUTHORITY." -- Raymond F. Cottrell, as quoted in "What Ellen White Has Meant to Me," p. 60

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) "And, the church specifically rejects the writings of Mrs. White as being canonical. In the very passage you cite here the Bible is presented as the only valid canon of faith."

Boy that sure was a double-HUGE bald-faced lie!

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Larry Dean [Sean Pittman](#) said "No human is infalable - prophet or not."

CLEARLY, your cult is absolutely clear that it treats her like a prophet. And that is NOT the Biblical standard for Prophets.

Next:

Not that it matters, since you have expressed over and over again your defiant disobedience to the Bible's clear commandments, but here is the outcome for an "fallible" "prophet." Your cult well knew that your prophet lied about the shut door and lied about the time to set the Sabbath, for nine whole years. But of course, notwithstanding your pious sounding claim that you follow the Bible, you did NOT follow this commandment, along with multitudes of other ones.

Deuteronomy 13

13 "If a prophet or someone who has dreams arises among you and proclaims a sign or wonder to you, 2 and that sign or wonder he has promised you comes about, but he says, 'Let us follow other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us worship them,' 3 do not listen to that prophet's words or to that dreamer. For the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul. 4 You must follow the Lord your God and fear Him. You must keep His commands and listen to His voice; you must worship Him and remain faithful[a] to Him. 5 That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he has urged rebellion against the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the place of slavery, to turn you from the way the Lord your God has commanded you to walk. You must purge the evil from you."

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Deborah Owen David Wow! Pretty darn clear and excatly what I was taught and understood for the 61 years as an Adventist. Prophet Ellen as well as her being the biblical "spirit of prophecy"oh ugh....

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Larry Dean **Deborah Owen David** But of course, Adventists can NEVER be honest about what they actually teach and what their fundamental beliefs actually SAY. This is a cult that is fully-invested in deceptive marketing. It is founded on deception and propagates itself with deception. It is the only sizable organization in history founded on nothing BUT obvious lies. IT simply has no factual, historical, biblical or theological basis.

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Sandi Haynes This is exactly what I was taught too for 63 yrs!

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Sean D. Pitman **Sandi**; You were actually taught that the writings of Mrs. White were equivalent to the Bible? Who taught you this? Time and again, Mrs. White herself points out that her writings are only a "lesser light" meant to direct the mind toward the Bible as the ultimate source of Divine truth.

She saw her work as that of leading people back to the Bible. "Little heed is given to the Bible," she said, therefore "the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light." [1] "The Word of God," she wrote, "is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it. But notwithstanding all this, some who profess to make the Word of God their study are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without excuse, God gives plain and pointed testimonies, bringing them back to the Word that they have neglected to follow." [2] In 1851 she wrote, "I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice. By that Word we are to be judged." [3] And, later she wrote, "The Spirit was not given—nor can it ever be bestowed—to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the Word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested." [4] She also argued that acceptance of her own writings should not be used as a test of fellowship within the church. James White, thrice General Conference president, speaking of the work of Ellen G. White, expressly declares that Adventists believe that God called her "to do a special work at this time, among this people. They do not, however, make a belief in this work a test of Christian fellowship." [5] And, Mrs. White herself explained, "Such should not be deprived of the benefits and privileges of the church, if their Christian course is otherwise correct, and they have formed a good Christian character." [6]

Clearly then, if anyone taught you otherwise, they were going against how Mrs. White herself viewed her own work relative to the superiority of the Bible.

1. White, "An Open Letter," Review and Herald, Jan. 20, 1903, p. 15, in White, Colporteur Ministry (Mountain View, Calif.: Pacific Press, 1953), p. 125.

2. White, Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 663.

3. White, Early Writings, p. 78.

4. White, The Great Controversy, Introduction, p. vii.

5. James White, The Review and Herald, June 13, 1871, p. 205.

6. White, 1T 328:0 (for a fuller statement, see especially pp. 328, 329, and-in 1863-"Wrong Use of the Visions," pp. 382-84).

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Margie Littell what SDA's say is often much different than what they actually believe...Sean

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** I've cited about 30 different Adventist theologians and officials who "taught" that in articles written for Adventist periodicals.

But this is a cult notorious for its double-speak and deceptive marketing.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie**: Again, one cannot base the official position of the church on what this or that individual might say or believe. Beyond this, Mrs. White herself is quite clear in consistently describing her own writings as the "lesser light" that should direct the mind back to the Bible as the ultimate source of Divine Truth.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** The Adventist Fundamental Belief #18 declares that Ellen White was a Prophet.

Prophet are infallible and canonical, or they are stoned, according to the bible.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** Why does God require a flashlight ("lessor light) to point out the sun (Son)?

He doesn't in these last days...Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past, God spoke to our people through the prophets. He spoke at many times. He spoke in different ways. 2 But in these last days, He has spoken to us through his Son. He is the one whom God appointed to receive all things. God also made everything through Him. 3 The Son is the shining brightness of God's glory. He is the exact likeness of God's being. He uses His powerful word to hold all things together. He provided the way for people to be made pure from sin. Then He sat down at the right hand of the King, the Majesty in heaven.

Why does EGW pass all the tests of a false prophet in Jeremiah 23?..including this one: verse 30 "Therefore," declares the Lord, "I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me."

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** by the way, EGW rewrote Heb.1:1-3 and substituted her "testimonies" for Jesus Christ...(I do consider that blasphemy).

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Amazingly, you claim the Ten Commandments are infallible and eternal because they were written by God's own finger.

Ellen White claimed the same thing for her "visions!"

"In my books, the truth is stated, barricaded by a 'Thus saith the Lord.' The Holy Spirit traced these truths upon my heart and mind as indelibly as the law was traced by the finger of God upon the tables of stone." Letter 90, 1906.

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Sandi Haynes Yes! I was taught exactly the same thing by my teachers and pastors. David and I both were taught this. We no longer believe that EGW was inspired by God. Not a single prophesy she predicted came true. Not One!

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Deborah Owen David I wonder if Sean knows all we have to said here is exactly the truth but is so brainwashed he puppets the public SDA stance - that lie they put forth - "Mrs. White herself is quite clear in consistently describing her own writings as the "lesser light" that should direct the mind back to the Bible as the ultimate source of Divine Truth."

SDA's say this over and over again whenever they are called on the erroneous teachings of Ellen, there is always an excuse. Why does one hang onto a lie that is so clear if not for the fact they are so incredibly brainwashed they do not even realize they are reciting the lie themselves.

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Margie Littell When I post wonderful scriptures, word for word out of the Bible which contradict what the SDA church teaches...I usually get one or two responses:

1. "well, God didn't mean it that way."
2. "well, everybody knows you can't understand the Bible unless EGW tells you what it means!"

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Sean D. Pitman It is easy to quote a passage of Scripture out of its original context and intended meaning. In order to properly interpret Scripture, you have to compare individual passages with everything else the Bible has to say about the topic in question. Otherwise, it is quite easy to come away with something very different than the actual truth. Often people quote only a portion of a sentence and say, "See, it's straight from the Bible and the meaning is obvious" – when in reality the meaning of the sentence in context is quite the opposite of what was claimed...

Beyond this, Mrs. White is not required to understand the Bible. Her writings are only meant to direct the mind back to the Bible for those who have been neglecting it. She consistently described her own writings as the "lesser light". As the moon's reflected rays direct the mind to consider the Sun as the original source if it's light, Mrs. White saw her own writings as a lesser light whose purpose it was to direct the minds of her readers to reconsider the Bible itself as the ultimate source of Divine truth.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventism is founded on the discredited method of Proof-Texting.

That's like you calling the kettle Black.

Here, Dr. Raymond Cottrell demolished the Adventist misuse of Proof-Texts, which is the foundation of the cult's heresies:

http://www.rethinkingadventism.com/supp.../cottrell_1844.pdf

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) EGW told members to do Isaiah 28:10 more than 1500 times...she should have continued to read to Isaiah 28:13 where God tells us the dire results of using God's Word in that manner.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) What? You don't believe in studying the Bible in context? Comparing everything the Bible has to say on a particular topic? and in using historical means of verification of the claims of the Bible? You think you can take a single passage, by itself, and know for sure what it was supposed to mean? - without any interpretation of your own reflecting your own personal biases?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventists usually quote only the verse 28:10. They rarely ever quote what happens when you DO use those proof-texts, which is outlined in verse 13.

Adventism is entirely based on illegitimate proof-texts. It BRAGS that it is founded on just one Old Testament Bible verse!

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) By what method do you suggest that one study the Bible?

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** I've already posted Dr. Cottrell's critique. You did not respond the first time. I'll go ahead and post it AGAIN, and see if that might jar you out of your present stance of Dodge Ball.

The short answer: Virtually ANY other method is superior to proof-texting.

http://www.rethinkingadventism.com/supp.../cottrell_1844.pdf

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[Margie Littell](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** I like this study guide that my KJV Study Bible gave me about the book of Hebrews. I found it to be very accurate.

Here is the study outline that my KJV Study Bible gives:

“Hebrews is a good book to read about the two Covenants. Old and New. The whole book is explaining to the Hebrews how the Cross of Jesus changed everything for them.

Chapters 1-3 Explains Jesus credentials to change the Old Covenant.

Chapters 4-6 Reviews the Old Covenant

Chapters 7-10 Gives the New Covenant

Chapter 11-13 Compares them and gives the Hebrews the choice:

Keep what they had known and kept for hundreds of years...or

give it up and accept the New from Jesus.”

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[Margie Littell](#) Simple really: Pay attention to whom the passage is written to...Pay attention to what the message is to the folks it is addressing. Then read it until that letter, or book is completedone sentence at a time. (since the Bible was never written in verses).

If the message is important God repeats it over and over...(He knows what slow learners we are!)

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Margie Littell](#)** Hopefully, Sean will read Dr. Cottrell's article, which outlines what HE thinks is the best methods. Most Adventists comically-reject Cottrell out of hand, even though he was the editor of the Adventist Bible Commentary for decades.

I've had Adventists claim that Cottrell was a Jesuit Cigarette Man that infiltrated Adventism to destroy it.

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[Margie Littell](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** and AVOID the QUESTION + BIBLE ANSWER method...RCC has used it for years to deceive folks.

If I control the Question and I control the Answer, I can teach you any thing I want to from the Bible even if it is not true...

For example:

QUESTION: How should we treat folks who don't keep the Sabbath?

ANSWER: Numbers 15:36 So the assembly took him outside the camp and stoned him to death, as the Lord commanded Moses.

so by all means, avoid the SS Quarterly!

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) **[Margie Littell](#)**: I still don't see how you can take one passage by itself without considering the rest of what the Bible has to say on the topic in question. For example, consider that the Devil quoted Scripture to tempt Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:10-11). In response, Jesus quoted a different Scripture to put what the Devil was saying into it's proper context.

Likewise, it is not wise to take a single passage and think that you know for sure what it means without considering other relevant passages from the Scriptures or even from historical contextual evidence.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventism is founded entirely on proof-texts.

This unethical and unbiblical method was demolished in Dr. Cottrell's article:

http://www.rethinkingadventism.com/supp.../cottrell_1844.pdf

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Sean D. Pitman Of course the cross changes everything - for everyone. However, this doesn't mean that the cross did away with the moral law. That leap of logic simply isn't consistent with everything that the Bible has to say on the topic - not by a long shot. What it means is that the cross gives us access to Divine power that enables us to actually keep the moral Law as God would have us keep it - as Jesus kept it.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Pure driven and Sophistry.

The Holy Spirit is the law of the New Covenant. That is stressed over and over again.

The "moral law" that you refer to was given only to the Children of Israel.

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Sean D. Pitman I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." - Romans 7:7

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Sean D. Pitman Sounds like Paul is still preaching that the Law gives knowledge of sin... even after Christ.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) You can also know what sin is when the Holy Spirit tells you that it is.

There are many more sins than the 10 Commandments, which isn't even a floor of appropriate behavior for mentally ill and mentally retarded people in any society.

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Sean D. Pitman So, you don't need the Bible then since the Holy Spirit tells you everything. That's not what Paul says...

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Sean D. Pitman The Spirits need to be tested by what the Bible says... not the other way around.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Of course the Spirit needs testing by what the Bible says.

Where did you get the idea that you don't need the Bible if you have the Holy Spirit? Nobody but you says such a thing.

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Sean D. Pitman Didn't you just say that the Holy Spirit is all that you need to know moral truth? If that is correct, you don't need the writings of the Bible...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Adventists proof-texted the 10 Commandments from the Roman Catholic Council of Trent. Although to be fair, Catholics combine the 10C with both confession and the Eucharist.

2068 The Council of Trent teaches that the Ten Commandments are obligatory for Christians and that the justified man is still bound to keep them;28 the Second Vatican Council confirms: "The bishops, successors of the apostles, receive from the Lord . . . the mission of teaching all peoples, and of preaching the Gospel to every creature, so that all men may attain salvation through faith, Baptism and the observance of the Commandments."

http://www.vatican.va/.../ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2.htm

Catechism of the Catholic Church - The Ten Commandments

2052 "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answers first by invoking the necessity to recognize God as the "One there is who is good," as the supreme Good and the source of all good. Then Jesus tells him: "If you would enter life,..."

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Margie Littell Sean D. Pitman again...twisting in the wind...sigh

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Actually this is what I said. Please do not misquote me again:

"You can also know what sin is when the Holy Spirit tells you that it is.

There are many more sins than the 10 Commandments, which isn't even a floor of appropriate behavior for mentally ill and mentally retarded people in any society."

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Sean D. Pitman "We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me." - 1 Timothy 8-11.

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Sean D. Pitman Again, Paul refers to the moral Law as "good" and necessary to reprove sin.

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Sean D. Pitman The Holy Spirit does not contradict Himself... or go against what is written in the Bible.

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Margie Littell Sean D. Pitman All the law is perfect holy and good and sadly we can't get that way from keeping it...so it kills us

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Comically, Adventists have made their central doctrine the Ten Commandments, when Roman Catholicism adopted the idea as a teaching aid for imbeciles and a guide to confession.

"The emphasis on teaching reappears in section three of the document where Ignatius instructs future Jesuits to hold esteemed the instruction of children and the uneducated in the Christian doctrine of the Ten Commandments and other similar rudiments."

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman But what can you expect from a cult that BRAGS that it is founded on just one Old Testament bible verse!

This cult's mission in life is to take things out of context!

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) The law doesn't kill us if it is kept. The problem isn't with the Law, it is with those who don't keep it. Who then can rescue us who have broken the Law? Only Jesus can rescue us and given Divine power to actually keep the Law.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Those references to the law were referring to all 613 Commandments, not to the cherry picked Roman Catholic invention of just 10 Commandments.

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Sean D. Pitman When Paul reference the moral Law, he is talking about the Decalogue... and often cites various commandments from the decalogue.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) which group of people do you belong to...these are the folks the Law is for:

1 Timothy 1:8-10

8 We know that the law is good if it is used properly.

9 We also know that the law isn't made for godly people.

It is made for those who break the law.

It is for those who refuse to obey.

It is for ungodly and sinful people.

It is for those who aren't holy and who don't believe.

It is for those who kill their fathers or mothers.

It is for murderers.

10 It is for those who commit sexual sins.

It is for those who commit homosexual acts.

It is for people who buy and sell slaves.

It is for liars.

It is for people who tell lies in court.

It is for those who are a witness to things that aren't true. And it is for anything else that is the opposite of true teaching.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) nope...have you read Lev. 18 lately...it is about as "moral" as you can get!

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The New Testament writers were not referring to a bizarre middle-ages Roman Catholic "Natural Law" concoction, based on the Ten Strings of David's Harp.

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Sean D. Pitman We've all broken the Law and are therefore guilty before God. Paul, however, is speaking to those who continue to strive to break the law without coming to God for help to keep it.

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Sean D. Pitman Paul rightly points out that the moral Law can be used to explain to someone the sinfulness of their course...

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) I can see you have been deceived by Proof Texting...and you follow RCC doctrines instead of the Bible.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell** How is that? I'm simply discussing what Paul has said regarding the Law - that it can be used to show someone the sinfulness of their ways. Is that not what Paul was really trying to say here?

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Margie Littell This doctrine in particular: God did not divide the law into "ceremonial law" also known as "law of Moses and "moral law" also known as Law of God.

Man did. It is a traditions of men started by Origen Adamantius around 200 AD. Jerome (the author of the Latin Vulgate - the Roman Catholic Bible for hundreds of years) followed his error. It was adopted as Canon law by the Roman Catholic Church.

God gave the Law of Moses (Ezra 7:6; Neh 8:1) and Moses gave the Law of God (Neh 10:29; 2 Chron 34:14) . It is simply two names for the same One Law= The Torah.

The Roman Catholic church divided the law into these two sections to avoid keeping the 4th commandment. They used Lev.23 to prove that the 7th day Sabbath was "ceremonial."

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** Paul also tells you that the Law increases your sinning...deceives you....and brings you death

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** The moral law of the OT is a LOT more than just the 10 Commandments.

It is all 613 Commandments + all of the decisions of the Jewish Courts.

Paul was a Pharisee. Pharisees were the only sect of First century Judaism that accepted the entire oral law. That is what Paul means by the moral law.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell** Really? Why then did the Ten Commandments get placed inside the Ark while the rest of the Mosaic ceremonial laws get placed outside the Ark?

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** The moral law of the OT is a LOT more than just the 10 Commandments.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** Possibly because it was easy to carry? The Book of the Law with all the commandments telling you how to keep the Decalogue is the only copies you have...

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell** That's right. Without the Law there would be no sin. It is because the Law exists that sin exists - according to Paul. The only who can rescue you from the Law is Christ - because only Christ has paid the ultimate penalty that the Law demands in your behalf and only Christ can give you the power to actually keep the Law.

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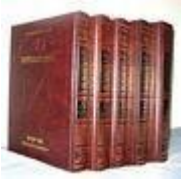
Margie Littell Yes...we can have sin without the law being present..Romans 5:13.

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** When Paul referred to the moral law, he was referring to all 613 Commandments, along with the oral law, like all Pharisees in the First Century would have.

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Sean D. Pitman **Margie Littell** Read the whole verse: "but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law."

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Sean D. Pitman Jesus also said that without knowledge of the Law there is no guilt for sin (John 9:41).

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Larry Dean **Sean D. Pitman** Jesus commanded you to obey the Pharisees in Matthew 23:1-3.

The Pharisees taught all 613 Commandments + the oral law that interprets them.

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Margie Littell **Sean D. Pitman** Paul devotes a whole chapter to the topic of the relationship of sin to the law...in Romans 5...notice the points he makes:

POINT 1: Sin entered the world through ADAM'S disobedience--not through the law.

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as SIN ENTERED THE WORLD THROUGH ONE MAN, and death through sin, and IN THIS WAY SIN CAME TO ALL MEN, because ALL SINNED--

POINT 2: Men became sinners THROUGH ADAM'S SIN--NOT THROUGH BREAKING THE LAW.

POINT 3: BEFORE the law was given, sin was already in the world.

Rom 5:13 for BEFORE THE LAW WAS GIVEN, SIN WAS IN THE WORLD. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

POINT 4: Even though sin was not "taken into account" before the law was given, DEATH STILL REIGNED over mankind, from Adam to the giving of the law.

POINT 5: Death reigned even over those who DID NOT SIN by BREAKING A COMMANDMENT.

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless, DEATH REIGNED FROM THE TIME OF ADAM TO THE TIME OF MOSES, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

POINT 6: Death came to all through the TRESPASS OF ADAM; not through everyone breaking the law.

Romans 5:15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if THE MANY DIED BY THE TRESPASS OF THE ONE MAN, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

POINT 7: The judgment (condemnation, death) FOLLOWED ONE SIN; not the breaking of the law. ONE SIN brought judgment for all men.

Romans 5:16 Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

POINT 8: Once again it is because of ONE MAN'S SIN, that death reigns in the world--not because of the violation of the law.

Romans 5:17 For if, BY THE TRESPASS OF ONE, DEATH REIGNED THROUGH THAT ONE MAN, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:18 Consequently, just as THE RESULT OF ONE TRESPASS WAS CONDEMNATION FOR ALL MEN, , so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

POINT 9: We did not become sinners by breaking the law; we became sinners THROUGH ADAM'S DISOBEDIENCE.

Romans 5:19 For just as THROUGH THE DISOBEDIENCE OF THE ONE MAN THE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

POINT 10: The law was ADDED. It was not ETERNAL.

POINT 11: It was added so that sin would INCREASE. Not so that SIN COULD BE AVOIDED. NOT as a means of doing righteousness. NEVER

Romans 5:20 The LAW WAS ADDED SO THAT THE TRESPASS WOULD INCREASE. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#): Adam's disobedience was in violation of the Law. And, without knowledge of God's will, Adam would not have been guilty of violating the Law. Paul is very clear on this, "For apart from the Law, sin is dead."

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie](#): How am I falling into any "trap" here? - by just asking you to explain everything Paul and others from the Bible have to say about the moral Law?

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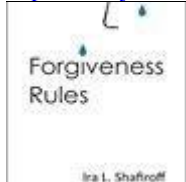
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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus didn't even obey the Scribes and Pharisees when they went beyond the Law of God.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) He had a lot of rather harsh things to say about them too 😊

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<http://www.lastdays.org.uk/jesus-and-the-pharisees.html>

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Margie Littell The main reasons the Jews rejected Jesus was over Sabbath issues...and it seems to be happening all over again in the SDA church.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) What does that have to do with the Law being the basis of our knowledge of sin? Jesus claimed to have kept the Sabbath - that it was actually lawful for everyone to do what He was doing on Sabbath. Everything He did was in line with the spirit of the Moral Law. And, he is our pattern in how we are to live - right?

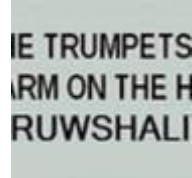
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As far as written Torah observance by Rebbe Yeshua in the New Testament; accounts (Luke 2:39-52, Luke 2:21-32, Luke 2:39, Luke 2:41, John 8:46; Galatians 4:4) stress that Yeshua was brought up as an observant Jewish child in the traditions and faith of his fathers (who were Jews).

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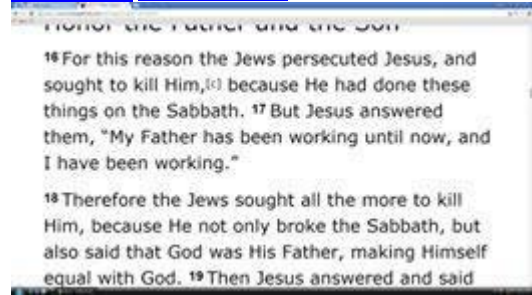


[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) Was Paul not being clear when he said, "I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law."? Paul didn't explain here that the Holy Spirit would have solved his problem. He seems to be saying that his own personal knowledge of sin was based on his understanding of the Moral Law...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Both Jesus and John admitted that he broke the Sabbath. That is clear in John 5



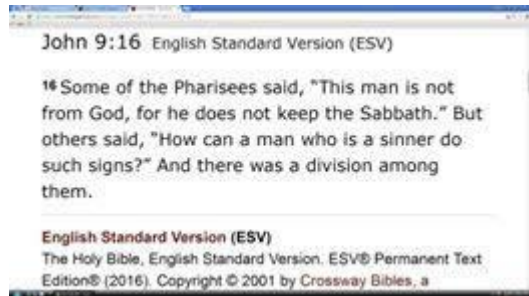
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[Larry Dean](#) Adventists plagiarized the Pharisee's arguments that Jesus was a sinner if he broke the Sabbath.

Adventist's main argument was stolen from the enemies of Jesus!

ROFLOL!!!



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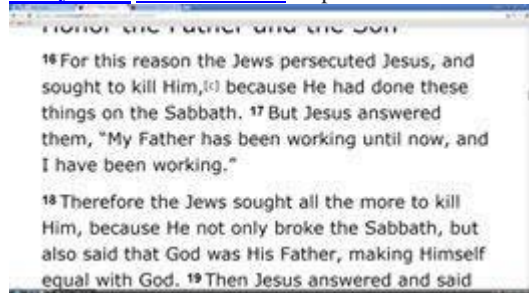


[Sean D. Pitman](#) Jesus specifically said that what He was doing was "lawful" - that everyone could do it just the same way and be guiltless.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nope. Nowhere does he claim it was "lawful."



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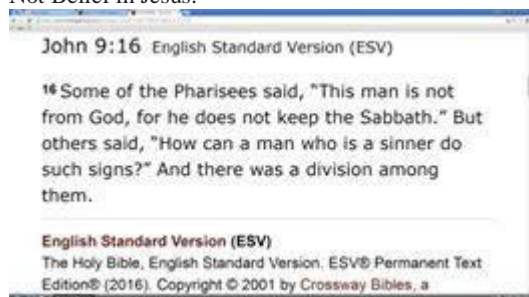
[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Do you want to bet on it?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) What he said is that he is God.

Both Adventists and Pharisees disagree with that. Both Adventists and the Pharisees agree that Saturday-keeping is Salvation. Not Belief in Jesus.



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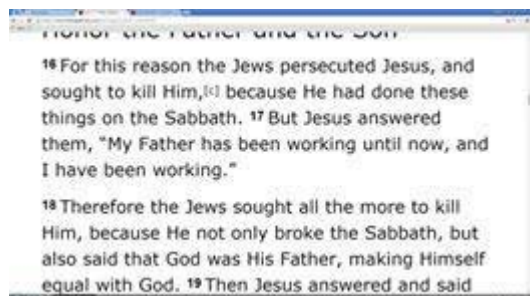


[Sean D. Pitman](#) "it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." - Matthew 12:12

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Lawful is not mentioned in John 5



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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It is in Matthew....

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) or do you not accept the book of Matthew as being canonical?

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[Margie Littell](#) It is "lawful" to do good on every day God has made...correct?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Margie Littell](#) Of course it is lawful to do good on every day - but especially on the Sabbath day.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) For Adventists, "doing good" means refraining from slaughtering other Adventists on the other six days of the week.

4,000 Adventists were slaughtered by other Adventists in the Rwanda genocide. they kept Saturday though, and refrained from murder on that day.

"The answer to this plea came the next day, Sabbath morning, at approximately 9 o'clock am. The attackers advanced toward the church from all sides chanting "Eliminate the Tutsis!" They worked methodically with guns and machetes, moving from church to school to hospital. The victims, weak from food and water deprivation, mounted a feeble defense with bricks and stones. But they were overcome with little effort. The killers, keen to spare bullets, only paused when the physical exertion of chopping and spearing demanded rest. By evening, mop-up operations had begun: tear gas was fired to cause any living Tutsis among the corpses to cry out. The attackers then made sure these joined the rest.

In the end, Mugonero may have been the worst single massacre in the entire 1994 genocide. In a single day almost all of the 3,000 Tutsis who had gathered at the Adventist mission were slain, some 2,000 inside the Seventh-day Adventist church building itself. The bloodstains were no longer visible on the walls and floor when I visited Mugonero one week ago. The church is in fact still being used as an active place of worship. Near the entrance to the Mugonero high school there is, however, a small building with stacks of machete-hacked skulls as a memorial to what happened here more than 15 years ago.

Several months after the attack, in a short interview published in the Review, J. J. Nortey, then president of the African-Indian Ocean Division, said that as many as 99 percent of all Adventist workers in the Mugonero region—among them pastors, hospital personnel, and mission employees—were killed. In total, an estimated 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists died in Rwanda in barely three months.

Even more alarming in the aftermath of the genocide, however, is the fact that Adventists were not only among the victims. On February 19, 2003, Pastor Ntakirutimana was sentenced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to 10 years in prison for complicity in crimes against humanity. The Tribunal found that Pastor Ntakirutimana, together with his son Gerard—the head doctor at the Adventist Mugonero Hospital—aided and abetted Hutu killers, going so far as to order the removal of church roofing so that Tutsis would have nowhere to hide.

But the Ntakirutimanas were not the only Adventists who sided with the killers. In regions with large numbers of Seventh-day Adventists, the killings were just as bad as in the rest of the country. "[T]here were church-going people seen in the mobs, cheering...those who did the killings," Nortey reported. Today, jails in Rwanda hold large numbers of Adventists who have been implicated in the genocide. According to one high level church official I spoke with at the Union office in Kigali, not only

Adventist lay members but numerous Adventist pastors have been convicted by Rwanda's village level gacaca courts for their role in genocidal crimes against humanity. During the genocide, he told me, some Adventists maintained their Adventism by scrupulously resting from killing on Sabbaths.

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Levy reported that while traveling in war-torn Burundi (which borders Rwanda and is comprised of the same Hutu and Tutsi tribes) he asked a taxi driver to take him to the southern part of the country. The driver consented, but on one condition: the trip had to be on Saturday. "Why on Saturday?" Levy writes. "Because the 'genocidal aggressors', those Hutu of the National Liberation Front, of which the whole country continues to repeat by memory abominable crimes... they are also good Christians, mostly of Adventist confession, who don't smoke, don't drink, arrive at the villages singing loud songs and consider Saturday a sacred day, dedicated to prayer, in which one must not kill."

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[Margie Littell](#) John 5 is interesting...Jesus tells a man to break a Sabbath commandment that Jesus, Himself gave in Jeremiah 17:21-27.

The Pharisees caught Him at it too!

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Again, it is lawful to relieve suffering on the Sabbath, and this man's bed was his only possession. It would have caused him unnecessary loss to just leave it there or to just stay there the rest of the day.

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[Larry Dean](#) The commandment against murder did not have a halo around it, like Saturday does.

Thus, Adventists defined "doing good" as not murdering on Saturday..

They got their evil deeds out of the way the other six days a week.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) why "especially"? God gave them lots of Holy Sabbath days...

7th day Sabbaths

1st day Sabbaths

9th day Sabbaths

18th day Sabbaths etc (none of them have been deleted)

See the list in Lev. 23.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) It's fine to do good on all of those days. The Sabbath Day is a special day devoted to worshiping God, and everything should be able to enjoy it as much as possible. That is why the relief of suffering on Sabbath is particularly urgent.

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[Margie Littell](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) notice how specific Jesus is in John 5:

the commandment says: Thou shalt not do ANY work...(doesn't say good or bad work)

Jesus says, I work on the Sabbath.

Did He break the 4th commandment or did He lie?

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Larry Dean Jesus's healings are prohibited in a SDA hospital on a Saturday. "God's Highest Authority" says so:

a. Provide emergency medical care willingly and cheerfully whenever needed with high levels of excellence. However, neither Adventist institutions nor physicians and dentists should provide the same office or clinic services on the Sabbath as they do on weekdays. b. Discontinue all routine activities that could be postponed. Usually this means a complete closing of those facilities and departments not immediately related to patient care, and the maintenance of a minimum number of qualified people in other departments to handle emergencies. c. Postpone elective diagnostic and therapeutic services. Decisions as to what is necessary or of an emergency nature should be made by the attending physician. If this privilege is abused, it should be dealt with by the hospital administration. Nonadministrative institutional employees should not become involved in making these decisions nor should they be obliged to confront the attending physicians. Misunderstandings may be avoided by making it clear in medical staff bylaws that only surgical, diagnostic, or therapeutic procedures which are not postponable because of the condition of the patient, will be done. A clear understanding with all who are appointed to staff membership, at the time of appointment, will do much to avoid misunderstandings and abuses. Convenience and elective surgery should be discouraged or limited on Fridays. Procedures thus scheduled allow the patient to be in the hospital over the weekend and hence lose fewer days at work. However, this places the first post-operative day, usually with the most intensive nursing care, on the Sabbath. d. Close administrative and business offices to routine business. Although it may be necessary to admit or discharge patients on the Sabbath, it is recommended that the rendering of bills and the collection of money be avoided. Never should the keeping of the Sabbath be a source of irritation to those we seek to serve and to save, but rather a hallmark of "the children of light" (Eph 5:8; Acts of the Apostles, p 260). e. Make the Sabbath a special day for patients, providing a memory of Christian witnessing never to be forgotten. Meaningful Sabbath-keeping is much easier to achieve in an institution that employs a predominantly Adventist staff. Presenting the Sabbath in a proper light can be accomplished by the believing workers employed in patient care, and may well be a convicting influence in the lives of those not of our faith. f. The direct care of the sick is a seven-day-a-week activity. Illness knows no calendar. Nevertheless, when scheduling all personnel, health-care institutions should take into consideration the sincere religious beliefs, observances, and practices of each employee and prospective employee. The institution should make reasonable accommodation for such religious beliefs unless it is demonstrated that such accommodation would place an undue hardship on its operation. It is recognized that the consciences of individuals vary in regard to the propriety of Sabbath employment. Neither the Church nor its institutions can act as the conscience for its employees. Rather, reasonable accommodation should be made for individual conscience. g. Resist pressures for relaxing Seventh-day Adventist standards. Some institutions have been pressured by the communities, the medical staffs, and/or employees (where a majority is comprised of non-Adventists), to abandon or weaken Sabbath keeping principles and practices so that the Sabbath would be treated as any other day. In some cases, pressure has been applied to maintain full services on the Sabbath and reduce them on Sunday instead. Such action should be vigorously resisted. Compliance would cause serious reexamination of the relationship of such an institution to the Church. h. Educate employees who are not Seventh-day Adventist concerning Sabbath keeping principles practiced by the institution. Every non-Adventist, at the time of employment at an Adventist health care institution, should be made aware of Seventh-day Adventist principles, especially institutional policies regarding the observance of the Sabbath. Though non-Adventists may not believe as we do, they should know from the very beginning how they are expected to fit into the institutional program to help it reach its objectives. i. Foster an attitude for continuing Christian witnessing by Adventist employees. The only contact that many non-Adventist workers ever may have with Seventh-day Adventists may be in the institution employing them. Every relationship should be friendly, kind, and expressive of the love that exemplified the life and work of the Great Physician. Compassion for the sick, unselfish regard for our fellowman, an eagerness to serve, and unstinted loyalty to God and the Church may well prove to be a savor of life unto life. The keeping of the Sabbath is a privilege and an honor as well as a duty. It should never become burdensome or obnoxious to those who keep it or to those about us.

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Margie Littell [Sean D. Pitman](#) God never commands "worship" on the 7th day Sabbath...have you noticed?

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) Doing good is prohibited in an Adventist Hospital on a Saturday, under the guidelines put out by "God's Highest Authority on Earth," the General Conference of SDA.

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Sean D. Pitman [Margie Littell](#) Again, it had always been lawful to pull an animal out of a pit to relieve its suffering - on the Sabbath day. The same had always been true regarding human suffering. The Sabbath had always been made for mankind - not

mankind for the Sabbath. Don't just pick and choose passages out of the overall context of everything that the Bible has to say on a topic.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#): That's not true - I've worked in such hospitals many many times.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "That is why the relief of suffering on Sabbath is particularly urgent."

Relief of suffering is prohibited in an SDA hospital on a Saturday unless it is emergency or life-threatening, under rules put out by "God's Highest Authority on Earth," the SDA General Conference.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) All suffering is an emergency on the Sabbath.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Is the General Conference lying through its teeth AGAIN!

Not AGAIN!

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Have you actually worked in such hospitals to know what goes on?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The General Conference rules are directly opposite of what you are claiming.

But then, that wouldn't be the first time the cult lied publicly:

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman In your defense, this would not be the first and only time that the General Conference - "God's Highest Authority on Earth" - lied publicly about what it believes and teaches.

Have you read the 1919 Bible Conference transcripts?

and seen the debate on the John Ankerberg show between Walter Martin and the SDA General Conference official?

Yeah, the GC lied big time both times, about what Adventists believe.

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Sean D. Pitman The effort, in the SDA hospital setting, is to make the regular duties of the day as minimal as possible while, at the same time, providing the best patient care possible. That's what actually happens on Sabbath in an SDA hospital. This goes right along with the spirit of the Sabbath as exemplified by the life of Christ.

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Sean D. Pitman It just doesn't seem like you've actually worked in such a hospital setting....

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman Here's what the cult says. NOTE: All of Jesus's Sabbath healings were "elective" healings, some of which involved conditions that were several decades old.

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Sean D. Pitman You just don't know what you're talking about...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman which of Jesus's healings were an emergency?

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Sean D. Pitman All of them...

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You need a "proof text" to know that it is wrong to let someone continue to suffer if you can help them right now? Really?

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That would be you putting that yoke on them. Not me.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You're the one perfectly willing to let people suffer even if their suffering could be relieved...
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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Christians do not need to keep the Sabbath.

That's where the compassion is.

No Mandatory death Penalty. No mandatory offerings and sacrifices.

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Sean D. Pitman The Sabbath was made as a blessing for mankind. Why would you deliberately turn down a blessing?

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) I reject both the Sabbath AND the Ten Commandments.

They have no application to Christians.

YOU are the one that wishes to harness them to the "Ministry of Death written on Stone."

Not me.

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Sean D. Pitman Mark 2:27

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The Sabbath was neither a blessing nor for all mankind.

Exodus 31 and Deuteronomy 5.

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Larry Dean Nope. Mark 2:27 doesn't mention that it is a blessing.



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Sean D. Pitman Sure it does... in the context of the conversation.

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Sean D. Pitman "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

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Sean D. Pitman In other words, it was made as a gift or a blessing.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nor does it state that it is for all mankind. Both Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 31 foreclose the universal claim.

IT is a sign between Israel and God only.

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Sean D. Pitman Man was not made for the Sabbath...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nothing about it being a blessing.

Sorry. Do you have another proof-text that says the Sabbath is to be a blessing?

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Sean D. Pitman Yes, it does. The word Jesus used was "Anthropos". He didn't use the word "Jews."

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Sean D. Pitman Just read, slowly, Mark 2:27 in context...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Deuteronomy 5 and Exodus 31 make it clear that it was for Jews only.

Jesus was talking to Jews in Mark 2:27.

Gentiles were not human beings under the Jewish Law. They were lower than dogs.

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Sean D. Pitman That's not what it says.... especially in the context of the wording of the 4th commandment and Genesis.. which is referenced here by Jesus.

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Sean D. Pitman That is why he said "Anthropos" instead of "Jews".

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Larry Dean Gentiles were dogs under the Jewish Law. Not men. Not human beings.

Matthew 15:21-28

New King James Version (NKJV)

A Gentile Shows Her Faith

21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

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And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

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25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) [Larry Dean](#) Not according to Jesus...;

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

That was Jesus speaking.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) And, according to the OT, the Messiah would die for all mankind - not just the Jews.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) He was teaching His disciples a lesson in God's love for all mankind...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) This is why Ephesians 2 refers to the law as a "wall of hostility" between Jews and Gentiles.

This is why the entire law was jettisoned in Acts 15.

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Larry Dean Gentiles were not human beings under the law:

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) The abolition of the law is what caused Gentiles to become human beings.

"There's just no point in discussing these things with you because you seem like you're just not open to having an honest conversation about much of anything..."

I notice that you said that in response to two lengthy quotes from the Bible.

"Honesty" to you must mean disregarding what the Bible SAYS.

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Larry Dean This is the final nail in the coffin of the law for gentiles:

23 They wrote this letter by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

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Farewell.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) That makes it very very difficult to have a reasonable conversation...

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2 Corinthians 3

7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) The apostles did not include the 10 Commandments in their instructions to Gentiles:

Acts 15:

23 They wrote this letter by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"[f] —to whom we gave no such commandment— 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.[g] If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Farewell.

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Sean D. Pitman Come on now, just because they didn't remind them about murder and adultery doesn't mean that these things were now "Ok" to do. That's quite clear from the writings of Paul and others. The Law remains in full force for those who continue to break it.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Throughout the New Testament, the Spirit CLEARLY replaces the law. Over and over again.

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Sean D. Pitman It is irrelevant for those who keep it by God's power...

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Gentiles were under Roman Law in Antioch. It prohibited murder and adultery.

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Sean D. Pitman The Spirit only enables one to actually keep the Law - He doesn't change it.

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Larry Dean [Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventist Cheap law heresy



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Sean D. Pitman [Larry](#): Really? So, it was Roman law that kept Christians from Adultery and Murder? Really? Not God?

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) You're out of your mind!...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Nope. Acts 15 repeatedly stressed that it was the spirit that the Gentiles had.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) You enforce your own murder law against yourself?

Adventists are the first people in world history that think they can have a law without a court system.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) I'm sorry, but you make absolutely no sense to me. I appreciate your time and effort, but I don't think this conversation is going anywhere...

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) If you catch yourself murdering, do you throw yourself in jail and give yourself a jury trial?

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) But of course the Law of the New Covenant makes no sense to you.

Adventists are uncoveted pagans who have not been born again. No wonder you can't understand the New Covenant, or the "Law of the New Covenant" that was prophesied by Jeremiah!

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) If an Adventist murders someone, do they put themselves on trial and prosecute themselves and sentence themselves to prison if they are guilty?

Do they conduct their own trial of themselves in front of a jury of other Adventists only?

Deuteronomy 17 is the key out of your intellectual impasse.

Indeed the Mosaic Law had a court system that enforce the murder laws. Like every other legal system throughout history had.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "Really? So, it was Roman law that kept Christians from Adultery and Murder? Really? Not God?"

How's that working out for Adventists, by the way? Enforcing the murder laws against themselves?

"The answer to this plea came the next day, Sabbath morning, at approximately 9 o'clock am. The attackers advanced toward the church from all sides chanting "Eliminate the Tutsis!" They worked methodically with guns and machetes, moving from church to school to hospital. The victims, weak from food and water deprivation, mounted a feeble defense with bricks and stones. But they were overcome with little effort. The killers, keen to spare bullets, only paused when the physical exertion of chopping and spearing demanded rest. By evening, mop-up operations had begun: tear gas was fired to cause any living Tutsis among the corpses to cry out. The attackers then made sure these joined the rest.

In the end, Mugonero may have been the worst single massacre in the entire 1994 genocide. In a single day almost all of the 3,000 Tutsis who had gathered at the Adventist mission were slain, some 2,000 inside the Seventh-day Adventist church building itself. The bloodstains were no longer visible on the walls and floor when I visited Mugonero one week ago. The church is in fact still being used as an active place of worship. Near the entrance to the Mugonero high school there is, however, a small building with stacks of machete-hacked skulls as a memorial to what happened here more than 15 years ago.

Several months after the attack, in a short interview published in the Review, J. J. Nortey, then president of the African-Indian Ocean Division, said that as many as 99 percent of all Adventist workers in the Mugonero region—among them pastors, hospital personnel, and mission employees—were killed. In total, an estimated 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists died in Rwanda in barely three months.

Even more alarming in the aftermath of the genocide, however, is the fact that Adventists were not only among the victims. On

February 19, 2003, Pastor Ntakirutimana was sentenced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to 10 years in prison for complicity in crimes against humanity. The Tribunal found that Pastor Ntakirutimana, together with his son Gerard—the head doctor at the Adventist Mugonero Hospital—aided and abetted Hutu killers, going so far as to order the removal of church roofing so that Tutsis would have nowhere to hide.

But the Ntakirutimanas were not the only Adventists who sided with the killers. In regions with large numbers of Seventh-day Adventists, the killings were just as bad as in the rest of the country. “[T]here were church-going people seen in the mobs, cheering...those who did the killings,” Nortey reported. Today, jails in Rwanda hold large numbers of Adventists who have been implicated in the genocide. According to one high level church official I spoke with at the Union office in Kigali, not only Adventist lay members but numerous Adventist pastors have been convicted by Rwanda’s village level gacaca courts for their role in genocidal crimes against humanity. During the genocide, he told me, some Adventists maintained their Adventism by scrupulously resting from killing on Sabbaths.

Levy reported that while traveling in war-torn Burundi (which borders Rwanda and is comprised of the same Hutu and Tutsi tribes) he asked a taxi driver to take him to the southern part of the country. The driver consented, but on one condition: the trip had to be on Saturday. “Why on Saturday?” Levy writes. “Because the ‘genocidal aggressors’, those Hutu of the National Liberation Front, of which the whole country continues to repeat by memory abominable crimes... they are also good Christians, mostly of Adventist confession, who don’t smoke, don’t drink, arrive at the villages singing loud songs and consider Saturday a sacred day, dedicated to prayer, in which one must not kill.”

<http://spectrummagazine.org/node/2716>



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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Doesn't sound like enforcing the murder laws against themselves is working out so hot for Adventists:

"The Rev. Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 78, the former head of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in western Rwanda, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for aiding and abetting genocide. His son, Dr. Gérard Ntakirutimana, 45, who worked at the church's hospital, received a total sentence of 25 years for the same charges and for shooting two people to death."

<http://www.nytimes.com/.../rwandan-pastor-and-his-son-are...>



[Rwandan Pastor and His Son Are Convicted of Genocide](#)

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[Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman](#) Adventists repealed Saturday and the ban on killing in order to enthusiastically support Adolph Hitler's drive to exterminate 6 million Jews in Europe.

Gee, the more I study Adventism, it sounds like the Ten Commandments aren't working out so hot, to prevent Adventists from participating in mass murder:

<http://www.history.ucsb.edu/.../Prosem.../corrieschroder.htm>

[Corrie Schroder](#)

In conclusion, the German Adventists connected the Adventist denomination to the German state, which went against their belief of separation of church and state. They did this by allowing the Nazi government to take over the Adventists welfare program and dictating the policy. The Adventists were su...

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman You seem to have a lot of misplaced confidence that the Ten Commandments will stop Adventists from murdering.

In World War 1, the Adventist church repealed both Saturday and the ban on killing. They even disfellowshipped Adventists who refused to kill on Saturday, in support of German Aggression against other countries! Some referred to this as the "Rape of Belgium." Nope, for all of the boasting and gloating about "law-keeping," Adventists aren't so good at even stopping their members from murdering.

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Larry Dean Sean D. Pitman I'm intrigued by the mechanics of how your alleged "law-keeping" of the Ten Commandments works in actual practice.

Say for instance, you murder someone. Do you put yourself on trial, and sentence yourself to prison if you find yourself guilty? Do you tell the local judge that you have already tried yourself and sentenced yourself under the Mosaic Law?

If you commit adultery, do you punish yourself? Can you go before the judge in the divorce case brought by your wife, and argue that you already punished yourself under the Mosaic Law?

Do you just "think" about the Ten Commandments and that is how you "keep" them? Most of the time, it sounds like Adventists believe that they "keep" Saturday as long as they think positive thoughts about it. Their Saturday-keeping bears no resemblance to the Mosaic Law, which was enforced by the Jewish Courts, Deuteronomy 17. That's what the Pharisee's job was: To enforce the law. That is why they were always bugging Jesus: Jesus was a habitual Sabbath Breaker and loved flaunting it before the Pharisees.

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Deborah Owen David Sean is unable to comprehend the Sermon on the Mount and the fact that Christ did not mention the importance of 24-hour time frame keeping of any sort and neither did the apostles on Acts 15. Sean would have one out of thin air assume that all those pagans the world over were semi-Jews and knew of Sabbath Day keeping, how to find the right day and the do's and do not's for said day. I guess he may think the pagans of the world, or gentiles knew that information intuitively. How silly and convoluted that assumption is.

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Larry Dean Deborah Owen David The Greeks DID know about the Sabbath. They made their opinions on it very clear. They hated the Sabbath with a passion. This rubbed off on the Hellenized Jews, who also jettisoned the Sabbath long before the Birth of Christ. Between Gentiles and Hellenized Jews, that is about 95 percent of the demographic makeup of the First century Church. Had not the Apostles wisely-rejected the Sabbath in Acts 15, Christianity would have quickly-shriveled into an obscure Jewish Sect localized about Jerusalem:

41-43 Antiochus now issued a decree that all nations in his empire should abandon their own customs and become one people. All the Gentiles and even many of the Israelites submitted to this decree. They adopted the official pagan religion, offered sacrifices to idols, and no longer observed the Sabbath.

44 The king also sent messengers with a decree to Jerusalem and all the towns of Judea, ordering the people to follow customs that were foreign to the country. 45 He ordered them not to offer burnt offerings, grain offerings, or wine offerings in the Temple, and commanded them to treat Sabbaths and festivals as ordinary work days. 46 They were even ordered to defile the Temple and the holy things in it.[e] 47 They were commanded to build pagan altars, temples, and shrines, and to sacrifice pigs and other

unclean animals there. 48 They were forbidden to circumcise their sons and were required to make themselves ritually unclean in every way they could, 49 so that they would forget the Law which the Lord had given through Moses and would disobey all its commands. 50 The penalty for disobeying the king's decree was death."

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[Kerry Wynne](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) - If you would just read LYING FOR GOD you might have some common ground to discuss these things with Former Adventists. You are working with 150+ years of SDA propaganda that has filled you up with volumes of false information. You seem to know nothing of the problems with Sabbath-Sunday terminology in the days of the early church, so you think you have found the early church keeping the Sabbath when instead they were keeping the Sabbath festival. Your ideas of where the Sabbath came from have been discredited for a very long time. Perhaps you can get some help from our new chapter on the lunar Sabbath. It digs deeper into the origins of the Sabbath than anything that has ever been written to date, so far as I know. The chapter is not quite finished yet, but am providing an advanced view of it for you to study. There is really no point in attempting to dialogue with a bunch of Former Adventists when you have no idea where the real battles are. Sabbatarian theology has been so thoroughly debunked now that you have no idea where to even begin to refute anti-Sabbatarians. Perhaps you should start with finding out where the real battles are. Here is one of them. It will help you understand where the Sabbath comes from. This article is authored by something like five researchers and has been reviewed by a group of highly placed European and Israeli scholars. You can read it at Google Docs with read-only privileges. You will find a few small mistakes, as this is only the rough draft of a major revision. You will be flabbergasted when you read it. It will knock you down, and you will even need a while to catch your breath-- the deceptions of Adventism are so unbelievable!<https://docs.google.com/.../1pjPyH.../edit...>

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[Margie Littell](#) The SDA church would have no belief system is it were not based on these two non-Biblical Roman Catholic Church doctrines.

#1. The law given at Mt Sinai is "universal" and given to all mankind.

It is not. David brags about it in Psalms 147:19-20 and Paul confirms it in Romans 2:14.

#2 The Law of Mt Sinai was not divided by God into "ceremonial law" also known as "law of Moses and "moral law" also known as Law of God.

Man did. It is a traditions of men started by Origen Adamantius around 200 AD. Jerome (the author of the Latin Vulgate - the Roman Catholic Bible for hundreds of years) followed his error. It was adopted as Canon law by the Roman Catholic Church.

God gave the Law of Moses (Ezra 7:6; Neh 8:1) and Moses gave the Law of God (Neh 10:29; 2 Chron 34:14) . It is simply two names for the same One Law= The Torah.

The Roman Catholic church divided the law into these two sections to avoid keeping the 4th commandment. They used Lev.23 to prove that the 7th day Sabbath was "ceremonial."

Therefore, Martin Luther, John Calvin and all of the Great Reformers rejected that division.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) The laws were divided by God Himself who told Moses to put the Ten Commandments inside the Ark of the Covenant and to put the other ceremonial laws outside of the Ark. The Ten Commandments were also written on stone by the Finger of God Himself, highlighting their eternal nature, while the rest of the commandments were temporary shadows of things to come.... highlighting their temporary nature until they met their reality in the life and death of Jesus. Also, Paul specifically claims that the moral Law is in fact universal in that it gives knowledge of sin - that without the Law, there is no sin (Romans 7:8; Romans 4:15; 1 John 3:4).

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** Was God lying when he "spoke" the law to Moses?

Is that why it is of less importance than the laws he wrote with his finger?

You are only required to follow laws that are written by God's finger, but can disregard the ones he spoke?

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[Larry Dean](#) **[Sean D. Pitman](#)** "while the rest of the commandments were temporary shadows of things to come.... highlighting their temporary nature until they met their reality in the life and death of Jesus. "

These are temporary?

Leviticus 20

New King James Version (NKJV)

Penalties for Breaking the Law

20 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. 4 And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, 5 then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.

6 'And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. 7 Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. 8 And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

9 'For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.

10 'The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. 11 The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. 12 If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood shall be upon them. 13 If a man lies with a male as he

lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. 14 If a man marries a woman and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, that there may be no wickedness among you. 15 If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. 16 If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood is upon them.

17 'If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And they shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. 18 If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from their people.

19 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister nor of your father's sister, for that would uncover his near of kin. They shall bear their guilt. 20 If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. 21 If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.

22 'You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. 23 And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them. 24 But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples. 25 You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. 26 And you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

27 'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.'"

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[Larry Dean](#) Sean Pittman:

"while the rest of the commandments were temporary shadows of things to come.... highlighting their temporary nature until they met their reality in the life and death of Jesus. "

This is a temporary law?

Leviticus 19

29 'Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) "while the rest of the commandments were temporary shadows of things to come.... highlighting their temporary nature until they met their reality in the life and death of Jesus. "

This is a temporary law?

Leviticus 19

13 'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

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[Sean D. Pitman](#) Theft and Adultery are both covered by the Ten Commandments. Again, only the *ceremonial laws* foreshadowing the Messiah met their final reality in Him. The moral Laws are, however, eternal... the basis of God's government.

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[Larry Dean](#) [Sean D. Pitman](#) Why are they restated AGAIN in the "ceremonial" law?

What a ridiculous and laughable argument! That there mere placement makes them "moral" or "ceremonial"

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Margaret Squire Oh here we go with the Finger of God stuff.

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Margaret Squire Don't the commandments given by the Logos , the Word of God count? What if you had needed to have the commandments that created the world written down FIRST?

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Margie Littell I'd argue, rather fairly, [Larry Dean](#) that the SDA belief system (based on these two Roman Catholic church doctrines) is a poster child for the Judiazer Hersey.

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Larry Dean [Margie Littell](#) The Ten Commandments are clearly a product of the Latin Scholasticism that infected the Western Church, that led to the Schism of 1054 AD. Both Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas argued that the Ten Commandments reflected "Natural Law." There is no Biblical basis for that contention. Furthermore, Augustine was enamored of the number "10" since that is the number of harp strings on David's harp! I am not making this up! This is why just 10 Commandments were cherry-picked out of 613.

Then, the Council of Trent adopted them, but should be given credit for admitting their is no Biblical or exegetical basis for the doctrine. At the same Council, Sola Scriptura was denounced as a heresy, thus admitting once again there is no biblical basis for the doctrine.

Adventists stole this Roman catholic doctrine about 300 years later.

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Larry Dean No Bible mistranslated them as "The Ten Commandments" until the 1560 Geneva Bible:

In biblical Hebrew, the Ten Commandments are called הדברים עשרת (transliterated aseret ha-d'varîm) and in Rabbinical Hebrew הדברות עשרת (transliterated asereth ha-dibrot), both translatable as "the ten words", "the ten sayings" or "the ten matters".[2] The Tyndale and Coverdale English translations used "ten verses". The Geneva Bible used "tenne commandements"

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Larry Dean [Deborah Owen David](#) The Greek hatred for the Sabbath exists to this day. In Greece (population 11 million), there are just 442 Adventists. The Sabbath is simply a non-seller there. It always has been.

<http://www.adventistreview.org/.../story4201-greeces-442...>

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Deborah Owen David I love that all this discussion is going to get into Sean's mind and float around in there and hit up against Adventist heresy until that dark veil is ripped to shreds. Yeah, God! Thou ways are so awesome and above understanding your works in our lives. But it is fun to look back and see how just little minor things started opening my heart and mind to you. Thank You my Savior God Jesus Christ for reaching down and saving me out of the pit of lies. May you reach into the inner parts of Sean and rip the curtain of blindness and give him the same "wow" moment you gave me and others here in this discussion, that moment when that curtain was pulled away. Thank you, in Jesus name Amen and Amen.

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Deborah Owen David Sometimes it all seems so simple - ellen is a false prophet, therefore, everything she wrote is a lie. Find that which she wrote and the interpretation of Scriptures she did and throw it out. since she failed the biblical tests of a prophet why do people continue with her religion, the one Ellen et al., with her handlers started. No Ellen et al., no SDA religion. It has to be brainwashing and blind faith to continue on in such especially now with all the information on the internet and the information that refutes that religion over and over again from many sources alone right here in this thread. I wonder if it is as hard to deprogram a Muslim? Or a Mormon, or a JW, or a Scientology, or any of the other modern day brainwashed from the teachings of their so called prophet. Scripture tells us we are to listen to Jesus and warns us over and over again in varies places of false prophets.

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Nancy Paige But Sean had built an impregnable wall. He simply rejects truth. He has made a god out of his own self made rules.

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Sandi Haynes Yep

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Joanne Hoyt Ault Sadly, very typical!

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Kerry Wynne Interesting thread.

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Deborah Owen David Yes, it is and a very long thread. but the information contained - wow a lot here. One can only pray that Sean will read over what Larry, Margie, and the others have referenced too. I was thinking of posting the link to the pdf "Yes, it is and a very long thread. but the information contained - wow a lot here. One can only pray that Sean will read over what Larry, Margie and the others have referenced too. I was thining of posting the link to the pdf "Lying For God"Lying For God"

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Kerry Wynne **Deborah Owen David** - There is so much here that a book could be written to refute it all. 150+ years of Adventist propaganda has twisted Scripture to the point where its victims can't even read the Bible straight. How sad. I will post the link to Lying for God, 11th Edition, below. Note that there are some serious errors in the chapter on the lunar Sabbath.

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Kerry Wynne **Deborah Owen David** - The thing that strikes me is that the Law of Moses in over ten places makes it perfectly clear that the Sabbath commandment was for Israel only to separate it from all the other nations of the world. This principle is so clear that the Hebrews believed that Gentiles who kept the Sabbath were to be stoned to death for defying God's law. To the Jews, the Law of God has never been the Ten Commandments. It was the Law of Moses. Here is a list of the laws found in the Law of Moses that teach that the Sabbath is off-limits for Gentile. This link will take you to a read-only file in Google

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Kerry Wynne I would think twice if I were a Gentile, to steal something that God had specifically forbidden me to have. I would be afraid that God might strike me dead for direct disobedience. God told Noah to build a boat. Christians do not go around building boats because one of God's commands was to build a boat! Common sense tells us that we have to look at to whom God is talking to and under what circumstances He said what He did. Jesus told Judas to go out and do what he was going to do. Judas went out and betrayed Jesus. We do not follow this command of Jesus to Judas because the command was to no one else but Judas. Just like the Sabbath was commanded of ISRAEL ONLY. Period. No If, and, or buts about it.

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Deborah Owen David But if If if....Ellen said it, if Ellen wrote it, then it must be the true thing to follow and believe. She has all the inside interpretation of Scriptures cause she is a real prophet, just like Moses. And her writings flow so nicely in story format and because I believe ellen I have inside information from God to her to me.....sarcasm.....tho it is what I use to believe for far too much of my life.

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Kerry Wynne Will not be able to post link to Lying for God tonight due to the file on Google Docs for this book is empty. Will have to address in the morning. For time, time to turn in for the night.

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Deborah Owen David Have a good evening and sleep Kerry.

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Kerry Wynne For over 50 years the Adventist propaganda machine has been putting out stuff that its top leaders have known, virtually from the very beginning, is biblically and historically impossible. Until this propaganda has been neutralized in a Seventh-day Adventists's mind, there is little hope that he or she will ever be able to comprehend the Gospel. Over the last ten years a staff of former Sabbatarians has researched not only Sabbatarianism, but Adventism. The result is a book like none other there has ever been. It documents WHAT Adventists knew and WHEN they knew it. Here is a link to the book, which you can read on-line or down-load. 600 pages will help to undo 150 years of propaganda. Note please that there are some serious errors in the chapter on the lunar Sabbath. This chapter is being re-written and will be released soon with an up-date on the 11th Edition. Here is the link to the book in Google Docs: <https://drive.google.com/.../0B.../view...>

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Deborah Owen David So here is a challenge to Sean D Pitman - read this lengthy well-researched document and then get back to us all here with your take on it. We'd love to hear what you have to say after you read every single page. And you it would be good to go read the reference verses that Margie and Larry and others have made, plus the reference material which Larry has posted. We'll give you a couple months to do all this there is a lot of material here for you.

Go ahead, I mean really..... if you are soooooo sure YOUR ELLEN IS A PROPHET and had direct access to God, the same God of The Holy Bible, the God of creation, The God who hung on a cross for you.....as opposed to a fake god in the form of an angel, a spirit guide from the realm of demons.....then read the document you have nothing to loose.

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So there is the challenge Sean, are you man enough to read the document or are you just now going to hide away and hope we all forget about you.

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Sandi Haynes Well, [Sean D. Pitman](#), after all this over several days, will you read the document that [Kerry Wynne](#) posted?

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[Tina Jarvis Karnes](#) Amen [Sandi!!](#)

When we slip up, we don't have to beat ourselves up over it because the blood of Jesus covers our sins by living in us. Amazing Grace!!!!

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[Tina Jarvis Karnes](#) There is absolutely NOTHING we can do to save ourselves, only by the Grace of God.

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[Sandi Haynes](#) Yes! You get it, [Tina Jarvis Karnes](#)! Praise God! He did it all at the cross! He knew we were too weak to do it! He loves us that much!

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[Tina Jarvis Karnes](#) Absolutely YES!

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[Margie Littell](#) Indeed, the only thing we can add to our salvation is the sin that made it necessary

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Kerry Wynne Just finished the editing of Chapter 14 of LYING FOR GOD, 11th Edition, entitled THE LUNAR SABBATH WREAKS HAVOC WITH ADVENTISM AND ELLEN G. WHITE. This is not to say that further changes will not be made before Bill Hohmann revises the entire LFG manuscript and we post the revised version officially. However, I invite you all to read it now. Additional research has turned this subject into a definitive work that tells the story in an amazingly better way than ever before. Proof-reading is not absolutely finished, so you can send any proof-reading suggestions or new ideas for the chapter to our e-mail address at lyingforgod@yahoo.com. Here is the link to Google Docs, where you will have read-only privileges.

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Sandi Haynes Thank you [Kerry](#). I'm going to read it. I challenge Sean to do the same. I've read everything you've posted so far, [Sean D. Pitman](#). Can you do me the same courtesy?

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Kerry Wynne [Sandi Haynes](#) - You are in for a wild theological ride! I could hardly believe what I found myself! However, anyone who would dig into this thing would stumble across the same facts, and the facts do not lend themselves to interpretations that are much different from ours! Truly, like never before, the lunar Sabbath concept destroys the very soil in which Adventism is rooted! I had fun writing it in collaboration with Martin H. Klayman, who assisted me with the research. Read and enjoy!

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Sandi Haynes Thanks so much! [Sean](#) believes I've not studied to really know the truth. But what he doesn't understand is that my eyes are wide open like a brand new baby who wants to learn all I can. I've studied the Bible more in the last 2 yrs than I ever did in my whole life put together. It's a wonderful journey! [Kerry](#) thank you for your hard work on this!

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Sandi Haynes [Larry Dean](#)

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Deborah Owen David Sandi Haynes Me too Sandy. I have learned more of what God's Word says and means in whole then the 61 years of Adventism.

I was in the weekly Bible study at Church just Thursday night, this is the 6th week in a 12-week long study on major doctrine topics and it by the Bible and the Bible only. I sat there amazed that there were still way over a 100 people there all eager to learn God's Word. I marveled at how deep into the Word these studies go. And then I recalled how such so-called Bible studies were in the Adventist religion. First off there was always a study guide of some sort which included Ellen G White quotes and references intermixed with a particular set of bible verses. Ellen's quotes gave the interpretation of what the bible supposedly is saying. I next realized that in an SDA so-called Bible study it is always the same rehash of the same information taught time and time again in sermons, the quarterly or in a group study.

SDA's have designed that their studies go over and over the same narrow material because it then becomes a way to brainwash the members. Hearing the same thing time and time again give the illusion to the members that they are studying scriptures but they never learn anything new. How could they when Adventism only uses a small portion of Scriptures with a cherry picked verses to back up the writings of Ellen G White. In reality, it is just that a - brainwashing session to instill Ellen G White's interpretation of Scriptures and thus the members are being taught the writings of Ellen G White regardless of what Scripture actually teaches. With Ellen's additions and omissions, the SDA religion is able to teach a false gospel and a false Christ and the members do not even realize it.

I sat in a crowd of over a hundred people (I live in a small town of say 10,000 people with many different churches so over a 100 people weekly to a Bible study is a good number) the fire and excitement to get dig down deep into God's Word is electrifying and exciting. The learning I have acquired in the just a few short years out of Adventism amazes me. All the history of the church also excites me, the reality is so much full and wide and meaningful over the lies which had been fed to me through Ellen/SDA. Praise God He removed the veil from my heart and eyes and replaced it with the light of His Holy Spirit.

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Sandi Haynes I love that you are still on fire for God! Your joy and yearning to know all you can about God overtakes everything else when you are walking in truth, doesn't it?

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Neila Moore Yes

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Peggy J Head Those verses are black and white, but as long as the veil remains, there will be those that don't recognize the difference between the old covenant (and its commands) and the new one.

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William Hohmann Sean D. Pitman The fact is that none of you have a problem with nine of the Ten Commandments. You only seem to have a problem with one of the 10 commandments....

The mandatory accusational language of the SDA, accusing others of what they themselves are guilty of. The SDA keeps none of the law and none of the 10 commandments. Not even the Sabbath.

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Larry Dean William Hohmann And no matter how many times I point out that I have rejected ALL of the Mosaic law and ESPECIALLY the Ten Commandments "Ministry of Death written on Stone," he keeps repeating the same bald-faced lie.

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William Hohmann It's part of their mantra. They have a play book, and they abide by it, never deviating from it.

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William Hohmann Wonder why the SDA has such a problem with the commandment against murder, seeing as they butcher the unborn on a routine basis in their hospitals and clinics.

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Larry Dean William Hohmann Adventists are quick to denounce CHRISTIANS for graven images. They quickly accuse OTHER Christians of violating the 2nd Commandment's prohibition. I just found a recent Review and Herald article that is an uninhibited, full-throated endorsement of an ADVENTIST graven image maker.

<http://www.adventistreview.org/.../story4490-alan-collins...>

Here's a link to the Catholic response, where Adventists have lied about Catholics supposedly "repealing the 2nd Commandment. Adventists have no hesitation of violating the commandment against bearing False Witness:"

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/.../graven-images.../>

Here's Ellen White condemning the Cathedral of Milan of Idolatry because of its statues;

<https://text.egwwritings.org/publication.php...>

Below are some of some Graven Images that were produced for Adventist institutions. Pay particular attention to the one of Adventist Popess Ellen White bowing down and worshipping ANOTHER graven image:



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Larry Dean William Hohmann Adventists in Africa apparently were taught that murder is just fine, as long as you break off for Saturday. 4,000 Adventists were hacked to death with machetes by other Adventists during the Rwanda genocide:

"The answer to this plea came the next day, Sabbath morning, at approximately 9 o'clock am. The attackers advanced toward the church from all sides chanting "Eliminate the Tutsis!" They worked methodically with guns and machetes, moving from church to school to hospital. The victims, weak from food and water deprivation, mounted a feeble defense with bricks and stones. But they were overcome with little effort. The killers, keen to spare bullets, only paused when the physical exertion of chopping and spearing demanded rest. By evening, mop-up operations had begun: tear gas was fired to cause any living Tutsis among the corpses to cry out. The attackers then made sure these joined the rest.

In the end, Mugonero may have been the worst single massacre in the entire 1994 genocide. In a single day almost all of the 3,000 Tutsis who had gathered at the Adventist mission were slain, some 2,000 inside the Seventh-day Adventist church building itself. The bloodstains were no longer visible on the walls and floor when I visited Mugonero one week ago. The church is in fact still being used as an active place of worship. Near the entrance to the Mugonero high school there is, however, a small building with stacks of machete-hacked skulls as a memorial to what happened here more than 15 years ago.

Several months after the attack, in a short interview published in the Review, J. J. Nortey, then president of the African-Indian Ocean Division, said that as many as 99 percent of all Adventist workers in the Mugonero region—among them pastors, hospital personnel, and mission employees—were killed. In total, an estimated 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists died in Rwanda in barely three months.

Even more alarming in the aftermath of the genocide, however, is the fact that Adventists were not only among the victims. On

February 19, 2003, Pastor Ntakirutimana was sentenced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to 10 years in prison for complicity in crimes against humanity. The Tribunal found that Pastor Ntakirutimana, together with his son Gerard—the head doctor at the Adventist Mugonero Hospital—aided and abetted Hutu killers, going so far as to order the removal of church roofing so that Tutsis would have nowhere to hide.

But the Ntakirutimanas were not the only Adventists who sided with the killers. In regions with large numbers of Seventh-day Adventists, the killings were just as bad as in the rest of the country. “[T]here were church-going people seen in the mobs, cheering...those who did the killings,” Nortey reported. Today, jails in Rwanda hold large numbers of Adventists who have been implicated in the genocide. According to one high level church official I spoke with at the Union office in Kigali, not only Adventist lay members but numerous Adventist pastors have been convicted by Rwanda’s village level gacaca courts for their role in genocidal crimes against humanity. During the genocide, he told me, some Adventists maintained their Adventism by scrupulously resting from killing on Sabbaths.

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Levy reported that while traveling in war-torn Burundi (which borders Rwanda and is comprised of the same Hutu and Tutsi tribes) he asked a taxi driver to take him to the southern part of the country. The driver consented, but on one condition: the trip had to be on Saturday. “Why on Saturday?” Levy writes. “Because the ‘genocidal aggressors’, those Hutu of the National Liberation Front, of which the whole country continues to repeat by memory abominable crimes... they are also good Christians, mostly of Adventist confession, who don’t smoke, don’t drink, arrive at the villages singing loud songs and consider Saturday a sacred day, dedicated to prayer, in which one must not kill.”

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[Diana Keener](#) You are free from the penalty of breaking the law which is death which Christ paid for us. It is still a sin

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[Larry Dean](#) Is it a sin for Adventists to have Graven Images? Or is that something that Adventists are quick to denounce only in Christians? And is it okay for Adventists to lie about the Catholic Church repealing the 2nd Commandment? Isn't that bearing False Witness? What about the Adventist Abortion mills? Does that count as killing in the Ten Commandments? what about the Adventist-on-Adventist genocide in Rwanda? Was it okay for Adventists to hack 4,000 other adventists to death with machetes, as long as they don't do it on Saturday.

Speaking of the law, how come Adventists disregard God's Commandment to put Sabbath breakers to death? How come Adventists disregard God's Commandment to offer specific Sabbath offerings and sacrifices?

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William Hohmann Mrs. Keener, Christians are dead to sin, and dead to the law that helped define sin. That is Scripture. Breaking old covenant points of law for those not under that law does not result in sin. Even David, who was under that law, did not sin when he ate the showbread that even Jesus said was unlawful for him to eat. God judges the heart and intent of heart, aka righteous judgment. WCG taught us to judge unrighteous judgment.

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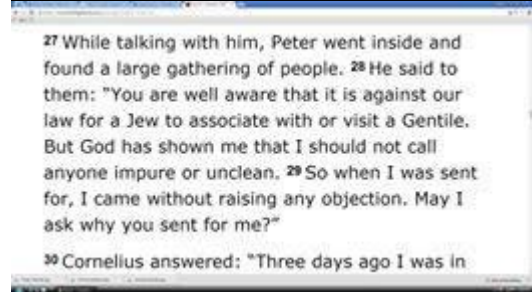


William Hohmann We, like the SDA, were hammered with I John 3:4 and the severely flawed translation there. Sin is not always the transgression of the law. But if you insist, then Jesus sinned, for the same John wrote that Jesus broke the Sabbath, in John 5:18. He was not lying. He was not writing from the perspective of the Jews. He wrote what he wrote to be a testimony to what Jesus did and said. Jesus worked on the Sabbath, and He did not sin.

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Larry Dean Was it a sin for Peter to disobey the law against associating with Gentiles?



William Hohmann Pitman keeps repeating the mantra that the 10 Commandment law is "moral" law. I challenge Pitman to cite Scripture to back up this claim of his, WITHOUT using the methods of deception designed to circumvent Scripture. Where is the THUS SAITH THE LORD the 10 are moral law? Ancillary to this, do you mean to say the rest of the law contains no laws dealing with morality? When I examine the 10, I see laws that deal with man's immorality. I also challenge you to define what constitutes a "moral" law.

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William Hohmann The SDA refuses to address WHY people murder, steal, commit adultery, bear false witness, etc. They refuse to see WHY people are immoral. By focusing on the law, vis the 10 commandments, they can, as a result, ignore the REAL problem; a heart of stone. A corrupt, evil heart. They conclude all they have to do is "keep" the 10, and presto! They are moral now. No, you are wretched. Keeping or complying with the law, even if you could, does not result in a new heart of flesh.

Wrong path.

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Larry Dean William Hohmann The irony is, Roman Catholic theologians Augustine of Hippo and Tomas Aquinas both candidly based their arguments on behalf of their Ten Commandments-invention on "Natural Law," and NOT on the scriptures.

This was confirmed when the Counter-Reformation Roman Catholic-only Council of Trent adopted the Ten Commandments as a teaching tool of Catholic Catechism and as a guide to confession. At the same time, the Council denounced "Bible Alone" as a heresy, which was appropriate since there is no scriptural basis for the Ten Commandments. The original Hebrew does NOT say "Ten Commandments." It is "The Ten Sayings" or the "Ten Words," but not Commandments, since that is unfaithful to the original Hebrew. The Talmud insists that the "Ten Words" are the Index to the Talmud, and the 613 laws of the Old Testament. I agree with it.

Worst of all, Adventists have proof-texted the Ten Commandments from the Catholic Catechism. To be fair to Catholic theology, the Ten Commandments are integral with and inseparable from both Catechism and Confession, both of which are then prequels to the Eucharist. Adventism has no catechism, no confession and no Eucharist.

This is an unmitigated tragedy for the gullible and illiterate members that Adventism is attracting in the Third World.

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Deborah Owen David So here is a thought for Seventh-Day Adventist who read this long thread. Stop and consider reading the reference material with wanting to understand the mind and reasoning in which we as Former Seventh-Day Adventists left the SDA religion and became full Christians. The SDA religion has been giving its member a story line of why so many are leaving the religion but has it occurred to you they are just simply wrong? Here is your chance to understand why we left the SDA religion from our perspective.

All of us who have been commenting to Sean were at one time full fledged SDA's most of us if not all in this thread were born into the SDA religion. Many of us were in the SDA religion for many years, most of our lives actually.

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William Hohmann It's so much easier for those who remain to chalk it up to an apostate mentality instead of letting the idea people left for legitimate reasons to seep into their heads.

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William Hohmann Sean D. Pitman 1 John 2:4 - Whoever says "I know him", but does not do what he commands is a liar and the truth is not in that person.

Who is "him"? Jesus. What did He command? Lots of things. But if you are not actually doing what He said to do, then you are the liar. The liar in this case ignores what Jesus said and commanded, and defaults to the 10 Commandments, attributing them to Jesus Christ telling mankind to keep them in the gospel writings. This in itself is a lie.

Sean Pitman keeps neither the 10 Commandments, or the commandments of Christ. For that matter, no SDA abides by the commandments of Christ. If they did, they would not be Adventists. Not one obeys Christ. Not one practices righteous judgment. Most do not even know what that means.

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Kerry Wynne Back to the lunar calendar and the lunar Sabbath! Here is an an evaluation of an article by Sean D. Pitman on the origin of the week with comments along the way by Kerry Wynne. It provides a link to the chapter onn the lunar Sabbath that we are revising for our book, LYING FOR GOD, 11th Edition, and it provides an e-mail address where you can write to us with suggestions for corrections. Clicking on this link will take you to Google Docs <https://docs.google.com/.../1pjPyH.../edit...>

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Deborah Owen David [Kerry Wynne](#) who is writing in the blue font in this document?

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Malia Reichmänner [Larry Dean](#) Awesome! I would LOVE to see that.

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[Kerry Wynne](#) [Deborah Owen David](#) - The blue font information represents direct quotes from our sources. Usually various scholars and encyclopedias. We indicate before or after where we got the quoted material. If we have missed providing a reference we have been guilty of plagiarism like Ellen White. Thanks.

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Our church leaders..be more honest..If they believe that Sunday can be the Seventh-day Sabbath for Adventists..

[February 2, 2014 at 4:14am](#)

Subject: Statement on the observance of Sabbath

Dear Elder Orville D. Parchment (GC General Field Secretary)

I am a Samoan currently residing in Brisbane, Australia. I am a retired worker with 31 years of service to the Church and was president of the Samoa and Tokelau Mission for 14 years.

I would firstly like to express my disappointment at reading, as well as disapproval of your "STATEMENT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH" with respect to the Sabbath in Samoa and other Pacific islands. For a church leader such as yourself, and an Assistant to the General Conference President at that, to make such a statement and publishing it for the whole world to see without a full and clear understanding of all the relevant facts is both hasty and unprofessional.

Elder Ted Wilson's article in the "Adventist World" you referred to is very clear and straight forward. I don't see why anyone would need to question the "intention" of the article, let alone try and "misuse" or "imply" what Elder Wilson had said. Elder Wilson spoke the truth and nothing but the truth on behalf of and for the World Church of Seventh-day Adventists. Saturday, as Wilson correctly stated, is the 7th Day Sabbath of creation everywhere in the world. Period!

I think it is high time for our church leaders to speak more truthfully and be more honest about where they stand with regards to the principles and core teachings upon which the SDA Church was/is founded. If they believe that Sunday can be the Seventh-day Sabbath for Adventists, then they should make that fact very clear to the World Church with sound supporting evidence for their case, and stop playing "hide-and-seek" and "pass-the-buck" as they have been doing for over two years now. Otherwise, if they are not willing to do that (i.e. state publicly their support for Sunday observance by the SDA Church) then they must stop this ridiculous Sunday keeping practice that has been allowed to exist in the Pacific for more than 120 years.

All the twists and turns, manipulations, and cover ups the South Pacific Division Office has been trying to deceive the Adventist constituency with (both in the South Pacific and abroad) do not work anymore. It may have worked in Tonga, Kiribati, and Wallis and Futuna, but not in Samoa. I have been corresponding with Dr David Tasker, Field Secretary of the SPD on behalf of the President Dr Barry Oliver, as well as with the President of the Samoa-Tokelau Mission, about this Samoan-Sabbath issue in the past. Both however have discontinued our communication – most likely reason being the lack of any theologically or logically sound reason or answer from their side to refute both the obvious flaws in their argument I pointed out, as well as the many questions I asked of them about the logic behind their Sunday-observance beliefs and practices.

In your statement you said, "*They have done so in a consistent manner that has long been accepted by both the local people and the Church.*" It seems to me in your statement here that you are more concerned about the "consistency of the manner" as opposed to the "truth of the matter." For your information, the church in Kiribati is actually "inconsistent" with its Sabbath observance practices in that it is keeping TWO different Sabbaths because of its usage of the 180° Meridian (instead of the International Dateline) to determine its days – one side keeps Saturday, and the other keeps Sunday. The whole of Fiji on the other hand is keeping the ONE Saturday Sabbath although it too is divided by the 180° Meridian (Fiji follows and uses the International Dateline to determine its days). This doesn't sound very "consistent" to me. Furthermore, the Church in Tonga kept Sunday as the Sabbath in the early 1900s, followed by parts of Kiribati in 1995, Futuna and Wallis in

2007, and recently Samoa in 2011. Can you really call these ever-changing Sabbathkeeping practices in these different countries of the South Pacific a “consistent” practice?

May I remind you at this point that “*the drawing of the dateline by national governments*” does not affect or change the arrangement of days since creation. The Sabbath according to those sequence of days was affirmed by Christ Himself and His apostles in the Bible (i.e. they kept our equivalent of Saturday as the Sabbath).

All the reasons and arguments the SPD leadership and Co. provided in their various meetings with Samoan ministers in Samoa, New Zealand, and here in Australia to try and convince them (Samoan ministers) to accept their very strange policy of Sunday keeping have collapsed because they were all revealed to be full of flaws. Now these same leaders have become unusually silent with their arguments. One could only guess, but my hunch is they are hoping that this “ghost” will disappear on its own. If not, then it will be something they would rather leave for next administration to deal with. It is very unfortunate that these same leaders who have been preaching to us about the need for humility in resolving this dilemma, are the same ones who seem to lack the humility to accept their mistake in both its handling of this issue, as well as their mistake in believing the flawed and unAdventist arguments for Sunday-observance they have been propagating all along.

Finally, for you to say, “*In this responsibility, the Division has the full support of the General Conference*” without a full knowledge of the issues involved is, I believe, irresponsible. Let me assure you that the decision to keep Sunday as the Sabbath in Samoa was not a “*local field*” decision as you have said in your statement. Our people simply accepted the one-sided advice given them by the SPD delegates (which included Dr. Barry Oliver, Dr. David Tasker, and Paul Cavanagh) who travelled to Samoa to supposedly assist them in resolving the issue. Their acceptance of the advice was primarily based on our Samoan culture and practice of respecting the decision of its church leaders (on matters of faith and religion) whom they consider as God’s representatives speaking on behalf of God. A decision we now know was not in line with the ways of God we as a church understand God’s way to be.

The Sabbath truth therefore as Adventists interpret that truth to be is not what the SPD leadership are currently preaching, which you seem to be suggesting is supported by the GC – a point I find very strange because the President of the GC, Elder Wilson himself, clearly contradicted that in his article in “Adventist World.”

I have recently returned from Samoa on an assignment to preach at a combined meeting of all faithful Seventh-day Adventists there who are observing Saturday as the 7th Day Sabbath. I was very excited and encouraged not only by their growth in number but also by their enthusiasm and dedication to this core belief of the SDA Church. I will thus be continuing in my resolve to promote and strengthen this course of ours into the future because it is the Seventh-day Sabbath truth not just of the Adventist Church, but of the Bible also.

My whole ministry life and strength was given to the service of the church in Samoa because of my love for my church. I do not want my people to be deceived anymore, and possibly lose their salvation as a result, because of the bad decisions of a few proud men in leadership who refuse to show the same spirit of true humility they have been calling us to have. It is because of that concern and care for my church and my people’s future that I am writing this letter.

Regards

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Brisbane, Qld
01/01/14



Former STM President Pr Ripine Rimoni.

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