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### Which One Will You Take Your Stand With? Part XI

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This will be the last article concerning Denominationalism verses the Bible. We will examine some of the doctrines of the Seventh-Day Adventists. As one examines Seventh-Day Adventism it becomes obvious that they espouse many doctrines which are contrary to God's Word. Perhaps the best known Adventist doctrine is that of Sabbath keeping. They believe that the Sabbath is the day on which Christians should worship. They believe a time will come when all will be enlightened on the Sabbath, and those who persist in Sunday worship will receive the mark of the beast and be damned. They sincerely believe the papacy or Roman Catholic faith corrupted Sabbath worship to Sunday worship on the first day of the week. However, Christians worshipped on Sunday and that is the teaching of the New Testament.

We first knew that the Old Testament was going to be done away because of prophecy. Notice Jeremiah 31:31-32, God said through Jeremiah, "Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith Jehovah". So there was to be a New

Covenant. Then in the book of Hebrews we read that the old law was done away and Jeremiah 31:31 is used, "For if that first (covenant) had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Egypt; For they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the Lord" (Heb. 8:7-9). In Hebrews`7:18-19, the law, was disannulled, done away, nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14). That being true, we are under the New Covenant today. The old, which contains Sabbath worship, is clearly done away.

One way the Seventh-Day Adventists seek to answer all this is to claim that the ceremonial law was done away, but the moral law or the Ten Commandments were not done away. But the Bible makes no distinction between moral law and ceremonial law. Notice what Paul says, "But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that wherein we were held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter"

(Rom. 7:6). When Paul said we were discharged from the law, did he mean some type of "ceremonial law?" Again, notice what Paul says, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Howbeit, I had not known sin, except through the law: for I had not known coveting, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet" (Rom. 7:7). He says in that law he learned, the law we were discharged from in verse 6, "Thou shalt not covet." That law on coveting, you will notice, is not part of any ceremonial law. It is one of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:17) just as is keeping the Sabbath. So the law which we are discharged, is specifically the Ten Commandments. The law is done away in Christ.

Today the day in which to worship is Sunday, the first day of the week. It is the day on which Christ was raised from the death (John 20). It is the day which Christians met to take the Lord's Supper and commemorate the body and the blood of the Lord (Acts 2:42; 20:7).

These people (Seventh-Day Adventists) claim to accept the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice. But, we are told that Ellen G. White writings "are wise, trustworthy counsels that are in harmony with scripture. Adventists believe that Mrs. White's writings are the only infallible source of Bible interpretation. "Allegedly, her writings are a lesser light that lead men to the greater light." Adventists interpret the Bible by the writings of Mrs. White. Arthur L. White the grandson, presented ways in which Ellen G. White is superior to the Bible (1978). He said: "As Seventh-Day Adventists we are uniquely fortunate in approaching this question. We are not left to find our way, drawing our conclusions only from writings penned 19 centuries and more ago, which have come down to us through varied transcriptions and translations. Concerning inspiration, with us is an almost contemporary matter, for we have had a prophet in our midst. What is more, rather than having in our possessions only relatively short documents or a handful of letters, as is the case with the extant records of the Bible prophets, we have the full range of Ellen G. White writings penned through

a period of 70 years, embodying her published books, her 4,600 periodical articles, and her manuscripts, letters, and diaries. . . Further, she wrote in a modern language, so a large number of people today can study her writings in the original language, without needing to depend on a translation. Rarely, too, is it necessary to depend upon a transcription." Mrs. White stated concerning her writings by inspiration in the Review and Herald, June 14, 1906, "Who steadied my right hand, and made it possible for me to use a pen? It was the Lord." Without doubt she was claiming inspiration for herself. An article in Ministry (October 1981) says, "We believe the revelation and inspiration of both the Bible and Ellen G. White's writings to be of equal quality. The superintendence of the Holy Spirit was just as careful and thorough in one case as in the other." These people claim to accept the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice, RIGHT!? No person speaks for God and Christ today! We have been given "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"(Jude 3). We do not need a "latter day" revelation.

Pre-millennialism is another doctrine of the Seventh-Day Adventism. Seventh- Day Adventism is one of the largest religious bodies in the world. They have well over two million members. We need to know their teachings, so we can expose this false doctrine.

I hope that you enjoyed these articles dealing with other faiths. I hope you learned something from them. We have a responsibility to expose and refute error (Eph. 5:11), wherever it is found. For this we make no apologies.