

Pope Francis's Climate Change Encyclical



Pope Francis Addressed the US Congress on Sept. 24th, then the United Nations on Sept. 25th

While visiting the US Congress, Pope Francis discussed issues which could lead to future changes in our Constitutional Rights. He is of the opinion that we should not consider it part of our basic rights, to have certain freedoms, but rather we should forgo some of these freedoms in order to serve the better good of the world. Will these thoughts eventually lead to changes in our Constitution that will eventually be used against the people of God who stand for the truths found in God's Holy Bible? Let us pray for God to keep the doors of freedom open a little while longer so we can win more souls to Jesus!

The Pope's 2015 visit to the USA was an historic event of Biblical proportion, as it marks the first time the head of the Roman Catholic Church addressed Congress!

Statement by President Obama on Pope Francis's Encyclical

(President Obama said) "I welcome His Holiness Pope Francis's encyclical, and deeply admire the Pope's decision to make the case - clearly, powerfully, and with the full moral authority of his position - for action on global climate change.

As Pope Francis so eloquently stated this morning, we have a profound responsibility to protect our children, and our children's children, from the damaging impacts of climate change. I believe the United States must be a leader in this effort, which is why I am committed to taking bold actions at home and abroad to cut carbon pollution, to increase clean energy and energy efficiency, to build resilience in vulnerable communities, and to encourage responsible stewardship of our natural resources. We must also protect the world's poor, who have done the least to contribute to this looming crisis and stand to lose the most if we fail to avert it.

I look forward to discussing these issues with Pope Francis when he visits the White House in September. And as we prepare for global climate negotiations in Paris this December, it is my hope that all world leaders--and all God's children--will reflect on Pope Francis's call to come together to care for our common home."

In light of what we just read, doesn't Prophecy say that the United States (the second beast of Rev. 13) will exercise the power of the 1st beast (the Papacy)? Read it below, because we are living in exciting times, watching prophecy being fulfilled right before our eyes! Are you ready for what's coming next? Do you understand the Biblical implications of the United States lending it's support to the "Papal Encyclicals"? Are you ready for Jesus?

(Rev. 13:11, 12) And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, who's deadly wound was healed. To learn more about this, email STMedia.co@gmail.com and ask for the "FREE book offer". Be sure to provide your mailing address so we can mail the books to you. (Available while supplies last within the continental United States, outside the USA, the books will be emailed to you).

Let's address a few things found in Pope Francis' latest Encyclical.

The Encyclical Pope Francis delivered to the world on June 18th, 2015, calls for Action on Climate Change. In fact, he's calling for a transformation in politics, economics and individual lifestyle habits. While he's pulling information from the global platforms of the environment, the economy, religious beliefs, and an individual's personal responsibility towards the planet, an Encyclical on climate change may sound great, however, there's much more at stake here than meets the eye.

For the modern Catholic Church, a Papal encyclical is a kind of letter concerning Catholic doctrine sent by the Pope. It's typically addressed to bishops, archbishops and patriarchs. It can then be handed down to the clergy and laity of the church as authoritative papal teachings. This encyclical however has a global reach, and Pope Francis has fashioned this opportunity to further the cause of the Papal See, in gaining a stronger global platform from which the Bible indicates, future dictates and demands will be implemented. Thus his letter is sent to the inhabitants of the whole world, and regardless whether or not you're associated with the Roman Catholic Church, you are being addressed.

Here are some of Pope Francis's statements found within the encyclical:

Section 2 states: "Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet."

Section 24: "If present trends continue, this century may well witness extraordinary climate change and an unprecedented destruction of ecosystems, with serious consequences for all of us."

Section 25: "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day."

The platform of "World Climate Change" may very well turn out to be the global platform which enables the Papal powers of Vatican City, that Religio-Political powerhouse who sits upon the Seven Hills of Rome, to further extend her influence and power into the world.

Nothing can prove this truer, than his growing worldwide popularity, and his historic visit to the United States where he addressed the United States Congress. With this visit, a whole new level of political relations have been set in motion for the future fulfilment of Bible prophecy, which will continue to advance, as the two earthly powers represented in Revelation chapter 13 will forge stronger bonds. Ultimately these bonds will lead protestant America to enact laws enforcing certain aspects of worship, not of God, but of the Papal power, pretending to be God on earth.

If this sounds a bit farfetched to you, then consider this statement made by Pope Leo XIII in an Encyclical letter dated June 20th, 1894. “We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty” (More to follow about Revelation 13, and the boastful claims of the papacy in future articles).

Let’s do a Papal Fact Check!

I’d like to focus on one portion of the Papal Encyclical having prophetic impact on current and future events. Here’s the section from the encyclical we’ll discuss. Color highlights have been added to direct your attention to each issue we’ll discuss. The issue changes with each change of color highlight.

VI. SACRAMENTAL SIGNS AND THE CELEBRATION OF REST

Section 237. On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the “first day” of the new creation, whose first fruits are the Lord’s risen humanity, the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality. It also proclaims “man’s eternal rest in God”. In this way, Christian spirituality incorporates the value of relaxation and festivity. We tend to demean contemplative rest as something unproductive and unnecessary, but this is to do away with the very thing which is most important about work: its meaning. We are called to include in our work a dimension of receptivity and gratuity, which is quite different from mere inactivity. Rather, it is another way of working, which forms part of our very essence. It protects human action from becoming empty activism; it also prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else. The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day, “so that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger, may be refreshed” (Ex 23:12).

Let’s begin with the pope’s statement “Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God...” In the book of **Daniel, chapter 7 and verse 25**, God tells us that a power would arise who would **“speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws.”** This power has positively been identified centuries ago, and most protestant churches taught the fulfillment of this prophecy was accomplished by the Roman church. There are three points to be made here before we address the Sabbath issue.

First, the Bible says this power would **“speak great words against the most High”**. In other words it would speak blasphemy against God. Blasphemy is when a man claims the prerogatives of God. We have already seen this to be true earlier in this article, found within the statement from Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical letter dated June 20th, 1894, stating. “We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty”. These are “great words against the most High”. These are words of blasphemy.

Second, this power would **“wear out the saints of the most High.”** Yes indeed, the Roman church did wear out the saints during the dark ages. They influenced the kingly powers to make war with those who stood against them. Anyone having a competent knowledge of the crusades during the dark ages will know the Roman church stood behind the killing of millions of people. Just look it up, it’s a matter of history, and when you do, think about the men and women who were put to death by torch, and those who were burned at the stake! Perhaps the most notable single instance was that of the St. Bartholomew’s Massacre.

Finally, the third point the Bible brings to light is the fact this power would **“think to change times and laws.”** Which brings us to the pope’s statement about “Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath. It is a well-known fact that only one of God’s commandments deals with time, and that would be the commandment God started with the word, “Remember”. It’s found in **Exodus 20:8-11 KJV**, and it reads, **“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”**

So what about it? Did the Religio-Political system of the Roman Catholic Church attempt to change God’s law? Have they attempted to change when the Sabbath is kept? Let’s allow the church herself, the opportunity to speak on this subject.

Written by C.F. Thomas, Chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons, and in response to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, he writes: **“of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.”**

The mind which has wisdom will see this “mark of her ecclesiastical power” is in fact, the mark of the beast as spoken of in the Bible. Please allow me to also say that God is not identifying the individual people of the Catholic Church here, but rather, God is identifying the “System” of the Catholic Church. In fulfillment of the prophecy, the Roman Catholic Church has thought to change God’s times and laws!

If you’d rather not trust the word of Cardinal Gibbons Chancellor, then read what the Catholic Encyclopedia has to say in volume 4, page 153. **“The church, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath of the seventh day of the week to the first, made the third commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord’s Day.”**

I’d like to point out that the change from Saturday to Sunday is not the only error within this statement. The Roman church here called the Sabbath, the “Jewish Sabbath”. This is not correct. Abraham is known as the father of the Jewish nation, yet Abraham only came on the scene of history, some 2,500 years after God made the Sabbath on the 7th day of creation! To seal the matter, Jesus said in Mark 2:27 that the Sabbath was made for man. Meaning it was made for mankind. Jesus did not say it was made for the Jews.

The final point of error contained within this statement of the Catholic Encyclopedia is that the Sabbath is referred to as the third commandment. In reality it is the third commandment only as found in the Catholic Catechism, but it's not the third commandment as God wrote His commandments in the Holy Bible. The Sabbath commandment is God's fourth commandment in the Bible. The reason the Church of Rome has made it the 3rd within their catechism, is because they removed the second commandment against making and worshipping idols. In doing this, they have also transgressed the law of God by bringing idols into their system of worship. Since the second commandment against idols was removed, the 3rd and all following commandments were shifted up, but of course, now there are only 9 commandments remaining.

In order to preserve the appearance of still having 10 commandments (because who ever heard of God's 9 commandments?), the church took the last commandment against coveting, and they split it into two different commandments about coveting. It simply doesn't make any sense that God would give two commandments about the same sin, but in this way the Catholic Church preserves the appearance of having 10 commandments, while not condemning herself for disobeying the commandment against having idols. This is not a secret, it's a matter of history, and you can compare the catechism with the Bible yourself! Just to be clear here, God did not write the Catholic Catechism, but He did write the 10 commandments with His own finger!

Once again, God says in His Holy Word, **Exodus 20:8-11 KJV, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."**

By the way, there are many statements from Catholic authorities down through the ages, which state, and restate, the fact that the church is responsible for changing the Sabbath. But no man has the power or authority to change what God has done. God however, has predicted this change would take place, and in fulfillment of His prophecy, and the Catholic Church as attempted to do it, but God's day still remains the Seventh-day Saturday Sabbath. It always has been, and always will be, the Seventh-day! Isaiah 66:22-23 makes it very clear that in heaven, and on the earth made new, the Sabbath will be kept as God's day of worship.

Cardinal James Gibbons himself, on page 561 of the book, "Faith of Our Fathers" states: **"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday."**

My question to you my friend is this, are you going to follow a man-made system of religion, one whose head claims to take God's place on earth? Or will you follow Jesus, and let Him be your God? To wrap up this first point, I'd like to say to all sincere Christians who may be currently keeping Sunday, instead of the day God has commanded us to "Remember", you now know the truth, and you now have a choice to make. Will you follow God and keep His Seventh-day Saturday Sabbath? Or will you follow a man-made tradition and keep Sunday, which stands in opposition of God's truth, as a false day of worship?

The bottom line is this, Saturday is the Sabbath of the Lord. It is the ONLY day GOD has EVER given to His people for weekly worship, and He has asked us to REMEMBER that day!

Now let's look at the statement where the pope says, in **Section 237** "Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the "first day" of the new creation, whose first fruits are the Lord's risen humanity, the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality. It also proclaims "man's eternal rest in God". The pope has it correct when he stated Sunday is the day of the Resurrection. However, the fact is, that nowhere in the Bible are we ever commanded to change the day of worship from God's Seventh-day "Saturday" Sabbath, to Sunday, the day of the resurrection. But this is an act the Catholic Church has taken upon herself, in direct opposition to God's Holy Word, and in direct fulfillment of Bible Prophecy as the Anti-Christ power.

The Seventh-day "Saturday" Sabbath is the ONLY day which can "proclaim man's eternal rest in God", not Sunday. The Bible says that we shall work 6 days and rest the Seventh, therefore Sunday (the First day of the week) was created as an ordinary day of work, not a day of worship.

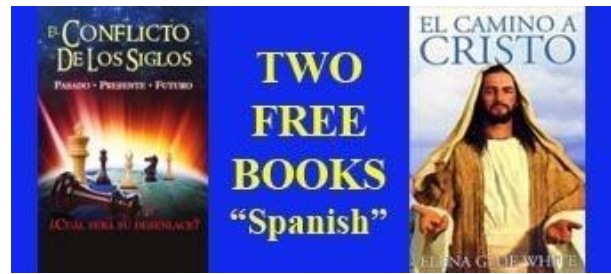
Pope Francis did have it right when he stated "The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day," God's Sabbath is not to be used for common activity like shopping, or working. God's Sabbath is for worshipping God. Yet even those who are sincere and don't know the truth about the false Sunday Papal Sabbath, still don't keep Sunday holy as God has commanded the Sabbath to be kept. After going to church, most Christians in the world go about life as any other day, shopping, sports, working, partying, etc..., so not only do they observe the wrong day, they also don't keep the day they observe holy for the Lord. I know this is true because I was a Catholic, and I still have many friends who are Catholic.

Having said that, we have also just addressed the pope's statement, "In this way, Christian spirituality incorporates the value of relaxation and festivity." God's Sabbath is not meant for festivities! It is meant to break away from our daily activities and to focus our attention on God. To come apart from the daily activities and to be recharged in the Spirit of God. In this way we can become a blessing to others throughout the week, because we have sought the infilling of God's Holy Spirit through worship and prayer.

In closing, there are two verses I'd like to share with you. The first is found in **Ezekiel 20:12** "Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them." By this verse, God clearly says the Sabbath is the sign that you are sanctified by Him. Won't you begin keeping the Sabbath today, won't you begin keeping the day that is God's sign of your sanctification in Him?

The last verse is found in **Revelation 18:4** "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Friend, God Loves you with an everlasting love, but there will be a day that all flesh must stand before our Holy God, and He doesn't want you standing on the side of error and deception. If you find yourself keeping Sunday, or holding onto any of the false doctrines of the Roman Church, then God says to you, because He loves you, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." It's my prayer that you will prayerfully consider this plea from God, and come out of this false Sunday keeping system.

May God bless you and your loved ones as you seek to know and understand His will for your life.



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