

# The Sunday Law News Update

*(and you think a Sunday law isn't coming?)*

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## Are Tennessee Lawmakers Preparing for Sunday Laws?

By the Editors of the Eternal Gospel Herald

The Tennessee State House of Representatives may just very well be preparing to set up a new precedent for future Sunday laws. They have just passed overwhelmingly, in a 98-0 vote, a resolution to allow its courthouses the right to display the Ten Commandments. The resolution, H.R. 107, was authored by Rep. Todd Watson.

What does this have to do with Sunday laws? Well, the text of the resolution gives eleven reasons why the Tennessee Legislature felt fully authorized and justified to pass this measure. Reason number seven is something that should cause us all great concern. It says:

“WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized the historical importance of these sacred texts [10 Commandments] and even upheld Sunday closing laws, which originated in the Fourth Commandment’s exhortation to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.”

The justification for placing the Ten Commandments and for passing H.R. 107 was that since the U.S. Supreme Court has already upheld Sunday laws which come from the Fourth Commandment, then we can pass a law to at least display them.

Unbelievable! A precedent has just been set and nobody is opposing this. The Tennessee Legislature is referring to the rulings of two separate cases in which the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that Sunday closing laws are not “religious” laws that violate the First Amendment—which separates church from state; but rather that Sunday closing laws are “secular” laws that are meant to improve the “health, safety, recreation, and general well-being” of citizens [See: *McGowan v. Maryland* (1961) and *Braunfeld v. Brown* (1961)].

And now the Tennessee House of Representatives is saying, “Yes, Sunday laws come from the Fourth Commandment and because the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Sunday laws are legal in this country we want legislation to be able to display the Ten Commandments in our courthouses.”

By their reasoning they can just as easily pass Sunday laws. When will the state of Tennessee start passing laws like, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.” Notice what inspiration says:

“Church and state are now making preparations for the future conflict. Protestants are working in disguise to bring Sunday to the front, as did the Romanists.” Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 449.

The following statement describes our duty to warn against these notorious Sunday laws and to proclaim boldly the true Seventh-day Sabbath: “Sunday observance shall be enforced by law...And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive the mark of the beast.” Great Controversy, p. 449.

## A Day to Synchronize Society

The center-right Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung writes: “The Constitutional Court had to overthrow the Berlin law. ... The judgment was not ‘out of touch with reality,’ as the Berlin Chamber of Commerce claims, but is actually very closely in touch with real life. The great diversity of working lives brings with it the fact that members of a single family are forced into different and sometimes incompatible working hours. If the state does not use some of its regulatory power to give a

dependable rhythm to at least one free day -- and that is still Sunday -- then the family faces the threat of being pulled further apart."

"If they have no time with each other and for each other, then the formal notion of belonging together loses value. This danger faces many families in society. The fact that in the face of growing commercialization and fewer jobs hardly any employee ever dares to ask for a free Saturday, led the labor unions to join the churches in their campaign -- with noticeable success."

The conservative Die Welt writes: "The churches have argued correctly that employees in the retail sector are not given the possibility of organizing their Advent Sundays according to Christian principles: going to church, being involved in the community, singing and reading aloud. It is part of religious freedom to be able to do these things."

"The judges did not just endorse the division of time marked by Christianity, but also the necessity for this division. There is no ambiguity about this weekly rhythm. We people as social animals are duty bound and justified in dividing our time together. It is good to have free time together, it helps us to live as the social beings that we are."

The center-left Süddeutsche Zeitung writes: "The judgment sounds antiquated, maddeningly unmodern and pretty patronizing. It tells citizens when they are allowed to shop, and when they are not. It makes shopping on a Sunday an exception. It is a ruling that goes against the economic liberal zeitgeist and is a ruling against the round-the-clock commercialization of life."

"Yet, the ruling is humane. It is an act in favor of the public spirit. Those who regularly go shopping on Sundays today will have to work regularly on Sundays tomorrow."

"It may sound old fashioned but it is still correct: Sunday is Sunday because it is unlike other days. This is not about tradition or religion or a social heritage. Sunday is more than just a day off for individuals. If that were so, then it wouldn't matter if someone took a day off on Tuesday or Thursday. It is a day to synchronize society, that is what makes it so important. Without Sunday, every day would be a working day and a fixed point in the week would disappear. Of course there can be exceptions, there have always been particular professions who work on Sundays. But when the exception becomes the rule, then the commercialization of Sundays will not end at the department stores."

"The court has given everyone the right to a day off on Sundays. You don't have to take it. Everyone can do what they like with it. But it is good to have it."

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## Chairman of the German Trade Union Confederation Pushing for Sunday Rest (April 2017)

*"The chairman of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB), Reiner Hoffmann, spoke out for Sunday's rest. The DGB is very close to the churches ... Sunday must remain free of work."*

That is a very powerful force, the trade union organizations and the churches working together to bring about the Sunday rest law.

News article: [Link](#)

## Israel High Court Rules Tel Aviv stores can open Sabbath (April 2017)

*"Israel's High Court of Justice today ruled that supermarkets, entertainment centers, and pharmacies would be allowed to operate in Tel Aviv on the Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)."*

The one nation that uplifted the Lord's 7th day Sabbath, albeit apart from Christ, is now trampling upon God's holy day, as Satan continues to prepare the world to bow to the Papal beast, ready for the coming Sunday law. Little flock, while the world tramples upon the Law of Jehovah, and follows the Papacy into damnation, we must lift up the banner for the Lord and proclaim His holy day.

News article: [Link](#)

## Croatia - Catholic Church wants to ban working on Sundays (March 2017)

*"The Croatian Bishops' Conference (HBK) has again launched an initiative to legally forbid working on Sunday. It called on Croatian citizens to support the initiative and contribute to the preservation of Sunday in its historical meaning, as a non-working day which is an opportunity for a family reunion."*

News article: [Link](#) also [Here](#)

## EU bishops back Pillar of Social Rights, call for RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY REST (November 2016)

*"The Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community (COMECE) have renewed their support of the **European Pillar of Social Rights**, an EU document on labor, education, and other social issues ... COMECE proposes to incorporate decent working hours and **the right to a common weekly day of rest**, the bishops' commission stated. **This day should be in principal the Sunday**, which is recognized by tradition and custom in most of the member states or regions."*

News article: [Link](#)

## Paris climate change agreement enters into FORCE and becomes LEGALLY BINDING! (November 2016)

*The Paris agreement on climate change enters into **force** on Friday, marking the first time that governments have agreed **legally binding** limits to global temperature rises. The passage of the accord - the fruit of more than two decades of often tortuous international negotiations on combating climate change - **was hailed by nations and observers around the world**. Under the agreement, all governments that have ratified the accord, which includes the US, China, India and the EU, now carry an **obligation** to hold global warming to no more than 2C above pre-industrial levels. That is what scientists regard as the limit of safety, beyond which climate change is likely to become catastrophic and irreversible."*

***The kings of the earth give their POWER unto the beast!** (Revelation 17:12-13)*

JUST LIKE THE FIRST TIME THE ROMAN ARMIES SURROUNDED JERUSALEM WAS A SIGN FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO FLEE TO THE WILDERNESS. THIS IS A SIGN FOR US TODAY TO BE READY AND PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE AND MOUNTAINS.

Remember what the pope's climate encyclical contained in section number 237? THE CALL FOR SUNDAY REST, and linking this with care for the climate. Friends, this climate agreement that goes into force today, which is a legally binding agreement amongst the nations, will be about the long prophesied Sunday rest law, which will be a fulfillment of the mark of the beast in Revelation 13. And America, the second beast of Revelation 13 and it's fallen Protestant churches will be foremost in causing the world to take Rome's Sunday law mark, and worship it's false trinity god.

Natural disasters are now being blamed on climate change, and one day soon they will also be blamed on the world not keeping God's day of rest. The problem is, the day of rest the leaders will enforce is Rome's false sabbath - SUN-day. Instead of God's true 7th day Sabbath. Are you right with God my friend? Is your house in order? The final events are soon upon us!

News Article: [Link](#)

## Over 500,000 Polish signatures in support of the civic draft law on limitation of trade on Sundays (September 2016)

*"More than 500 000 Poles have supported the civic draft law on limitation of trade on Sundays. On 2 September, the signatures were submitted to the Speaker of the Polish Parliament (Sejm), Marek Kuchcinskiemu. Now the bill will be proceeded by the Sejm. Employees in the Polish commerce sector are eagerly waiting for this law to come into force as soon as possible ... They are overworked, they do not even want any additional bonus for working on Sundays. They want this day to spend it with their families."*

Due to the pressures of this life now, we will see more and more support for having an enforced day off a week by law. And the world will fall into Babylon's trap and receive her mark. This is why God's true saints need to lift up their voices and proclaim the 3 angels messages to the world. And not just proclaim it, but live it also. So that the light of Christ can shine.

News Article: [Link](#)

## Tongan bakeries banned from opening on Sundays (July 2016)

*"Bakers in Tonga are petitioning the King after the government decided to enforce a ban on selling bread on Sundays. **Church leaders pushed for the ban to be enforced under one of the country's oldest laws, which forbids commercial undertakings on the Sabbath.**"*

Who was it that pushed for the ban? THE CHURCH! So the government listens to the church and submits to her will. Just as Revelation 17 confirmed regarding Babylon riding the beast!

News Article: [Link](#)

## The Lord's Day Alliance Sponsors A Conference On Sabbath, SUNDAY, and Renewal (June 2016)

*"In Cooperation with Old South Church, The Massachusetts Council of Churches, Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, UniteBoston, and Additional Local Partners. A time for coming together around values, community, relationships, spirituality, and social justice engagement."*

The push for Rome's mark continues! Notice how they focus on things that appeal to everyone, even unbelievers - values, community and social justice. Rome is really pushing these elements now, so that Sunday appeals to the whole world, and not just professed Christians.

*Revelation 13:16 ...'And he causeth **all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond**, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.'*

Article: [Link](#)

## Every second Sunday to be mandatory day off for TV Industry in India (March 2016)

*"Due to the frenetic pace, actors and technicians are hardly left with any time to unwind. However, there is some respite in sight for them as the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) has decided to make every second Sunday a mandatory holiday for the TV industry from April 1."*

The Federation of Western India Cine Employees is a WORKER'S UNION, and as we are seeing in other parts of the world, these trade and workers unions are pushing [in partnership with the Vatican] for Sunday to be a day of rest. Just as Ellen White prophesied over 100 years ago!

News Article: [Link](#)

## Churches in Switzerland are calling for the 'Sunday rest' (February 2016)

*"The Swiss Churches Working Community (CETC) is calling for the Sunday rest, which it believes it is increasingly threatened ... Since 2013, The Working Community of Christian Churches in Switzerland is part of the Alliance for the Sunday, a platform of ecclesial organizations, political parties and trade unions who are involved in maintaining the Sunday rest."*

You will notice it is not just churches calling for the Sunday law, but political parties and trade unions also. Together they make a powerful alliance that will usher in the mark of the beast one day soon. Also notice how they make reference to the 4th commandment, and yet ignore the obvious that God calls us to keep the 7th day holy, not the 1st.

News Article: [Link](#)

## British MP's pushing to scrap Sunday laws, but shopworkers Union members oppose (February 2016)

*"Rules on Sunday opening hours for shops in England and Wales are out of date and need to be relaxed, a group of 200 MPs and council leaders has said ... They backed government plans to devolve Sunday trading laws to local councils. However, the shopworkers' union said the majority of its members opposed extended Sunday trading hours."*

### UPDATE: [PLAN TO EXTEND SUNDAY TRADING HOURS DEFEATED IN PARLIAMENT](#)

As Ellen White stated, the trade unions would play a major part in the Sunday law and time of trouble to come.

There is a struggle going on at the moment with regards to the Sunday law. We have government officials who are wanting to relax the Sunday trading laws. But workers unions and church leaders are against this. Is God working through this, holding back the winds for the time being to allow His people more time to get the truth out there? Maybe so. Now if these trading laws are relaxed, don't be surprised to then see Satan work some deceptions into making people think that relaxing the Sunday trading laws was a bad thing - which will then strengthen the Papal push for the Sunday law even more, saying that the '*troubles are due to us not keeping God's holy day*'. Of course we know this is wrong, as God's holy day is [the 7th day Sabbath](#), our Saturday.

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## Scientific study suggests that Sunday is the day of rest for fires! (November 2015)

*"Climate scientist Dr Nick Earl, from the University's School of Earth Sciences, found fires around the world appear to be strongly influenced by the working week and particularly days of rest associated with religion. Of the more than a billion global fires that burned between the years 2001 and 2013, Sunday was the least active day with only 104 million fires ... Nature doesn't adhere to the weekly cycle, so this really highlights the influence we have on the planet when it comes to fires."*

You will notice a real push now in connecting Sunday rest with helping the climate and the earth. This is part of Satan's plan through the Vatican to get the world to accept the Sunday law. It's coming! And Jesus is also coming soon! Please get yourselves ready by surrendering all to Christ.

Article: [Link](#)

## UK Government forced to put new Sunday trading law on hold due to alliance between SNP and rebel Tory's (November 2015)

*"The Government has put plans to let shops open longer on Sunday on hold after an 'unholy alliance' was formed between the Scottish National Party and Tory rebels ... Tory MP David Burrowes, who opposes extending Sunday trading, said: There are around 20 colleagues who will vote against relaxing Sunday trading laws and with an unholy alliance with the SNP are likely to defeat the Government."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## Pope Francis pushes Sunday rest with employees of Italian National Social Security Institute (November 2015)

*"Pope Francis stressed the Italian National Social Security Institute members' responsibility in promoting a true sense of rest. This is a particular challenge today owing to factors such as insufficient employment opportunities and lack of job security ... He cited the Scripture account of creation, in which God calls man to rest on the seventh day, concluding that rest, in the language of faith, is therefore at once a human and Divine dimension."*

The pope openly admits that God set aside the 7th day for holy use and rest, and commanded us to keep that particular day. But then pushes Sunday, the 1st day of the week as the day for us to rest. So this man of sin is openly saying ... 'God told us to keep the 7th day holy, but I am telling you to keep the 1st day'. This is antichrist.

Article: [Link](#)

## International Salvation Army calls for Climate Justice by KEEPING SUNDAY! (October 2015)

*"The call to climate justice is deeply rooted in biblically based Christian convictions. The scriptures provide a wealth of reasons why Christ followers simply cannot ignore this crisis. The following points are drawn from the Evangelical Climate Initiative, a group of senior evangelical leaders in the United States who are convinced it is time to seriously address the problem of global warming ... **It could be the most radical thing a church can do for environmental stewardship-to commit to keeping the Sabbath.**"*

Yes, they say to keep the 'Sabbath', but their sabbath is Sunday. And who also is pushing the link between combating 'climate change' and Sunday rest? The pope! It's coming friends. Now is the time to [BE READY in Jesus Christ](#).

Article: [Link](#)

## Bill put forward again to Propose making Sunday a day of rest in Israel (September 2015)

*"Jewish Home party MK Yinon Magal has tabled a bill that would make Sunday an official day off in Israel, in a move that is likely to reignite debate over the somewhat controversial topic."*

We can see how far reaching the Papacy's plans are with regards to the Sunday law, now that lawmakers in Israel are even trying to push for Sunday rest. There might be some opposition to it now. But Satan will find a way to quiet that opposition. The Sunday law is coming friends!

News Article: [Link](#)

## Italian Bishop urges CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles to shut down on Sundays (August 2015)

*"An Italian bishop has written an open letter to the CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles calling for the closing of its plant in Melfi from 10:00 PM on Saturdays to 10:00 PM on Sundays."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## Pope Francis pushing the 'importance of Sunday rest' and speaks against being a 'slave to work' (August 2015)

*"A day of rest and prayer each week are sacred Pope Francis has said in his weekly meeting at the Vatican noting that Sunday is a day the family can enjoy one another and not be slaves to work ... Moments of rest, especially on Sunday, are sacred because in them we find God, said the Pope, noting that the Sunday Eucharist brings to celebrations Jesus' grace."*

And so the push for Sunday observance continues. You will notice that some countries like the UK are trying to push for EXTENDED working hours on Sundays. If this happens, and it is a big IF. Don't be surprised to see Satan causing worse things to happen in these countries to make it appear as if working on Sundays is the cause of the trouble. Then the pope will be able to say 'I told you so', and persuade the governments to enforce a Sunday law ... 'for the better of families and society'.

News Article: [Link](#)

## Churches, Trade Unions and Retailers unite to OPPOSE extending Sunday trading laws (August 2015)

*"Overhauling Sunday trading laws will damage the 'fabric of our society' and threaten family life for no economic gain, churches, trade unions and retailers insist today. The Church of England has joined forces with Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) and small businesses in a combined attack on ministers' plans to overhaul Sunday trading laws."*

Notice how the trade unions unite with the churches concerning the issue of Sunday rest. Remember Ellen White spoke of how the 'labor unions' would be used in bringing about the time of trouble (Sunday law)? It's coming friends.

News Article: [Link](#)

## Trade Union seeking to end work on Sunday in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil (July 2015)

*"The new board of the Federation of Workers in Commerce and Mato Grosso do Sul Services - Fetracom / MS, which represents more than 100,000 workers in the state, sworn in on Friday, is proposing to end the work in the trade Sundays in MS."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## A Secular Sabbath rest now being Pushed! (May 2015)

*"You need & deserve a secular sabbath - Perhaps it's no surprise that more and more people, **whatever their religion, or lack of religion** - are turning to the ancient idea of the Sabbath. Even God, after all, rested on the seventh day ... In Silicon Valley, more and more techies observe what they call an 'Internet Sabbath,' going completely off-line every week from Friday evening to Monday morning."*

**Do you see how widespread this is becoming friend? Do you think it will be a problem to convince unbelievers to take a day off once a week (Sunday)? I don't think it will, as more and more people are embracing 'some kind' of sabbath rest.**

Article: [Link](#)

## Cyprus Government approves law to restrict Sunday shopping (May 2015)

*"The House of Representatives has approved, by majority vote, legislation restricting opening hours for shops on Sundays. The changes, which have been blasted by pro-business groups, means that shopping malls, department stores and supermarkets will be forbidden from opening on Sundays."*

News: [Link](#)

**UPDATE ON CYPRUS:** Sunday shopping ban to be deffered until November due to public outcry. [Link](#)

## Catholic Bishops in Uraguay push for 'Workers Rights' .... meaning Sunday Rest! (April 2015)

[TRANSLATED] *"Protect workers' rights, men and women: this is the call made by the Bishops of Uruguay, in a note, in view of the International Labour Day ... Sunday, day of rest to be dedicated to God and family ... This accelerated time and agitated, that often get room for meeting and deteriorates the quality of our relationships with others, with us, with the creation and with God, emphasising the importance of Sunday rest as time of praise to the creator, family time, encounter and quiet, stress the prelates in the note."*

Article: [Link](#)

## Lord's Day Alliance USA says: Sunday is a 'MARK' of Christian Unity (April 2015)

*"By definition, each and every Sunday is a call to Christian unity since it is on this day that we are called to communion with the Lord, by the Lord ... In order to fully appreciate Sunday as a mark of Christian unity we must expand our definition of unity."*

What is the one thing that Rome can unite all professed Christians under? SUNDAY! The Sunday law is coming friends.

Article: [Link](#)

## Protest march Organized by Business and Trade Unions on the Streets of Athens, against Sunday trade (April 2015)

*"Protesters gathered at Ermou Street and marched through the streets of Athens passing in front of open shops to condemn Sunday trade ... [TRANSLATED] - With concentration and massive March through the streets of Athens Sunday afternoon completed the demonstration organized by sectoral and business clubs in trade and services, associations of Self-employed and Grassroots Committees of the municipality of Athens, in the framework of the nationwide strike in the Trade, with the demand for enshrining the holiday on Sunday."*

News Article: [Link](#) and [Here](#)

[TRANSLATED] *"The president of Chile, Michelle Bachelet promulgated the law governing working hours of workers trade initiative that establishes Sunday rest, in addition to the two monthly employees have this item seven Sundays a year ... He also said that the new legislation is the result of joint and coordinated between representatives of workers and employers in commerce and supermarkets and the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, in order to develop proposals that go in improving the system of work and Sunday rest, as well as productivity and organization of the working day of the sector."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## US Senator asks for a Bill to Mandate SUNDAY Church Attendance! (March 2015)

*"Senator Sylvia Allen, while discussing a gun bill, proposed the idea of mandating church attendance on Sundays to 'bring back the soul of the country'."*

You will notice in the video that the senator says you can choose your own religion/church, but the church attendance needs to be on Sunday. So could Rome's ploy with regards to the first stage of the Sunday law be to say to true sabbath keepers .... you can keep your sabbath, but you need to go to church on Sunday ... in a bid to deceive and lull sabbath keepers into taking the mark? We know there are already some Seventh-day Adventist churches holding Sunday services now. Please stay alert and stay true to your God!

News Video: [Link](#) SEE ALSO [THIS VIDEO](#)

## Anchor Sunday as the Weekly day of rest Common in the European Union (March 2015)

*"The ongoing public consultation of the European Commission on the Working Time Directive take alliances and initiatives for the free Sunday throughout Europe ... We are all called to commit ourselves as part of the revision of the Working Time Directive for Sunday as the weekly day of rest common in the EU ... **The work-free Sunday as a common day of rest is essential manifestation of the European social model and should therefore also be anchored in the Working Time Directive,** says Bishop Ludwig Schwarz."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## EU Catholic Bishops meet with EU Commission President and Vice-President to Discuss 'Work Programme' (March 2015)

*"During their Spring Plenary Assembly from 18 to 20 March 2015 in Brussels, the bishops of COMECE had the opportunity to meet with the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, and his First Vice-President, Frans Timmermans, and to discuss the work programme of the Commission for the coming years ... this meeting between EU Catholic Bishops and President Juncker and Vice-President Timmermans was **a clear signal of a strong interest of the EU Commission to pursue the dialogue with Churches** ... the Bishops also met with two high level civil servants of the Commission."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## Declaration Signed in Poland by Catholics, Orthodox and Evangelicals to Protect Sunday (January 2015)

*"A significant part of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Churches was a joint appeal for respect for Sunday. Signed up to the present in Poland Churches of all traditions: Orthodox, Evangelical and Catholic. Church leaders remind workers and employers that the free Sunday is essential to deepen their faith, family life and human health. Authorities representing the right to call so its protection, noting that **forcing believers to work on Sunday violates the right to freedom of religion.**"*

News Article: [Link](#) and [Here](#)

## UNIONS UNITE to prevent opening of Shops in Jaragua do Sul, Brazil on Sundays (December 2014)

*"On the afternoon of 16 December, the trade union movement CUT of every state, representatives of the National Confederation of Workers in Commerce and Services - CONTRACS and the Federation of Workers in Commerce and Services of Santa Catarina - FECESC, marched through the city and talked with the population and the commerce asking everyone to press the 11 city councilors, to vote contrary to Bill 174 proposes that free time to the local shops."*

We knew that Ellen White would be right when she said the trade unions would be a force in pushing the Sunday law. But it's nice also to see it confirmed. The trade unions are uniting all over the world in support of the Sunday law.

News Article: [Link](#)

## Trade and Industry Board Members Support Sunday Rest Bill as Shops Close in Argentina (April 2014)

*"Members of the Board of the Centre for Trade and Industry (CCI), showed their commitment to bill submitted by the legislator Julian Moon through which the closure of shops on Sundays is sought to ensure, in this manner, the rest of the workers ... We are extremely pleased to promote the closure of shops on Sunday, a move that will be the basis to recover the values ?? of harmony, solidarity and respect among the members of our people ... It is*

*important to recover the Sunday rest to humanize working relationships, revitalize family relationships, encourage spiritual life and give back to society the ability to enjoy their free time, so we welcome the provincial legislature concerned this point."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION Pushing for Sunday law in Europe (April 2014)

*"The protection of a work-free Sunday is of paramount importance for workers health, and has a greater impact on workers health and well being compared to any other work free day."*

Didn't Ellen White say that the trade unions would have a big part to play in all of this?

Now we know that Revelation 13 confirms that it is America who causes the world to take the mark of the beast, but what is happening in Europe is all part of Satan's plan. And with Pope Francis' popularity rising incredibly in America we are soon to see some interesting developments happen in the USA soon. Keep watching friends.

Article: [Link](#)

## Deal Reached to Give Israelis one Sunday as a day of rest every Month (February 2014)

*MKs Silvan Shalom (Likud), Naftali Bennett (Jewish Home), and Rabbi Shai Piron (Yesh Atid) have reached an agreement in the ongoing initiative to introduce Sunday as a day off from work and school, according to Channel 10. The catch: free Sundays would only be once per month."*

One step at a time!

News article: [Link](#)

## State Council in France Rules that Sunday Opening Goes Against 'the Principles of a Weekly day of Rest' (February 2014)

*"DIY STORES across France will not be allowed to open on Sundays, after the Conseil d'Etat suspended a government decree following a complaint from trade unions ... The judgement went on to say that Sunday opening went against the principles of a weekly day of rest that is guaranteed in the constitutional rights of employees and that this right is exercised in principle on Sundays ... Unions have welcomed the Conseil d'Etat's ruling."*

Notice the support from the unions? Didn't Ellen White say that the unions would have a part to play in this? Keep watch friends, we are getting close! And give your ALL to Christ Jesus now.

News article: [Link](#)

## European Sunday Alliance Pledge to Commit Politicians into LEGISLATING Sunday Rest (January 2014)

*"The European Sunday Alliance officially launched a Pledge for a work-free Sunday and decent work, ahead of the European elections 2014. The Pledge is aimed at committing European politicians to the promotion of a common weekly day of rest as well as a legal framework guaranteeing sustainable working time patterns based on the principle of decent work."*

Pledge Document: [Click Here](#)

## 15th Annual World 'Sabbath' Interfaith Service [SUNDAY] - The Interfaith 'Holy Day' (January 2014)

*"The World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation - the interfaith holy day of Peace and Reconciliation among all religions, races, ethnic groups and nations ... The World Sabbath, held on the last Sunday afternoon in January, begins with a Jewish youth blowing the shofar, a Muslim youth chanting the Muslim Call to Prayer, followed by middle school, high school and college youth giving additional prayers for world peace from many other religions; for example; Jain, Buddhist, Baha'i, Zoroastrian, Christian, Hindu, Native American, Sikh, Quaker, and Unitarian faith traditions."*

News article: [Link](#)

## European Bishops Demand Respect for Sunday Rest with Support of Trade Unions (January 2014)

*"The Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU countries - in partnership with the European Alliance on Sunday, which adhere politicians, trade unions, religious, family associations ... We all have the same goal: to protect Sunday as a common day of rest."*

Article: [Link](#)

## European Conference for a Work-Free Sunday to be held in January 2014 (December 2013)

*"The objective of this conference is to highlight the paramount importance a work-free Sunday and decent working hours for citizens throughout Europe and is not necessarily to be set against economic competitiveness. All people in the European Union should be entitled to benefit from work-free Sundays and decent working hours."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## Angry Churchgoers Put Pressure on a Supermarket for Opening on a Sunday in Netherlands (December 2013)

*"Angry churchgoers plastered a branch of Albert Heijn with pamphlets. They call on customers to stop shopping there, because the supermarkets will be open on Sundays from now on."*

The earth beast tells 'them that dwell in the earth to make an image of the first beast' (Revelation 13:14). So it is the people that bring about the image of the Papacy, which will end up causing the law makers to enforce the Sunday law. And we can see that 'spirit' in this news item.

News Article: [Link](#)

## UK Court of Appeal Recognises by Law, Sunday as a Christian Day of Rest (December 2013)

*"The Court of Appeal has today (5th December) upheld protection of Sundays as a day of worship and rest for Christians. In a landmark judgment, the Court of Appeal dismissed earlier findings that Sunday observance was 'not a core component of the Christian faith'. The ruling comes in the case of children's worker, Celestina Mba."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## Everything Stops on a Sunday in Indian State, Even Political Campaigning (November 2013)

*"Sunday is for God in Mizoram, India. Everything else can wait, even campaigning for once-in-five-years assembly elections. Campaigning for the November 25 polls in Mizoram has entered a crucial phase. But for the people, nothing is more important than sticking to the Sunday routine of going to church. Every other public place too is in shutdown mode."*

Article: [Link](#)

## SUNDAY Assembly Movement → Launching ATHEIST Churches (November 2013)

*"A fast-growing, worldwide congregation for atheists called **Sunday Assembly** picked an unlikely spot to try and launch a new group ... Nashville. Evans and Jones, who launched the first Sunday Assembly ... in London less than a year ago and, within weeks, were drawing a capacity crowd. They now head up 30 congregations around the world, with major U.S. locations in New York, Boston and Washington, D.C."*

So even atheists are starting to make Sunday a 'special day' for gathering together now. I wonder who those two people who started this movement really are and what their background is. Satan is far reaching in his plans to implement the mark of the beast.

News Article: [Link](#)

## Sunday Rest Bill gets Preliminary Approval in Santa Fe, Argentina (October 2013)

*"The lower house of Santa Fe gave preliminary approval at its meeting today to a bill that sets the mandatory closing on Sundays and national holidays for retail and service companies in the province."*

News: [Link](#)

## France Threatens Fines for Sunday Openings

Why The French are Fighting Over Work Hours - The New Yorker, October 3, 2013, By Alexander Stille

It's telling that in France, where several stores are fighting an order requiring them to close on Sundays, retail employees showed up at work last month wearing T-shirts that read, "YES WEEK END." It was a play on Barack Obama's 2008

campaign slogan, and a symbol of the fact that some in France—where shops have been barred from opening on Sundays, with some exceptions, since 1906—have lately been eyeing a more American approach to work.

In September, a French tribunal de commerce said that two big home-improvement stores, Castorama and Leroy Merlin, would face daily fines of a hundred and twenty thousand euros per store (about a hundred and fifty thousand dollars) if they continue to operate on Sunday. The retailers have said they will open despite the fines, the result of a lawsuit. People in France like to work on home improvement on Sundays, which makes it one of the busiest days for do-it-yourself stores, accounting for between fifteen and twenty per cent of their sales. Closing on Sunday could jeopardize the jobs of some twelve hundred employees, according to the Fédération des Magasins de Bricolage, which translates, roughly, as the Federation of Do-It-Yourself Stores.

“I really don’t understand,” said one customer, quoted in the **Catholic daily** La Croix. “If everyone has agreed to work, why can’t you open the store?”

**Stores in Germany**—which has the strongest economy in Europe—are closed on Sunday, with even fewer exceptions than in France. “The Sunday day of rest enjoys consensus in Germany among unions, employees, consumers, and business owners,” Werner Zettelmeier, the research director of Paris’s Center for Information and Research on Contemporary Germany, wrote in yesterday’s La Croix. “Any politician who proposed opening stores on Sunday would risk his or her career.”

While there are clear economic advantages to staying open on Sunday, each society has a legitimate choice to make between money and leisure, the French economists Patrick Artus, Pierre Cahuc, and André Zylberberg argue in the most extensive French study of the Sunday-work issue. Their hundred-and-thirty-eight-page report, “Temps de Travail, Revenu et Emploi” (Work Time, Revenue, and Employment), published in 2007, offers a sweeping historical and cross-cultural examination.

“The well-being of each of us is not independent of what others do,” Artus, Cahuc, and Zylberberg wrote. “The value of our free time depends on the possibility of spending it with one’s family and friends and the ability to share that time with others.” In other words, the value of almost no one working on Sunday is that it forces families—or friends—to do things together.

This isn’t as trivial as it may seem, on first glance; social scientists are increasingly finding links between family time and well-being. A number of studies in the U.S. show that children who have dinner regularly with their families do better in school and are less likely to get into trouble. Families that rarely eat together see higher average rates of obesity, drinking, and drug use among teenagers, and more teen pregnancy. The entrenchment of 24/7 capitalism in the U.S.—which has forced many parents to work late hours, or hold down multiple jobs—has gone hand in hand with various negative social trends: rising divorce rates, child obesity, drug use, teen pregnancy.

Still, the French showdown may be a sign that the French system is in serious need of revision. “The French labor system is based on the flawed assumption that if everyone worked fewer hours, there would be more jobs to go around,” Zylberberg, an economist at the University of Paris I, told me. “It’s based on the idea that the job market is a zero-sum game in which the more one person works, the less is left for others. That’s simply wrong.” In 2000, France passed a law instituting a thirty-five-hour work week; since then, the number of hours has indeed gone down—but unemployment has gone up. Furthermore, Zylberberg said, his research shows that “in countries where businesses were free to stay open on Sundays or evenings, the retail sectors grew by three to ten per cent, which is not negligible.”

## Catholic Church Pushing for Sunday Law in Polish Parliament (October 2013)

*"Today in Parliament held a conference .. Free Sunday. Representatives of the Catholic discussed include about how important for the healthy functioning of families is free Sunday, presented the arguments in favor of legal protection that day ... Free Sunday is nothing but the improvement of working conditions. I am confident that it will succeed, we will have a free Sunday - said Bujara."*

Notice the strong emphasis on 'society', 'family', and 'economy' with regards to the Sunday law now? This is the main angle that the Catholic Church is using now in a bid to secure their false sabbath day within law!

News article: [Link](#)

## New General Labour Law to Establish only one day of Rest for Angolans: Sunday! (October 2013)

*"Currently, the work week ends on Friday, getting the days of Saturday and Sunday devoted to rest. In this proposal, the number one Article 119 states that the employee is entitled to a full day of rest per week, as a rule, is Sunday."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## Mowing the Grass in your Garden on Sunday is Banned in Belgian Town (October 2013)

*(Translated) "Who in the Belgian town of Kortrijk Sunday mows, risk a fine of 250 euros ... The penalty is discussed in Kortrijk, however, because the town comes with an (online) referendum on the issue ... The regulation is not exclusive Kortrijk in Flanders, where the municipal authorities give substance to the Sunday rest day. Many local police regulations prohibit on Sundays and holidays every noise."*

News Article: [Link](#)

## France Looking into Law Curbing Sunday Shopping - Court Orders 14 Stores to Close on Sundays (October 2013)

*"French law has established Sunday as a mandatory day off to help ensure rest and the quality of life ... Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault met with government ministers today on the subject after a court ordered two hardware chains to close 14 of their stores on Sundays."*

We are seeing these Sunday laws in place all over the world. So would it take much to properly enforce them? Not with the state the world is in today, with all the economic troubles and disasters. Yes, there are people who

protest against it, and there will always be people who protest. But a few big disasters and some signs and wonders from Satan will secure a place for the Roman Catholic mark.

News article: [Link](#)

## National Back to Church Sunday gets Record of 3 Million People (September 2013)

*"An estimated 3 million people attended a National Back to Church Sunday event this past weekend, which organizers believe is the highest number the movement has ever recorded."*

We need to get the sabbath truth out there friends!

News item: [Link](#)

## Catholic Church and Trade Unions Working Towards a Shopping Ban on Sunday in Italy (June 2013)

*"The Roman Catholic Church, along with trade unions and small business associations, is working to save Sundays by pushing for a ban on shopping in Italy ... The broad consensus in opposing Sunday openings shows that having a common weekly day for rest is something that benefits everyone, not just believers."*

[Source](#)

## The Desecration of the 7th Day Sabbath in Jerusalem (June 2013)

*"New shopping complex called a breakthrough that will revolutionize Saturdays ... It's incredibly rare to see so many people publicly desecrating the Sabbath in Jerusalem, where most businesses shut down at sunset on Friday and streets are quiet until nightfall the following day. Secular Jerusalemites have hailed the new complex at the station as a breakthrough that will revolutionize Saturdays in Israel's capital city."*

So how are the Jews going to be deceived with regards to the Sunday law? Obviously not all of them will, but as we can see from the news item further down this page stating that a political party in Israel are pushing for Sunday to be a day of rest and now this news item showing that the 7th day sabbath is being desecrated with shops being open for business for the first time. We can see the pieces being put into place ready for the Sunday law.

News item: [Link](#)

## UK News Article States that Sunday "Sabbath" is a Day of Stress Rather than Rest (May 2013)

*"It is usually thought of as a day of rest. But increasingly busy lifestyles mean Sundays are now considered the most stressful day of the week for one third of Britons, according to a new survey."*

You can see the varying ways they are using to get Sunday into the minds of the people. And with all the troubles around the world, it will be easier to convince the people to accept the Sunday law when the time is right. News:

[Link](#)

## Pope Francis Book Talks About a Needed Sunday "Sabbath" Rest - THAT APPEALS TO EVERYONE! (April 2013)

*"Responding to the question, "Do we need to rediscover the meaning of leisure?" Pope Francis replies: Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport. But this is being destroyed, in large part, by the elimination of the Sabbath rest day. More and more people work on Sundays as a consequence of the competitiveness imposed by a consumer society. In such cases, he concludes, work ends up dehumanizing people."*

Why do we keep the 7th day sabbath? To honor God right? And to spend one special day a week in complete devotion to Him. Can you see the new path that the Vatican is taking towards the Sunday law? God is taken out of the picture and in place we see things that appeal to ALL MANKIND: **rest, family time, playing sport**, etc. Who wouldn't want an enforced "day of rest" where you can down tools and enjoy relaxation and recreation? This will appeal to everyone. And this is how the beast will be able to cause the "**WHOLE WORLD**" to take the mark.

News article: [Link](#)

## Large City in India to Enforce a Strict Sunday Closure Law From 1988 (March 2013)

*"Hyderabad: Sundays may no longer be the designated day for shopping. Going after shops and commercial establishments in the state, the labour department has decided to enforce a strict Sunday closure in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Act 1988."*

There are Sunday laws on the books all over the world. Just waiting to be enforced!! News: [Link](#)

## Sunday Now to be a Day off Work in Israel (February 2013)

*"The first vote on new legislation in the 19th Knesset was initiated as a joint effort between Yesh Atid's Rabbi Dov Lipman, Jewish Home's Naftali Bennett, and surprisingly, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Easily passing the vote, the Knesset decided that Sundays would now be an official day off from work."*

Revelation 13 says that the beast will cause ALL to take the mark of the beast. Including the Jews. And those who have said the Sunday law could never happen because of the Jews, need to think again. News article: [Link](#)

## EUROPEAN DAY FOR A WORK-FREE SUNDAY ON 3 MARCH 2013 (February 2013)

*"In these difficult times of economic insecurity too many workers and employers are coming under pressure and our society overlooks the importance of free time and the participation of citizens in society ... The current practises and legislation in EU- and Member States need to be improved. Synchronization of working time which includes the work-free Sunday is crucial. Only if this happens can health, safety and dignity of all citizens be promoted. Only in this way will all citizens be able to reconcile their personal, family and professional life. Only by this is social cohesion guaranteed as it enables people to gather, employers and employees alike."*

We can continue to see the new tactic of bringing about the Sunday law. Article: [Link](#)

## Hillary Clinton: 'Going on the Sunday Shows Is Not My Favorite Thing to Do' (January 2013)

*"Rep. Joe Wilson asked Secretary Hillary Clinton, It's been reported, since you managed the response to the Benghazi attack, why weren't you the person to appear on the Sunday shows immediately following the attack? ... Clinton responded to Wilson, I have to confess here in public, **going on the Sunday shows is not my favorite thing to do. There are other things I prefer to do on Sunday mornings.**"*

Just a little seed planting in favour of a Sunday rest there? Article: [Link](#)

## Vatican Works with Unions to Stop Sunday Shopping in Italy (December 2012)

*"The Roman Catholic Church, trade unions and small business associations have joined forces in a bid to save Sundays." News: [Link](#)*

## FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers to Close on Sundays in New Jersey (December 2012)

*"Beginning Sunday, Dec. 9, all Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) centers will be closed on Sundays. The centers will continue serving the community during their regular hours on all other days." Website: [Link](#)*

## A Growing Movement in America Seeking to Keep "A" Sabbath (November 2012)

*"More and more holidays are becoming days of shopping and other business, and Sundays long ago ceased to be quiet days of rest and worship. A Kentucky doctor and author is part of a growing movement in the opposite direction. The doctor's prescription: Keep a Sabbath."*

The Hungarian Prime Minister just the other day said that this economic disaster was due to the people abandoning Christian principles ([source](#)). And as the disasters and troubles keep mounting, this movement for a sabbath rest will continue to grow, until the Papacy has her way and the Sunday law is enforced - "for the better of society". **Keep watch! And get ready!** Article: [Link](#) - Also see [here](#).

## 'Earth Sabbath' Helps Activists in America Tend Spiritual Side Of Environmentalism (November 2012)

*"Earth Sabbath celebrations are now held in a handful of North Carolina cities, including Chapel Hill, Durham and Asheville. Their purpose is to salve and energize the spiritual lives of environmental activists and others who grieve for the damage to the earth and its resources."*

Can you see the many ways they are using to reach the world with the coming Sunday "sabbath" law? Article: [Link](#)

## Sunday Alliance is Formed in Switzerland (November 2012)

*"Good news from Switzerland! On 13 June 2012 the Sunday Alliance Switzerland was founded. The Alliance for a work-free Sunday in Switzerland was initiated by the trade union Unia ... The organisations stated at the press conference in June 2012 that Sunday ... needs to be protected as the day of rest and of social gathering."*

There are many trade unions, churches and organisations pushing for a Sunday law now in many different countries. And their goal will be realised one day soon. Article: [Link](#)

## South Korea Enforcing a National Sunday Law (Oct 2012)

Costco Should Honor Sunday Closing Rule

The Korean Times - 10/15/2012

Seoul City officials raided three Costco stores in Seoul that opened their doors again Sunday despite the city's ordinance to have large discount stores close on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. They uncovered 14 violations and slapped a temporary suspension on the sale of livestock products at two of the three outlets for violating meat preservation regulations.

Seoul City also imposed a fine of \$60 million against the American retail giant for violating the Sunday closing rule. The raids are seen as retaliatory measures against the retailer's failure to follow the Sundayclosing rule. It defies our understanding that Costco, which operates eight stores in Korea, continues to violate the law while doing business here.

Seoul City imposed the Sunday closing rule on discount chains in April under the Distribution Industry Development Act that took effect in January.

Seoul City, for its part, deserves blame for resorting to outdated revengeful clampdowns to bring a foreign retailer into submission. It's like a tax agency conducting an audit to retaliate against a company that doesn't comply with its instruction.

What's clear is that Costco should recall the old saying, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do." It's time for the retail giant to step back and try to observe local regulations.

## Why Shutting up Shop on Sunday is Good for Everyone (September 2012)

*"The reason Christians argue for a day off is because it's good for people to have a rest, not for some abstract or particularly religious reason."*

They have been using this new angle for some time now, to condition those outside the faith and get them ready for the coming Sunday law. Article: [Link](#)

## Proposed 'Sundays Off' Makes it Past Israel Prime Minister (September 2012)

*"A proposal to extend the weekend past Shabbat into Sunday has made it past the prime minister, sources in Jerusalem said this week. There is nothing new about a shorter work week in many Western industrialized nations, but in Israel, the six-day work week is a standard."*

We can now see how the mark of the beast could be accepted by the Jewish people. Satan is the arch deceiver, and he is going to **deceive** the whole world into accepting the mark. Apart from God's true remnant people. News: [Link](#)

## Reformed Political Party in Netherlands Want to Shut all Shops on Sundays in Order for Citizens "to go to Church" (September 2012)

*"The party, which bases itself on strict Christian principles and has never had a woman in parliament since its founding in 1918, advocates a no work Sunday, unless the work is an act of charity or an essential service."*  
News: [Link](#)

## Eurozone Demands Six-Day Working Week for Greece - A Move Towards Sunday Law? (September 2012)

*"Greece's eurozone creditors are demanding that the government in Athens introduce a six-day working week as part of the stiff terms for the country's second bailout."*

This demand means that workers will be "forced" to work on the seventh day sabbath, not Sunday, because Greek law already forbids working on Sunday ([see here](#) - last sentence). **And it is interesting that this has now come about after the recent high level [meeting](#) between Religious leaders and the Presidents of EU.**

We know that it will be America (earth beast) that causes the world to take the mark of the beast, but we can certainly see the "workings" and "ways" that Satan will eventually bring about the Sunday law. News item for this: [Link](#)

## National "Back to Church Sunday" Event for September 2012 (July 2012)

This is a movement (in it's 3rd year) in which thousands of churches are getting together to get their respective communities to attend church on Sunday. And it is just another way to get the masses to accept the Sunday law when it is enforced.

Friends, are you getting the truth about the Sabbath out there? Are you getting the 3 angels messages out there? The world needs to hear and see the truth! Website: [Link](#)

## Landmark Decision: Austria Court Supports Ban on Sunday Shop Opening (July 2012)

The prohibition of shop opening on Sundays and public holidays in Austria has been decided as "not unconstitutional" by the Constitutional Court in Austria, saying that *"the ban is justified by public interest in protecting and preserving the weekend rest."*

So they have deemed it as "not unconstitutional", and for the better of society. I think we will be seeing this kind of reasoning in America and the rest of the world someday soon. News: [Link](#)

## UK: Make Sunday a Day of Rest - Ban HGV's on Motorways (June 2012)

*"The incoming president of the Institute of Highway Engineers risks the wrath of truckers - but may earn the adulation of weekend motorists - as he calls for the UK to consider banning HGVs from its motorways on Sundays."*

Can you see the many different ways that Rome is going to use to bring in the Sunday Law? Remember, this isn't just going to be a law for professing Christians. It will be a law for ALL mankind. As it says in *Revelation 13:16* ...'*And he causeth **all**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.*'

News: <http://www.rochdaleonline.co.uk/news-features/2/news-headlines/71029/make-sunday-a-day-of-rest-ban-hgvs-on-motorways>

## Time Out "on the Sabbath" Necessary to Help 'Save Our Souls' (June 2012)

*"It is a good question for any era, because it invites us to pause and check what life really is all about. It is particularly pertinent to New Zealand today, since for many people workplace goals and pressures are constantly undermining the ideal of a healthy work-life balance."*

By the way, the "sabbath" in this article is Sunday, not the 7th day. Can you see what they are pushing at? We are getting this thrown at us all the time now ... "better for family" .. "better for society" .. "better work-life balance" .. etc, etc. And are they right? Yes, of course they are, as having a day of rest each week is what God intended for us. The problem is, as we know, they are pushing for the wrong day!

Article: <http://www.odt.co.nz/opinion/opinion/214160/time-out-necessary-help-save-our-souls>

## Young People from Cologne Make a Website Dedicated to Sunday Rest (June 2012)

*"We, the people, our personalities and our relationships, shall be at the centre of society. However, relationships cannot be sustained without caring for them. The Sunday is dedicated to this, it is the day of promise and recovery for our week."*

Notice how the main focus has shifted to "the better of society"? Which of course reaches those outside the church also.

Website: <http://www.kolpingjugend-macht-sonntag.de/cms/index.php>

News Article:

<http://www.europeansundayalliance.eu/site/home/article/124.html?SWS=788c3686ed3cee3af88660f5dd8dc5b8>

## Pope Promotes Sunday as the Day of Rest (June 2012)

Pope Says Family Values are Key to Escaping Modern Ills - AFP News, June 3, 2012

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

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

"Dear families, despite the relentless rhythms of the modern world, do not lose a sense of the Lord's day," the pope said, describing the tradition of Sunday rest as "an oasis in which to pause... and celebrate the family." He lamented the modern-day "utilitarian concept of work, production and the market," which "brings in its wake ferocious competition, strong inequalities, degradation of the environment, the race for consumer goods, family tensions."

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

## Sundays Must be a Day of Rest Dedicated to God and Family, Pope Says (June 2012)

*"By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom, he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square June 6 ... Humanity has no future without the family ... Sunday is the day of the Lord and of man, a day which everyone must be able to be free - free for the family and free for God."*

The Vatican is really pushing for the Sunday law now and making the all important link with "family", so that it reaches those outside the faith also. And with the world in the state it is, we are getting close to the time when the Sunday law will be embraced by the people of the world in order to help bring peace. Are you getting ready? Time is short friends.

News: <http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1202360.htm>

## Lagos State Government Enforce Ban on Sunday Markets (May 2012)

*"The Lagos State Government has said it will start enforcing the Trading on Sunday (Prohibition) Bye-Law, which bans opening of markets on Sunday on the Island."*

News article: <http://www.punchng.com/news/lasg-to-enforce-ban-on-sunday-markets/>

## Sunday to be a Day of Rest in U.S. Town, Harveyville (May 2012)

This happened back in March after a tornado hit the town. Did they designate Sunday as the day of rest partly because of the disaster? Maybe. The spirit of prophecy does tell us that Sunday laws will spring up because of natural disasters.

*"It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced."* (E.White, The Great Controversy, p.590)

News Article: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/17074775/sunday-designated-as-day-of-rest>

## New Sunday Shopping Rules Make No Sense (May 2012)

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

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

I mean really, at some point government has to give its head a shake with this restricted shopping business on Sundays. The government proposed its new Sunday shopping bill Wednesday that will allow retailers to open at 9 am instead of the current noon-to-6 pm rule.

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

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

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

Seems to me the entire argument for having Sunday shopping restrictions has now fallen apart. Besides, there are so many exemptions in the act that make the hourly restrictions a bit of a joke anyway.

For example, a grocery store can't open outside of the prescribed Sunday hours, but a large pharmacy chain — which sells all kinds of grocery products — can. A smaller store of any kind with six or seven employees cannot open outside of the legislated hours. But a retailer selling the same products with four workers or less can.

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

So are the rights of employees at the big-box store selling plywood are more important than the rights of those selling tomato plants when it comes to family time on Sundays? It's ridiculous, actually. Instead of expanding Sunday shopping laws further, why not just get rid of the restrictions altogether. Would it really matter if a store wanted to open at 8 a.m. on a Sunday instead of 9 a.m.? If a store wants to stay open until 9 p.m. on a Sunday, is it really any of the government's business?

And since employees don't have to work on Sundays anyway, why does it matter? The next logical step would be to eliminate Sunday shopping restrictions completely so those who want to work or shop on Sundays can. The state has no business telling workers they can't make a living by working a retail job on a Sunday evening.

At the very least — and here's my compromise — it should be left up to individual municipalities to decide whether they want Sunday shopping restrictions or not. Unfortunately, the bill won't even allow that. Manitoba's Sunday shopping laws — the existing one and the proposed one proposed this week — don't allow retail businesses to open on Sundays period, unless their municipality passes a bylaw allowing them to access the province's restricted hours.

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

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

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

Freedom of religion has been one of America's most cherished liberties, and one of the reasons why America became great. Notice what one of the Founding Fathers said about this: "No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burdened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer, on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities." Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom (1779).

Yet today, times have changed. Religious liberty is becoming a thing of the past. Great horrors await this nation if this trend continues: "They are working in blindness. They do not see that if a Protestant government sacrifices the principles that have made them a free, independent nation, and through legislation brings into the Constitution, principles that will propagate papal falsehoods and papal delusions, they are plunging into the Roman horrors of the Dark Ages." Review and Herald, December 11, 1888.

## A Community in Brooklyn, U.S.A., to Report Any Restaurants Breaking the Sunday Blue Law (May 2012)

*"Department of Consumer Affairs inspectors - deployed after requests from CBI members - began cracking down on restaurants that serve food and drink outdoors before noon on Sundays in violation of a rarely enforced city blue law that has prohibited the practice since 1971. The Sunday ban was put in place to promise peace and quiet out of respect for restaurant neighbors on what some view as a day of rest, city officials said."*

One thing to remember about this. The earth beast in Revelation 13 (America) calls for the people to make the image of the sea beast (Papacy). So America will call for the people of the world to make the image of the Papacy. And what is happening in this situation above? The community leaders are calling for the PEOPLE to make sure the Sunday blue law is enforced within their community. Just a small example of what will become a worldwide issue one day soon.

News: [http://www.brooklynpaper.com/stories/35/18/dtg\\_waronbrunchrecruits\\_2012\\_05\\_11\\_bk.html](http://www.brooklynpaper.com/stories/35/18/dtg_waronbrunchrecruits_2012_05_11_bk.html)

## Lord's Day Observance Society in U.K. Pushing for Sunday to be a day of Worship and Rest (April 2012)

*"Today, the organisation - previously known as the Lord's Day Observance Society - under the name of Day One Christian Ministries campaigns for Sunday to be a day of worship and rest; our day of rest is increasingly under threat as retail businesses, sports events and entertainment seek to make Sunday just another day to make money."*

It's interesting that they even quote what we Sabbath keepers quote, and that is the fact that God ordained the sabbath day at creation. They just miss the important fact that it was the SEVENTH DAY that God blessed and sanctified. Not the first day of the week.

Website: <http://www.lordsday.co.uk/>

## A Call to Americans - Let's Make Sunday a Day of Rest, For God's Sake (April 2012)

*"This is an invitation to Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Atheists, Agnostics, Buddhists, and Christians. One day a week. Rest. For God's sake."*

One day a week rest! I'm sure that appeals to ALL people. And soon Rome will have THEIR day enforced! Time is short my friends. Are you ready?

News article: <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/04/22/let-make-sunday-day-rest-for-gods-sake/?intcmp=features>

## Christian Leaders Welcome Weekly Rest Day for Maids in Singapore (April 2012)

*"Pastors and Christian leaders in Singapore have expressed their support for a new requirement by the Ministry of Manpower of a weekly rest day ... The idea of a day of rest finds strong support from the Christian teaching of Sabbath, said the theologian. God rested on Sabbath and he commands us to observe Sabbath ... Sabbath is still Sabbath, he expressed. And our human body is such that we all need rest for physical refreshment and spiritual renewal."*

Of course, we know that the "sabbath day" they are pointing to is Sunday!

News: <http://sg.christianpost.com/dbase.php?cat=society&id=1870>

## A Bill Passed That Would Ban All Commercial Activities on a Sunday at Kailua Beaches in Honolulu (April 2012)

This Bill *will* go into effect in July 2012. As you will see from the news pages, social reasons are being pushed now for Sunday laws to be introduced. Which obviously appeals to everyone. Maybe this is how Rome will introduce the Sunday law worldwide, in this very troubled world we live in now. The signs of the end times show we are living in the last days. And Satan knows this!

News: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46916045>

News: <http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/Ban-of-Sunday-commercial-activities-at-Kailua/2vx-5Os910SNa5udfNabfg.csp>

## Major English Paper Defends Sunday Closing (Mar 2012)

Do we really need more Sunday shopping hours?

Express & Starr [England], Thursday 29th March 2012 - By Lou's Women

Just how much shopping do we all want to do, especially as many of us are having to tighten our belts? Restrictions on Sunday trading have eased greatly in recent years – and now the Government plans to completely suspend the rules to allow shops in England and Wales to open for more than six hours to take advantage of tourist trade during the London Olympics.

No doubt if it is a success there will be pressure from the big retailers to make it permanent. It's amazing to think that, with stores now opening every day of the week and many trading well into the night as well, people still want more hours to go shopping.

And pity the poor shop workers who have no choice in the matter. It seems there is no single day of the week that is sacred, when they are not at the beck and call of their employers. A friend working at a department store in Dudley once told me how, despite having been open until really late every day in the run-up to Christmas, a man came to the till five

minutes before closing at 10pm and demanded to have all the presents he had just chosen gift-wrapped, a service the store had advertised.

Staff scurried round, stayed late and met his demand. But it just goes to show that, no matter how long a shop is open, someone will want to push it just that bit further. And should we be pandering to people who can't be bothered to plan their lives well enough to make sure they do their shopping in a timely fashion. Surely we only have just so much in our pockets to spend anyway so is it really worth the disruption to the lives of shop staff, their families and our traditional day of rest to open even longer?

## Labor Unions Push for Sunday (Mar 2012)

Trade Unionists Campaign Against Sunday Trading

PolskieRadio [www.thenews.pl](http://www.thenews.pl) March 5, 2012

Solidarity trade union activists protested in front of shopping malls and supermarkets yesterday as part of a campaign to give shop workers a day off on Sundays. The trade unionists distributed leaflets asking customers to support the demand. Alfred Bujara, a spokesman for the Solidarity trade union argues that banning Sunday trading would not necessarily lead to a loss of trade, as customers would still buy the same amount of goods six days a week instead of seven.

He said that trade unionists in Austria and France were also calling for a ban on Sunday trading. "I think that, as in Western Europe, we can demand to keep Sunday as a day of rest," he said. Around 250,000 shop assistants, mostly women, work on Sunday in Poland.

A previous, conservative Law and Justice (PiS) led government (2005– 2007) introduced a law banning large retail units opening on national holidays. Only local shops are allowed to be open on those days provided it is the owner who is working. The Polish labor code allows for a fine of 30,000 zloty (7,600 euro) if the regulation is broken.

Editor's Note: Slowly but surely, the dangers of Sunday laws are threatening our civil and religious freedom on every hand. Solidarity Trade Union in Poland has the full support of the Catholic Church. Leach Walesa, a Roman Catholic, was one of the founders of this union. With the aid of Pope John Paul II he was able to coordinate a series of boycotts against the Polish communist government that eventually led to its demise. As a result of his work with the union, he eventually became president of Poland from 1991-1995.

Today these unions have joined with the Roman Catholic Church to promote Sunday laws. Within the past few days members of the Solidarity Trade Union in Poland were picketing stores and shops across Poland demanding that owners and even customers respect Sunday as the Lord's day and to keep it holy by shutting down on Sundays.

The flames of liberty that has burned so brightly after the fall of communism are beginning to flicker and grow dim. If Poland fails in her responsibility to hold the banner of liberty and freedom, the cause of freedom will be lost. Let us not forget that trade unions can be used either for good or for evil. Fidel Castro used the trade unions to begin a series of labor boycotts which was the launching of a general popular insurrection during the Cuban Revolution. We have been warned that one day that labor unions throughout the world will go too far in their efforts.

"The trade unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began." Last Day Events, p.116.

At some point these labor unions will try to coerce, destabilize, or sabotage the economy in order to force the government to fulfill its demands. Labor unions will no doubt be the agency by which the “buying and selling” provision of the mark of the beast will be enforced [Rev. 13:11, 16, 17].

However, we must never forget the fact that religion will be the underlying factor in the campaign for Sunday laws. Political as well as religious issues with regards to Sunday laws are being agitated daily throughout the world. We have tried to document this over the years through The Eternal Gospel Herald. The matter of Sunday laws have become prominent in recent years; and the opponents of religious freedom have come out strongly in favor of making Sunday a day of worship and rest.

It is in the light of these momentous events that the Eternal Gospel Ministry is committed to continue to raise up a voice against the threat of freedom posed by the monopolies of labor and business and religious institutions. We will continue to publish, preach, and educate the public with the messages of Daniel and Revelation in the daily newspaper, on radio, through billboards, and missionary publications. What can be done in these momentous times to enlighten the public regarding the principles of God’s truth and of the final events—must be done now. If we don’t do it, who will? Unfortunately, not many are willing to do it. However, we are inviting each of you to help us give the last message of mercy a much wider circulation than ever before. Your prayers and support are much needed in such a time as this. God bless you.

## UK Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls Says "Keep Sunday Special" Campaign is Important (March 2012)

In a tv interview, Mr Balls, the Shadow Chancellor in the UK Government said that the campaign to keep Sunday special as a day of rest is an important campaign.

<http://www.keepsundayspecial.org.uk/Web/News/News.aspx?news=72&RedirectUrl=~/Web/News/Default.aspx>

## Maid in Singapore Get One Day Off a Week (March 2012)

*"Worker and human-rights groups praised the change Tuesday, saying it will bring Singapore closer to international labour norms."*

This is a move that is happening all around the globe today, in readiness for the Sunday law to be enforced.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/story/2012/03/06/singapore-maids-protection.html>

Activists in 12 Different European Countries Call for Sunday as Day of Rest (March 2012)

This was the planned event for 4th March which took place across Europe.

News: <http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=13557>

## Municipal Council in Freiburg (Germany) Voted Against Any Shop Opening on Sundays (February 2012)

*"Shops remain closed on Sundays in 2012 in several german cities. This is the result of the decisions in the municipal Councils that were taken recently in some german cities."*

News page: <http://www.europeansundayalliance.eu/site/newsevents/goodnews/article/118.html>

## Jewish Rabbis to Meet and Discuss the Possibility of Making Sunday a Day Off in Israel (February 2012)

So how are the Jews going to be reached with the Sunday law? Wonder no more! The fact that they are even discussing it, shows that the door is open.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/Flash.aspx/232582#.T0LRNPXBHI7>

## Virginia Lawmakers Preserve Ban on Sunday Hunting (February 2012)

Just a little example that shows the "blue laws" are still on the books in America.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/02/17/virginia-lawmakers-preserve-ban-on-sunday-hunting/?test=latestnews>

## Glenn Beck Announces "WE ARE ALL CATHOLICS NOW" Movement (February 2012)

I found this very interesting in that this is a call for the people *"to reach out to Congressional leaders to **encourage the passage of legislation.**"* Now this is all done at the moment for the sake of "religious liberty". But once the people have been "trained" to use their voice in getting Congress to pass what THEY want, then the screw can be turned and the "religious" leaders will get the people to call for the Sunday law.

*"Through the two great **errors**, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions."* (E.G.White, Great Controversy, p.588)

News page: <http://www.theblaze.com/stories/beck-announces-we-are-all-catholics-now-campaign-to-fight-contraception-mandate/>

## A CALL FOR ACTION!! 4 MARCH 2012: EUROPEAN DAY FOR A WORK-FREE SUNDAY (February 2012)

*"The European Sunday Alliance calls on all members and supporters to **take action** on Sunday, 4 March 2012, as the EUROPEAN DAY FOR A WORK-FREE SUNDAY."*

*"the Alliance calls on members, supporters and all citizens to **make our common demand visible** on Sunday, 4 March 2012!"*

News Item: <http://www.europeansundayalliance.eu/site/newsevents/breakingnews/article/107.html>

## Rick Santorum Wants to Impose Christian Law Upon America! (January 2012)

*"Santorum wants to impose conservative Christian law upon America ... Plainly put, Rick Santorum wants to convert our current legal system into one that requires our laws to be in agreement with religious law, not unlike what the Taliban want to do in Afghanistan."*

And the "religious laws" that will soon be imposed upon America will include the Sunday law. We are fast approaching the last days.

News article: [http://articles.cnn.com/2012-01-05/opinion/opinion\\_obeidallah-santorum-sharia\\_1\\_rick-santorum-santorum-two-santorum-one?\\_s=PM:OPINION](http://articles.cnn.com/2012-01-05/opinion/opinion_obeidallah-santorum-sharia_1_rick-santorum-santorum-two-santorum-one?_s=PM:OPINION)

## Declaration From COMECE Bishops Pushing for Work-Free Sunday (January 2012)

*"it is the task of government to provide guaranteed market-free times and living spaces where people can search for ways to meet these needs. It is right that market activity is restricted on official public holidays and Sundays, because on those days, for national, cultural or religious reasons, peace and quiet and time to collect one's thoughts take precedence over economic activities."*

They are really pushing the "social reasons" for having Sunday off each week now, which will reach those outside the faith. And with the economic problems of nations all over the world, getting Sunday protected as a work-free day for the sake of "stability, peace and family", will be much easier to secure.

Document: [A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF SOLIDARITY AND RESPONSIBILITY](#)

## Workers in Portugal May be Forced to Work 25 Saturdays Each Year (January 2012)

This would be a clear tactic of the enemy to put pressure on workers to work on the sabbath and only have Sunday off.

News item: [http://www.dn.pt/inicio/economia/interior.aspx?content\\_id=2248712](http://www.dn.pt/inicio/economia/interior.aspx?content_id=2248712) (You will need to Google translate this news)

Also see: [http://www.dn.pt/inicio/economia/interior.aspx?content\\_id=2247564](http://www.dn.pt/inicio/economia/interior.aspx?content_id=2247564)

## A French Retail Company is Ordered to Close 31 Shops on Sundays After TRADE UNIONS Appeal (January 2012)

*"FEC FO and the unions of employees and managers of commerce sector from Val d'Oise and from Paris referred the BRICORAMA case to the Pontoise Court. After this action, BRICORAMA was sentenced by the court to close 3 shops in Paris and 28 shops in Ile de France on Sundays. Otherwise Bricorama would be obliged to pay a fee of 30.000Euros by day of misconduct."*

Notice how it is the **TRADE UNIONS** who got involved with this and caused this action! And what did Ellen White say? ... *"The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began."* (E.G.White, Last Day Events, p.116)

News Article: (scroll down to see it)

<http://www.europeansundayalliance.eu/site/newsevents/breakingnews?SWS=2767ce843060f02e0d0076a8bf633c2>

## The "Sabbath" to Make a "Comeback" in 2012 in America (January 2012)

Faith leaders were asked for predictions for 2012. Look at one of the things that was stated ...

*"Sabbath becomes trendy! Fourth Commandment makes a comeback! Sabbath named Time's person of the year! A new movement sweeps the country. They call themselves 24/6. Worn out by being tethered to the grid 24/7, sick of being accessible all hours of the day, inundated by updates, upgrades, and breaking news, **AMERICANS FINALLY REBEL, DEMANDING, "WE NEED A DAY OFF."** People all over the country go offline for 24 hours every week. The simple break from the frenetic pace results in lowered cholesterol rates, fewer speeding tickets, and a reduction in marital strife. Peace, tranquility and contentment spread like wildfire."*

**This "sabbath" as we know, will be Sunday!**

News Article: (See point number 9) <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2012/01/01/12-faith-based-predictions-for-2012/>

## Churches and Unions Say No to Sunday Workday in Dominica (December 2011)

Here we have the *Association of Evangelical Churches, the Roman Catholic Church and the Trade Unions* raising their voices against Sunday being a workday in Dominica. Pretty powerful combination there. And we will see this "allegiance" in America and throughout the world soon, enforcing the Sunday law.

Do you notice we are seeing the Unions get more and more involved? Didn't Ellen White speak of the Trade Unions getting involved and using their clout?

News: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20111220/business/business2.html>

## Germany: Churches and Trade Unions Urge for Better Protection of Sunday (November 2011)

Again, they continue to point to commercialism and family time in order to convince the people about the Sunday law.

Article: <http://nrw.dgb.de/presse/++co++ef94b0ae-1745-11e1-7749-00188b4dc422>

(You will need to "Google Translate" the above article)

## The Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S. (October 2011)

*"Today, The Lord's Day Alliance stands on the edge of a great opportunity to proclaim the message of the Sabbath (SUNDAY), a message of spiritual renewal and personal well being, in this fast-paced 24/7, 21st century American culture."*

For those of you who have not come across the Lord's Day Alliance before. It makes for interesting reading!

<http://www.ldausa.org/index.html>

## Preparatory Catecheses for the World Meeting of Families in 2012 (October 2011)

*"The upcoming World Meeting of Families affords a privileged opportunity to rethink work and celebration in the perspective of a family that is united and open to life, thoroughly integrated in society and in the Church, attentive to the quality of relationship in addition to the economy of the family nucleus itself." (Pope Benedict XVI)*

*"Not only work but also rest from work constitutes a fundamental right and an essential good for individuals and their families. This is what the post-synod Exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis states. A man and a woman are worth more than their work. They are made for communion and encounter. So Sunday should not take the*

***form of an interval from work to be filled with frenetic activities or unusual experiences, but rather a day of rest** which opens up to the encounter, lets the other be rediscovered, and makes it possible to dedicate time to family relations and friends and to prayer."*

*"It is particularly **urgent** nowadays to remember that the day of the Lord is also a day of rest from work. It is greatly to be hoped that this fact will also be **recognized by civil society**, so that individuals can be permitted to refrain from work without being penalized."*

*"The seventh day of creation. Modern man created free time and lost the meaning of celebration. The meaning of the celebration, **particularly Sunday**, as a time for man, indeed, a time for the family, **needs to be retrieved**."*

*"The commandment to keep holy the sabbath. **The THIRD commandment** of the Decalogue recalls the liberation from Egypt, the gift of freedom, which creates Israel as a people. It is a perennial sign of the covenant between God and man in which every life shares, even animal life."*

They are really laying the groundwork for the Sunday law now! And with the economic turmoil and troubles around the world today, the people of the world will soon be ripe to be deceived into accepting the mark of the beast. Please pray, study and LIVE the truth! Jesus is coming soon.

Website: <http://www.family2012.com/en/catecheses.php>

## Alabama Judge to Send Offenders to Church on Sunday Instead of Jail? (September 2011)

*"So far, 56 churches have expressed support, according to Rowland, who says there is overwhelming public support for the plan."*

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/23/bay-minette-alabama-jail-church\\_n\\_977687.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/23/bay-minette-alabama-jail-church_n_977687.html)

## Scottish Rugby Star Questions Need for Sunday Matches (September 2011)

*"I don't see why there have to be games on Sundays ... I hope things will change in future."*

Yes *"things will change"* when the mark of the beast is enforced.

<http://www.christian.org.uk/news/scots-rugby-star-questions-need-for-sunday-matches/>

## National Back to Church Sunday Uses Facebook, YouTube to Reach Millions (September 2011)

*"Over 7,300 churches from 34 different denominations are participating in the third annual event, which will take place this Sunday. In order to accomplish their goals, many participating churches are inviting the unchurched through Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo, electronic invitations and more."*

We really need to get the truth out there about God's TRUE Holy day. **Please do what you can to share God's true sabbath day with the world.**

News: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/national-back-to-church-sunday-uses-facebook-youtube-to-reach-millions-55711/>

## Parade Magazine Highlights Sunday Laws (Aug 2011)

By the Editors of the Eternal Gospel Herald

Parade is a nationwide Sunday newspaper magazine distributed in more than 500 newspapers in the United States and has readership of nearly 70 million people. This is America's most widely read newspaper.

The Sunday, August 28, 2011 edition reminded its readers of a time when Sunday closing laws in America helped to keep our weekends from becoming hectic. Parade is just another example in a long list of newspapers that are directly and indirectly preparing the minds of people to keep Sunday. We have included a sample from the paper:

"Say Goodbye to Chaos and Chill for a Change—Listening to Tara and Mark Mincer of Charlottesville, Va., rattle off the items on their weekend schedule is enough to make you want to curl up and take a nap. Consider a recent to-do list: one school talent show, one soccer game, two lacrosse games (Mark's a coach), a sleepover birthday party, a school fundraiser, and church. And let's not forget the chores: the groceries that need buying, the basement that needs cleaning, the laundry that needs folding, the homework (they have four kids) that needs doing.

Sound familiar? It should. These days, managing your weekend is like running a marathon at a sprinter's pace—with a stagger across the finish line on Sunday night. "Most people I work with aren't enjoying themselves on the weekends," says psychologist Amy Wood, author of *Life Your Way*. "They're drained by Monday morning."

It wasn't always this way. There was a time when those two days were truly a collective respite. We mowed our lawns on Saturday, taking a break to cheer at our kids' soccer game, which was across town—not across state lines. Sunday mornings, we dressed up for church, after which we bypassed the mall and went home, thanks to blue laws, stores were closed. On Sunday evenings, we relaxed in front of the TV—and our coworkers did the same, no panicky 7 p.m. texts about Monday's meeting.

"Weekends used to provide a safety valve against stress," says John de Graaf of the nonprofit Take Back Your Time. As they say, those were the days. We can't turn back the clock on modern technology and convenience. But we can take steps toward managing the load better—and putting a bit more fun back into our free time.

## Pope Says Virgin Mary is the "Living" Ark of the Testament in Heaven (August 2011)

Do you see what this could lead to? Watch for Satan to make some sort of "apparition" or "miracle" of the virgin Mary, with her stating that the world is breaking God's Commandments (**ESPECIALLY THE "SABBATH" - SUNDAY**), which is causing all these disasters and destruction, and that the only way forward is to enforce a Sunday law.

Are you rooted in the Love of Christ and His Word? I hope so. Because the ride is soon to get very bumpy for the saints! By the way, ever wondered how the Muslims would be brought under control? Do you know what Muslims and Catholics have in common? **Their high regard of the Virgin Mary!**

Article: <http://www.zenit.org/article-33198?l=english>

## National Back to Church SUNDAY (August 2011)

*"Join thousands of churches on September 18th to invite everyone back to church." "This year we anticipate 10,000 churches to join the National Back to Church Campaign."*

Websites: <http://backtochurch.com/>    <http://www.backtochurch.co.uk/>

## North Dakota Catholic Conference says 'Sunday law' Benefits all People (July 2011)

*"The purpose of North Dakota's Sunday closing law is not to impose times of worship. Nor is it to demand adherence to religious doctrine. The purpose of the law is to preserve the common good by ensuring that society is not overtaken by work and profit, wrote Christopher Dodson."*

Again, we can see how Satan is going to reach those outside the faith with the Sunday law, by saying it isn't a "religious" law, but one that "benefits the secular world."

News: <http://www.ewtnnews.com/catholic-news/US.php?id=3598>

## Pennsylvania Debates Whether to Hunt on the "Sabbath" (Sunday) (July 2011)

*"Farm Bureau members also claim they want one day free of hunters traipsing across their property. Hikers and bird-watchers have joined the farmers, saying they want one day a week of bullet-free passage through Pennsylvania. And some sportsmen also support the ban, saying the wild critters they stalk need a day of rest as well."*

Well, we all need a day of rest each week don't we? God said so Himself. Problem is, the world has rejected God's holy day in favor of another! Do you notice that this *"we need one day a week rest"* is reaching all walks of life?

News: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/07/19/pennsylvania-hunt-sabbath\\_n\\_902005.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/07/19/pennsylvania-hunt-sabbath_n_902005.html)

## Vatican Exhorts Catholics to Set Aside Sundays for God and Rest (July 2011)

*"We need to realize that we need more time with family and friends. It is hard to give them time during the week because of our professional and social commitments, he noted. **Sunday rest is a human necessity**, he continued ...*

Article: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/vatican-official-exhorts-catholics-to-set-aside-sundays-for-god-and-rest/>

## Southeastern Conference will not play Football on Sunday (July 2011)

*"This conference has always maintained that in this part of the country Friday nights belongs to high school football **and what Sunday represents for people goes without saying.***

*"Aside from whatever objections people have to football on **the Sabbath**, moving games at the last minute is a headache and a half ..."*

Article: <http://www.teamspeedkills.com/2011/5/18/2177401/nfl-lockout-college-football-sunday-sec>

## Israel Government to Consider Making Sunday a Day of Rest (July 2011)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has appointed the head of National Economic Council as chairman of a committee to look into making Sunday a day of rest in Israel. We are really seeing Revelation 13 play out now.

News Article: <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4091159,00.html>

## Vatican Official Exhorts Catholics to Set Aside Sundays For God and Rest (July 2011)

ROME, ITALY, July 19, 2011 (CNA/EWTN News) - Sunday should be a day for worship, rest and time with family and friends, said Monsignor Miquel Delgado Galindo, under secretary for the Pontifical Council for the Laity.

"The Church teaches us to set aside this day, the first day of the week on which we remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ, for divine worship and for human rest," the monsignor recently told CNA.

"On Sundays Catholics should participate in the Holy Mass, the renewal of Christ's sacrifice on the cross" and "the greatest expression of worship and adoration that man can offer to the Lord our God," he said. Sundays should also be a day "devoted to rest with family and friends," he added. Msgr. Galindo underscored the importance of Blessed John Paul II's 1998 Apostolic Letter, "Dies Domini," which exhorts the bishops, the clergy and the lay faithful to keep Sunday holy and to treat it as the Lord's day.

"We need to realize that we need more time with family and friends. It is hard to give them time during the week because of our professional and social commitments," he noted. Sunday rest is "a human necessity," he continued. "Man cannot always be working, just as a bow cannot be constantly pulled back, because at some point it will break."

Catholics should not see rest as “doing nothing,” but rather as time in which they devote themselves to activities that require less physical or intellectual effort such as going on a family outing, reading a good book, playing sports or watching a worthwhile film.

“This makes it possible to return to our routine work with renewed energy. We need Sundays from a religious and a human point of view,” Msgr. Galindo said.

The letter “Dies Domini” explains that the Lord’s Day, the term used to refer to Sundays since apostolic times, has always had a privileged place in the history of the Church because of its close relationship to the very nucleus of the Christian mystery.

Sundays remind us, in the weekly succession of time, of the day of Christ's resurrection. Therefore, it is the Easter of each week, when we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, the fulfillment of the first creation in him.

Editor’s Note: Notice how the Sunday movement will be mingled with temperance [rest] “Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares.” GC 587.

## North Dakota Catholic Conference Says Sunday Law Benefits All People

July 15, 2011 EWTN News

The North Dakota Catholic Conference has responded to criticism of a law restricting Sunday hours for businesses, saying the regulation benefits the whole of society.

“The purpose of North Dakota’s Sunday closing law is not to impose times of worship. Nor is it to demand adherence to religious doctrine. The purpose of the law is to preserve the common good by ensuring that society is not overtaken by work and profit,” wrote Christopher Dodson, executive director of the North Dakota Catholic Conference, in a July 12 article.

A July 5 editorial in the Fargo-Moorhead Forum criticized “all those North Dakotans who cling to the myth that partial Sunday opening somehow honors a Sabbath day.”

“Let’s get honest: Merchants should be able to open their doors whenever they choose. North Dakotans who don’t want to shop on Sunday – morning or any other time on that day – can stay home or in church,” the editorial said. “Others will want to shop. It should be their choice, not the state’s.”

In his response, Dodson said that the newspaper’s argument showed a “misunderstanding of the law’s purpose,” and of the relationship between government, business, and local community.

“Courts upholding Sunday closing laws have recognized what the Forum does not,” Dodson explained, noting that the laws “serve a secular, not religious purpose.” He said that all people need periods of rest and free time for the sake of their families, social lives and religious activities. “Only when communities set aside time devoted to these functions can human persons prosper and develop,” he observed.

Economic forces, Dodson noted, can become enslaving for society in the absence of any regulation. He pointed out that individuals, families and communities can experience negative consequences if they do not have common periods of rest.

“Rather than restricting individual freedom,” the conference director said, “closing laws liberate and free people from the antisocial degeneration of human work.” He noted that economic freedom can only grow in healthy societies, not those which put profits above the values of family and community.

Dodson quoted the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, which describes public authorities' duty “to ensure that, for reasons of economic productivity, citizens are not denied time for rest and divine worship. Sunday closing laws are not about honoring the Sabbath day, they are about honoring people and families.”

## Sunday Law in Fiji (July 2011)

Just like America has the blue laws (Sunday laws) still on their law books, Fiji has had the Sunday law on their books since 1989. Satan is getting ready to enforce the Sunday law throughout the world.

Source: [http://www.paclii.org/fj/legis/num\\_act/sod1989188/](http://www.paclii.org/fj/legis/num_act/sod1989188/)

## Evangelical Preacher Warns that America is Under Divine Judgment (June 2011)

*"Author of more than 150 books, the evangelical leader said, I look at America... people say what is wrong with this country. That is what's wrong with this country. Right there. They have rejected the Word, the law of the Lord, the Holy One Himself."*

It's not hard to see that one day soon, once the image of the beast is fully formed, that Sunday "Sabbath" breaking will be the reason given for the judgment of God and the troubles of this world. Then the Sunday law will follow.

Source: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/john-macarthur-says-america-is-under-divine-judgment-51584/>

## Churches in the US are Being Asked to Rededicate their Nation to God During Sunday Services (June 2011)

Can I remind you that it is America that causes the world to worship the Papal Church and to take the mark of the beast. And Revelation 13:14 tells us that it is the people who come together to make the image of the beast.

News Article: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/churches-invited-to-dedicate-us-to-god-51508/>

## Sunday Protection Conference to be held on June 20th 2011 (June 2011)

It's within the EU that we are seeing things happening with regards to a "Sunday law", but remember, it is America (the earth beast of Revelation 13) that causes the world to worship the Catholic Church and take the mark.

Source: <http://www.europeansundayalliance.eu/>

also: <http://www.comece.org/site/en/press/pressreleases/newsletter.content/1359.html>

## Officials Debate Blue Laws and Sunday Hunting (June 2011)

By Philip Petrunak Daily American [Somerset, Pennsylvania] June 11, 2011

The issue of Sunday hunting rekindles the age-old debate regarding Pennsylvania's blue laws. The House Games and Fisheries Committee are considering a change that would allow Pennsylvania's whitetail deer to be hunted on Sundays.

One of the bill's largest opponents, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, testified before the House committee Thursday that farmers and private landowners control approximately 80 percent of the state's huntable land, according to a 2005 survey.

Farm Bureau member Nila Cogan opposes the expansion of Sunday hunting for several reasons, including the preservation of a day of peace and relaxation on her farm, the private use of her own land for recreational purposes and religious beliefs. Those religious beliefs have once again sparked the debate over blue laws. Blue laws are designed to enforce religious standards, such as the observance of Sunday as a day of worship and rest.

"I doubt it's a surprise to you that the church community is very opposed to the expansion of Sunday hunting," Cogan said before the committee. "In a day and age where Sundays have become just another day of the week, we (Christians) feel like we are losing the battle. The question of Sunday hunting is about more than changing the commonwealth, it's about changing our way of life."

John Hohenwarter, the National Rifle Association's Pennsylvania state liaison, said the religious views of some, even many, should not dictate the laws of everyone.

"It's personal choice whether you go to church on Sunday," he said before the committee. "I think you need to keep in mind that there are other religions (besides Christianity) in this state. It's been determined that Sunday is the day of rest, but that's not the case for everyone." Pennsylvania's blue laws have played a role in preventing Sunday liquor and car sales.

Joel Rotz, state governmental relations director for the Farm Bureau, said Sunday hunting is different from other forms of blue laws. "Private landowners are not going to benefit from this change, and they don't want it," he said.

Those in favor of Sunday hunting point out double standards involved with blue laws. Coyote, fox and crow hunting is legal, for example, while hunting for deer and turkey is not. Fishing on Sundays is also legal.

State Rep. Jeff Pyle, R-Armstrong/Indiana, said he has not yet decided whether he will vote in favor of the expansion of Sunday hunting. "I agree that Sunday is a day of rest," he said. "But why is hiking, biking, or riding quads and motorcycles acceptable on Sundays, but hunting is not?"

Editor's Note: We should be doing much more to voice the warnings of the third angel's message. We must warn the world against the formation of the image of the beast, warn against the union of church and state, warn against the notorious Sunday laws, and the union of churches towards Rome through radio, publications, newspapers, billboards, or by any means of communicating the truth for such a time as this. Notice what is about to break upon the world in an overwhelming surprise: *"It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday-sabbath, that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced, and that those who*

*present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity.” The Great Controversy, p. 590.*

*“If the people can be led to favor a Sunday law, then the clergy intend to exert their united influence to obtain a religious amendment to the Constitution, and compel the nation to keep Sunday.” Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, December 24, 1889.*

We can see from these statements that for the final conflict to come, a religious awakening regarding the Sunday question in public life must be created. All these articles from different newspapers discussing the Sunday law question can only lead up to one thing—a Universal Sunday observance in which Satan will persuade men that this is what is desperately needed to save the world.

Let us move forward while we still can and take the third angel to the world. The time is now! The signs of the times all reveal how near we are to Christ’s return.

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

## A Call for Quieter Streets in the UK on Sunday (June 2011)

The article states ... *"In a recent debate on Childhood Obesity, Health Minister Anne Milton mentioned a Colombian initiative Ciclovía, where some streets are closed on a Sunday."*

As I've mentioned before, we are seeing more and more of this "family life" and "wellbeing" as a reason for the Sunday law, which reaches those outside the faith.

News article:

<http://www.keepsundayspecial.org.uk/Web/News/News.aspx?news=68&RedirectUrl=~Web/News/Default.aspx>

## A Call to America to Keep Sunday (May 2011)

National ‘Back To Church Sunday’ Set September 18 May 19, 2011 christiantelegraph.com

National Back To Church Sunday, a cross-denominational movement to reverse declining church attendance and encourage everyone to revisit congregational life, will be celebrated Sept. 18 across the country. Lending his voice to this year's event is Texas Rangers all-star Josh Hamilton, the 2010 American League Championship Series MVP who credits his comeback from drug addiction and suspension from the game to his faith and church.

"God's word tells us to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, and not give up meeting together," Hamilton said. "We are to walk through life with other believers. My family and I have found that church is a wonderful way to do this, so I encourage you to join thousands of Americans as they go back to church on National Back To Church Sunday."

National Back To Church Sunday has become the single largest community outreach in the nation, with 10,000 churches expected to participate in 2011. This event reignites the power of personal invitation to empower church members to

bring the community back to church. This year's event will be held the second Sunday after Labor Day to accommodate more churches.

Since the initiative began in 2009, National Back To Church Sunday has seen increased success with church members inviting more than 1.4 million family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers to special services last year. Some 3,800 churches participated in 2010, reporting an average 26 percent increase in weekly attendance.

Outreach Inc. has partnered with Back to Church Sunday and is offering valuable tools in a 2011 church kit including: an updated campaign planning guide, new suggested sermons, new promotional video, new graphics and widgets for church websites or social media, invitations and posters, a preparedness assessment, and suggested follow-up sermons and small group materials. These and other special promotional materials, including church postcards, banners, bulletin shells and personal invitations, are available at [www.backtochurch.com/store](http://www.backtochurch.com/store).

National Back To Church Sunday was launched in response to a 2008 study by LifeWay Research and the North American Mission Board of 15,000 adults that found that 67 percent of Americans say a personal invitation from a family member would be effective in getting them to visit a church. Sixty-three percent say an invitation from a friend or neighbor would likely get them to respond.

"We found that the effectiveness of the invitation was often tied to its form: the more personal, the more effective," said Philip Nation, ministry development director of LifeWay Research and National Back to Church Sunday spokesperson.

"We were encouraged by the response and feedback from churches that participated in National Back to Church Sunday last year," said Eric Abel, vice president of marketing for Outreach, Inc. "Creating ways to empower church members to reach out to their friends and neighbors is exciting. And we are looking forward to this event continuing to gain momentum."

An interactive Facebook page is available at [www.facebook.com/backtochurch](http://www.facebook.com/backtochurch), and a list of participating churches is available at [www.backtochurch.com/roster](http://www.backtochurch.com/roster). When churches register their participation, their names and locations are added to the roster, allowing unchurched people to easily find a church to attend on that special Sunday.

Editor's Note: "It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law." Psalms 119:126.

*"Let not the commandment-keeping people of God be silent at this time, as though we gracefully accepted the situation. There is the prospect before us of waging a continuous war, at the risk of imprisonment, of losing property and even life itself, to defend the law of God, which is being made void by the laws of men." - Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol. 7 p. 975.*

*"I do hope that the trumpet will give a certain sound in regard to this Sunday-law movement. I think that it would be best if in our papers the subject of the perpetuity of the law of God were made a specialty...The truth should be presented in short articles, in clear, distinct lines, giving special points in regard to the Lord's Sabbath, and showing that those who frame laws to compel the observance of the first day of the week, are disloyal to the Lord of heaven, who placed His sanctity upon the seventh day. Are we doing all we can to exalt the law of Jehovah? - Counsels to Writers and Editors, pp. 97, 98.*

## Sunday Protection on the Agenda at The European Christian Economy and Employment Network 2nd Assembly (May 2011)

Sunday protection will be discussed at this European Christian assembly and the invitation describes the event in this way ... *"The theme of the assembly will be empowerment."*

Download the pdf invitation by clicking >>> [Sunday Protection](#) <<<

Source: [www.ceceurope.org](http://www.ceceurope.org)

## Some Seeing Red over Connecticut's Blue Laws (April 2011)

By Sabadino Parker Examiner.com April 10, 2011

When most people come to Connecticut for the first time, they often express befuddlement at what we have taken as a matter of course: the state's "Blue Laws"—particularly the one prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays. Caitlin Horan, who recently relocated to Connecticut from Florida, said, "It makes no sense. What's the big deal about selling alcohol on Sundays?"

Many people in Connecticut feel the same way: "I've never understood it," said Sheila Roberts, a lifelong Connecticut resident. "It seems like a throwback to the Puritan era." And, indeed, the prohibition of alcohol sales on Sundays is a restriction dating back hundreds of years. In fact, Connecticut has the honor of being the first state in the nation to establish Blue Laws in relation to the sale of alcohol on Sundays. Currently Connecticut is one of only three states prohibiting alcohol sales on Sundays, the other two being Indiana and Georgia.

"Blue laws" refers to any laws regulating activities on Sundays, not just alcohol (for example, it is illegal to purchase cars on Sunday in Illinois). In Connecticut, Blue Laws were part of the initial statutes established by Governor Theophilus Eaton, with the help of the infamous Rev. John Cotton, in 1655, although the state's official ban went into effect in 1933, the year national prohibition was repealed and left to the states. It goes without saying, such laws were the result of the Christian reverence for Sunday as the Holy Sabbath, which, to many, flies in the face of the U.S. Constitution, which establishes a separation between church and state.

Many state residents who wish to purchase alcohol on Sundays tend to travel to Massachusetts, and many lawmakers wish to keep that revenue within Connecticut borders. Liquor and beer companies and lobbyist are also pushing for a lift on the ban, claiming it would increase their profits.

Even with the lift of Connecticut's Blue Laws, even the most optimistic figures regarding increased tax revenue barely put a dent in the state's deficit. Still Governor Daniel Malloy has promised to sign the bill into law should its passage in the legislature reach his desk.

As an interesting side note, other Blue Laws that had at one time existed in the state (and have since been repealed) include the stipulations that "No one shall run on the Sabbath day, or walk in his garden or elsewhere, except reverently to and from meeting," "no one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair, or shave, on the Sabbath day," and "no woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath or fasting day," among others.

## Belfast City Council Refuses to Scrap Sunday Trading Laws (April 2011)

The article says that 73% of people were opposed to extending Sunday trading hours, with *"concern for family life"* being one of the main reasons.

I'm seeing this focus of "family life" concerning Sunday a lot more now. And what does this do? It reaches those outside the faith also.

<http://www.christian.org.uk/news/belfast-refuses-to-endorse-sunday-trading-deregulation/>

## Catholic Workers Movement "Fighting" for Sunday in Brussels (March 2011)

*"We are fighting for Sunday at the base locally, but also in Brussels,"* said Hannes Kreller of the Catholic Workers Movement.

And as we know, they will soon succeed in bringing about the Sunday law that they so dearly want.

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<http://allianz-fuer-den-freien-sonntag.de/>

## "Free Sunday" is on the EU Agenda (March 2011)

*"The aim of the European Alliance for Sundays will be to bring the Theme of "Free Sunday" to the EU agenda. The work-free Sunday is a first step on the new working-time directive."*

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<http://www.freiersonntag.at/>

## Pope Benedict Admits that the Seventh Day (Saturday) is True Bible Sabbath (March 2011)

The Pope in a new book says ...*"if one considers the importance that Saturday has in the Old Testament tradition, based on the account of the creation and on the Decalogue, it is evident that only an event of overwhelming force could cause giving up Saturday and replacing it by the first day of the week."*

Now what the Pope is saying here is that the Bible reveals the seventh day (our Saturday) is the true Bible sabbath, but that man "GAVE UP" the true Bible sabbath because of the resurrection of Christ. But those of us who follow the Word of God ALONE know that there is no word from God or Jesus telling us to "give up" or change the true seventh day Bible sabbath. Therefore, this IMPORTANT day still stands today!

News: <http://www.zenit.org/article-31995?l=english>

## Ireland Battles Over Sunday (Mar 2011)

Battle looms in Outer Hebrides over Sabbath - By James Cook BBC News March 29, 2011

On a Sunday, John Calvin casts a long shadow over these islands. The austere influence of the 16th Century Protestant reformer is keenly felt on Lewis, Harris and North Uist, where the Presbyterian tradition runs deep.

True, the swings in the playgrounds are no longer chained up on the Sabbath but there are plenty of islanders who will not hang out their washing or play a round of golf, let alone go to work. Now though, a new generation is fighting for change.

Their battlegrounds are civilized places: running tracks, golf courses and sports centers, such as the council-run Ionad Spòrs Leòdhais in Stornoway. Mrs MacLeod says the council policy has a big impact on her family's leisure opportunities. On a Saturday its swimming pool is packed, open until 10pm. But come the Sabbath, the showers are off and the doors are locked. This infuriates mother-of-three Elma MacLeod, a keen swimmer. "It has quite a big effect on us," she tells me at the poolside one weekday evening. "My children are in school five days a week. They have two days off, which is their own free time for their leisure and pleasure. "But 50% of that time this pool is closed. I understand that there are those who do not want to use the facility on a Sunday," she says "but I don't understand why the local council have imposed that on everybody in the community."

The answer, says Angus Campbell, leader of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council), is work. "You can take exercise in many ways on a Sunday," he says. "We would encourage people to do that. But we do not want to ask our people to work on a Sunday."

Mr Galloway is club secretary but even he cannot enjoy a round on a Sunday because the course landlord refuses to allow club members permission to play. "The seven-day golf battle has gone on for more than two decades," he says, "but momentum has increased over the last few years mainly as a result of a variety of changing attitudes on the islands."

"We are now able to fly in and out of the island on a Sunday. We are now able to sail in and out of the island on a Sunday." And there is, he says, an economic case for Sunday golf, as it would make the courses of the Western Isles attractive to tourists seven days a week. And anyway, he insists, "there is nothing wrong with exercising your body in a recreational sport on a Sunday". Not everyone agrees. Ian MacRae is not a stereotypical member of the Lord's Day Observance Society. He does not bellow fire and brimstone. He is young and softly spoken. Mr MacRae is impeccably polite but he is also firm in his insistence that Sunday is a day to honour God.

And Mr MacRae insists that renouncing Biblical teaching about the day of rest is to set off down a slippery slope. But he concedes that change might be coming. If that happens, the Lord's Day Observance Society warns darkly, there will be consequences.

Editor's Note: The Sunday question is gradually being advanced throughout the world. All of the arguments in favor of Sunday legislation sound good on the surface—recreation, rest, family time, time away from business, etc. Yet we have been given a special duty to do at the very time when Sunday laws are being promoted: "The Christian world is honoring a false sabbath, and we are to show them its true character and foundation. We must make it plain to them that they are honoring a manmade institution in place of that which God himself has sanctified." — Review and Herald, January 31, 1893.

## Fear of Church-driven Backlash Behind Sunday Sale Delay (Feb 2011)

Georgia Senate May Block Sunday Alcohol Bill Again By James Salzer Atlanta Journal-Constitution February 14, 2011

Legislation letting communities vote whether to allow Sunday beer, wine and liquor sales at stores may be in trouble yet again in the Senate, thanks in part to lobbying by Christian conservatives. Only a few weeks after giving it a strong chance of passing, Senate Majority Leader Chip Rogers said Monday that he's not sure the Senate will even vote on the bill this year.

Rogers, R-Woodstock, is a co-sponsor of the measure, which has already passed Senate and House committees. Another cosponsor is Sen. Don Balfour, R-Snellville, chairman of the committee that decides which bills make it to the Senate floor for a vote.

Such powerful backing typically gives bills a pretty good chance of passing the Senate.

But GOP leaders in the Senate have long been skittish about Sunday sales, stalling similar bills every year since 2007. And religious conservatives are increasing pressure on Senate Republicans to kill the legislation again.

In the past, Republican lawmakers have blamed the bill's defeat on Sonny Perdue, a Christian conservative who vowed to veto any Sunday sales legislation while he was governor. Gov. Nathan Deal, who took office in January, said he would sign the legislation. The Christian Coalition and preachers made their opposition clear, sending e-mails and letters and lobbying GOP senators. By late last week, Sen. David Shafer, R-Duluth, who is friends with Gwinnett County liquor store owners who oppose the bill, was predicting it was in trouble.

The grocery store lobby, which has been pushing the bill for years, countered with a poll of 1,500 likely Republican voters in five key GOP Senate districts. In each district, GOP voters supported letting local voters decide the issue. That sentiment was most prevalent in metro Atlanta, where other polls have shown strong support for Sunday sales.

The Christian Coalition has made it clear that Sunday sales will be an election-year issue. The Georgia Chamber of Commerce, which supports the bill, will include it in its scorecard rating lawmakers. Rogers' comments Monday bolstered the spirits of Jerry Luquire, president of the Georgia Christian Coalition. "I can only say that the grass roots have been heard from, along with local elected officials who don't want to have to decide whether to put this issue on their ballot," Luquire said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this article we can see how the churches are putting pressure on elected officials to vote for Sunday closing laws. It is interesting how the Christian Coalition stated that "Sunday sales will be an election-year issue." Soon Sunday sales will become a nation issue when these same churches unite at the national level and demand a National Sunday Law. We have been told that "legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law." (5T 450). Can we not see from this article that prophecy is being fulfilled on a smaller scale? Soon these arguments will become national. We must sow the seeds of the Seventh-day Sabbath truth before the crisis begins. It will be during that crisis that all the seeds of truth sown shall bear their fruit.

## Sunday Debate Heats Up in Minnesota (Feb 2011)

Lawmaker Wants to End Ban on Sunday Alcohol Sales

By John Croman February 3, 2011 NBC News Channel 11 Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- Minnesota's longtime ban on Sunday liquor sales will become a thing of the past, if one state lawmaker's proposal gains any traction. State Senator Roger Reinert, D-Duluth, threw a bill into the hopper Wednesday that would repeal Minnesota's 1933 law barring liquor sales on Sunday.

"I think in the 21st century the blue laws are fairly outdated," Sen. Reinert told News Channel 11. "It's basically a free market issue. We ought to have the permissive language that allows store owners to be open on Sundays if they want to, and allows a consumer to buy it on Sundays if they make that choice."

Sen. Reinert introduced similar legislation in the House in 2010, but feels more confident this time around because he holds a seat in the Senate Commerce Committee. Reinert says consumer choice is a more significant factor, as far as he's concerned, than recapturing the estimated \$10 million in liquor tax revenue Wisconsin earns from Minnesotans crossing the border on Sundays.

Opposition to the idea is coming from the retail liquor industry itself. Frank Ball, the executive director of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association, told News Channel 11 he intends to lobby against the bill at the State Capitol. "Quite frankly our people oppose that because we don't want to work on Sundays," Ball remarked, "We work very hard for six days a week. Why would we want to work on Sundays?"

Ball, a former Crow Wing County Sheriff who served as director of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement division during the Ventura Administration, said Minnesota's system has served the state well. Ball said border town liquor stores stand to pick up some sales if the ban is lifted, but for most areas of the state it wouldn't be a money maker. He predicted that six days worth of liquor sales would be spread over seven days, and in many cases the Sunday business wouldn't justify the overhead costs. Minnesota is one of 14 states that don't allow packaged liquor sales in stores on Sundays.

## "Sunday Alliance" ACTION DAY Planned for 3rd March in German Communities -the birthday of Sunday (February 2011)

Take a look at this amazing quote from the website:

*"Free Sunday celebrates it's birthday. 1690 years ago, on 3 March 321 (A.D.) the Roman Emperor Constantine declared Sunday a day off. This marks the beginning of the "state" Sunday protection. 1690 years later, the free Sunday is threatened by Sunday work and Sunday commerce."*

You will need to use Google to translate the news article.

News article: <http://www.bergstrasse-evangelisch.de/aktuell/Aktuell%2011/aktuell11-032.html>

## Protestant and Catholic Churches in Germany Make Alliance for "Free Sunday" (November 2010)

Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in Germany unite to make an alliance to push for Sunday legislation. These "Protestant" churches have obviously forgotten what the word Protestant means. **Note:** This site is in German, so you will need to copy the link into a Google search and then hit the "translate this" button.

Website: <http://www.sonntagsallianz-hessen.de/>

## Trade Unions now get Involved with Sunday Issue (November 2010)

This particular news is from Austria. We all know how powerful the trade unions are. Once they get involved across the world regarding Sunday legislation, we will really see things moving.

You will need to use Google to translate this news item.

News Article: <http://ksoe.at/freiersonntag/mitteinhalt-sl-presse-11112010.htm>

Main Site: <http://www.freiersonntag.at/>

## Pope Benedict Pushing Sunday - Again (October 2010)

Quote ... *"it is necessary to promote reflection and efforts at reconciling the demands and the periods of work with those of the family and to recover the true meaning of the feast, especially on Sunday, the weekly Easter, the day of the Lord and the day of man, the day of the family, of the community and of solidarity."*

This is how they are pushing Sunday now, as a **"family day"**. Maybe this is the way they will be able to reach even those outside the faith and cause the world to take the mark.

Article: [zenit.org/article-30476?l=english](http://zenit.org/article-30476?l=english)

## The New York Times Supports Sunday Rest (Sept 2010)

Sunday Shopping Linked With Less Happiness By Tara Parker-Pope New York Times Sept. 3, 2010

How do you spend your Sunday? For many, this traditional day of rest and churchgoing has become a day to shop, but it may be taking a toll on happiness.

Researchers from DePaul University in Chicago and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel tracked church attendance and levels of happiness among Americans living in states that had repealed so-called blue laws, which once required most retailers to stay closed on Sundays.

The researchers found that allowing stores to open on Sundays was linked with a decline in church attendance among white women, which led to a subsequent decline in happiness. Among black women, the repeal of the blue laws had no measurable effect, although that may be because the sample size was too small to draw any statistically meaningful conclusions.

Notably, the finding was true only for women. For men, the repeal of blue laws didn't seem to influence church attendance or levels of happiness. Since the repeal of blue laws, women are about 17 percent less likely to report being "pretty happy," and more likely to report being "not happy," according to the study, which is still awaiting final publication. "People know there is a correlation between religiosity and happiness, but there's not conclusive evidence

that there is a causal effect,” said William Sander, professor of economics at DePaul. “Our paper tends to provide more conclusive evidence that religiosity among women does affect happiness.”

The researchers studied data collected from the General Social Survey, an ongoing sociological survey used to collect demographic information from United States residents. They compared respondents in 10 states where Sunday shopping had been banned and then allowed, compared with six states where there had been no change in rules for retailers. The study specifically focused on the behavior of Catholics and Protestants because they were most likely to attend church on Sundays.

So why would Sunday shopping make women less happy? Part of the reason may be that some of the women were required to work on Sundays after the repeal of blue laws. “People don’t like to work on Sundays,” Dr. Sander said.

Or the decline in women’s happiness once Sunday shopping is allowed may be linked to the behavior of their children, many of whom may start hanging out at shopping malls on Sundays. Earlier research has shown that the repeal of blue laws is linked with more risk-taking behavior by teens.

Or it may simply be that the lure of shopping is more powerful than the desire to attend church, even though it brings less happiness. “Shopping is kind of addictive, and even though it doesn’t make people happy, they’re doing it and they don’t return to church as much because of that,” Dr. Sander said. “There is instant gratification from shopping compared to the benefits of church, which may occur over a longer period of time.”

Editor’s Note: “Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called “Christian sabbath,” and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society.” *Great Controversy*, p. 587.

The book *Great Controversy* predicted exactly how Sunday laws would be promoted in the last days—through the temperance movement. But notice how we cannot mix temperance with Sunday laws. “But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature.” *Ibid*, p. 587.

## **Pope Says Sunday is the Day of the Lord, of Man, of the Family, and Community (Sept 2010)**

Pope's Letter on 7th World Family Meeting Zenit.org Vatican City September 26, 2010

In our days, unfortunately, the organization of labor, conceived and realized in function of market competition and maximizing profit, and the concept of feast as an occasion for escape and consumption, contribute to the break-up of the family and the community and to the spreading of an individualistic lifestyle. Thus, it is necessary to promote reflection and efforts at reconciling the demands and the periods of work with those of the family and to recover the true meaning of the feast, especially on Sunday, the weekly Easter, the day of the Lord and the day of man, the day of the family, of the community and of solidarity.

The next World Meeting of Families constitutes a privileged occasion to rethink work and celebration (Sunday) in the perspective of a united family open to life, well integrated into society and the Church, attentive

to the quality of the relationships and to the economy of the family unit itself. If the event is to be truly fruitful, it must not remain isolated, but must connect to an adequate journey of ecclesial and cultural formation. It is my wish, therefore, that already in the course of 2011, the 30th anniversary of the apostolic exhortation "Familiaris consortio," the great charter of family pastoral care, might be taken as a valid guide with initiatives at the parish, diocesan and national level, aimed at throwing light on experiences of work and celebration in their truest and most positive aspects, with particular regard to the effect on the concrete life of families.

## European Union of Churches Push for "Protection" of Sunday (Aug 2010)

Representatives from these church groups in a meeting with a representative of the French Presidency of the EU expressed their concerns about Christians in Iraq and also discussed the current financial global crisis and made known their wish to see Sunday "protected" as a rest day WITHIN NATIONAL LEGISLATIONS, for the "better of society".

We are seeing more and more of this kind of talk now and it won't be long before a Sunday law is written into the law books of the worlds nations. It's already on the law books across America!

Article: [http://sofiaecho.com/2008/11/22/665029\\_churches-tell-french-eu-presidency-of-concerns-about-persecution-of-christians-in-iraq](http://sofiaecho.com/2008/11/22/665029_churches-tell-french-eu-presidency-of-concerns-about-persecution-of-christians-in-iraq)

## Clause in New Lisbon Treaty Could Help Sunday Legislation (July 2010)

According to Martin Kastler, there should be a law right across Europe banning shops from opening on Sundays and making it a family day. And there is a clause in the new treaty which could help bring about this legislation.

But what interests me in the news article is that the European Union could let the PEOPLE decide on this. Now what does it say in Revelation 13:14, about America? That it tells the PEOPLE to make an image of the beast. The decision of the Sunday law will be with the people.

Article: [nytimes.com/2010/07/23/world/europe/23brussels.html?\\_r=1&scp=1&sq=kastler&st=cse](http://nytimes.com/2010/07/23/world/europe/23brussels.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=kastler&st=cse)

## LA Times Promotes Sunday-Keeping (May 2010)

Remembering the Sabbath Can Refresh the Soul By Judith Shulevitz May 9, 2010 Los Angeles Times

How many times have you vowed to build more downtime into your weekend schedule? How often have you done it? So many things get in the way: deadlines, e-mails, children, chores. And although we long for unstructured time, in some other part of ourselves, we're also proud of how much we work and revel in our inability to stop doing so. The question of whether to rest or not on the weekend didn't use to be so tortured.

Only during the past half a century did Americans become free to disregard the ancient commandment not to

work one day a week. Before that, people rested on one day, usually Sunday, often because it was the law of both church and state. The American Sabbath eventually evolved into a quasisecular day when no one had to go to church, but even

then stores were closed and - more by custom than by law - people passed the day in one another's company, attending houses of worship if they wished, and taking walks or drives or meals together.

Consider the experiences that Americans had a century ago when Sunday rolled around. As one psychologist

put it in 1908, people enjoyed "freedom from all slavery of the clock, better and more leisurely ... meals, the hush of noise on the deserted street, the intensified charm of the sky, sunshine, trees, fields ... calls, visits, correspondence, as well as rest pure and simple, for body and mind."

Today, when Sunday comes, "rest pure and simple" is elusive if not impossible. Given that more people than ever work nights and weekends, chances are good that one spouse will go to work while the other looks after the children. Nor is "the hush of noise" easy to achieve. Streets are much less likely to be deserted than they were in 1908, and of course, televisions, telephones and computers rarely fall silent. True rest, it turns out, is a group activity, not a solitary one; a restful atmosphere is the distillate of a society at rest, not the creation of a single person. This is a lesson we learn, belatedly, from the American Sabbath, even as it vanishes. We rested best when others rested with us, keeping us company and giving us something fun to do as well as moral reinforcement against the fear we'll fall behind. We rest poorly when the world around us hums with activity.

Many religious professionals have preached this message from the pulpit, but the Sabbath has had its nonreligious advocates too. The most eloquent among them was Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter,

who argued in 1961 that Sunday-closing - or "blue" - laws don't breach the wall between church and state. Rather, he wrote, they protect a scarce public good - "community repose" - that derives from ecclesiastical tradition but is now a "cultural asset of importance."

Defending the midcentury American Sunday against those who felt oppressed by it, he said that a commonly kept day of rest promoted the orderliness of a society and the health of its people by providing "a release from the daily grind, a preserve of mental peace ... a time during which the mind and body are released from the demands and distractions of an increasingly mechanized and competition-driven society."

Globalization, just-in-time manufacturing and electronic networks, among other things, have made it possible to synchronize production and communication around the globe, but they have also made it necessary to operate on a 24/7 schedule. This creates, in effect, something that Josef Stalin once admiringly called the continuous workweek. Meanwhile, mobile devices have annulled the rules that used to prompt us to stop working at regular times (5 p.m., say) and pushed us into a zone of frictionless activity without temporal boundaries. You may wonder what the Sabbath can do to help us counter these enormous social, technological and economic forces. The answer is, very little - but a little can be a lot. We are not likely to bring back blue laws, and that is, on the whole, a good thing. But the Sabbath is not just a day off. It is also an idea. Actually, it's three ideas, embedded in the Fourth Commandment, the one that talks of keeping the Sabbath.

The first is the idea that everyone, not just the idle rich, has a right to rest regularly. The second is the idea that a good society makes life better for its members by protecting that rest. The third idea, which is perhaps the most powerful of all, is simply to "remember the Sabbath." That is something we all can do, whether or not we choose to honor it. We can simply think hard about it, trying to puzzle out all that this very old and once-venerable human institution has to teach us about work, rest, time, sanity and the good life.

Editor's Note: What the LA Times is saying in this article on Sunday laws is this:

1. This is an "American Sabbath" part of the American culture and heritage—not the "Biblical" Sabbath.

2. That Sunday laws are not a violation of church and state because the Supreme Court has said so. It's interesting to note that we have a Roman Catholic majority on the U.S. Supreme Court today.

3. That if we don't bring back Sunday laws we are going to be living under Josef Stalin's 1950's Russian Communist totalitarian state.

4. The misguided at the LA Times want to misguide us into thinking Sunday laws are not coming back. But we, as faithful Seventh-day Adventists, know that in the very near future Sunday Laws are going to be enforced as the "mark of the beast" here in America. Because of all this misinformation and propaganda, we must move forward with our work warning the world before it's too late.

## **We Should Bring Back "Rules" to Decide What Can and Can't be Done One Day a Week (May 2010)**

A Jewish woman called Judith Shulevitz is interviewed on CNN about her new book, "the sabbath world". A couple of things you will notice about the interview. First, she never mentions God. For her, keeping the "sabbath" is just about us and family. Second, you will notice at the end of the video clip she says, "*we should bring back rules to decide what can and can't be done one day a week.*" (Most probably Sunday).

Yep! That's called the Sunday Law! It's coming!

Article: [youtube.com/watch?v=tFeROi2\\_8Jc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFeROi2_8Jc)

## **Churchgoers Force Local Authority in Belfast to not Hold the Marathon on Sunday (May 2010)**

Of course the "sabbath" they are talking about is Sunday, the man-made "sabbath", not God's truth Sabbath day (Saturday). The local authority was going to switch the marathon to a Sunday, but churchgoers hit out, saying that it should not be held on the "sabbath". Just think, this was a relatively small amount of people who forced the local governing authority to keep Sunday as the "sabbath" and not have the marathon on that day. Now just imagine people all over the world getting together and crying out for a Sunday law.

Keep watching for this kind of thing to gain momentum

Article: [christian.org.uk/news/belfast-marathon-no-sunday-race-in-2011/](http://christian.org.uk/news/belfast-marathon-no-sunday-race-in-2011/)

## **French Shops are Defying Sunday Closing Laws (Mar 2010)**

Food Shops Ignore Sunday Trade Law The Connection France's Leading English Newspaper

March 8, 2010

MANY supermarkets and convenience stores are breaking the new law on Sunday trading by staying open all day, a newspaper investigation has found.

Le Parisien found small local food shops (superettes) in Paris belonging to chains including Carrefour, Franprix and Monoprix serving customers until as late as 22.00 on Sundays.

Since last August, shops in France have been allowed to serve customers until 13.00 on Sunday afternoons - an hour later than before. Retailers in areas classified as tourist zones and family-run corner shops are the only ones that can open all day.

A spokesman for the CFTC trade union said shops were taking advantage of the confused rules on what counts as a tourist zone. He said the problem of illegal late opening had been growing since last November and shops were putting pressure on workers to accept Sunday shifts with no increase in their hourly wage.

The owner of a Franprix mini-market in Paris's 11th arrondissement told Le Parisien: "We're supposed to close the doors at 13.00 but our group's policy is to open all day on Sunday. I've been working here for a year and I've never been stopped.

"Sundays bring in an extra 10-15% in revenue. It gets very busy from 18.00. People like proximity and being able to do their shopping when it suits them."

A Carrefour City manager, whose shop stays open until 21.00, said the students who took the Sunday shifts appreciated the extra money. According to Paris trading standards, 30 fines were handed out last year for illegal Sunday opening. Shops caught ignoring the rules face a penalty of up to €7,500 per employee. However, Le Parisien says legal action against the supermarket chains themselves is difficult, because the outlets tend to be independently run franchises.

Editor's Note: Praise the Lord that somebody is resisting these Sunday laws. Where are God's modern-day Elijah messengers that should be sounding the alarm against Sunday legislation? We need to be at the front of the battle against the Sunday movement and not at the tail. "I do hope that the trumpet will give a certain sound in regard to this Sunday law movement...The truth should be presented in short articles, in clear, distinct lines, giving special points in regard to the Lord's Sabbath." Councils to Writers and Editors, p. 97.

We were told exactly how to combat the Sunday movement. We cannot stand by idle and allow the false doctrine of Sunday, the wine of Babylon, to be forced upon the people.

In France you are fined for violating the Sunday closing laws—a penalty of up to \$7,500 euros (\$10,337 US dollars) per employee!!! This is exactly what Revelation 13:16-17 describes "that no man may buy or sell save he that had the mark."

"We should now be doing our very best to defeat this Sunday law. The best way to do this will be to lift up the law of God and make it stand for all its sacredness." Ibid. p. 98.

Soon these very laws will come not only to Europe but to America and to the rest of the world. Let's get ready and prepare ourselves and others for this final hour.

## Marshall Islands Considering Passing Sunday Law (Feb - March 2010)

Bill no. 66 is being considered, which would be known as "the Sunday observance act 2010"

Article: [midnightcrymedia.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=555:sunday-observance&catid=1:featured-articles&Itemid=67](http://midnightcrymedia.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=555:sunday-observance&catid=1:featured-articles&Itemid=67)

## Sunday Should be "Family Day" (March 2010)

Notice this quote:

*"Imagine one day, monthly or weekly, when we focus on the important things: when no one works, when no shopping errands have to/can be run, a day where people focus on time with the family."*

The Sunday law will really start to be pushed for soon. Is your relationship strong with Jesus? It needs to be my friend. Are you preparing yourself for the time of trouble that is to come, by fully submitting to the LORD? Are you fleeing from sin? Today is the day to get ready!

Article: [saultstar.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2452574](http://saultstar.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2452574)

## The "Sabbath" Profaned by Voting on Sunday (March 2010)

Republican Michele Bachmann vented her disgust that the pro-abortion vote was done on a Sunday (the Sabbath according to her). This kind of comment will be heard more and more to try and get into people's minds that Sunday is the Sabbath, and should be treated as such, before they enforce the Sunday law.

Article: <http://biggovernment.com/mbachmann/2010/03/19/sabbath-vote-on-abortion/>

## Guarantee that Sundays will be Work-free, EU Leaders Urged (Mar 2010)

By Clive Leviev-Sawyer March 24, 2010 The Sofia Echo (Southeast Europe) [sofiaecho.com](http://sofiaecho.com)

As a matter of principle, all citizens of the European Union should be entitled to a work-free Sunday, a group of more than 70 organizations including churches, trade unions and civil organizations is urging EU authorities.

The call was made ahead of a meeting at the European Parliament for the first European Conference on a Work-Free Sunday, according to a statement issued by the Conference of European Churches. Members of the Conference of European Churches include about 120 Orthodox Christian, Protestant, Anglican and Old Catholic Churches from all countries of Europe, plus 40 associated organizations.

"The protection of a work-free Sunday is of paramount importance for workers' health, for the reconciliation

of work and family life as well as for the life of civil society as a whole," according to a statement addressed to EU heads of state and government, the European Parliament, European Commission and "all European citizens".

"This common weekly day of rest serves to strengthen social cohesion in our societies, a cohesion so severely undermined by the current economic crisis," the statement said.

Rüdiger Noll, Director of the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches, told the March 24, 2010 conference: "More than any other day of the week, a free Sunday offers the opportunity to be with one's family and friends.

EU heads of state and government, who are to meet for their spring summit, were urged to "firmly resist the growing economic pressure to liberalize the laws providing for a work-free Sunday and to commit themselves to safeguard and promote a work-free Sunday as a pillar of the European Social Model within the laws of their respective nations".

The statement concluded "we call upon all European citizens to sign a future Citizens' Initiative to be expressed in favor of the protection of a work-free Sunday."

## European Parliament Conference on Sunday Law (March 2010)

This is a conference that is being held on 24th March at the European Parliament, to discuss a "work free" Sunday. In other words to bring about a Sunday Law.

Website: [comece.org](http://comece.org)

## Another Organization pushing for Sunday laws in Europe (March 2010)

*"We need a work-free Sunday in all of Europe"* is the phrase quoted on this website. Of course they give good reasons for having a rest day. But, the problem is, as we know, they are choosing the day that man set aside for rest, not the day God set aside. God commanded us to rest on the seventh day, man will SOON command us to rest on the first day!

Website: [free-sunday.eu/en/content/objective](http://free-sunday.eu/en/content/objective)

## Supermarkets Taken to Court over Sunday Shopping (March 2010)

Five supermarkets in the Netherlands are being taken to court because they have been opening for business "illegally" on Sundays. This is what will happen to God's people during the last days when the mark is issued and we refuse to honor Sunday as the Sabbath.

Article: [dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2010/03/supermarkets\\_in\\_court\\_over\\_sun.php](http://dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2010/03/supermarkets_in_court_over_sun.php)

## Cook Island Christians Pray for Sunday Sacredness

This is a predominantly Protestant island, and the people are praying that flights to this island are stopped on a Sunday, because it is "disrupting the Sabbath". We will see more and more protestants pushing for Sunday laws around the world as we get nearer [the last days](#).

Article: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from\\_our\\_own\\_correspondent/8424640.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/8424640.stm)

## Support for Sunday Laws in Canada and UK (December 2009)

There are various groups of people in different countries that are pushing for a Sunday law. Two of the countries have the following websites.

Canada: [www.saveoursundays.ca](http://www.saveoursundays.ca)

United Kingdom: [www.keepsundayspecial.org.uk](http://www.keepsundayspecial.org.uk)

## Cook Island Christians Pray for Sunday Flights Reprieve (Dec 2009)

About 1,300 people have petitioned against flights on Sundays. BBC News Dec. 27, 2009

After the introduction of flights on Sundays to the Cook island of Aitutaki, John Pickford examines how the predominantly Christian island is reacting to its Sabbath being disrupted. "The sanctity of the Sabbath is of a higher value than the dollar," declared the protesters' banner. It was a wet Sunday in Aitutaki and I was looking at a bedraggled band of demonstrators outside the tiny airport.

When the local airline decided to add a Sunday service to its normal schedule it may have anticipated some hostility. Most Polynesians have been devout Christians since the arrival of missionaries in the early 19th Century, and on many islands Sunday is a special day.

But on Aitutaki, as well as the airport protests, 1,300 people signed a petition against the flight. "That's most of the adult population," declared one campaigner jubilantly.

Aitutaki's famously beautiful lagoon had a mournful look but you cannot fail to be elated on a Sunday morning by the sight of a Polynesian congregation in its "Sunday best".

Matriarchs are in hats, girls in starched white frocks, the men mostly in black. There is deep, soulful singing, a woman feeding her baby and a sermon. Tunui Mati, a silver-haired man in late middle-age, says his leadership of the protests cost him his job at the airport. So what should an Aitutaki Sunday be like?

"Church in the morning, then we just eat and rest," he says. "No games, all TVs turned off and we don't go out on the lagoon."

I recall another Sunday in Tonga's capital, Nuku'alofa, walking back from church through deserted streets. Every shop and cafe was closed and there was a wilting, enveloping stillness in the heat of noon, as if even the pigs had retired in respect for the day.

Yes, Tunui's ideal Sunday was a place I recognised. A lady joins us and is introduced as the great, great, great, great granddaughter of John Williams of the London Missionary Society.

The most successful missionary of his time, he brought Christianity to Aitutaki on October 26, 1821, then to the rest of the Cook Islands and Samoa, before meeting his nemesis in 1839 in a cooking pot on Vanuatu. At campaign headquarters there is no doubt of Christianity's single biggest gift to the islands, apart from the gospels.

"Before the missionaries we were always fighting each other. After they came there was no more trouble," says Tunui.

There is little evidence that Polynesians are uncomfortable with their new religion. On the contrary, Church and family are at the heart of most people's lives.

## Church and State Unite to Enforce Sunday Law (Dec 2009)

Germany's highest court passing its decision that all shops must remain closed on Sundays.

German Court Enforces Day of Rest By Siobhan Dowling ABC News December 3, 2009

Many visitors to Germany can find themselves standing outside a closed department store, perplexed to

find that they cannot do a bit of shopping during their weekend trip. This is a result of Germany's long-held resistance to Sunday shopping even in the face of growing consumerism.

Yet many of Germany's 16 states have already made some exceptions, allowing stores to open a few Sundays

a year. And in Berlin the city government had gone the furthest in chipping away at the ban on Sunday trading. In 2006 the German capital gave the green light for retailers to open on 10 Sundays a year, including the four Advent Sundays preceding Christmas.

However, Germany's Constitutional Court has now upheld a complaint made by the country's Catholic and Protestant churches, based on a clause in the German constitution that Sunday should be a day of rest and "spiritual elevation." The court on Tuesday decided in favor of the churches, saying that Sunday opening should not take place four weeks in a row. The ruling will not affect shopping this December, but would come into force next year. However, the ruling did not overturn completely the principle of limited Sunday store opening.

The labor unions had joined the churches in their campaign to ringfence [set aside] Sunday as a day off for the nation. However, their focus was not on protecting the right to practice religion, but rather on protecting workers in the retail sector from having to work on Sundays, sometimes the only day they might get to spend with other members of their family. The services union Verdi greeted Tuesday's ruling with "relief and joy," saying this was a boon to shop workers and their families. German papers on Wednesday are broadly in favor of the ruling, though their reasons for supporting the court's decision are strikingly different.

## Sunday Law Enforced in Germany (December 2009)

The Vatican, this time with support from the Lutheran Church put pressure on the High Court in Germany to ban shops from opening on Sunday. Banning shops from opening on Sunday is just the first step in this great Sunday law issue.

Article: [dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,4953600,00.html?maca=en-rss-en-all-1573-rdf](http://dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,4953600,00.html?maca=en-rss-en-all-1573-rdf)

## The European Union is Looking to "Protect Sunday as a Day of Rest" (January 2009)

The Vatican are looking to get a law put through the European Union that will protect Sunday as a day of rest. In other words, once it's enforced, only Sunday can be a day of rest. But what did God say? *"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you must work (Sunday to Friday) but the seventh day (Saturday) is the Sabbath of the Lord."*

Download the EU document: [EU Sunday Law Doc](#)

## Sunday Law Enforced in Croatia (January 2009)

Shops are now banned from opening on Sundays in Croatia, after the Vatican put pressure on the government to impose this law. This is just the first step in imposing Sunday laws. A time will come soon when it will be against the law to keep any other day as the Sabbath, other than Sunday. **EVEN THOUGH GOD COMMANDED US TO KEEP THE 7th DAY (SATURDAY).**

Article: [topnews.in/croatian-retailers-sack-workers-never-sunday-law-kicks-2106643](http://topnews.in/croatian-retailers-sack-workers-never-sunday-law-kicks-2106643)

## Sunday Law discussed on Obama's Web Blog (June 2008)

The people who are discussing the possibility of a Sunday law in this blog are the very people behind Obama, who helped bring him into the Whitehouse.

Article: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/community/post/Tritium/gG5ngR>

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