

# FINAL EVENTS



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## Escape All These Things

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” Luke 21:36.

We are commanded to watch and pray. Are we watching? Are we praying? What are we supposed to be watching? Dancing with the stars? The champions ball game? When Jesus says “watch,” what does He want us to watch? He's referring to the signs of the times that are now unfolding in our world. We are supposed to be paying attention to current events and comparing them to God's Word in order to figure out what time it is. We must understand where we stand in prophetic history. We are to be alert and aware that Jesus' second coming is approaching and approaching rapidly.

Are we watching? Are we praying about this? Are we praying for help to fall in love with Jesus so we cherish Him more than anything or anyone else in the world? We need to pray that we will hate sin so much that we would rather die than sin against our Lord. Only then will we escape the destruction that is to come upon the world and the wicked. Sin and sinners will be destroyed.



“Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place” (*Review and Herald*, January 20, 1903, par. 5).

Closing events in our world have been foretold by God. They have all been brought to light. There is no reason for us to be oblivious to what is happening now! And who, dear brothers and sisters, is being guided by God today? Who is under God's authority? Who is the Holy Spirit leading? Who are those that are working with God? They are those who “catch” prophetic events as they unfold. We must be aware of what God is doing.

“Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history” (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 716).

God says we need present truth. And this present truth is not always pleasant truth. So what does it mean to give present truth? We have to show people where we are in prophetic history. Prophetic events have to be connected with the gospel. People have to know this world is not going to last forever. They have to know Jesus is coming soon, and a work of preparation is needed in order to be ready.

“Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations, trouble that will not cease until Jesus comes” (*Maranatha*, p. 25).

What is happening in our world right now? What concerns the entire world? World War III? Why are these events taking place? Most importantly, when will problems facing our world come to an end? We are told the troubles facing humanity will not end until Jesus comes. In fact, they will get worse and worse. So the only solution is the coming of Christ. He will end the injustices, the violence, the wickedness, the unfairness and all the suffering. Our politicians do not have the answers. Only God has answers.



As Christians, we cannot put an end to all the problems, but we can preach the gospel so Jesus can come and fix everything.

Jesus tells us, "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" Matthew 24:6.

We've always had conflicts, but did you know there are nuclear weapons that are far more powerful and faster than they have ever been before. Therefore, some fear a nuclear holocaust and the end of the world over the Ukraine-Russian crisis. However, sixty-three times in Scripture we are told to "Fear not!" Then Jesus calmly reminds us, "All these are **the beginning of sorrows**" Matthew 24:8. God is still on His throne. Even during crisis, He still has a work for us to do.

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old ... But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" 2 Peter 3:5, 7.

The only place this world is going is to the day of judgment. God created the heavens and the earth, but the world is "willingly ignorant" of this fact. What was God's method for making the earth?

"By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth...For He spake, and it was done; He

commanded, and it stood fast" Psalm 33:6-9. Creation was a miraculous display. Do we agree with what the Bible says? By that same Word, our world is being held in reserve for the day of judgment. (See Jude 14-25.) This means it is God Himself who is preventing Armageddon. It's not the United Nations, the current administration in the U.S.A. or the World Economic Forum.

Honestly, it is truly a miracle that we still have a nation to wake up to every morning. It is only by the mercies of God that our world is still here, as bad as

it is. God is preserving this judgment-bound generation and He has called us to prepare the world for that judgment. Daniel and Revelation





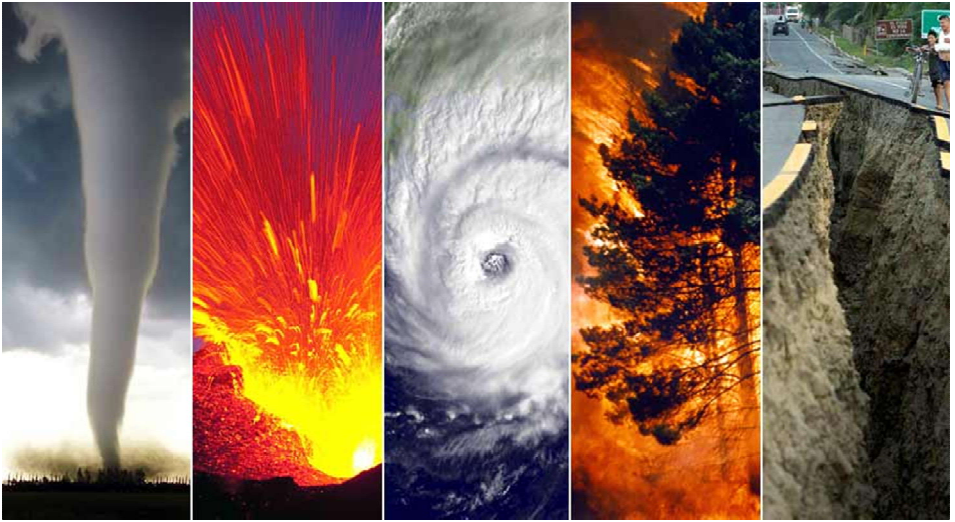


tell us a lot about judgment. Revelation 14:7 says, “the hour of His judgment has come.” We need to understand exactly what this means!

“The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones” (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 11).

What does God say is the cause of the unsettled state of society? Why is our world in such big trouble? Is it the political leaders that are causing this chaos? There is a reason that supersedes what political leaders are doing. God’s Spirit is being withdrawn from the earth. The Holy Spirit restrains sinful hearts and holds human nature in check. But when He is rejected time and again, He finally withdraws. And don’t be surprised at what human nature is capable of when left to the control of demons who come in when God withdraws.

When humans are devoid of the Holy Spirit, they will kill and destroy. There will be more wars, calamities, judgments and plagues. Some say “If we could only elect certain persons into political office, all our problems will end.” Others say, “If we could pass this law or that, then we can save the world.” And they are going to try this! But, fallen, sinful human nature cannot solve the world’s problems. The problem is sin. As men and women become “despisers of God’s grace,” He says He will remove His Holy Spirit and leave us to the choices we have made.



"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another" Matthew 24:10.

All the chaos going on is all over the planet. It has found in homes, schools, churches; it's everywhere. And it all started in heaven. Lucifer, the son of the morning, decided he wanted to be in charge. He wanted to take God's throne, but before that could happen, he and his angelic imps were cast out upon the earth. So that devil, Satan, continues to war against God on the earth by warring against God's children. (See Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Revelation 12:7-9.)

Unfortunately, today's social differences will not be solved. We can only begin to mend the wounds and divisions in our lives after Christ enters our hearts. He can bring peace amid the storms. And there will be peace on earth **after sin and sinners are destroyed and Christ establishes His kingdom upon a purified planet.**

"And there shall be signs ... and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring" Luke 21:25.

Natural disasters are becoming more and more frequent and intense. What is the solution? Some say we need new economic or environmental policies. "Stop drilling for oil and we will stop green house gases; then earth will start to cool." These are humanity's solutions, but what does God say?

"The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the earth, and calamity follows calamity by sea and by land. There are tempests, earthquakes, fires, floods, murders of every grade. Who can read the future? Where is security? There is assurance in nothing that is human or earthly" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 636).

What is the cause of calamities on sea and land? What is causing an increase in floods, fires, murders and disasters of every sort? As we have said, it is the withdrawing of the Holy Spirit from our earth.

“The conditions prevailing in society, 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. We are not to be surprised at this time by events both great and decisive; for the angel of mercy cannot remain much longer to shelter the impenitent” (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 278).

We are told that conditions in the world are preaching to us. Current events are speaking. Are we listening? In fact, current events are speaking in thunder tones,—telling us that Jesus is coming very soon. Are we listening? If we are not listening, God has other ways of getting our attention. Are we reading our Bibles? Are we taking time to watch, pray and study? Will God have to use one of His drastic measures to get our attention?

The wars we are seeing right now certainly has the world's attention. These events are speaking; they proclaim that Christ is soon to come and we need to be ready.

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations;...then shall the end come” Matthew 24:14.

“Occupy till I come” Luke 19:13. There is a special work God will do



during this time. He will use both men and women to carry out His Divine Plan. Christian friends, we have a mission and a responsibility to fulfill. Life is more than just getting a job and earning a living. We have a message to give to the world, and just like the world is judgment-bound so the church will also have to face God in judgment and give an account to Him.

Jesus said to watch and pray;



He also says to "Occupy till I come" Luke 19:13. What does that mean? Does it mean we are to go on with life as usual? No, it means someone is going to be preaching a final warning message to the world so Jesus can come. Who are these people that will be preaching His message?

"Christ is coming the second time, with power unto salvation. To prepare human beings for this event, He has sent the first, second, and third angel's messages. **These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world**" (*Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, pg. 978, 979).

Whom do the three angels represent? Have you seen them? What do three angels mean? They represent people. What kind of people? Not just any person; they represent those who have received truth and are taking the messages found in Revelation 14:6-12 to the world.

This is a prophetic sign of the end times. Along with all the other signs of the times, there will be a special work done in every nation, with every kindred, tongue and people. Does that include the towns and cities where we live? Really, who among us is responsible?

Are the three angels really flying in the midst of heaven? Yes. This means they are working; they are occupied. They are not just sitting around playing cards or watching television or other media. Neither are they sleeping!

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing" Matthew 24:45-46, NKJV.

Those who are found faithful will be those who are doing the work God has given us to do. Brothers and sisters, we cannot just "talk" about doing God's work. Talking is not enough. Our words have to become actions. Faith has to be demonstrated. The angels are flying, moving and working; those angels are us, you and I, with our guardian angels protecting us, helping us, moving around with us.

"If that evil servant shall say in his heart, 'My Lord delayeth His coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth' Matthew 24:48-51.

In the parable, the evil servant was living like the world lives. There was no urgency to work for the Master. There was no need to do anything. And the Master came when the servant least expected Him to come. Is this just a parable? No, brothers and sisters. This describes our condition today. Through our actions we say: "My Lord delayeth His coming." By the way we live, we show if we believe or don't believe that Jesus is coming soon.

When we give only \$5 for evangelism but spend \$1,000 on a vacation, what are we saying? "My Master is delaying His coming." When preachers preach pleasant truth and not present truth, what are they saying? "My Master is delaying His coming." When the invitation to prayer meeting or to do missionary work is given, and we prefer to stay home and watch television for five hours, or take a long nap, what are we saying? "My Master is delaying His coming."

When we partake in all the festivities of the world, but don't have time to volunteer in church or help in ministry, what are we saying? "My Master is delaying His coming." What is going to happen if we keep going down this road?

"His Lord answered and said unto him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ... Cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness'" Matthew 25:26-30, NKJV.

These are not our words; these are the words of Jesus. And when Jesus comes again, we don't want to hear Him tell us, "You wicked and lazy servant." We don't want Him to say, "I never knew you, depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" Matthew 7:23. We don't want to hear the words, "Cast out all the unprofitable servants."

Brothers and Sisters, we want to be ready for Jesus to come and help others to be ready also. We want to hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" Matthew 25:21.

Jesus is speaking to us today; not just in His Word, but through the signs of the times and current events in our world. He is calling us to get ready and **be** ready. Let us heed His loving and tender call. Let us not refuse His sweet voice. Let us not reject His Holy Spirit, Who seeks to draw us, awaken us and prepare us to accomplish the work of evangelism. Let us be ready for **the latter rain** that is soon to come!





# **The World's Coming Judgment —Why do Civilizations End?**

BBC News published an article entitled, "Are We on the Road to Civilization Collapse?" Some of the facts and history they bring out are very revealing. They chronicle how the great empires of the past rose to power and eventually fell. The article concludes by declaring our modern society is also headed towards a major collapse.<sup>[1]</sup>

We agree. The main question is, Why? What is it that causes nations and civilizations to collapse? BBC News says global warming will ultimately bring about our demise. However, God's Word identifies a different reason for the fall of civilizations.

The Scriptures teach us that societies do not cease to exist because of economics, immigration, inflation, pollution or any other social problem. The great, ancient civilizations of the early antediluvians, the Babylonians, as well as the Egyptians and the Canaanites, all came to an end because of the sins they were committing, which brought the judgments of God upon themselves.

Whenever any group of people become so morally depraved and corrupt, they will either self-destruct or be conquered and absorbed by another nation. This does not happen by chance but by divine justice. The conquest of Canaan by Israel attests to this truth. God told Abraham 400 years before Israel actually conquered the land of Canaan that His children would not possess the land entirely until the iniquity of the Canaanites had become "full" (Genesis 15:16).

In fact, it wasn't really Israel who conquered the powerful kings of



Canaan. God evicted them and cast them out of the land. Why? Because of social inequality and economics? Not at all. It was because of their abominable sins which had defiled the land. This is exactly that which God had warned Israel about when they entered the Promised Land. He warned them not to repeat the sins of the Canaanites:

“Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants” Leviticus 18:24-25.

It was God who brought these pagan civilizations to their end after 400 years of mercy and grace. The inhabitants of Canaan had plenty of opportunities to learn about the true God through Melchizedek, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They had also heard of what the true, living God had done to Egypt when Israel was miraculously liberated. They again rejected the God of heaven by declaring war against Joshua when Israel entered the Promised Land. Some joined Israel, like Rahab and Ruth, but most of them refused to acknowledge the God of Abraham.

Here is the same solemn warning repeated to Israel about not embracing the sins of Egypt or Canaan:

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I AM the LORD your God. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances” Leviticus 18:1-3.

What were the four cardinal sins committed by Canaan that brought their ancient civilization to an end? Sadly, many of our people don't understand this. Our society, including many churches, is not only repeating these same sins, but we have gone way beyond what those ancient societies did. Let's review what those four cardinal sins were:

## **1. Marital Infidelity**

“Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her” Leviticus 18:20.

God didn't make any mistakes when He created Adam and Eve; and it wasn't Adam and Steve. He created both, male and female by design as distinct sexual beings. God designed sex to be holy and sacred within the boundaries of His design: one man and one woman lovingly committed to each other in holy matrimony.

Sexual relationships outside those boundaries is a perversion. That which was never God's will for our lives is sin. The devil says you don't need marital vows. You don't need commitments. The devil tells people they don't need to obey God because it's all about what makes them feel good. Do whatever you want, however many times you want, with whomever you want, because it's all about you. What are the results? Broken lives, broken hearts, broken homes and a broken society.

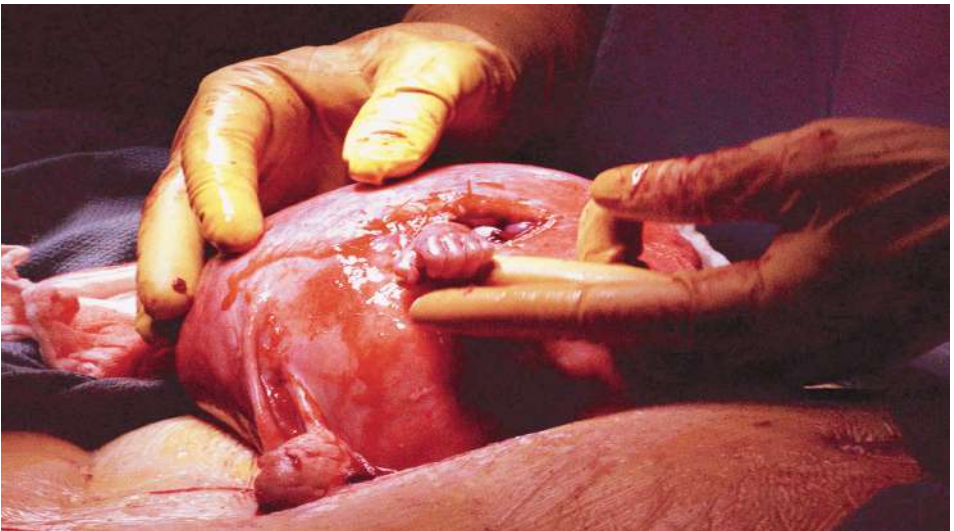
## 2. Child Sacrifice

“And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech” Leviticus 18:21.

Children are a gift from God entrusted to us. We are to raise them for His glory and honor. This is God’s design for our children. But, ever since the days of Nimrod, the leader of ancient Babylon, it has been the devil’s plan to destroy our children. In pagan religions found throughout the land of Canaan, the people would burn their babies alive while offering them as sacrifices to their false gods. How barbaric and tragic!

With that said, we have no right to condemn the Canaanites for burning their babies when we, here in “civilized” America, burn our babies alive in the womb with saline solutions, cut them to pieces with a Ginsu knife, or suck their brains out to collapse their skulls during partial birth abortions. There is nothing more cruel and inhumane than what we allow here in America for the sake of “convenience.”

The sins of the Canaanites are very much alive today. The worship of Molech is the worship of Satan, and these heinous acts bring honor to the devil only. Listen, God didn’t let the Canaanites get away with this, nor did He allow the Israelites to escape when they adopted these abominations. Do we really believe God is going to continue to look the other way when these same sins are committed in America? A day of reckoning is fast approaching!



The “Hand of Hope” is a 1999 medical photograph taken by Michael Clancy during open fetal surgery, showing the hand of the fetus extending from the incision in the mother’s uterus and seeming to grasp the surgeon’s finger. Clancy was documenting a procedure being developed at Vanderbilt University to treat spina bifida. The photograph was taken on August 19, and the baby (Samuel Alexander Armas) was safely delivered on December 2, 1999.[\[2\]](#)

Another form of sacrifice which we only briefly mention: the barbaric practice of extracting blood from the pituitary gland of a live, tortured, kidnapped child. The product is called adrenochrome, a byproduct of adrenaline. Elites deny this fact and call it misinformation.<sup>[3]</sup> But just keep researching and you will find it is very true!

Then there is the kidnapping of children for trafficking purposes. This is a world-wide problem and one of the most lucrative businesses; much more than drug sales! <sup>[4]</sup> <sup>[5]</sup>

### **3. Homosexuality**

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination" Leviticus 18:22.

Throughout the Holy Scriptures, God condemns homosexuality. Some say the sin of Sodom was not homosexuality but inhospitality. Others say that Jesus never condemned same-sex relationships. Many have come up with various arguments to try to normalize and condone their gay lifestyles. But their arguments don't hold water!

The Bible indicates the men of Sodom desired to rape and sodomize the angels of God. The sin of homosexuality originated in Sodom, which was located in the land of Canaan, and Scriptures say that homosexuality is sin. God's Word has not changed, but our culture has. Homosexuality was one of the major sins in the land of Canaan that brought about the moral and political collapse of their civilization.

Read Romans 1:20-32 in the Bible. It is clear! The gay lifestyle is condemned by God's Word!

### **4. Bestiality**

"Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion" Leviticus 18:23.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9. There is no hope for the carnal, unregenerate, human heart except as it surrenders to Jesus. Sinful flesh without the control of the Holy Spirit will NEVER be satisfied.

A person tries to fill the void in his or her heart with fame, wealth, liquor, drugs and sex. All of these vanities are only temporary fixes that can never satisfy. Jesus alone can fill the empty void in our lives.

A vain and corrupt heart without Christ will only push us to the next level of sin, then the next, and the next, looking for something that can never fulfill desires of a reprobate mind, even to the point of bestiality.

Though this sin is already here, the legalization of bestiality is not far away. Why? Because our society has already lost its moral compass. If a man is attracted to another man, our society says that same-sex attraction is not wrong. He was born that way. His rights must be pro-



tected, and how dare anyone say it's wrong. What about someone who is attracted to animals? Maybe he was born that way too? Maybe his rights should be protected, and how dare anyone say it is wrong? The very same arguments used to justify the LGBTQ+ lifestyle can also be used to justify bestiality.

**The Bible specifically says it is wrong, therefore it is wrong!**

## Conclusion

Infidelity, child sacrifices and sexual molestation or pedophilia, homosexuality, bestiality—the legalization of SIN! Where will it end?

“Ye shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled); that the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you” Leviticus 18:26-28.

Our society is on the brink of moral catastrophe. There is nothing new under the sun; the same reprobate mindset that existed in Canaan exists today. The very sins that caused the Canaanites to lose their place in history are on full display today—and even worse. We have gone beyond what they did in Canaan, because all these abominations are making their way into the church.

God keeps a record of our sins in His Book of Remembrance. Not one sin is lost or misstated. God is measuring America's iniquity in the same way He measured the iniquities of all previous civilizations. God's mercy bears long with the nations and when the cup of indignation has reached its limit; when the period of grace and mercy has ended, **utter destruction will follow.**

“God keeps a reckoning with the nations. Through every century of this world's history evil workers have been treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath; and when the time fully comes that iniquity shall have reached the stated boundary of God's mercy, His forbearance will cease. When the accumulated figures in heaven's record books shall mark the sum of transgression complete, wrath will come, unmixed with mercy, ... **This crisis** will be reached when the nations shall unite in **making void God's Law**” (*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 523).

We believe the Sunday Law crisis is just around the corner! Many do not believe that such a thing could ever happen in America. We will see.

[1] <http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20190218-are-we-on-the-road-to-civilisation-collapse>

[2] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hand\\_of\\_Hope#:~:text=Hand%20of%20Hope%20is%20a,University%20to%20treat%20spina%20bifida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hand_of_Hope#:~:text=Hand%20of%20Hope%20is%20a,University%20to%20treat%20spina%20bifida)

[3] <https://www.menshealth.com/health/a34786868/what-is-adrenochrome>

[4] <http://humantraffickinghotline.org> (If you see anything suspicious, send email or ...)

[5] Here is the national human trafficking phone number: 888-373-7888

## **A Boy's Ballet Performance— What Were They Thinking?!**

On November 30, 2019, Pope Francis assisted the “I Can” Global Children’s Summit in Rome, Italy. About 3,500 young people from 40 countries came together to discuss how to become agents of change. The “I Can” Global Children’s Summit was inspired by Pope Francis’ *“Laudato Si”* encyclical.<sup>[1]</sup> Since this was a child event, the pope was entertained by an inappropriate mature ballet performance in which a young boy was dressed in traditional, immodest, ballet tights and top. (You may see a video of the performance which begins at the 11:48 mark.<sup>[2]</sup>) Various higher-ups from the Catholic leadership were there representing the Catholic Church’s esteem for the DFC (Design for Change) annual conference which chose Rome, Italy as this year’s venue.

Looking at this ballet dance without any context might make you think there was nothing wrong with the performance. However, when you consider Rome’s past, their current sex abuse epidemic and the predatory priests who target children, then you realize the organizers of this event demonstrated extremely poor judgment. No parent should ever allow their children to dance around in this fashion; it’s embarrassing in any company; but to amuse the pope and his colleagues it is downright repulsive.

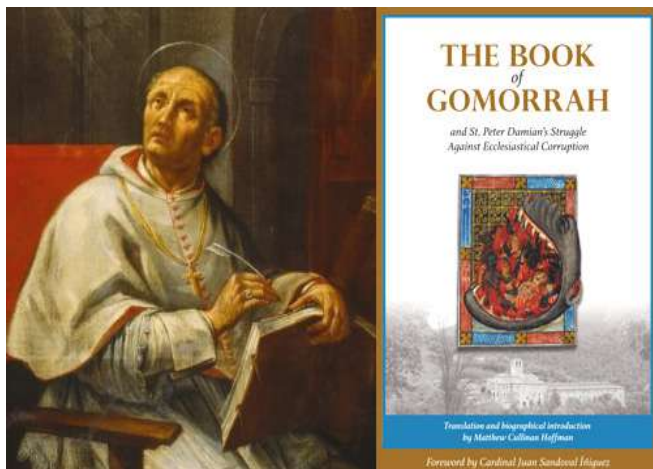
The poor boy in the video is like a lamb prancing around in the company of ravaging wolves. For nearly 2,000 years, Catholic families have been entrusting their children to predatory priests, only to see them abused and destroyed. (Why would parents continue to do this when many of them have suffered the same?) What greater evil can there be in this world than the wholesale, systematic raping of children? This has happened in every Catholic archdiocese in every nation and culture where Rome has a presence—and not just in this era, but in every age for centuries.

### **St. Peter Damian**

Peter Damian, born in the year 1007, was a Benedictine monk, Roman

Catholic cardinal, church doctor, and one of Rome's greatest priests who fought against the church's rampant pedophilia and homosexual epidemic. Damian wrote a book called *"The Book of Gomorrah,"* which is a scathing rebuke against Rome's "phenomena of clerical homosexuality and pederasty" (sexual relationship with boys); and he also endorsed the "imprisonment of clergy who are a danger to youth."<sup>[3]</sup>

Not only did Peter Damian attack the Catholic clergy who were having



sexual relationships with children, he also railed against the church for keeping quiet about these abuses, for harboring child sex abusers and covering up scandals:

"Damian blames lax ecclesiastical superiors for their 'silence' with regard to clerical sodomy, and regards them as sharing in the guilt of

those under their authority. 'Undoubtedly, those who turn a blind eye to the sins of their subjects that they are obligated to correct, also grant to their subjects a license to sin through their ill-considered silence,' writes Damian, later adding that he would rather be persecuted than to fail to speak out. 'Indeed, I prefer to be thrown innocent into a well with Joseph, who accused his brothers of the worst of crimes to their father, than to be punished by the retribution of divine fury with [the high priest] Eli, who saw the evil of his children and was silent.'<sup>[4]</sup>

The Catholic community as a whole is responsible for the systemic sexual abuse of children. Not only have these abuses been going on for nearly 2,000 years, but those in leadership positions do nothing to remove these predators from the priesthood. Instead of excommunicating them, they help to cover up their crimes. Members of the Catholic clergy who fail to speak out, turn a blind eye, and say nothing about these abominations, are just as guilty as those who commit such crimes.

Those who put money into the offering plates of the Catholic Church are paying for the salaries of pedophile priests. They also pay the salaries of complicit bishops who say nothing, corrupt cardinals who move them around, and deceitful popes who pretend nothing is happening. There is no real interest on the part of the church to investigate this sinful conduct. No one seems interested in naming them or throwing them out of office. It is only when law enforcement gets involved, or the scandal becomes public that the church might acknowledge some cases of abuse. However, there is little-to-no cooperation with law enforcement, prosecutors or attorneys



representing victims. Two feature-length movies have recently exposed the terrible truths and exactly this type of duplicity by the hierarchy: “*Spotlight*” (2015) and the Netflix documentary, “*The Keepers*.”

“They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable,...disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate” Titus 1:16.

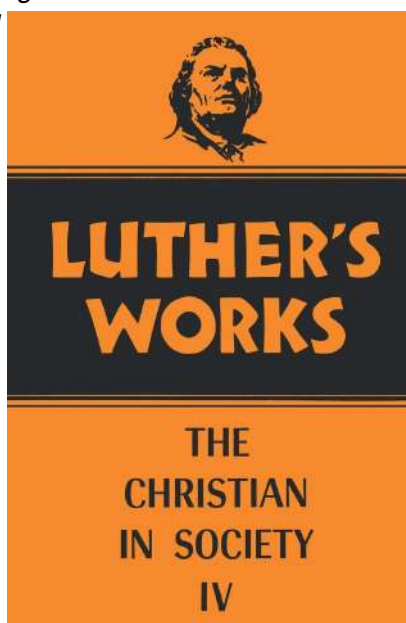
### What Martin Luther Said About Child Abuse

The plague of child sex abuse and corruption only grew with the passing of time. Five hundred years after Peter Damian, Martin Luther published a pamphlet in 1531 called “*Warnunge D. Martini Luther/An seine lieben Deudschen*” (*Dr. Luther’s Warning to the German People*). This pamphlet is found on page 38 of Luther’s Works, vol. 47, and gives Luther’s assessment of Rome’s child sex crisis in his generation:

“More remarkable yet, in the same bull they decided that a cardinal should not keep as many boys in the future. However, Pope Leo commanded that this be deleted; otherwise it would have been spread throughout the whole world how openly and shamelessly the pope and the cardinals in Rome practice sodomy ... This vice is so prevalent among them that recently a pope caused his own death by means of this sin and vice. In fact, he died on the spot.”

Martin Luther revealed that Pope Leo X was against an effort to publish a bull (an official papal letter or document that would become public record) limiting the number of young boys a Catholic cardinal could keep in his home for the purpose of abusing them sexually. Luther was not saying the cardinals were against child sex abuse; only that they wanted to limit the number of child sex partners at one time. However, Luther claimed that Pope Leo X was against publicizing their horrific abominations.

**Martin Luther was not trying to fraternize with these wicked men. He was exposing them.** Today, Protestants have abandoned their protest and are instead uniting with Rome even as Catholicism continues in its long-standing tradition of victimizing young boys and girls too.



**Martin Luther’s book exposing Catholic pedophilia.**

### Pope Benedict XVI and the Lawrence Murphy Case

When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI, he inherited a growing sex abuse crisis from his predecessor, Pope John Paul II. Benedict XVI had to confront an explosion of accusations from all over the world. In addition to the inherited scandals, he also faced personal accusa-

tions that he himself had harbored and moved abusing priests while he was the Archbishop of Munich.[5]

Then a bombshell HBO documentary was made, "*Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence in the House of God.*"

This documentary revealed that Pope Benedict XVI, while working as a cardinal at the Vatican, was complicit for covering up the abuse of a priest and serial child molester, Lawrence Murphy,[5] who was preying on 200 boys at a



**The deaf children from the school near Milwaukee, Wisconsin who were sexually abused during the "Lawrence Murphy Case." See entire documentary.[7]**

school for the deaf.[6] Pope Benedict XVI resigned shortly after this documentary came out. This incident was called the "Lawrence Murphy Case" and led to a broad investigation which resulted in more allegations of abuse. Today, there are over 8,000 cases of child sex abuse by 100 priests in the same archdiocese where Murphy worked.[8]

Think about it: In just one Catholic archdiocese, there are more than 8,000 verified cases of priests abusing and raping children; but it gets worse. What is happening in this one archdiocese is also happening in others across the United States. Then, **it gets even worse.** Children have been abused and raped in every country wherever there is a Catholic presence, and there are 627 Roman Catholic archdioceses worldwide.[9]

Therefore, if you do the math, there are literally hundreds of thousands (if not millions) of cases of priests raping boys worldwide in just the last 50 years. However, even this is not the full scope of the problem. Rome has been preying on children for over 1,000 years. It is a fact, the Catholic Church is the largest, most well-funded, protected, powerful, influential, organized group of pedophiles in the history of the world! It is pure evil that this association of pedophilia is clothed in a garb of "Christianity." Yet some will call us evil for pointing this out.

Is this the Rome that Protestants are so willing to embrace today? Is this the entity with which Protestant churches want to unite? How can this be? What has happened to **the protest?**



## Archbishop Viganó and Pope Francis

Italian Archbishop Maria Viganó was the former apostolic nuncio to the United States until April 2016. According to Archbishop Viganó, the Vatican is like the mafia because of their conspiracy to remain silent on the subject of child sex abuse.<sup>[10]</sup> **Archbishop Viganó also called upon Pope Francis to resign from the papacy for covering up certain sex abuse scandals during his tenure.**

“Archbishop Viganó claimed that the Vatican hierarchy was complicit in covering up accusations that Cardinal Theodore McCarrick had sexually abused seminarians and that Pope Francis knew about the abuses by the now-disgraced American prelate years before they became public. Yet, the letter contended, Francis did not punish the cardinal, but instead empowered him to help choose powerful American bishops.”<sup>[11]</sup>

Allegedly, Archbishop Viganó reported a fellow cardinal to Pope Francis

who had abused young seminarians. That’s what church officials are supposed to do. They are supposed to speak out when abusers are identified. With that said, according to Archbishop Viganó, how did Pope Francis respond? What did Francis do to the offending cardinal? There was no discipline. Instead, he empowered the abuser which sent a message to other priests who are guilty of the same.



**The former Vatican ambassador to the USA, Archbishop Viganó (left), accused Pope Francis of concealing the sexual abuse scandal.**

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An astonishing number of priests—those in the role of highest local authority to the world’s Catholic believers—are raping boys; and those who have the authority to remove these perpetrators choose instead to shelter and protect them rather than the thousands of innocents who’ve been victimized. These are not priests or godly men, nor are they behaving in a Christian manner. These are sick sexual predators. And all the good nuns, bishops, cardinals and popes have not only kept quiet; they are enabling the predators and covering up their abuse. The so-called “good” Catholic leaders turn a blind eye, make excuses and transfer predators to different

locations. Even the good Catholic laypeople are complicit.

If a Catholic layperson is found to be sexually abusing a child they are locked up in prison. If they were abused as children by their priest, they know it is possible for their own children to be abused. Why do they continue to allow their children to be with a priest, unsupervised?

The Catholic leadership continues to get away with abusing children, because of a conspiracy by those in charge. They continue to hide the abuse and sweep it under the rug to this very day. **They are aiding and abetting child sexual predators. That is a crime. Lock them all up! This is a criminal organization, not a church.** Rome, as a system, was started by Emperor Constantine, not by Jesus Christ.[\[12\]](#)

Why? Because they take the money the members give to support their so-called “gospel” and use it to pay lawyers to fight against the victims who were sexually abused by the church’s leaders. They also use the money to silence the abused and create a climate of fear for victims. This not only perpetuates a code of silence but also enables predators to prey on more victims.

### **Why Others Are Held Accountable, but Not Rome’s Clergy**

No one else on planet Earth can get away with the sins Rome commits. Take, for example, Penn State University. Here we have an institution where some people in responsible positions abused children while conducting school-related activities.



Jerry Sandusky, center, was convicted of child sex abuse. He and other Penn State University administrators, were severely punished.

conducting school-related activities. Jerry Sandusky, a retired assistant coach for the Penn State football team, was convicted of 45 counts of rape and child sexual abuse, those victims of which he met through his “Second Mile” non-profit charity, serving underprivileged children and at-risk youth.

Not only was he sentenced to 30-60 years in prison, but school president, Graham Spanier, vice president, Gary Schultz, and athletic director, Tim Curley, also lost their jobs and were charged with perjury, obstruction of justice, failure to report suspected child abuse and other related charges.

Penn State University was fined \$60 million. The football team was not allowed to play in the post-season for four years. School scholarships were reduced and all victories by the football team from 1998 to 2011 were vacated.[\[13\]](#)

These were harsh and severe consequences; so why does Rome, who



has literally millions and millions of child abuse and rape cases on her record, still have the support of celebrities, politicians and Protestants? Why is the pope still welcomed with open arms in every nation? It is a mystery which the **Bible calls “the mystery of iniquity”** (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12) and that mystery continues to develop before our eyes.



However, it is no mystery if you understand the beast of Bible prophecy. The reason why the world is returning in droves to Rome and their corrupt system; the reason why this corrupt system is so popular is because the Bible reveals its authority has a super-natural backing that is not from heaven.

**“And the dragon [Satan] gave him [the pope of Rome] his power, and his seat, and great authority”** Revelation 13:2.

**“And all the world wondered after the beast”** Revelation 13:3.

### **Her Sins Have Reached Up to Heaven**

“For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 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.** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities” Revelation 18:3-5.

When the Bible says Babylon’s sins have reached unto heaven, this is not just a metaphor. One after another, her abominations are heaped on top of each other, and God sees them all. He doesn’t ignore them. This is similar to when God heard the cry of Sodom:

**“And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me”** Genesis 18:20, 21.

God’s love is seen in His solution for Babylon. Even though Babylon’s moral corruption has reached unto heaven, God, in mercy gives a loving, effectual warning to the faithful to come out of this catastrophic state of moral decay. **God has a people in Babylon, but He is calling them out**

because He doesn't want them partaking in Babylon's sins by having fellowship with these wicked leaders. Those who remain in Babylon and who wonder after the beast will surely receive of her plagues – there will be no exceptions.



“An innumerable host of evil angels are spreading over the whole land and crowding the churches. **These agents of Satan** look upon the religious bod-

ies with exultation, for the cloak of religion covers the greatest crimes and iniquities” (*Early Writings*, p. 274).

Still, the whole world, including Protestants, is flocking to Rome to take photos with the pope. Why is the world and all its churches cozying up to Rome? Why do people keep taking their kids back to this institution to potentially be nurtured by predatory pedophiles? Why do people continue to maintain their membership in an organization that would commit such unspeakable horrors to children? Have we forgotten the soon coming judgments of God?

**“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them”** Romans 1:32.

“How the Roman church can clear herself from the charge of idolatry we cannot see ... **And this is the religion which Protestants are beginning to look upon with so much favor, and which will eventually be united with Protestantism**” (*Last Day Events*, p. 130).

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# The Abomination of Desolation and the Coming Sunday Law

The signs of the times given to us by Jesus in Matthew 24 are becoming more important, relevant and key for this very hour. This chapter covers everything, including the gospel, salvation, the need to watch and pray, maintaining our spiritual life and connection to God, along with all the signs of the end times.

Matthew 24 tells us of the need to share and spread the gospel, of how soon Jesus is coming, and how close we are to the closing events. It also warns



us of dangers that exist in our world—dangers of which we need to be aware. Why are these things happening? Why is there so much turmoil? Who is behind it all? Jesus tells us who the key players are—if we will only study His Word and compare scripture with scripture. We can learn exactly who is involved in creating all the chaos.

The last days are upon us; signs are fast fulfilling. We can hardly keep up with current events. All the pieces of the puzzle are coming

together. Wars, rumors of wars, nations rising against nations; you can pick the conflict. America, China, Russia, Iran, North Korea.

We are also seeing pestilence and plagues. Pick the virus; we have so many coming out with new variations. The current pandemic, with all of its mutations is something



we have had to live with for the last couple of years. How about



strife, anger, hatred, divisions, crime, floods, fires and destructive natural disasters? All of these are leading us to the greatest crisis our world will ever see when the mark of the beast is enforced, which brings us to the two climactic signs that will be seen during these last days.

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” Matthew 24:14.

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains” Matthew 24:15, 16.

Apostasy, sin, wickedness, deceptions, the union of the churches on the platform of error, these will be some of the policies that will be executed during the abomination of desolation, designed to bring tyranny and oppression. What is the abomination that will bring desolation? We don't have to guess. Scripture is its own interpreter.

“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto” Luke 21:20, 21.

Who were the armies that encircled Jerusalem? What armies occupied Judea during the time of Christ? What governing authority was in charge of Palestine and had to approve Christ's crucifixion? The description in Matthew 24:15 and Luke 21:20 is about Rome and her forces. And Rome's armies are still attempting to conquer the world. We aren't talking about the pagan Roman Empire of the past. Emperor Constantine founded the Roman Church and gave it power and authority, absorbing ancient Rome into papal Rome.

Take note of this: “As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of





power on the part of our nation [the United States] in the decree enforcing the papal sabbath [Sunday] will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains" (*Testimonies*, vol. 5 pp. 464, 465).

Over the years, there have been different voices who have expressed that our historic beliefs are wrong. No, they are not wrong. Some have argued that our teachings about the beast and the image, the union of denominations and churches, the enforcement of the mark, 666, and the future persecution of a



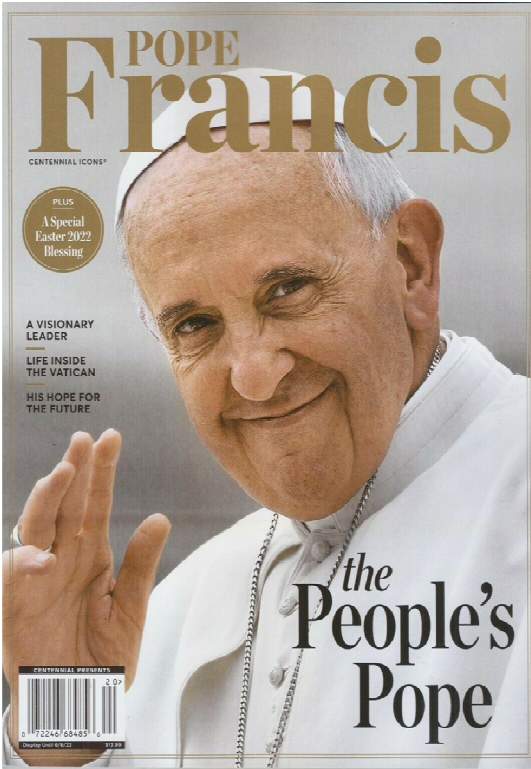
small remnant of people are not an accurate description,—so don't even worry or think of it being so in the future, they tell us.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The opposite is actually true. Historic eschatology is more accurate and relevant today than it was at any other time in history. In fact, the closer we get to the end, the more spiritually significant our final warning message becomes. Consider the bold predictions made over 130 years ago regarding the issues that will be at the forefront during the final crisis:

## 1. Rise of the Papal Power

It is worthwhile to note that when these predictions were made over 130 years ago, the pope was not traveling all over the world promoting a one-world religion. Today, Rome has achieved that which medieval popes could only dream of. Rome has become the spiritual conscience of the world and has the greatest geopolitical influence in regard to spiritual matters. And this is, in spite of their record of pedophilia, child sacrifices and all the other sexual crimes they are guilty of.

Rome's influence today has spread beyond medieval Western Europe. They are now working to shape the religious and political landscape in Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, North America and in all of the civilized world. The healing of the deadly wound (see Revelation 13:3) is one of the clearest indications that we are at the end. And unlike earthquakes, floods, wars and natural disasters, this prophetic healing only happens once in Bible prophecy.



## 2. A Three-fold Union

This is an astounding prediction that is now unfolding before our eyes. When the book, ***The Great Controversy***, warned about the coming "three-fold union," Protestants and Catholics were not having any interfaith conversations. Ecumenism is a modern phenomena. Protestants and Roman Catholics have only recently been engaged in building bridges during these last 60 years. However, inspiration predicted that not only would Protestants and Catholics unite, they would also reach across the "gulf" to embrace Spiritualism:

"The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands

across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 588).

When this was penned in 1888, it seemed almost incomprehensible that Bible-believing Protestants would form a "three-fold union," then enter into collaboration and joint worship services with Roman Catholics, pagans, spiritists, indigenous faiths, pantheists, Buddhists, Hindus and witches. However, it is happening, just like we were told it would.

On October 4, 2019, in the Vatican Gardens, Pope Francis presided over the opening ceremony for the upcoming Pan-Amazon Synod of Bishops. Even







though the synod officially began on October 6 and ended October 27, the opening ceremony was held two days earlier. Natives from the Amazon offered their prayers and praises to earth during a ceremony that appeared more pagan than Christian.

This is nature-worship, religious mysticism and radical environmentalism. These are becoming the new belief systems for Western civilization. This is what the Vatican is endorsing. They are confusing God with ecology. Spiritualism will be the means by which all churches unite into one body. One by one, the different faiths have been lining up to embrace the green earth religion. By embracing spiritualism, they reject the true God and His true gospel. As men and women reject biblical truth, they will believe in anything—including green spirituality, climate religion, Mother Earth, nature worship and/or tree hugging.



# Slow Sunday: The simple solution to global warming

*Satish Kumar*

Using Sunday as a day of rest and renewal would be good for our personal health as well as the health of the planet

## 3. Sunday Law Agitation

**“The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending”** (*Last Day Events*, p. 125).

“They [the leaders] will point to calamities on land and sea—to the storms of wind, the floods, the earthquakes, the destruction by fire—as judgments indicating God’s displeasure because Sunday is not sacredly observed. These calamities will increase more and more, one disaster will follow close upon the heels of another” (*The Signs of the Times*, January 17, 1884 par. 14).

This is a topic many Christians are struggling to recognize. And our failure to heed God’s warning on this matter is causing people to take a stand on the wrong side. Two important points are made about the Sunday law in the two paragraphs above: (1) Sunday laws will come through stealth, meaning they will be mixed with other issues to conceal their true nature; (2) climate disasters will be given as one of the main reasons for establishing Sunday laws.

Can we not see the Vatican’s effort to promote its Catholic social doctrines, as contained in the pope’s encyclical on climate change (*Laudato Si*), as fulfilling the criteria just given? The pope’s encyclical is a warn-





ing about the climate and addresses natural disasters. According to the actual text, *Laudato Si'* has a "Sunday" rest provision (section #237) and an "enforcement of law" provision (section #179).

Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* was created to be implemented as legislation. Is it just a coincidence that this agenda is being promoted by the United Nations, other secular legislative bodies, and international organizations worldwide? And instead of affirming the prophetic teaching of Revelation 14:6-12 (the three angels' messages) as the only solution to our world's current moral crisis, many Christians are joining the ranks of the enemy and embracing the climate change movement, the same movement that is promoting the pope's green Sunday rest agenda.

God is still in control, and His church has been given a work to fulfill. If the test hasn't come, it's not because there has not been an effort made by Rome. They have been trying, but God is allowing time for His people to get the gospel out to the world so the end can come (see Matthew 24:14). Are we ready? Are we ready for the test that will come upon the whole world? Soon, the eternal destiny of the entire world will be forever fixed. We are seeing with our eyes world events that indicate the times and seasons for the coming of the Lord are much closer than they ever have been. **May God help us to be ready!**

**Come out of her, my  
people, that ye be not  
partakers of her sins,  
and that ye receive not  
of her plagues.  
Revelation 18:4.**



"Bring the  
whole human  
family together  
... for we know  
that things can  
change."  
Laudato Si' 13





## David Brainerd and the Miracle

After David Brainerd, the missionary to the Native Americans in the early days of New England, had succeeded in winning to Christ a number of the natives from several tribes, his heart went out in loving sympathy to a fierce tribe that had become very much soured and embittered against the Whites. The white man's fire-water and greed in the early days of this country's history very much hindered the progress of genuine Christianity among the original inhabitants of this great continent.

This savage tribe lived in a retreat from which they used to make their stealthy raids upon the white settlers. To win these savage natives to Christ so aroused Brainerd's ardor that, although feeble in health, he resolved to go among them alone, unarmed, to tell the story of the Savior's love for them.

Brainerd carried with him a little tent and the few essentials he needed for survival in the forest while effecting his missionary work. He was never very strong, so he could not make much progress. However, without being molested by anyone, at length he reached the vicinity of the principal village of the tribe he was seeking. Here, he pitched his little white tent among the trees of the forest, and then, ere he went to the wigwams of the natives, resolved to spend some time in prayer for another blessed assurance of Divine approval upon his attempt.

However, while Brainerd was alone with God the sharp eyes of native hunters had been watching while he pitched his tent, then had hurried away to tell their chief and warriors what they had seen of the doings of this white man.

### Devotion

A hasty council was held. The audacity of this white man, coming in this manner into their territory and even daring to pitch his tent without their consent, was intolerable. Therefore, it was unanimously decided that he must be killed. A band of warriors was sent with orders to instantly kill and scalp this rash white man who had dared to invade their hunting grounds.

Native Americans do not fight as do the soldiers or warriors of other na-

tions. Ambush is preferred to an open attack, so in this case, although informed there was only one white man to be concerned over, when they reached the neighborhood of Brainerd's tent, they hid themselves in sheltered places and waited for the white man to come out so they might shoot him with their bows and arrows.

However, while they waited, the man of God continued long in prayer. Doubtless, Brainerd felt that in this critical time, when he was about to face wild savages, he needed much of the companionship and help of God who said, "My presence shall go with you," and for that, he pleaded.

The natives had not his patience, and became tired of watching. After a whispered consultation, it was decided that three or four of them should approach the tent and find out all that was possible about this strange white man. Quietly and cautiously, they approached the little tent, and as everything was still, they reached it unobserved. Cautiously peeking into the tent, they saw the missionary on his knees with his back toward them utterly, unconscious of their presence. To them, he seemed to be engaged in earnest conversation with some other person whom they could not see, but who must surely be visible to him, or he would not continue to talk so earnestly with Him.

### **Divine Providence**

As they gazed, their superstitious natures were awed and subdued; they felt that they dare not injure this man. Still, they watched as though riveted to the spot. But look! What was that? A great rattlesnake pushed its ugly head under one of the side curtains of the little tent and went gliding in. The snake slithered along and went straight for the feet and legs of the kneeling white man. Over Brainerd's legs it crawled and, rearing itself, seemed to threaten to strike with its deadly fangs into his neck. However, it did nothing of the kind. After a few more movements, it glided back out of the tent and disappeared into the tall grass.

The startled natives had watched the venomous snake with intense but suppressed excitement. That it had not struck the man with its fangs was to them a great mystery. Noiselessly, they retreated back into the forest. They signaled their comrades to come together, then described in detail what they had just witnessed. It was unanimously decided to return and report everything to the chief—all they had seen and heard.



### **The Result**

In the meantime, the missionary had been so engaged in prayer that he knew nothing of the visit of the snake, nor of the savage warriors. He rose from his knees and proceeded to the village, little knowing how he would be welcomed by the wild savage people.

To his great astonishment and delight, it seemed as if the whole village welcomed him as if he were a long-lost friend. It was a most royal welcome!

To his teachings they gave heed, and in time many were converted. Here was wrought a great work for God.

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## We Know Not the Hour

By Frank E. Belden, 1886

We know not the hour of the Master's appearing;  
Yet signs all foretell that the moment is nearing  
When He shall return—'tis a promise most cheering,  
But we know not the hour.

There's light for the wise who are seeking salvation;  
There's truth in the Book of the Lord's revelation;  
Each prophecy points to the great consummation,  
But we know not the hour.

We'll watch and we'll pray, with our lamps trimmed and burning;  
We'll work and we'll wait till the Master's returning;  
We'll sing and rejoice, every omen discerning,  
But we know not the hour.

He will come, let us watch and be ready;  
He will come. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
He will come in the clouds of His Father's bright glory,  
But we know not the hour.