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Fear of Church-driven Backlash Behind Sunday Sale Delay

Georgia Senate May Block Sunday Alcohol Bill Again

By James Salzer
Atlanta Journal-Constitution
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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 co-sponsor is Sen. Don Balfour, R-Snellville, chairman of the committee that decides which bills make it to the Senate floor for a vote.

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To Make Ready a People Prepared for the Lord

By W. A. Spicer, Review and Herald, Nov. 10, 1927

In Luke the first chapter and the seventeenth verse we read: “To make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” This was the purpose of the message that John the Baptist bore in Judea and beyond Jordan to prepare the way for the first coming of the Savior. The message rang out, “Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

In the spirit and power of Elijah a message is to be borne again, this time in all lands of earth, to prepare a people for the Savior's second coming. The message of Revelation 14 is the message of preparation now. It is the one “everlasting gospel” set in terms to meet man's need in this hour of God's judgment. It will make ready every soul that believes it; for the gospel “is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.”

This gospel message is to “make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” **This third angel's message will do it. We are not to seek any new, strange message.** No “other gospel” will ever do the work. The message that has

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The Pope Challenges Secular Spain and Atheist China

The pope is out to show the world that he is a heavyweight. Those of you who have followed his movements closely will remember his speeches and remarks about Muslims, Protestants, Seculars, and other non-Catholics. He has been very straightforward in his statements and does not “misspeak.” He does not retract his plain statements. Unapologetically, he is out to show that he can stand up to superpowers like China regardless of the consequences this may bring the Chinese Catholics living there.

Back in Nov. 2010, the Chinese government ordained a new bishop to the Roman Catholic Church in China without the pope's permission. The Vatican responded by saying that it would excommunicate the newly appointed “unauthorized” bishop.

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Catastrophes and Crisis



Waves from a tsunami hit after a powerful earthquake in Japan, Friday, March 11, 2011. The largest earthquake in Japan's recorded history slammed the eastern coast Friday. (AP Photo/Kyodo News)

The recent catastrophes that we have seen do not discriminate between third world countries like Haiti or first world countries like Japan. Also Chile, New Zealand, United States, and many of the other nations have been affected by catastrophic natural disasters. They come in the form of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, mudslides, or volcanic eruptions.

“The conditions prevailing in society, and especially in the great cities of the nations, **proclaim in thunder tones that the hour of God's judgment is come and that the end of all things earthly is at hand.** We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed.” Maranatha, p. 67.

These things happen for one reason—to remind us of our mortality and that we are a judgment-bound people. Thousands of people are

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Is the 2011 Middle East Crisis Rome's Final Conquest of Islam?

The Islamic nations, with its billion strong followers, have checked and balanced the expansion of the Papacy's final hope of world dominion. During the crusades of the Middle Ages, Rome was unable to conquer the “Mohammedans.” Since that time until now the Muslims have been an obstacle and a problematic people for Rome's dominion.

Yet, according to prophecy, even this power must be brought into subjection. For we read:

“And the world wondered after the beast.” Rev. 13:3. “And they [world] **worshipped** the beast saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? Rev. 13:4.

We must remember that in the end Rome will prevail. Rome believes that she has a divine right to rule over all people. This Roman doctrine is called “temporal power” and claims not only spiritual authority but also political authority over the nations. Thus, Rome is determined to be served by all. This is what we see in the book of Revelation. And it is during this time while these things are coming to pass that the mark of the beast will begin being enforced upon the world. We will now see how these prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes. Please pay close attention to this prophetic news report. —continued on page 5



Pope Benedict XVI addressing top Catholic Leadership at the “Synod of Bishops for the Middle East,” an October 10-24, 2010 meeting. The Pope called for changes in the Arab world at this meeting—which took place 2 months before the start of the current Middle East Crisis. Is this a coincidence?

Righteousness and Its Reward

—by Pastor Raphael Perez

“Before the believer is held out the wonderful possibility of being like Christ, obedient to all the principles of the law. But of himself man is utterly unable to reach this condition. The holiness that God’s word declares he must have before he can be saved is the result of the working of divine grace as he bows in submission to the discipline and restraining influences of the Spirit of truth.” Acts of the Apostles, p. 532.”

We are shown from God’s inspired writings that true righteousness consists in (1) genuine love for God and (2) a perfect loyalty and conformity to His will as expressed in His law.

“If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.” John 15 :10.

This is the secret to righteousness! Jesus here shows the true meaning and definition of righteousness— a genuine, heartfelt abiding love towards God and the keeping of His commandments. We also see the reward of this experience of true Biblical righteousness. The fact that Jesus Christ kept the commandments and abode in His Father’s love resulted in the fact that He did enter the city of God and sat down in a throne inside the capital of the universe of the Heavenly Father.

“He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with Me in My throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with My Father in His throne.” Rev. 3:21.

So He not only entered the city, but was given the post of highest honor as a gift from the Father. He never could have taken that position if He had not proved His righteousness for the psalmist declares: “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.” Ps. 97:2.

Now in order for us to sit with Christ in His throne we must share in the same experience of righteousness—abiding in God’s love and keeping His commandments.

“He who becomes a partaker of the divine nature will be in harmony with God’s great standard of righteousness, His holy law. This is the rule by which God measures the actions of men. This will be the test of character in the judgment.” COL 314.

This is a work that we cannot do alone. In order for true lasting righteousness to be our experience, we must allow Christ to work in our lives His perfect righteousness.

“The law requires righteousness—a righteous life, a perfect character; and this man has not to give. He cannot meet the claims of God’s holy law...Christ imbues men with the attributes of God. He builds up the human character after the similitude of the divine character, a goodly fabric of spiritual strength and beauty. Thus the very righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the believer in Christ.” DA 762.

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When this experience becomes ours then we will like Christ declare: “Lo, I am come in the roll of the book it is written of Me: I delight to do Thy will, O My God; yea, Thy law is within My heart.” Heb. 10:7.

When the law is written in the heart and when we “delight” to do God’s will because of a genuine love for Him, then we have the true experience that Christ had. It is an experience that Christ wants to instill in us day by day, moment by moment. As we surrender to Him, Christ begins this work.

When righteousness becomes our experience—notice what will be our reward: “Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Rev. 22 : 14.

The literal Greek word for “right” used in this verse is “exousia” which means authority. When we keep God’s commandments, because Christ lives in our heart and therefore His law is written there too, we will then be in harmony and keep the law. This is what gives us the “authority” to enter into God’s city and eat of the tree of life.

What then must be the conclusion concerning the “authority” of those who do not keep the commandments of God in their heart? What will happen to those who reject God’s law? What about those who keep the letter of the law in their flesh because it is something they’ve always done in church ever since they were born?

The only possible conclusion is that none of these will have authority or right to the city of God or to the tree of life. If God were to let them in they would stand before the tree of life without any authority of being there.

Only those who have the true experience of “righteousness” living in harmony with the law of God because Christ lives, breaths, and moves in their hearts have a right to stand in front of the tree of life and eat of its fruits. More than this, we will live and move about the city of God because we would have become “legal” citizens of His kingdom. This is the reward of righteousness.

But something much more glorious and fulfilling than this is coming to those who have this experience:

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.” Rev. 21:7

“And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.” Rev. 22:4.

What greater reward is there for the righteous who love God with all their heart, soul, and mind and who have in their heart the love for the law of God. This is the greatest privilege that a sinner can achieve in this life.

Letters

Dear Eternal Gospel Herald, Would you please send me one of your updated newspapers entitled “Who is the Antichrist” and any other materials that you may have. These are good witnessing tools for the three angels’ messages. I try to share the truth with other people. I really enjoy your Eternal Gospel Herald newsletter—especially the article in the last issue concerning the Pope’s Visit to Great Britain. God’s remnant people should really be awakened by this event and draw nearer to our Lord Jesus. Your ministry is in my prayers daily. Thank you so much, Maranatha! **Brother James Hanvey, South Carolina.**

Dear Pastor Perez and staff, May God’s rich blessings be yours as you move forward with His work. This is my prayer. Soon we will hear the words “Well done” from the lips of our precious Savior, and it will be worth it all. Thank you for your newsletter that keeps us informed as to what’s happening all around. Love and prayers, **Avis Furman, Washington.**

Dear brothers and sisters at the Eternal Gospel Ministries. I thank God for your ministry. I have been blessed so much with the wonderful materials you publish about the end times. They have been so helpful to me and to other Adventist brothers here. We really appreciate it. I pray the Lord that He will draw you to His heart and give you wisdom to stand faithful to Him until the end. God bless you. _____ **Arizona State Prison Complex, Arizona.**

Greetings to all the brethren at the Eternal Gospel Ministry, It is my pleasure to take the time and thank God Almighty for brethren like you who are carrying out God’s last-day message. Through some of your DVDs and literature I have been able to understand more clearly the truth for this time. God has deeply blessed my soul. Keep on walking through the straight and narrow path of righteousness. My prayers are with you and may God continue blessing you abundantly. Sincerely, your brother in Christ Jesus, **Erik Mendoza, Bronx, NY.**

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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.

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being blotted out of existence and many without notice. The people of Japan had 45 seconds after the earthquake to prepare to meet their end before the tsunami came in and engulfed them into eternity.

When you have 45 seconds left to live you don't worry about your bank accounts or about your mortgage payments. All the things of this world lose their value when you look at things from this perspective.

Even with all the modern technology and science, man is incapable of protecting himself when God has drawn the limit. It's hard to imagine that this is just the beginning of sorrows.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we have a message to proclaim the hour of God's judgment. Souls need to be warned before it is too late. Let's not wait another second before another major catastrophe comes. Soon God's people will be blamed for these occurrences:

“In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, **Satan is exercising his power...And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils.** 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.” Great Controversy, pp. 589, 590.

We cannot remain quiet; if we do we do at the expense of our own souls (Exe. 3:17-20). We are also warned that we must proclaim God's message while prophecy is being fulfilled and disasters are happening.

“Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, ‘even at the doors.’ Let us read and understand before it is too late.” Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 20.

Our only safety is for our lives to be hid in Christ. And when this becomes a reality in our lives we will become the light of this world. We will not leave souls in darkness regarding the truth of the Sabbath, the signs of our Lord's coming, and the urgency of preparing people to meet Him. Let us all work in such a way that all those poor souls that our dear Savior still has out there may be reached with the everlasting gospel before they meet their end.

—The Editors

Latest Ministry News



We want to thank all of you for your faithful support over the years. Our desire is to take the everlasting gospel to all our neighbors around the world. With all the literature and Bible studies that are being sent out every month as a result of our billboard, radio, and newspaper evangelism we are literally reaching thousands of people with the final warning message.

For this we give all the praise, glory, and honor to God. We ask for your continued prayers and support. As you may know it takes the financial support of brethren like you to make a difference in the world today. If you have been called to be a part of helping in the work here at the Eternal Gospel Ministry and are being moved by compassion to give, we ask that you would call our office or send your donations to our mailing address. Remember, your kind gifts help to advance God's message of salvation throughout all the ends of the earth, even unto places that have little knowledge of God's truth. Once again we thank you for your generosity and compassion for others and your love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

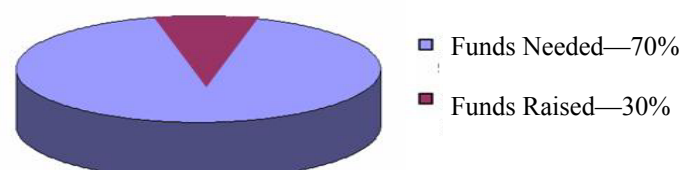
“Among earth's inhabitants, scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law.” Evangelism, p. 166.



A recent baptism in Orlando, Florida, Feb. 2011.

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built up the work of God in all the world is the message that will finish the work and make ready a people to meet Jesus as He comes.

Thickening Evidences Proclaim the End Near

Everything in earth and heaven proclaims the close of probation near at hand. The past year past has multiplied the signs of Christ's coming more rapidly than any year I can recall. I hear other brethren saying the same thing. We have seen the signs in earth and sea and sky. In earthquake and flood and drought, in storm and fire and volcanic upheaval, the elements have cried to us in thunder tones, “Be ready!”

The veritable out-breaking flood of unbelief in the Bible, that has seemed as never before to sweep over Christendom, tells us that the time has come of which Jesus spoke, “When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?” Luke 18: 8.

With unbelief flooding the world, how we do need to pray God to beget in us true, living, constant faith. We must read and study and live with the Bible as a daily companion as never before. God Himself cannot keep us from drifting downward with the world if we neglect His Holy Word. “Because thou hast kept the word of My patience,” He says, “I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly.” Rev. 3:10, 11.

That wonderful time is just before us. How faint an idea we can have of it! **This we know—not a soul can go through it clinging to the world. Our only hope is to be hid in Christ our Savior.** The Lord calls to His people now: “Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.” Zeph. 2:3.

It is “to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” in such a time as this that God pours out His Spirit in the latter rain. It was for this hour of God's judgment, when our sins will be blotted out or our names will be blotted out, that the latter rain was promised. The apostle Peter said of it long ago: “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ.” Acts 3:19, 20.

The times of refreshing foretold have begun. We see evidence of it in the work of God on every hand. Says the spirit of prophecy: “It is now that we are to expect a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We should watch for the moving of God's providences as the army of Israel watched for ‘the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees,’—the appointed signal that Heaven would work for them.” Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 728.

Watch the signals, brethren! They are appearing all about us. Those who go out visiting from house to house in home missionary work find souls prepared by direct agency of the Spirit. Our colporteurs are continually finding them. Our evangelists in many places report some power from above awakening new interests to hear. In fields where, so far as I have ever heard, we have scarcely begun to sow the seed, the fruitage is appearing in a way not seen before. In one island that we are forbidden to enter we hear of a thousand souls turning to seek this message. In one country where conflict between church and state has led to great restriction of missionary activity, we hear of a thousand souls or more springing up in troublous times when we were least looking for such fruitage.

These providences, too numerous to mention, appeal to us to give and pray and work for missions more earnestly than ever. Our gospel nets are fairly breaking in some parts. But note this—these providences are also signals to us to make it the chief burden of our lives to be ready. They show how quickly God may finish the work. One of these days the judgment will begin upon the living. The time must be very near. Your name and mind will be called in that court now in session in heaven above. No one on earth can tell when. “Of that day and hour knoweth no man.” But Christ forewarns us that it will be sooner than we would naturally think from appearances about us. He says, “Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matt. 24: 44.

Jesus, who says, “Be ready,” is the one who can make us ready. But we must be in deadly earnest in this matter. This time of refreshing challenges every one of us to make sure now of full surrender to Christ. We are told in Early Writings, page 71, “I saw that none could share the refreshing, unless they obtained the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action.”

This solemn warning is not spoken to discourage any heart. Far from it. It is spoken in tender love to turn every one of us to Jesus in whom is the victory, sure and certain, for every believing heart. He is able to save to the uttermost. But we must make a business of keeping the life surrendered. We must let Christ make us everyday Christians. Nothing short of it will do.

Here, today, let us ask Jesus to cleanse us from all the ways of the flesh, and make us ready and keep us ready. He can do it. He longs to do it. But He can do it only from within. Let the Savior in. He only can live the new life. We must give Him right of way in our hearts by constant surrender. It must be “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Col. 1: 27 “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith” (Eph. 3:17), is the only way. But, thank God, He does come into the humble and the contrite heart that trembles at His word.

Every day and hour we are dependent upon Christ's power within to subdue our natural ways. There must be a constant confessing of our need and a humbling of the soul in utter dependence upon God all the way. But let every heart rejoice in Christ's love, in His forgiving grace, and in His power to cleanse and keep. The battle is the Lord's. He says to every one of us: “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.” Isa. 41:10.

Look to Jesus. Think of His love for you. **Dwell not upon your own unworthiness, but upon His worthiness.** All the promises of the blessed Book urge us to go forward with faith in the living Savior who died for us and who lives for us. He has set His heart upon making ready a people prepared for the Lord. You and I must be with His people, made ready by grace. He loves us and wants to make us ready for His coming. My heart cries out, “My Savior, come with all Thy cleansing power, come anew into my sinful heart today.”

Let us kneel and pray God together to make us ready today. We want the young people and the children to come with us today as we draw near to Jesus in prayer and repentance. In Jesus' name we plead with every one, let nothing hold you back from, giving your all to Him Who gave His all for you.

He will help us to break every tie that binds us to the world. Today, let us commit every interest of our lives, present and future, definitely to Christ, saying with the apostle Paul: “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.” 2 Tim. 1:12

EDITOR'S NOTE: As you can see from the above article, God has always been trying to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. We believe that we should not only be involved in the work of the third angel's message, but we must encourage and support those who are on the front lines of this solemn work. May we all be good stewards for the Lord.

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XVI ordained five new bishops himself from Hong Kong directly challenging China's right to ordain bishops without his approval.

When the Pope visited Spain on Nov. 6 and 7 in 2010 he had no kind words for the secular nation. He denounced the nation's policies on abortion and gay marriage. He attacked the nation's “aggressive secularism” that **eliminated required Catholic education in public schools.** He compared Spain's government to that of the 1930's civil war era when there was an anti-Catholic sentiment and church and convents were burned.

It was an unfortunate reference that the pope made because it almost showed his approval to the pro-catholic dictatorship of Francisco Franco the fascist who ruled Spain for more than 35 years. Those were the years when priests would pick up guns and go to war. The pope really surprised a lot of people with those words. But it shouldn't surprise us because we know that he is reviving the old medieval form of Catholicism reminiscent to that of the Dark Ages. If you've been watching this pope closely, that is the direction which he is taking the church.

Apparently, the Pope is holding his ground. These are showdowns he feels he needs to win in order to reclaim Spain—Rome's once powerful ally and stronghold. And in China the pope is hoping to gain more ground. There are over ten million Chinese Catholics living in China.

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A Prelude to the Crisis—The Pope Calls for Changes

On October 10 to 24, 2010, two months before the unprecedented waves of demonstration and protests taking place in North Africa and the Middle East, Pope Benedict met with top leaders in the Roman Catholic Church in a formal meeting called the “Synod of Bishops for the Middle East” **to call for changes in the Arab world**. The theme of the Vatican meetings was “The Catholic Church in the Middle East.”

The pope called for solidarity among all Christians to unite together in the Middle East. He called for peace and an end to violence and human-rights violations. Then he made the following statement in regards to the political situation:

“Conflicts, wars, violence and terrorism have gone on for too long in the Middle East.”

The pope is also concerned with the exodus of Catholic Christians leaving the region because of persecution.

As a result, the pope also called for religious freedom and called for Muslims to engage Christians in dialog on this subject.

He then concluded this meeting with a call for a united, “multi-cultural” Middle East. He reminded the top Roman Catholic leaders that “unity with Catholicism,” would be achieved through the “process of ecumenical work.”

In this October 2010 meeting, the Pope turned to the Catholic hierarchy to work and find new ways of bringing change to the Middle East. Notice that the changes that the Pope has in mind is to bring “unity with Catholicism” through “multicultural ecumenism.” Is this a new kind of war against Islam? If it is then it’s going to involve much secrecy and much intelligence in order to leave these Arab kingdoms very debilitated if not conquered.

And a few months later, beginning in December 18, 2010 until now Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya have seen revolutions. Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Oman, and Yemen have all seen major protests. And several incidents have occurred in Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, and Western Sahara.

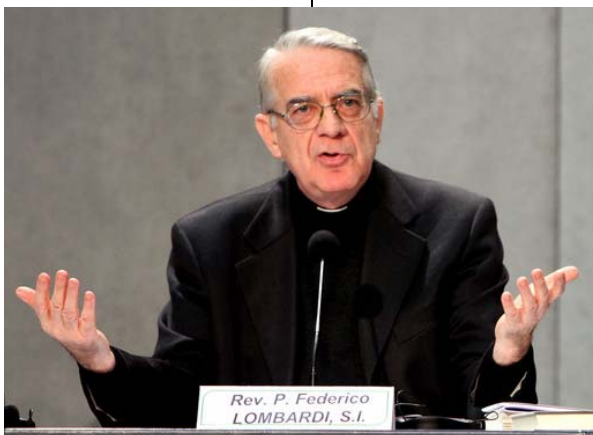
We are seeing the demise of the Arab leadership’s stronghold upon its people. These Muslim dictators are becoming a thing of the past. Soon, they will no longer be a threat to Rome. They will either conform or submit to this ecumenical, multicultural propaganda of Babylon the Great. By accepting the “wine” of Babylon, they will eventually come under the feet of Rome. This is their choice: change or cease to exist. The Muslims that will remain will be those that are ecumenical - those that will yield and surrender to ecumenical Babylon. They will have to recognize the papacy as a legitimate authority in earthy politics and religious affairs.

War on Two Fronts

Is all this just a coincidence? Not at all, notice who will also aid the papacy in achieving world supremacy: “And he [USA, the second beast] exerciseth all the power of the first beast [Rome] before him, and causes [USA] the earth and them that dwell therein to worship [honor] the first beast [Rome].” Rev. 13:12.

This is precisely what is happening right now. The United States is the superpower that is at war, literally, with radical Islam throughout the world. Now the papacy has declared a spiritual

war against Islam’s fundamentalists. Islam is probably the only other power that needs to be brought into subjection and pay respect to the Roman Pontiff. Now that communism is almost gone, with China in Rome’s sight, and Protestantism has just about disappeared, the only other power that is standing in the way of the Papacy from ruling the world is the Muslims. And now the Arab leaders are being brought into subjection and humiliation through revolutionary and extraordinary means.



Jesuit Priest, Vatican spokesman, and director of the Holy See’s press office Federico Lombardi urged the Arab nations to follow the pope’s recommendations several weeks before the crisis of the Middle East and North Africa began.



Jesuit General Adolfo Nicolas [right] meets with Cardinal Antonios Naguib [left], Patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt, the head of the 163,000 Coptic Catholic Church during his trip to Cairo Egypt weeks before all the chaos in the Middle East began.



Jesuit General Adolfo Nicolas speaks to young Arabs during his visit to Egypt and the Middle East on Oct. 2-5, 2010. Could these young people be among the 384 deaths that were reported or part of the 6,000 who were injured when the capital city of Cairo was turned into a warzone?



Pope Benedict XVI with the new Jesuit General Adolfo Nicolas at the 35th General Congregation of Jesuits in Rome, Italy on Feb. 21, 2008. The Black Pope was in Egypt answering the White Pope’s call for changes in the Middle East.

Arab Dictators verses Catholic Dictators?

It’s such a joke for the Vatican to denounce the Arab dictators of the Middle East for human-rights violations but then don’t condemn any of the past or present Roman Catholic dictators who commit the same or even worse human rights violations. **Dictators are dictators and all should be condemned. Human-rights violations are all wrong regardless of who does the abuse.** But how can Pope Benedict XVI condemn Arab dictators and at the same time give communion to Roman Catholic dictators? [Please see page 6 of this issue of The Eternal Gospel Herald Vol. 6 No. 10].

Worst yet, how can the Vatican fast-track the canonization—pathway to sainthood—of Pope Pius the XII who was a partner and friend of fascist dictators such as Mussolini, Hitler, and Franco? The church not only befriends such men but also uses them to their own advantage.

If the Vatican was serious about “human rights” they would clean up their own house from its members who violate human rights regularly. Why doesn’t the church excommunicate any of these present-day, visible Roman Catholic dictators who are torturing, killing, raping, and abusing both Catholics and non-Catholics alike? [See page 6 of this issue of The Eternal Gospel Herald].

Why just decry Arab dictators and not South American and African dictators?

Because, according to Rome, they are not the problem. In Africa the church is growing at a phenomenal rate. In South America the church is also growing. In the nations in which the Catholic dictators are in control the Roman Catholic Church flourishes and does very well. It grows in power and membership. It is given special privileges and status that other churches aren’t given.

And the Problem with the Arab dictators is that Catholics are fleeing those nations in mass exodus. The Catholic minority in the Middle East and in North Africa are fleeing the persecution from radical Muslims. This is the real issue, and it doesn’t show the Vatican’s compassion for human rights, it shows their hypocrisy.

Jesuits Start the Fires that Kindles Other Fires

Jesuit Response #1—Six days after the close of the “Synod of Bishops on the Middle East,” Vatican spokesman and director of the Holy See Press Office, **Jesuit Priest Federico Lombardi** issued a call to Middle Eastern governments in an October 30, 2010 Vatican Radio editorial.

The editorial was broadcast in 47 languages via shortwave, medium wave, satellite, FM, and internet throughout the world and picked up by news agencies world wide. In his editorial, Jesuit Priest Federico Lombardi urged Middle Eastern nations to condemn terrorism and violence.

He also implored Middle Eastern nations to give full religious freedom to all of its citizens, including Christians. He also called on the nations’ leaders to “assume their responsibility in promoting dialogue [ecumenism] among cultures and civilizations” throughout the —continued on page 7

Rome's Dictators Past and Present

This is *not* a complete list. Throughout history there have been hundreds of dictatorial pro-Catholic rulers—beginning with Constantine the Great in 306 A.D.



Robert Mugabe, current dictator of Zimbabwe for 31 years, is a devout Roman Catholic seen here at the Vatican. He is listed in Parade Magazine as the #1 world's worst dictator for the year 2010. Both the U.S. and the E.U. have embargos against him for using systematic torture and rape against his own people by his secret police. However, he is looked upon by many Catholics as a reformer and defender of the faith.



Dominican Republic's General Trujillo at the Vatican with Pope Pius XVII in 1954. Trujillo, a Roman Catholic, completely dominated all aspects of the Dominican Republic. During his 31-year reign, he used torture, murder, kidnappings, and terror to suppress opposition. Trujillo was also responsible for the "Parsley Massacre" in which 20,000 to 30,000 Haitians were executed in a period of 5 days by the military.



Fidel Castro, a Roman Catholic by birth who attended a Jesuit boarding school as a young adult, met with Pope John II. Castro's 49 years of repressive dictatorship deprived Cubans of basic human rights. Cuban scholars estimate the casualties of his regime to be between 75,000 to 100,000 deaths.



Archbishop Pio Laghi with Argentinean dictator Jorge Rafael Videla in the 1970s. Roman Catholic Laghi was convicted for large-scale human rights abuses and crimes against humanity that took place under his rule, including kidnappings or forced disappearance, widespread torture and extrajudicial murder of activists, political opponents [either real, suspected, or alleged] as well as their families, at secret concentration camps. He was sentenced to life and is currently incarcerated.



On March 22, 2009 Pope Benedict XVI visited Angola and performed an open-air mass with nearly million people. Roman Catholic dictator Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola attended the mass. He has been in power for 32 years. Human rights organizations accuse Angola's dictator of running a brutal police force. His use of extrajudicial executions, torture, arbitrary arrests, ill treatment of suspected criminals, and other human-rights violations is common.



Roman Catholic Emilio Mwai Kibaki is President/Dictator of Kenya. Here the Pope's Representative, Archbishop Alain Paul Libeaupin, presents a communication from the pope at the State House in Nairobi. He has been accused of voter tampering and voter fraud. There is very little freedom of the press because critics have been harassed or have become victims of police brutality. The police have been accused of widespread abuses with no impunity. There is concern from human-rights watch groups that there is little if any political freedom.



Pope John Paul II with Chilean General/Dictator Augusto Pinochet in 1987. Pinochet, well known Roman Catholic, assumed power after a coup d'état in 1973. During his 25 year reign, he shut down parliament, banned trade unions, and criminalized political parties. His government murdered over 3,000 opponents, arrested 30,000 and tortured at least 29,000.



Roman Catholic dictator Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea is considered one of Africa's worst dictators who has been in power for over 30 years. He has been accused by human-rights organizations for unlawful killings by security forces; government-sanctioned kidnappings; systematic torture of prisoners and detainees, and other violations.



Cameroon's Dictator and Roman Catholic Paul Biya taking communion at a mass with Pope Benedict XVI. In power for 29 years he has authoritarian executive, legislative, and judicial powers. Every election is staged and he always wins. He controls the media and the police and spends his time traveling to Switzerland and other European countries. He is listed in the book "Tyrants, the World's 20 Worst Living Dictators," by David Wallechinsky.



Cardinal Pacelli (left) who later became Pope Pius XII with Fascists dictator Benito Mussolini. Mussolini, born a Roman Catholic, fought with Hitler.



Spanish fascist dictator Gen. Francisco Franco with Vatican Legate Cardinal Tedeschini in 1952. Franco, a staunch Roman Catholic, is regarded by Roman Catholics today as a hero who restored Roman Catholicism in Spain during his 35 years of authoritative reign. He was a close friend of Hitler and Mussolini and gave moral and economic support to them during the war. His reign in Spain claimed 200,000 lives.



Roman Catholic dictator Mobutu Sese Seko ruled the Congo for 32 years with complete authoritative power. He completely eliminated all opposing political rivals. Mobutu plundered all the wealth of the nation into his personal account. He used arbitrary arrest and detention against anyone who would criticize or oppose him. Here he is pictured with Pope John Paul II during a visit to the Congo.

Left: In Hitler's own book, Mein Kampf, he speaks about his Roman Catholic background. In 1933 the Vatican and Nazi Germany signed a Concordat [agreement]. The details of that agreement are not clearly known; however, the church understood this as their legitimacy and freedom to operate in Nazi Germany and Hitler understood that he had won the church's support and approval.

—continued from page 5 region. He then concluded by reaffirming the Pope's Synod of Bishops for the Middle East: "We hope that everyone realizes this and recognizes that the Synod will bear fruit, first of all for the Church, but also for all the peoples of the Middle East, yes everyone!"

Jesuit Response #2—Thirty-three days after the Pope's Synod, from December 2 to 5, 2010, the Jesuit Father General, also known as the Black Pope, Adolfo Nicolas, was in Egypt meeting and planning with fellow Jesuits.

Back in 2008 when Adolfo Nicolas was elected to Father General, the top post for Jesuits, Pope Benedict XVI welcomed him with these words: "The Church needs you, counts on you, and continues to turn to you with confidence, particularly to reach the geographical and spiritual places where others do not reach or find it difficult to reach." Pope Benedict XVI, quoted during the 35th General Congregation of Jesuits, Rome, Italy, Feb. 21, 2008

And sure enough, two years later the Black Pope is fulfilling his commission by being in Egypt one month ahead of the Egyptian Revolution. The mass protests and chaos in Egypt officially began on January 25, 2011. Yet Adolfo Nicolas, the Black Pope, was already in the Middle East laying the groundwork for the coming political unrest that we are seeing today.

We are told from the pen of inspiration that the Jesuit order was "created" and "devoted" to "the re-establishment of papal supremacy" and that "wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery" (The Great Controversy, p. 234).

Wherever the Jesuits went, very radical and revolutionary changes took place. That's what inspiration says. They work to undermine and overthrow those in power who do not pay allegiance to Rome whether through direct homage or indirectly through multiculturalism and ecumenism. Those who are antagonistic towards Rome or who may be an obstacle to the Vatican are the targets of the Jesuits. Yes, the Jesuit leader was in the Middle East directing the implementation of strategies and tactics in order to fulfil his mission.

Jesuit Response #3—Jesuit Priest Drew Christian, editor-in-chief of American Magazine, a Jesuit publication, and former director of the U.S. Bishops' Office of international Justice was asked during a news conference at Arlington's Annual Peace Symposium, held at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Arlington, VA about his thoughts on what was happening in the Middle East. His response was, "I think it's wonderful." The Jesuit priest went on to discuss the need of religious freedom for the Middle East and that the United States has to play an important role in helping to accomplish that. He also calls the revolutions taking place in the Middle East as "one of the many signs of spring in the North African winter." Jesuit Drew Christiansen's interview was carried by the Feb. 17, 2011 edition of Catholic News Service.

It appears that Jesuits across the globe were sympathetic and praising the revolutions of the Middle East.

Jesuit Response #4—By February 2011 many Muslims including some of the other Muslim nations observing the chaos of the Middle East began to perceive that the Vatican's Synod of Bishops on the Middle East Conference was the beginning of a "new crusade" against Islam. This resulted in Egyptian Jesuit Priest Samir



Tahrir Square in Egypt during the "March of the Millions" which eventually led to the resignation of Egypt's President Mubarak, the suspension of the Constitution, the dissolution of the Parliament, the resignation of the Prime Minister, and the assumption of power by the army. Similar demonstrations have been happening throughout Northern Africa and the Middle East.



Drew Christian, a prominent Jesuit Priest here in America supporting the revolutions.



Jesuit Priest Samir Khalil Samir, a professor at Rome's Pontifical Oriental Institute gives a clarification to Muslims over the remarks of Pope Benedict XVI regarding the Arab nations.



Khalil Samir, a professor at Rome's Pontifical Oriental Institute and an Islamic scholar, to give clarification on the motives of the Vatican. In classical Jesuit fashion, it was time to backtrack, explain away, and appease the Muslim "friends." In a February 10, 2011 Catholic News Agency article entitled "Concerns voiced that Middle East Synod was misunderstood by Muslims," Jesuit Samir Khalil Samir said: "The Synod was widely interpreted in political, not religious terms. When Muslims meet, usually they meet on a political level. As a result, many saw the bishops as meeting to discuss 'how to attack Islam.'" "

Then Jesuit Priest Samir made the following startling state regarding the Muslims:

"In their mentality, the West is still seen as Christian nations. It is still Christianity against Islam — properly because they don't make a difference between religion and state."

Unbelievable! In other words, according to the Jesuits, the Muslims just don't seem to understand that the Pope's statements deal with politics, not religion. And secondly, Muslims don't know how to separate politics from religion. Really? Who is learning from who? Who is the Mother and who is the daughter. Rome is the Mother of all the abominations of the earth. (Rev. 17:5). That is typical Jesuit double talk. Accuse your enemies of what you actually do. The truth is that the pope was asking the Arab leaders to engage all segments of society, particularly the Christians, in dialog. That is church and state. That is speaking both in the political and religious realm. Secondly, it is Rome that doesn't understand the separation of church and state. What is Vatican City? It is the only geopolitical-religious kingdom in the world. It has 197 ambassadors from different nations that recognize the state of the Vatican in which the pope wields all legislative, executive, and judicial powers in the tiny nation called Vatican City which rules 1.2 billion Catholics and growing. This certainly sounds like the biggest dictatorship in the world. Though it is the smallest nation in the world it is destined to be the most influential.

The sad reality is that what we see happening in the Middle East and in the North African nations is exactly what Rome wants to see achieved. Under the reign of the antichrist no one will be able to overshadow the authority of the papacy.

Rome's dream is coming to pass. Prophecy is being fulfilled. Rome's power is being restored to what it once used to be. Rome will never be satisfied until the nations of Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, Central America, South America, Australia and the South Pacific all give their strength and power unto the beast.

"These [10 kings] have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them." Rev. 17:13, 14.

Now is the time to give the Final Warning message to this perishing world. The whole world is turning to the beast for direction and for truth. We as Seventh-day Adventists have been given the mission to turn the focus off of mortal, erring humans and on to God—to worship Him and to keep His commandments. The third angel's message is more necessary in this final generation than it has ever been. Now is not the time to abandon our post and turn back, but to move forward giving "the mighty, the most solemn, testing message ever given to the world." 5MR 314."

—The Editors



Alcohol Kills More than AIDS, TB or Violence Stephanie Nebehey, Reuters News, Feb. 11, 2011—Alcohol causes nearly 4 percent of deaths worldwide, more than AIDS, tuberculosis or violence, the World Health Organization warned on Friday. Rising incomes have triggered more drinking in heavily populated countries in Africa and Asia, including India and South Africa, and binge drinking is a problem in many developed countries, the United Nations agency said. Approximately 2.5 million people die each year from alcohol related causes, the WHO said in its "Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health." "The harmful use of alcohol is especially fatal for younger age groups and alcohol is the world's leading risk factor for death among males aged 15-59," the report found. Alcohol is a causal factor in 60 types of diseases and injuries. Its consumption has been linked to cirrhosis of the liver, epilepsy, poisonings, road traffic accidents, violence, and several types of cancer, including cancers of the colorectum, breast, larynx and liver.



Beginning on December 18, 2010 there has been unprecedented waves of demonstrations and protests taking place in North Africa and the Middle East. To date, Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya have seen revolutions. Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Oman, and Yemen have all seen major protests, and minor incidents have occurred in Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, and Western Sahara. Millions of people are protesting, thousands have been wounded, and hundreds have been killed. There has been violence, peaceful protests, murders, anarchy, and civil disobedience.



Global Food Crisis: Turmoil in Middle East Will Keep Prices High, Washington Post, Mar. 9, 2011, By Katie Rogers—Unrest in the Middle East has led a spike in crude oil prices as anxiety over the rising cost of food spans the globe. Bad weather, smaller crops, and crude oil prices are creating a perfect storm for farmers, distributors and consumers across the globe. It's the simple issue of supply not meeting demand: wheat prices have risen 74 percent and corn has surged 87 percent.

The End Time Events

"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:33



Pope Benedict XVI, right, meets Chile's President Sebastian Pinera during a private audience in his studio at the Vatican, Thursday, March 3, 2011. (AP Photo/Tony Gentile, Pool)

Editor's Note: The Vatican has international diplomacy that no one can rival. Rome not only receives and sends ambassadors to all the nations, but the heads of state come to the Vatican. It is through this kind of back-door diplomacy that will one day cause the whole world to worship the beast and to receive its mark either in the forehead or hand.



February 27, 2011, AP News, New Zealand—As the death toll in Christchurch rose today to more than 166 people, the Prime Minister described the tragedy as being New Zealand's "single most tragic event." Police confirmed 166 people lost their lives in the 6.3-magnitude earthquake which struck on Feb. 22, 2011 and more than 200 are still missing.



Brazil, AP News, January 6, 2011—Three towns in the Serrana mountain region north of Rio were devastated as landslides destroyed homes, roads and power lines, and buried families alive as they slept.

Thousands of people in the region were cut off from electricity and telephone contact and around 1,000 were left homeless in Teresopolis alone, according to Jorge Mario, the town's mayor.



Pope Benedict XVI talks with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev during a private audience at the Vatican February 17, 2011. (Reuters)



Pope Benedict XVI, right, and President of Lebanon Michel Suleiman pose prior to their private audience, at the Vatican, Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 (AP Photo).



Pope Benedict XVI greets United Nations World Food Program Executive Director Josette Sheeran, after the pope's general audience, at the Vatican, Wednesday, March 2, 2011



Pope Benedict XVI and European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek talk as they leave at the end of a private audience at the Vatican February 28, 2011. (AP Photo).