

Antichrist – Mark

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“Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering. But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, ‘Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.’ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said unto Cain, ‘Where is Abel thy brother?’ And he said, ‘I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?’ And he said, ‘What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth...’ The LORD set a mark upon Cain...” (Genesis 4:2-15).

The Lord will have a people who offer to Him that which He requests (like Able). They will be persecuted by those who offer to God what He does not ask for (like Cain). The unrighteous (Cain) will persecute the righteous (Able) over differences of worship, and a mark will be given to the unrighteous (whoever offer to God what He does not ask for at the end of time).

“The image of Jealousy... ‘Son of man, seeth thou what they do? even the great abomination...? Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see **greater abominations**...’ creeping things... abominable beasts... idols... they say ‘The Lord seeth us not...’ ‘Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see **greater abominations** that they do...’ There sat women weeping for Tammuz... ‘Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see **greater abominations**...’ Behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.” The greatest abomination mentioned in chapter 8 of Ezekiel is the worship of the sun. The Antichrist, being earthly ruler of all living during the time of the Dark Ages while in Europe, made Sunday worship the only option for all Christians. From there, the Reformation brought people like Zwingli, Huss, Jerome, Calvin, Luther, Knox, and many others out of the Catholic church. They started, not by their own desire, denominations of their own and scattered all over the world. The most obvious and world renown false doctrine that the Reformer’s left to their followers was the deception that Sunday is “the Lord’s Day.” (See Mark 2:27-28 and Isaiah 58:13 to see what day is the Lord’s.)

The Pope, highest leader of the Catholic church, said on September 9th, 2007, “Without Sunday [worship] we cannot live!” <http://thetrumpet.com/index.php?q=4260.2491.0.0> He later, in the same address, said that Sunday has its origin as “the day of the dawning of creation,” and was “also the church’s weekly feast of creation.”

The Pope says all of that with no Scriptural authority, for God never dedicated Sunday as the day for a commemoration of creation. But He did set aside the seventh day for that purpose, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... FOR in six days the Lord MADE heaven and earth... and rested the seventh day... blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:8, 11).

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OUR VIEW

We're glad Carra will stick around

In his wildest dreams while growing up in Kalamazoo, Phillip C. Carra could hardly conceive of being the last local high-level executive of what was then The Upjohn Co.

The 56-year-old Carra retired last week as vice president for public affairs and Kalamazoo site executive for Pfizer Inc.

Early in his 31-year career that began with Upjohn in 1973, it was apparent that Carra's future was bright. We knew him when he was a reporter intern at the Kalamazoo Gazette before he graduated from Kalamazoo College.

Carra started at Upjohn in the public relations department where he earned promotions. He went on to play a key role in the 1990s when a series of mergers began and ended with Pfizer acquiring the company.

His presence has been critical

needs to continue to be constructively aggressive about presenting itself to Pfizer.

"It shouldn't be shy and timid if it's got ideas that it thinks will benefit the community, where there can be an authentic partnership with Pfizer."

A talented and energetic individual, Carra can look forward to many productive years in whatever endeavor he chooses. Moreover, we're delighted that Carra and his wife, Carol, plan to remain in the Kalamazoo community, a place they know and love.

"We're going to miss Phil," remarked Barry Broome, chief executive officer of Southwest Michigan First, an economic development organization. "I can't think of anyone who blended the balance of being a company man and a community man any better. At no point in time did he not rep-



"Here's one my conservative base is REALLY going to like. A constitutional amendment requiring folks to attend church on Sundays!"

William Raspberry

Single-sex, separate and equal?

Is single-sex education a good thing, or a bad thing? The correct answer is: Yes. And that is why the administration's push to make room for a single-sex public school is a good thing. Paige's recollection reminded me of the success both in academic gains

choice, of course, but that's the point. One of the important principles of what we're trying to do is that it has to be voluntary. We don't want school officials making the assignments (to sit-

The truth of this comic goes far beyond the understanding of many I've studied the Bible with. "Requiring?"

"He had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive and mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads" (Revelation 13:15-16).

"Causing" to receive a mark seems very... well, forceful. This is not the Spirit of Christ, but of the spirit of Antichrist.

“The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, interpret, even divine laws...” (Lucius Ferraris - Prompta Bibliotheca, article “Papa” II, Volume VI, P.29).

“Of Course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act... and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters” (Letter, Oct. 28, 1895, from C.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons).

“Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. ‘The Day of the Lord’ (dies Dominica) was chosen, not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power” (Leo Broderich, “Sentinel.” Saint Catherine Catholic Church, Algonac, Michigan, Vol. 50, #22, May 21, 1995).

“The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact. Deny the authority of the Church and you have no adequate or reasonable explanation or justification for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday in the Third - Protestant Fourth - Commandment of God” (“Sabbath Observance,” The Catholic Record, London, Canada; Saturday, September 1, 1923, Vol. XLV, #2342).

“The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine,” by Rev. Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., copyright 1910

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A. The sins against Hope are presumption and despair.

Q. Which sins offend against the love of God?

A. All sins offend against the love of God, but especially hatred of God and holy things.

Q. Do transgressions against the First Commandment constitute a grievous matter?

A. Transgressions against the First Commandment generally constitute a grievous matter.

2. THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Q. What is the Second Commandment?

A. The Second Commandment is: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Q. What does the Second Commandment command?

A. The Second Commandment commands us (1) To use the name of God reverently; (2) To speak with respect of God, holy persons, and holy things; (3) To keep our lawful oaths and vows.

Q. What does the Second Commandment forbid?

A. The Second Commandment forbids the taking of God's name in vain, profane words, blasphemy, cursing, false and unjust oaths.

Q. Do transgressions against the Second Commandment constitute a light or a grievous matter?

A. Blasphemy, cursing and perjury constitute a grievous matter. Taking God's name in vain and profane words are ordinarily a light matter.

3. THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Q. What is the Third Commandment?

A. The Third Commandment is: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

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Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

Q. Why did the Catholic Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday, because Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, and the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles on a Sunday.

Q. By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plenitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her.

Q. What does the Third Commandment command?

A. The Third Commandment commands us to sanctify Sunday as the Lord's Day.

Q. What does the Third Commandment forbid?

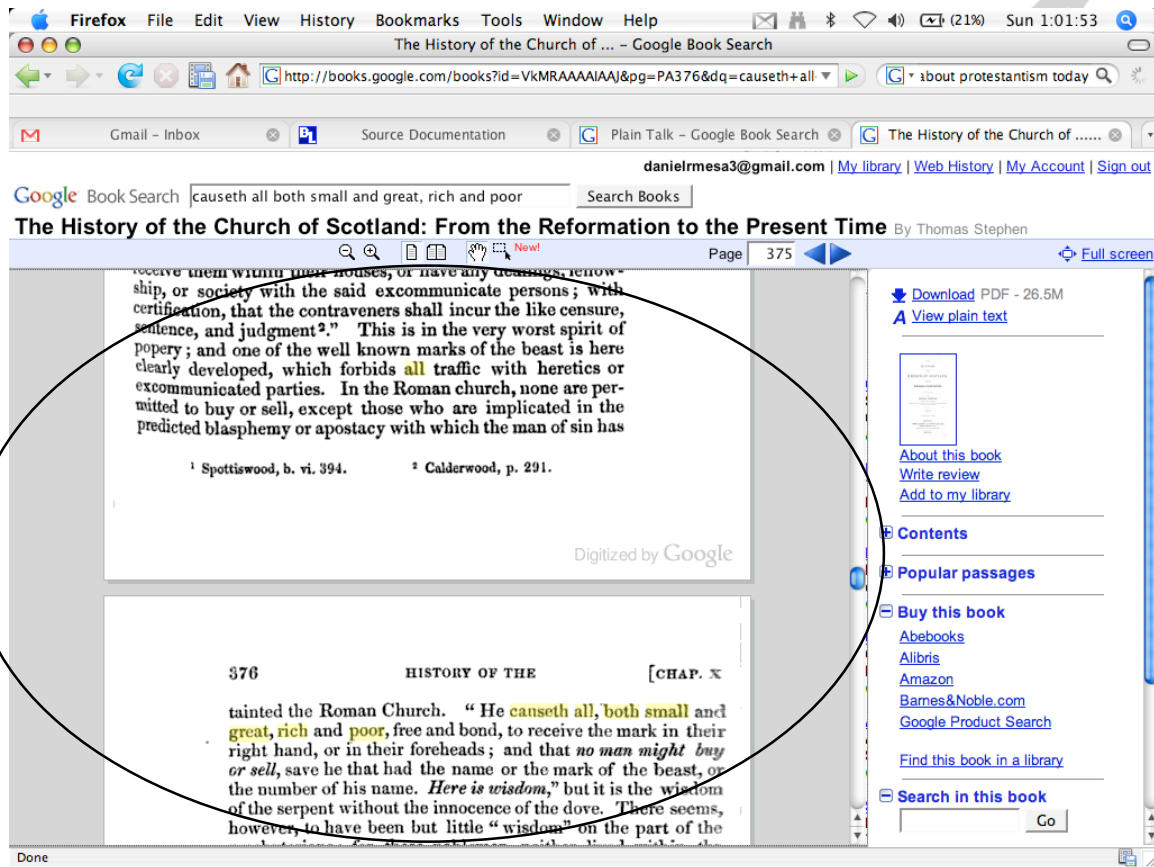
A. The Third Commandment forbids (1) The omission of prayer and divine worship; (2) All unnecessary servile work; (3) Whatever hinders the keeping of the Lord's Day holy.

Q. Is the desecration of the Lord's Day a grievous matter?

A. The desecration of the Lord's Day is a grievous matter in itself, though it admits of light matter.

“The observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church” (Monsignor Louis Segur, “Plain Talk About Protestantism of Today,” P. 213, 1868).

“He had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive and mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. And that **no man might buy or sell**, save he that had the mark” (Revelation 13:15-17).



If anything is simple to understand, it is that history repeats itself. The history of Cain and Able, the history of the Catholic Church (the beast of Revelation 13), and the history of Daniel chapter 3 will all do the same—repeat. Bible believing, law abiding, God’s-character-upholding Christians will be the focus of the future tyranny. They will be unwilling to surrender their will to the common, most popular beliefs, if they are contradictory to the plain, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Remember, God wants to spend time with you on a weekly basis. That’s His character. It’s part of the law that He gave (which reveals His character). “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8).