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“He called to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.” Isa. 21:11,12.

“Son of Man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.” Eze. 3:17.

For sometime now Thusia (S.D.A) has been giving warning to the churches that a revival and reformation is needed, and would come if the members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination were to give heed to the true Christ of the 1888 message. Our warnings have been continually rejected, and the leaders have biased the minds of the people against us so that they would not listen to us even though they do not even know what our real positions are. We are genuine Seventh-day Adventists, and we love our Faith which is the Faith of Jesus Christ more than anything else. Hence we have raised our voices as true watchmen against the apostasy we have seen transpiring in the S.D.A. denomination. It is our duty to warn the brethren. We love them with the saving love of Christ, hence we must lift up our voice like a trumpet and show the house of Zion their sins. Sister White said:

“The voice of John was lifted up like a trumpet. His commission was, ‘Show My people their transgressions, and house of Jacob their sins’. John called every class to repentance. To the Pharisees and Sadducees he said, Flee from the wrath to come... You turn from God’s requirements and follow your own perverted ideas... their religion consisted in forms and not in righteousness of pure, willing obedience. Just such a work and message as that of John will be carried on in these last days... The message we bear must be as direct as the message of John... The Lord will not leave His church without reproofs and warnings.” **Ellen G. White, Letter, 19.5, 1987.**

This is exactly what we have been doing. We have been warning the members of the terrible state of the church, but the ministers have been intercepting the warnings and closing the minds of the people by deception with regards to Thusia. Just such a thing was prophesied by Sister White in these words:

“The Lord’s people will be called enthusiasts. Ministers will warn the people not to listen to them.” **Ellen G. White, TM. pg. 233.**

But we do not preach our words. We merely speak that which God has bidden us to speak, so church members had better listen to us for their safety sake. We do not teach them to transgress God’s Law but merely to Keep the commandments as men who shall face God in the judgment. The burden of the tract is to address a shocking development in the S.D.A. denomination—one that we have been giving warning about for a long time now, and now we see it coming to pass. For some time we have been saying that the theological apostasy in the organization will lead the membership through the leaders to give up pillar after pillar of the

S.D.A. faith until they give up the Sabbath and end up keeping Sunday. When one rejects the true Christ, so as to not have His rest in the soul, a series of apostasy begins as truth after truth once ascended to are given up to the reception of corresponding errors, until all truth is finally given up.

The S.D.A. denomination is now on that path. With the rejection of the message of the True Witness in 1888 and the years that followed, the denomination has since then been giving up truth after truth. They have rejected the doctrine of subjective Justification and inner heart change for forensic Justification which suits the carnal mind, then Sanctification in the realm of sinlessness has been forsaken for a sanctification that teaches a fluctuating battle between God's mind and the carnal mind which occurs as the both minds dwell simultaneously in the man. They even teach that no man can become sinlessly perfect in this existence (not even by the efficaciousness of Grace), and instead of the sinful flesh concept of the Incarnation, they now teach that Christ came in sinless flesh or in the nature of Adam before the fall. No wonder why they do not gain victory over their sins, because that Christ is different from the sinner thus He is not the sinner's Saviour but His own saviour. But now the surprising thing about this apostasy is the fact that the Sanctuary doctrine is now being given up. Sister White saw all of this and warned us. Here is what she said:

“In a representation which passed before me, I saw a certain work being done... The foundation of our faith, which was established by so much prayer, such earnest searching of the Scriptures, was being taken down, pillar by pillar. Our faith was to have nothing to rest upon — the sanctuary was gone, the atonement was gone.” **Ellen G. White, The Upward Look, pg. 152. (1904).**

“The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith.” **Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, May 25th. 1905.**

To give up the Sanctuary, as the shocking quotations above reveal, is to follow eventually in the giving up of the Sabbath day, for the Law of the Ten Commandments which is in the Sanctuary, was placed into the ark of the covenant, and placed in the second apartment of the Sanctuary (see Deut. 10:5; Ex. 34:28,29; Ex. 40:20,21). With the giving up of the sanctuary truth there follows the removing of the ark of God. This too was prophesied.

“When God shall work His strange work on the earth when holy hands bear the ark no longer, woe will be upon the people.” **ST. pg. 77.**

“Worldly policy is taking the place of the true piety and wisdom that comes from above, and God will remove the prospering hand from the conference. Shall the ark of the covenant be removed from this people? Shall idols be smuggled in? Shall false principles and precepts be brought into the sanctuary? Shall antichrist be respected? Shall the true doctrines given us by God, which have made us what we are, be ignored? This is directly where the enemy, through blinded, unconsecrated men, is leading us.” **Ellen G. White, MS. 29, 1890.**

What shocking revelation! How horrible! The ark of the covenant in which the Law of God was placed, is to be given up by the S.D.A. denomination through the influence of the leadership, and with the ark, out goes the Law.

“There is a spirit of wickedness at work in the church, that is striving at every opportunity, to make void the Law of God...” **Ellen G. White, On Visions of Ezekiel, July 4th, 1906 (Brisbin Book, pg. 28)**.

Thusia (S.D.A.) foresaw all of this apostasy. Through the Spirit of Prophecy being in our midst, we saw that the rejecting of the 1888 message the S.D.A. denomination would reach the stage of giving up the Sabbath. Mrs. White did prophecy that the Sabbath would be giving up. Here is exactly what she said:

“The Sabbath is God’s memorial to His Creative work, and it is a sign that is to be kept before the world. There is to be no compromise with those who are worshipping an idol sabbath... I was told that men will employ every policy to make less prominent the difference between the faith of Seventh Day Adventists, who were advising that the banner or sign which makes us a distinctive people should not be held out strikingly; for they claimed it was not the best policy in securing success to our institutions... I saw some reaching out their hands to remove the banner, and to obscure its significance... When the people accept and exalt a spurious sabbath and turn souls away from obedience and loyalty to God, they will reach the point that was reached by the people in the days of Christ... Then the commandments of men will be clothed with sacred garments, and will be pronounced holy. Shall anyone then choose to hide his banner, to relax his devotion? Shall the people whom God has honoured and blessed and prospered, refuse to bear testimony in behalf of God’s memorial at the very time when such a testimony should be borne?” **Ellen G. White, Manuscript 15, 1896. (Edited in 2SM. pg. 384-385)**.

“After the truth has been proclaimed as a witness to all nations, at a time when every conceivable power of evil is set in operation, ...and there is a removing of the landmarks, and an attempt to tear down the pillars of our faith—then a more decided effort is made to exalt the false sabbath and to cast contempt upon God Himself by supplanting the day He has blessed and sanctified.” **Ellen G. White, Letter 1F, 1890. 3SM. pg. 405-406**.

“There is need of a Sabbath reform among us, who profess to observe God’s holy rest-day... The Lord has a controversy with His professed people in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition. In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week.” **Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, Vol. 1, pg. 405**.

“Men in responsible positions will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but from the sacred desk will urge upon the people the observance of the first day of the week, pleading tradition and custom in behalf of this man-made institution.” **Ellen G.**

White, Southern Watchman, June 28th. 1904.

And now, after all these evidences of the leaders seeking to preserve the institutions of the church by giving up the Sabbath and teaching the membership to do so, we can now look at current events that give further proof of such deadly apostasy. The writing is upon the wall, something is happening as meetings are held in secret. Vance Ferrell in his latest news Release tract revealed this shocking development.

“Several people heard a radio news report that President Reagan contacted Neal C. Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists and requested an interview with him at the White House. The report said that Reagan wanted to know if Wilson, speaking on behalf of the Adventist Church, would be opposed to the proclamation by Reagan of a “national day of rest.”” **Vance Ferrell, News Release—6.**

You see brethren? Time is late, the Sunday Law is coming. We are at the end of this earth’s history. Now Mr. Ferrell inquired at the white House about such a meeting and was told that it did occur but that only Reagan or Wilson knew the details of what was discussed. Said Mr. Ferrell about the troubles he had to go through to get answers from the White House:

“The staff at the White House cannot figure out why anyone would be concerned about “a national day of rest,” when there are so many other concerns of vital national and international interest to tend to. You can tell they work under a tense, rushed strain all day long. One staffer laughed and said. “You can tell them (your readers) that we think a “national day of rest” would be great with us!” - **Ibid.**

An evil spirit is in the air. It is going around the world. It has made the want to proclaim a “national day of rest” as a current trend. Again Vance Ferrell wrote:

“Last night, this writer received a telephone call from Northern California with this information: On July 21, 1986, a Seventh Day Adventist living in southwestern Washington State turned in to 74 KHz on the (AM) dial (Radio Station KLX in Portland, Oregon). It was between 4.00 and 5.00 a.m. on a Monday morning. The news broadcast included a news item which, upon verification with the radio station, originated with a syndicated news tape from the Universal Broadcast System, based in New York and Virginia. The one who heard the news broadcast told me that this is what it said: President Reagan was going to meet with Neal Wilson, head of the Seventh Day Adventist Church about plans to help bring the churches together to a united position on a common day of worship. I asked again what it said, and ah replied that the idea of the news item was that the planned conference by Reagan with Wilson was part of a plan to get the Christian churches together and united on a common day of worship”.” - **Ibid.**

Are these signs that the S.D.A. denomination is going to unite in Sunday worship with the other religious bodies? While we shall yet know what was Wilson’s decisions, rumours claim that he affirmed that such a day would be no trouble to Seventh Day Adventists. However, in England, we have clearer documentary evidences that the S.D.A. denomination is supporting that nation’s Sunday Blue Laws (as they are called). We read:

“Britain has had a nation-wide Sunday closing law on its books for several years. This law stipulates that a majority of the nation’s commercial shops and establishments are not to open for business on Sunday, and violators are subject to fine and imprisonment. Using the ploy that a “national day of rest” was needed, this religious law was enacted sometime back under heavy pressure by the major churches, working in concert. As is well-known, Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher is a very level-headed person. Recognizing that this Sunday law was not helping business at a time when England badly needs more of it, she introduced a measure into Parliament, titled the “Shops Bill,” which would have repealed (abolished) the existing Sunday law. Recognizing it for what it was: nothing more than a religious blue law, she was determined to eliminate it... But she did not win this time. The leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Church, and the free Church united hands (across the gulf) in demanding that Parliament reject her “(Open the) shops (on Sunday) Bill.” And, surprise of surprises, a leading official of the British Union of Seventh Day Adventists united with them in this work, apparently without any opposition by British Adventist leaders. Under the impact of such combined forces, a full sixty-eight members of Thatcher’s own party in Parliament voted against her proposal. On April 14th. Of the year (1986), her effort to throw out the British Sunday-closing law was rejected.” - **Vance Ferrell, Helping The Sunday Laws.**

Look at the shocking developments! Seventh Day Adventist, instead of opposing the Sunday Law actually supported it by going against the ‘Shops Bill’ that would have repealed it. Here we see Sister White’s prophecies that the S.D.A. denomination will support and keep the Sunday law in place of the Sabbath is coming to pass. We cannot find words to use to convey our shock and surprise at this outrageous action by the British Adventist leaders. The leading official that represented their S.D.A. denomination was Elder W. John Arthur of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. He wrote:

“Two British Union Conference letters to government leaders, which state that the entire British Conference of Seventh Day Adventists stand in favour of retaining the British Sunday law, and thus is opposed to Thatcher’s ‘Shops Bill’.” -**Ibid.**

The point here is not whether every last member in the denomination supported the Sunday law or not, the point is, that for the Seventh Day Adventist leadership, (who knows our prophecies and who are supposed to have firm fidelity to God more than the average member), to support the Sunday Law is apostasy from the truths of Adventism. This means that the peculiar truths of Adventism has long since been lost to the minds of these men.

These men stand as representatives of the S.D.A. denomination and in such a position the witness they give to the public presents Adventists as supporting the Sunday law.

“To have such letters written by a leading denominational officer in England to the highest government authorities of the nation — in writing committing the entire Adventist Church in Britain to active support of national Sunday laws, is both shocking and deeply thought-provoking.” **Ibid.**

Brother Vance Ferrell ask the questions:

“Why did the second-highest leader in our British Union Conference write these letters? What was in his thinking to take such a position? The reason stated in his letters is that Adventists believe that Sunday laws are better than not having them—because it will help make England more susceptible to Christian influence, and that it is best that Britain reserve one (required) day a week for worship than have no (required) day at all.” **Ibid.**

How far from the path of truth and duty have these men strayed to think that a commandment of men could in opposition to God’s Law create a favourable religious influence in men’s minds. It is impossible for men to create morality by legislation or by threats of penalty. God is all supreme morality and no one in opposition to His character or Nature of Love could presume to be more loving to their fellowmen. Here is an account as to whom Elder Arthur consulted in his daring apostate actions.

“...Elder Arthur had drafted the letters and had sought, and gained, approval at a meeting of field leaders... Elder Arthur was asked whether any of the field leaders he had consulted have been opposed to sending the letters. His answer was no, there had been no opposition. All reaction received was positive.” **Ibid.**

Here now is a quotation from the letter addressed to Prime Minister Mrs. Thatcher of #10, Downing Street:

“We recognize however, that we live in a far from ideal world with the majority of Christians observing Sunday, and the majority of the population ignoring worship on any day of the week... Our feeling as a church is that it would be better for one day each week to be retained as a day of rest and worship rather than no day at all. We would therefore respectfully request you and your colleagues in government to reconsider the proposals contained in the Sunday Trading Bill. The implementation of the measures incorporated into the Bill will surely lead to a further erosion of Christian influence—a step which the country would well do without at this point in time.” **Ibid. (letter dated March 27th. 1986).**

The second letter by Elder Arthur is addressed to a “Rev. Clive R. Calver General Secretary, Evangelical Alliance, Whitefield House, #186 Kennington Park Road...” Here are some of the shocking contents of this apostate letter:

“... I pray that God will continue to work mightily through your outreach endeavours. I am writing primarily with reference to the proposed legislation concerning Sunday Trading. Whilst Seventh Day Adventists have a sincere conviction regarding the validity of the seventh day (Saturday) of each week as God’s Sabbath—in memory of His creation, and in accordance with the Fourth Commandment, and in harmony with the example of our Lord Jesus—nevertheless we feel it is better for Christians in this day and age at least to reserve one day a week for worship rather than no day at all. For this reason we would support your campaign against a general secularization of the “British Sunday”. Any steps taken which may lead people further away from God and away from

church have to be resisted, and in this respect we stand with you.” Ibid. (Letter dated February 27th. 1986).

My dear people these events are not to be lightly by-passed. The writing is on the wall. Coming events cast their shadows before hand. God is warning us to prepare for the events to come by repentance and believing that God may subjectively change us making us sinless and sealing us this way by the latter rain of the Gospel. Obviously Sister White warned us not to submit to or support Sunday Laws.

“In Sunday observance the commandments of men are made supreme. Human authority and church pretensions are made as the word of God, to which all must bow. Should we do this, we would be labourers together with the man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, and who exalted himself above God and all that is written in the word of God.” Ellen G. White, Letter 8, 1895.

“It is a backsliding church that lessens the distance between itself and the papacy.” Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, February 19th. 1894.

With regards to letter writings to support error and undermine our teachings about the truths of Adventism she saw:

“I am bidden to warn you that deceptive sentiments are entertained. A false modesty and caution, a disposition to withhold the profession of our faith. In the night season, matters have been presented before me that have greatly troubled my mind. I have seemed to be in meetings for counsel where these subjects were discussed, and written documents were presented, advocating concessions. Brethren, shall we permit the world to shape the message that God has given us to bear to them? Shall we for the sake of policy, betray a sacred trust? If the world is in error and delusion, breaking the law of God, is it not our duty to show them their sin and danger? Let it be understood that Seventh Day Adventists can make no compromise...” Ellen G. White, Counsels to Writers and Editors, pg. 94-95.

Sister White saw that Satan held a meeting as to how to get the S.D.A. denomination to give up the Sabbath. Here is a brief portion of the account she gave:

“As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith... Says the great deceiver: ‘We must watch those who are calling the attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah... The Sabbath is the great question which is to decide the destiny of souls. We must exalt the Sabbath of our creating. We have caused it to be accepted by both worldlings and church members; now the church must be led to unite with the world in its support.” Ellen G. White, Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, pg. 337-340.

Here is another equally surprising quotation of warning to the S.D.A denomination:

“Now and ever we are to stand as a distinct and peculiar people, free from all worldly

policy, unembarrassed by confederating with those who have not wisdom to discern the claims of God, so plainly set forth in His law... We have been greatly humiliated as a people by the course that some of our brethren in responsible positions have taken in departing from the old landmarks. There are those who in order to carry out their plans have by their words denied their faith. This shows how little dependence can be placed on human wisdom and human judgment. Now, as never before, we need to see the danger of being led unguardedly away from loyalty to God's commands... Let our people beware of belittling the importance of the Sabbath, in order to link up with unbelievers. Let them beware of departing from the principles of our faith making it appear that it is not wrong to conform to the world. Let them be afraid of heeding any man's counsel, whatever his position may be, who works counter to that which God has wrought in order to keep His people from the world." **Ellen G. White, Battle Creek Letters, pg. 52-53.**

It is thus made plain, we are not to compromise the Sabbath as the S.D.A. denomination is presently doing and will be doing in a greater way according to the Spirit of Prophecy. Would to God they would listen to the voice of warning, but now they have so far departed from the counsels of God that they will not turn and be converted.

Time is late, and the final events are rapidly stealing upon us almost unnoticed. A crisis is about to break forth and none shall be safe who have not learned how to trust God or how to depend upon Him; affiliation with the S.D.A. organization is certainly no assurance of salvation. Those who know that they are not prepared for the storm soon to break upon us must now seek to be prepared. The time is already almost too late.

In this country of Trinidad and Tobago a new government, the National Alliance for Reconstruction has been swept into power in place of the People's National Movement which held the reigns of government for thirty years. This writer saw a photograph of the first document the new Prime Minister Mr. A.N.R. Robinson had to deal with. It was on his desk.

It is a document by the religious institution named the Trinidad Christian Center at the corner of Simeon Road, Petit Valley. It is well known that this institution has a lot of business leaders and influential men of the country as members of its congregation, and the institution is rigidly anti-Seventh Day Adventist, and anti-Sabbath. Could it not be that this Sunday-keeping religion may have had in their document proposals for a Sunday Law under the guise of closing stores on Sunday?

We do not know, but it may be so. As we watch and look for what is coming upon this earth, God will eventually show us. This country is sunk in filth and corruption. The apostate religions are dabbling in politics with certain success. We can expect trouble soon, for the revival of true godliness (Thusia S.D.A.) is here at last, and of a certain, Satan will try to stop us. We should let no laws of men hinder the divine God-endowed right of Prevenient Grace upon the hearts of men, to cause the nation to commit the unpardonable sin.

Let us arouse to protracted holiness and action in God's holy name. Amen.