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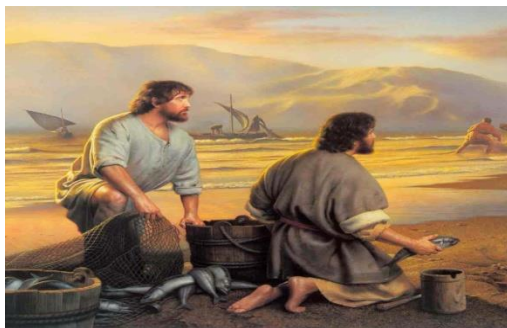


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Christ was talking to His disciples when He said:

(Mat 24:6) And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

(Mat 24:7) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

This is printed in red letters, not just for its importance, but the color emphasizes that it was the Son of God that spoke these words.

Wars and rumors of wars? We have lived under this sign for a number of warning years. Earthquakes in different (divers or diverse) places? These have escalated in number until it is hard to keep track of them, except perhaps the very large and most devastating of them, such as the two of last week. Diverse places? How about Japan and New Zealand. How diverse can one get?

"Tsunami hits Japan after strong quake near Fukushima disaster site. The magnitude 6.9 quake, which was felt in Tokyo, set thousands of residents fleeing for higher ground as dawn broke along the northeastern coast. A wave of up to 4.5 feet high was recorded at Sendai, about 70 km north of Fukushima, with smaller waves hitting ports elsewhere along the coast, public Broadcaster NHK said. "Aerial footage showed tsunami waves flowing up rivers in some areas, and some fishing boats were overturned."

Tsunetaka Omine, head of the Disaster Management Division on Iwaki said, "Previously, there were complicated directions on where to evacuate, but now, we basically just tell people to head away from the sea, to the highest possible ground."

The above situation is getting so frequently seen around the world that they are getting practically no press at all.

The New Zealand quake was so intense, it lifted the sea bed 2 meters (about 6 feet) above the ground! It just

exploded upward through the sand exposing its strange, lumpy exterior.

BEC Crew Nov. 18, 2016: "It all happened so fast. The exposed sea bed was still crawling in sea life when locals discovered their newly remodeled coastline, and scientists have never seen anything like it. Monday's earthquake really took its toll on central New Zealand, leaving [more](#) than 1,000 locals and tourists stranded by landslides." "Co-seismic movement occurs when earthquake waves arrive all at the same time, releasing great amounts of energy along a fault line."

"The effects can be seen all over Kaioura, with some areas rising more than a foot and a half above the ground, and stretching several meters down the coast."

"Researchers are now trying to figure out exactly how the earthquake changed things on the coast, but they've already seen indications that the land not only rose up, but across as well."

Wow! Every morning you might awaken to cast your eyes across a lovely seascape, but this morning you cast your eyes upon a land that has suddenly arisen a foot or two above the sea and has an eerie look to it betraying the land below the ocean!

Surely last-day events are beginning to show their ugly head and Christ's prophecies are taking place a mile a minute before our very eyes. For how long will they continue until the next line of His prophecy will be fulfilled?

GREAT CONTROVERSY

On page 589 Ellen White gives a prophecy of what to expect and ends it telling us the weather will worsen and why:



"Satan works through the elements also to gather his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment But the Christian world have shown contempt for the law of Jehovah; and the Lord will do just what He declared that

He would - - He will withdraw His blessings from the earth and remove His protecting care from those who are rebelling against His law and teaching and forcing others to do the same. Satan has control of all whom God does not especially guard. He will favor and prosper some in order to further his own designs, and he will bring trouble upon others and lead men to believe that it is God who is afflicting them . . . he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work, in accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations (fires), 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 . . . Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the haughty people . . . do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." (Isaiah 24:4,5. This all gives Satan the right to rule over the unruly.

"IN GREAT CONFLAGRATIONS"

[Blue Cut Fire](#): 31,600 acres; 105 homes, 213 buildings destroyed.

[Clayton Fire](#): 3,900 acres, 75 structures destroyed.

[Chimney Fire](#): 8,300 acres, 45 structures burned.

[Cedar Fire](#): 26,000 acres burned.

[Erskine](#): 45,000 acres, 283 homes/buildings burned.

[Sobranes Fire](#): 132,127 acres, 57 homes.

How many signs do we need to know where in God's time-line we are standing? "When you see all these things, know that it is near." Get ready, get ready, get ready. How much time do we have left for this purpose? The purpose of getting ready?

MORE SIGNS FROM THIS PAST MONTH:

Rare hurricane bearing down on Nicaragua/Costa Rica:

[CNN November 22](#): The Atlantic hurricane season may be coming to an end, but not before one last storm brings some rare and significant impacts.

"Hurricane season officially ends on November 30th, and while the month of November can have named storms, the season is generally winding down. Impactful storms are infrequent occurrences, especially this late in November.

This storm Otto has steadily strengthened and on Tuesday afternoon became the 7th hurricane of this season in the Atlantic basin. "Additional strengthening is expected and Otto could become a category 2 storm before making landfall near the Nicaragua/Costa Rica

border on Thursday A storm making landfall this far south is extremely rare. And, most impressively, if Otto makes landfall in Costa Rica, it will be that country's first hurricane landfall in recorded history."

CNN November 24: (Soon after Otto had landed on Thursday) a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Central America on Thursday afternoon, the U.S. Geological Survey said. El Salvador's Civil Protection Service issued an alert for people living on the country's Pacific coast to evacuate 62 miles inland.

Arutz Sheva: 200 fires are burning in Israel as I write. Fire fighting airplanes are coming from much of the world to help. There have been 85,000 people evacuated from the Port of Haifa. Jerusalem surrounded in flames.

And on and on it goes. The signs are multiplying around the world "in diverse" places. People must be warned. Whether they take the warning or not is speculative, but our job is to warn them before it is too late.

Soon religious overtones will become stabilized in our country and then it will be already too late for some and then a time of trouble "such as never before seen" is to be followed by the close of probation on all.

SOME RELIGIOUS OVERTONES

Have you heard about: "The Elijah Board of World Religious Leaders"? Talk about a growing powerful influence. This "board" brings together some of the world's most prominent religious figures from Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, and the Religions of India. I wonder what the real reason for ecumenism is. One of the "signs" indeed.



Religious views by
Dean Ferrell
...earthquakes in divers
places. . .Then shall
they deliver you up to be
afflicted . . ."

Before reading extracts and headline statements of Pope Francis and a National Catholic Register article below, describing how he wants Catholics and all Christians to view commandment keepers, and is this "line" **rigid**, or pliable, even **movable**?, Who Inspired these words to all who would be Abba's children, and why?

Deuteronomy 5:29-33 "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, **and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!**" ³¹ But as for

thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, ... ³² Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: **ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.** ³³ **Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you.**" (Is this describing the sick, hypocritical experience suggested in the following National Register article?)

Ezekiel 36:24-27 "... I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you ... ²⁵ ... and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit ... ²⁷ And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do *them*."

1 John 2:3-5 "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected."

The following texts imply the same thing: 1 John 3:4-10; 1 John 5:2 & 3; and John 14:15-24. Yes, three more witnesses.

(Does this sound like those who unbendingly keep His Law are slavishly blind to the Divine path and point?)

Then there is this quote:

Revelation 12:17,11 "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

And the last contrasting the followers of Satan, the beast and its image, with those who firmly and resolutely obey the Lamb. **Revelation 14:12** "Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Here's a couple headline statements before the article:

"Pope Francis says 'freedom of the spirit' of God allows Christians to 'break' some laws. Those who strictly keep the commandments of God make the Holy Spirit Sad."

Taken from a National Catholic Register article by Edward Pentin, from October 2016 - **Pope Francis: Rigid People Are Sick.**

Pope Francis again returned to the theme of rigidity today, saying those who unbendingly follow the law of God are "sick" and in need of the Lord's help.

In his morning homily at Casa Santa Marta, the Pope drew on today's Gospel reading from Matthew in which Jesus' healing of a crippled woman angered the Pharisees, leading him to denounce the leaders of the synagogue as "hypocrites."

This is an accusation Jesus often makes to those who follow the Law with rigidity, the Pope said. "The Law was not drawn up to enslave us but to set us free, to make us God's children," he said.

From [Vatican Radio](#): Concealed by rigidity, Pope Francis said, there is always something else! That's why Jesus uses the word 'hypocrites!': "Behind an attitude of rigidity there is always something else in the life of a person. Rigidity is not a gift of God. Meekness is; goodness is; benevolence is; forgiveness is. But rigidity isn't!" he said.

In many cases, the Pope continued,... this is because they lack the freedom of God's children: "they do not know how to walk in the path indicated by God's Law". "They appear good because they follow the Law; but behind there is something that does not make them good. Either they're bad, hypocrites or they are sick. They suffer!" he said." *[end of article]*

(Note: It seems Pope Francis teaches a Christian is free to question the Law of God as if it were pliable or mere suggestion. Isn't that what the serpent did with Eve? [See Genesis 3:1-6] It seems he would have his listeners forget, that the Pharisee's rigid law keeping, was not keeping God's commandments, but rather replacing them with traditions! This is exactly what the "Christian" church has done since being placed in power through the Pagan Emperor Constantine in their rigid enforcement of replacing the Sabbath and Divine Feasts with Sunday, Christmas, Easter, and the daily Mass, worship of dead saints, etc., Jesus' condemnation of hypocrisy seems to fit as it did the Pharisees perfectly. **Matthew 15:3,6-9** "...Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? ⁶ ... ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. ⁷Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, ⁸ This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. ⁹ But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men."

Please remember the above article and study to see how this all applies to what today's religious leaders want to force upon the world right now. Also, this same Pope Francis, who accuses those who would unbendingly follow Divine Law as being sick,

hypocrites etc. etc., that is he, who took his title from the pantheist or nature worshiper, St. Francis of Assisi, is demanding that the world immediately and rigidly follow the laws of his **Climate Change Covenant**, as laid out in his Encyclical, and visits our American president and legislators in Congress and Senate, as well as to the United Nations to see it enforced! To what end? To make the world rigidly obey him, calling the world to make and enforce his laws by carbon taxes, sanctions and for imprisonment (which must ultimately come by gunpoint!) Is this the freedom of the children of God! Or is this sick, rigid and dangerously hypocritical, showing there is an evil dual nature lurking behind his demands of rigidity in law keeping?

We will use headlines, resources (to fact check), the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy to illustrate how rapidly this all fits together into a way to make void the law of God, impose Sunday legislation, and how America is being rigidly squeezed into not only going along but leading out, even becoming the gun in the Papal plan, so to speak.

(By the way, we do not deny that Climate Change takes place, but we find that the reasons for it are being distorted. It is not true science guiding the movement to fight it, but rather, manipulated fears and denial of God and His Laws. It is also noteworthy that President Elect Donald Trump, believes much of what has guided the Paris Agreement is a hoax, and if he stays this way, he will work to hold it back a while. Not long ago, America stalled the disastrous effects the Kyoto Treaty would have imposed.)

One of the headings in the Popes encyclical ***LAUDATO SI' - ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME*** is: Section 209 II. **EDUCATING FOR THE COVENANT BETWEEN HUMANITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT** http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.pdf

"World Leaders Must Listen to Pope Francis on Climate Change."

On Monday Francis said it's "now or never" for the international community to start effectively curbing climate change. <http://time.com/4132104/paris-climate-conference-pope-francis/>

16 "**Democrat Attorneys General Begin Inquisition Against 'Climate Change Disbelievers'**

Speaking at a press conference on March 29, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said, "The bottom line is simple: Climate change is real." He went on to say that if companies are committing fraud by "lying"

about the dangers of climate change, they will “pursue them to the fullest extent of the law.” The coalition of 17 inquisitors are calling themselves “AGs United for Clean Power.”

NEARLY 200 NATIONS AGREE ON CLIMATE CHANGE DRAFT PLAN AT PARIS SUMMIT

Negotiators at COP21, the U.N. climate change conference in Paris, have settled on a rough blueprint for approaching the complex and contentious task of reining in emissions and reducing global warming. But many issues will need to be resolved by the summit's end next Friday.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2015/12/05/458575455/nearly-200-nations-agree-on-climate-change-draft-plan-at-paris-summit>

WCC LEADER SAYS FAITH GROUPS MUST FOLLOW UP ON CLIMATE DEAL

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/12/16/wcc_leader_says_faith_groups_must_follow_up_on_climate_deal/1194830

Pentagon orders commanders to prioritize climate change in all military actions.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/feb/7/pentagon-orders-commanders-to-prioritize-climate-c/>

From the beginning what has caused climate change? There were no 4 seasonal effects on weather and agriculture. It was one perfect growing season. So who is the real Boss over such things and what is their cause?

Genesis 3:17-19 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." BUT:

Leviticus 26:2-5 "Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. 3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely."

Yes, and then there is the push toward Sunday: Boston conference to focus on importance of Sabbath.

By Pilot Staff
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People of faith in today's society are increasingly faced with the challenge of balancing work, youth sports and community events scheduled during times that were once universally set aside for family and worship.

An ecumenical conference being held this month in Boston seeks to grapple with that problem.

Father Donald Conroy, of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA will be in Boston on Oct. 27 to speak on "Sabbath, Creation, and the Emerging Global Culture." His presentation will take place at 2:00 p.m., during the afternoon segment of the conference on "**The Regenerative Sabbath: Sabbath, Sunday, and Renewal,**" to be held at Old South Church in Boston's Copley Square from 9:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Father Conroy founded the International Consortium on Religion and Ecology and served on the U.N. Advisory Committee on Environmental Sabbath/World Day of Rest. He wrote and co-edited "Earth at Risk: Advancing the Environmental Dialogue Between Religion and Science." He presently also serves as chaplain to the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements.



The conference is organized by the Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S. and supported by UniteBoston, the Institute for Christian Unity, Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries and other local groups, with consultation from the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Boston.

"What's exciting about this is the way **Catholics and Evangelicals and Orthodox and all sorts of Christians are working together to uphold the fundamental commandment to keep holy the Sabbath.**"



Rodney L. Petersen

"What in our society touches us more than the pressure of time? We are living in an age of the monetization of even our last few moments of sacred rest. One of the cardinal meanings of keeping the Lord's Day sacred is that not everything can be priced," said the Rev. Dr. Rodney L. Petersen, executive director of the Lord's Day Alliance, USA.

Father Conroy's address will be followed by a series of talks by Christian and Jewish presenters modeled after the popular "TED Talks" series on the theme "How Do We Use Time?"

Among the speakers will be Paulist Father Tom Ryan of Boston, who directed the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, founded the ecumenical center Unitas Montreal, and now directs the Paulists' North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, headquartered in Boston.



In his talk, **Father Ryan** will discuss the papal and Church documents on Sabbath/Sunday issues, and on how our use of time can honor all creation as a gift.

"The erosion of the idea of the Sabbath has been an increasing concern for many faith groups, including the Catholic Church, in recent years."

In 2012, the USCCB-sponsored North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation issued a statement entitled "The Importance of Sunday" which said, "Recovering *the theological significance of Sunday is fundamental to rebalancing our lives.*"

"For Christians, Sunday, The Lord's Day, is a special day consecrated to the service and worship of God. It is a unique Christian festival. On Sunday the Church assembles to realize her eschatological fullness in the Eucharist by which The Kingdom and the endless Day of the Lord are revealed in time. It is the perpetual first day of the new creation, a day of rejoicing," the statement also said.

For years the Lord's Day Alliance has been working toward this end. Now they have reinforcement coming from all directions. This is the time to see the signs explaining the signs, and get the word of truth to cover as much ground as we can.

[ARE WE GOING TO STAY ON SATELLITE?](#)

Last month we still had \$185,000 to go. This month of December we are beginning the month needing \$125,000. That is a very big difference! It gives us courage, but can we make it? \$125,000 by January/February! Whew! Let's pray, let's work, let's sacrifice, let's do what we can. You are needed.

With all the signs smothering us we know we have but a short time to freely work for His cause.

[SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS: from Hein de Wit](#)

"I have decided to do an Afrikaans DVD version of the New Discoveries series. Is it possible to get your dad's power point presentations on this? Our pastor phoned me this morning and told that the Holy History book is bringing a lot of people in his area to the feasts.- He then read the book himself - and now is on fire! He is baptizing 5 feastkeepers in December. Our numbers are growing quicker than the church locally!" ..Folk, we *must* keep helping.

[FROM SIMENEH TEREFE: ETHIOPIA](#)

"We follow you in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, located in east Africa. Please don't stop your TV program. We are enlightened by your services. We also share what we learn to our Ethiopian fellow countrymen. Your education is really first class."

Our thanks to all who have been blessing us with this project. For them to learn and share the truth with their "fellow countrymen" is up to a united front on our part. **Be a part of it** and expect a blessing from heaven in this world, as well as in the next. Amen and Amen!

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