



Give Me Liberty!



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INTRODUCTION

- *Republicanism and Protestantism* - "“The "two horns like a lamb" well represent the character of our own Government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles,--**Republicanism and Protestantism**. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation... ***They determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty***” {ST, February 8, 1910 }
- *Great Truth* - Their[Christian Exiles] views found place in the **Declaration of Independence**, which sets forth the **great truth** that "all men are created equal" and endowed with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And the **Constitution** guarantees to the people the right of self-government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the **dictates of his conscience**. {Great Controversy 441.1}

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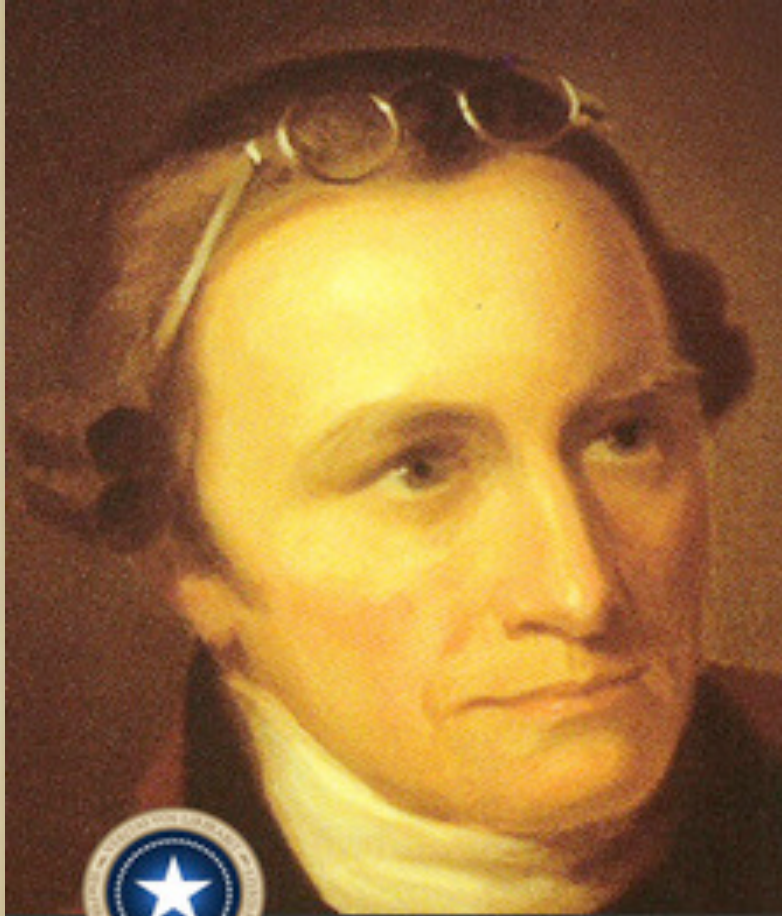


- Worst of Gov'ts - "In the Papal System, Government and Religion are in a manner consolidated, & that is found to be the **worse of Govts.**" James Madison, Letter to Rev. Adams, 1832
- Priests & No Freedom - History, I believe, **furnishes no example of a priest-ridden people maintaining a free civil government.** This marks the lowest grade of ignorance of which their civil as well as religious leaders will always avail themselves for their own purposes. -Thomas Jefferson to Alexander von Humboldt, Dec. 6, 1813.
- Civil & Religious - "In a free government the **security for civil rights must be the same as that for religious rights.**" Federalist Papers No.51

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***“IS LIFE SO DEAR, OR PEACE SO
SWEET, AS TO BE PURCHASED AT THE
PRICE OF CHAINS AND SLAVERY?
FORBID IT, ALMIGHTY GOD! I KNOW
NOT WHAT COURSE OTHERS MAY TAKE;
BUT AS FOR ME, GIVE ME LIBERTY,
OR GIVE ME DEATH!”***

— PATRICK HENRY



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**SECOND VIRGINIA CONVENTION,
RICHMOND, ST JOHN’S CHURCH
MARCH 20, 1775**



CONTEMPT FOR LIBERTY?

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Is Not A License

To Be STUPID

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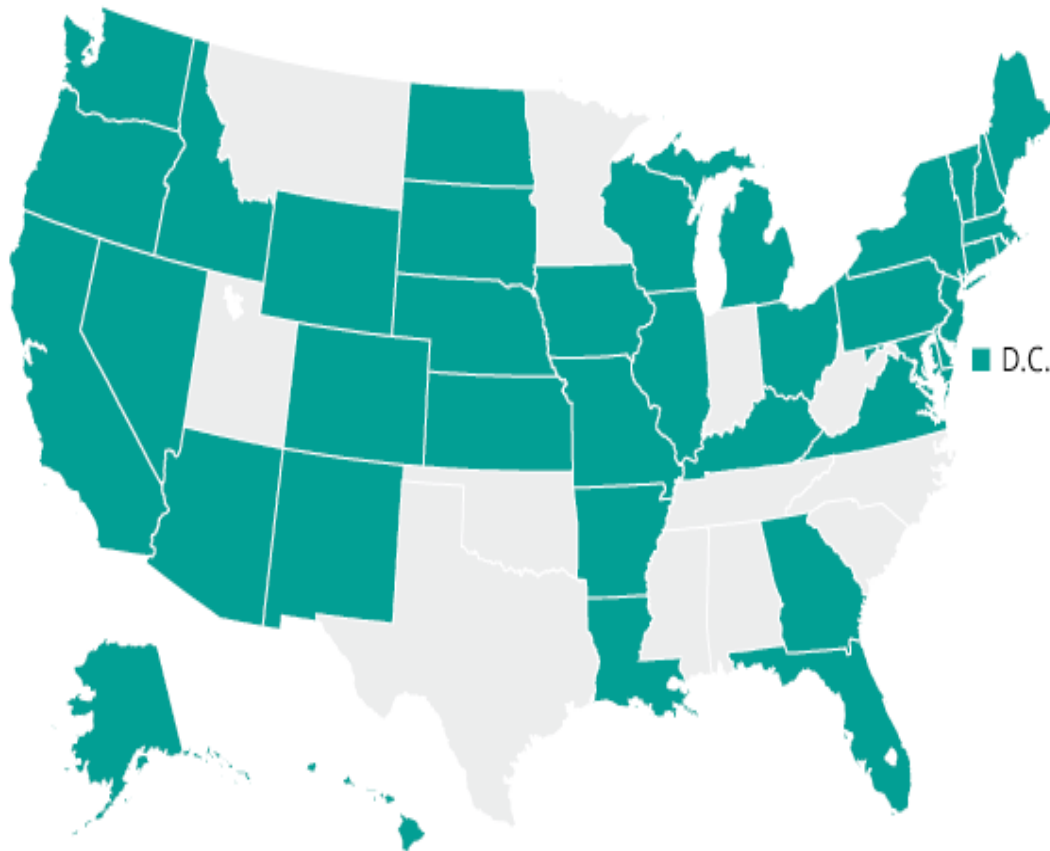
SHOULD WE BAN WHITE OWNERS FROM DISCRIMINATING?



SUNDAY REST MOVEMENT

Where You Can Buy Liquor On Sundays

- States that allow retail sales of distilled spirits on Sundays
- States that do not allow retail sales of distilled spirits on Sundays



Note: Laws in some states may vary by locality.

- *Will Improve Morals* — “This very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called “Christian sabbath” and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached.—The Great Controversy, 587 (1911).” {LDE 129.5}



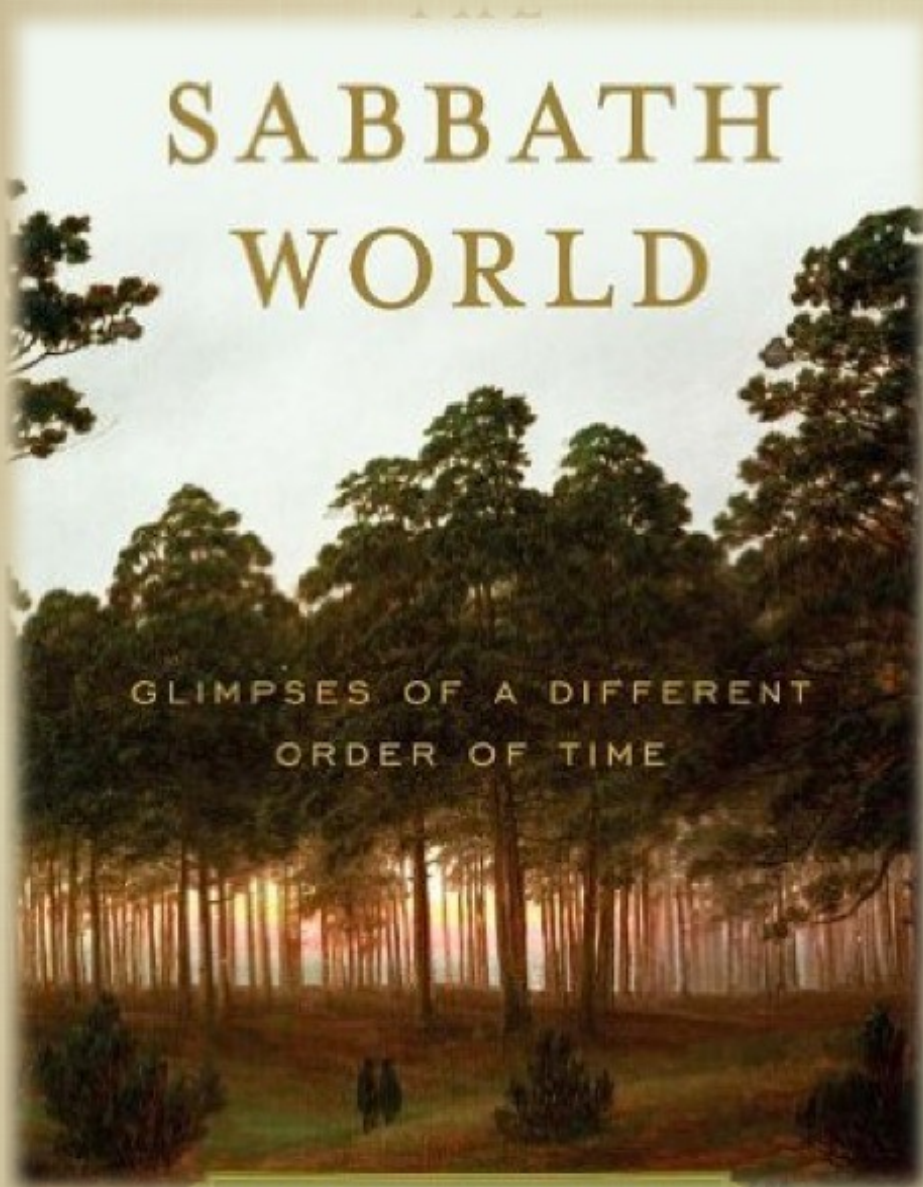
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JUDITH SHULEVITZ
APRIL 21, 2010



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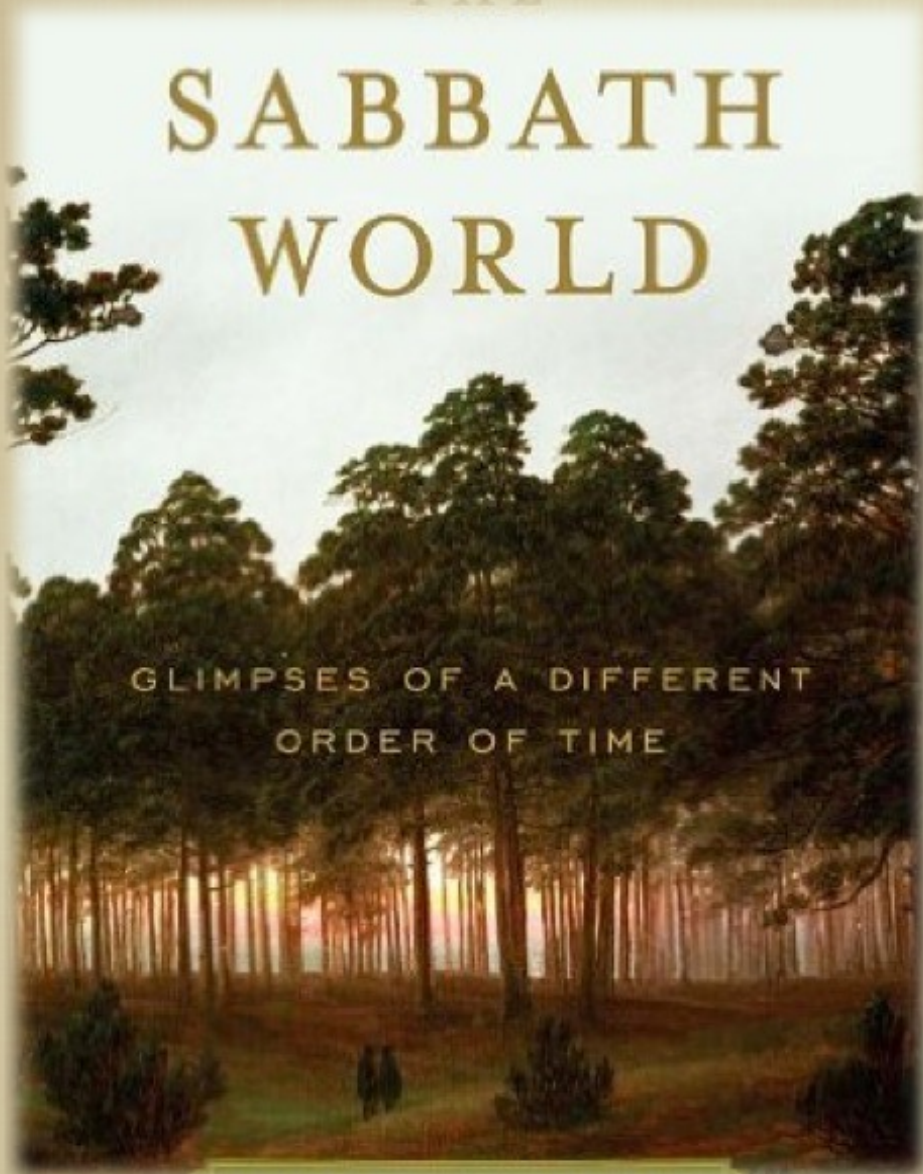
■ Reviews:

- Dorothy Bass, Christian Century. Sept 7, 2010
- Call for families and communities to commit to keeping the Sabbath; technology makes us work harder, need to disconnect and rest; Stalin tried to abolish seven-day week with five-day state enforced cycle of work. Coercion of religion not an option.



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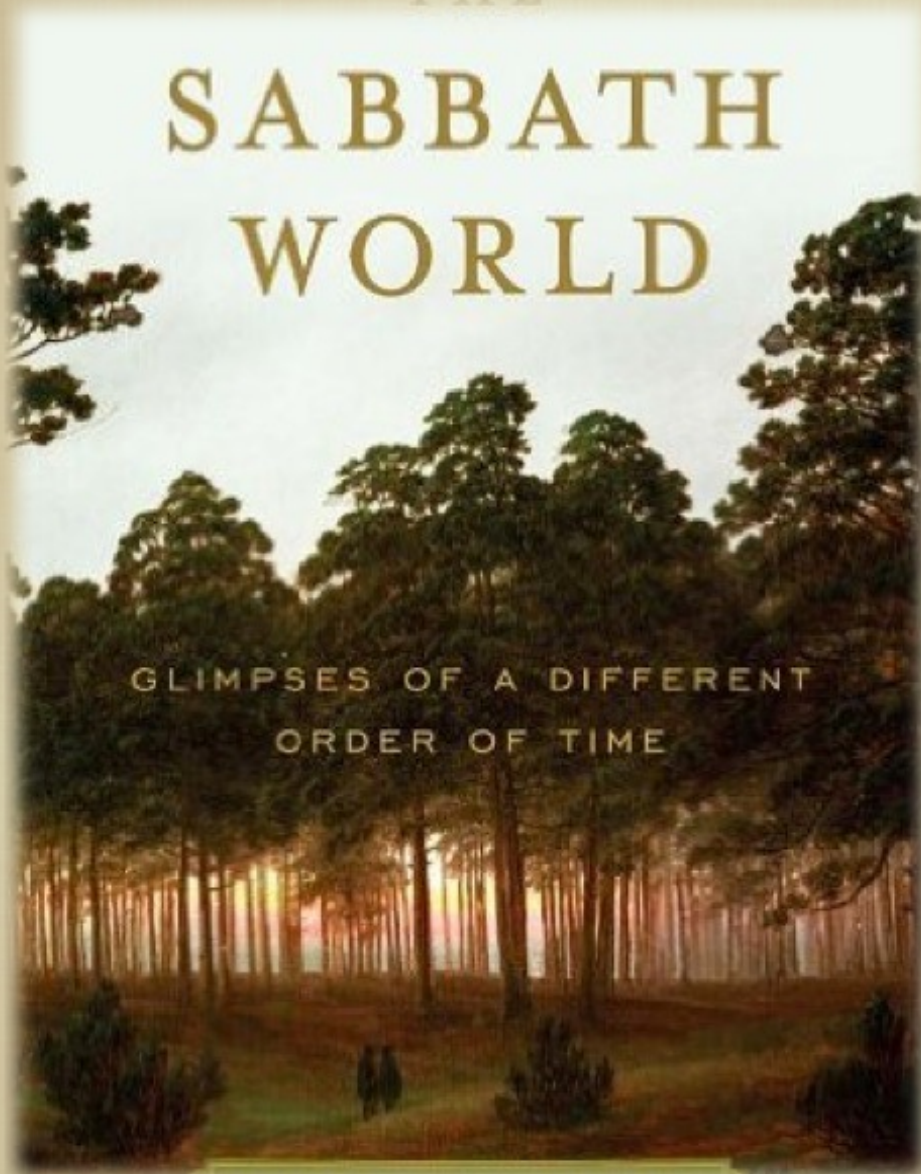
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- Editor, Wall Street Journal Mar 19, 2010 - In modern times we are overworked (technology), therefore Sabbath needs to be enforced.
- Rebecca Goldstein New York Times — “Shulevitz uses her own Sabbath longings to tentatively prescribe a mitigated Sabbath for us all. She bases her prescription on her diagnosis of our collective “time illness,” induced by the unceasing electronic contacts that keep us always on the grid, eroding our sense of free time. Though confessing to a sympathy for blue laws, she does not propose that governments bring them back. What she hankers after is a day that society at large will mark off as a spiritual preserve..I suspect that I am not the only reader who will find her enlarged vision of the Sabbath as an idyll “wherein my spirit could safely wander” to be both riveting and moving — as long as no one forces it on me.



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■ Interview:

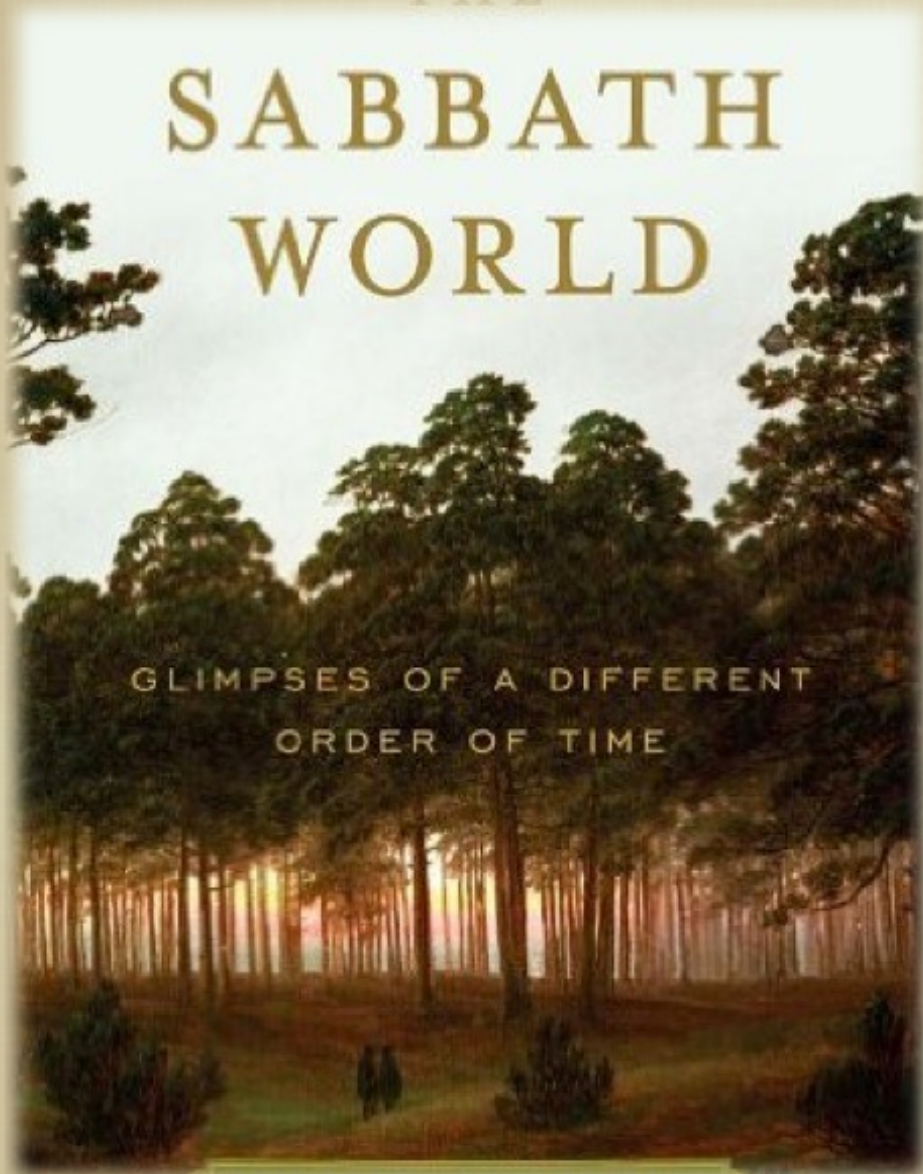


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- Jeffrey Goldberg, May 14, 2010
the Atlantic
- 1.) JG: Twitter is the enemy of God. Discuss.
- JS: I don't know if Twitter constitutes work but it certainly doesn't constitute rest. **The second radical idea is implied by the Fourth Commandment is that society has the right to manage its members' time, that we have the right to pass laws of time, which are really controversial in our *libertarian, free market, individualistic society*. The idea that government can regulate our time is just anathema to us.**



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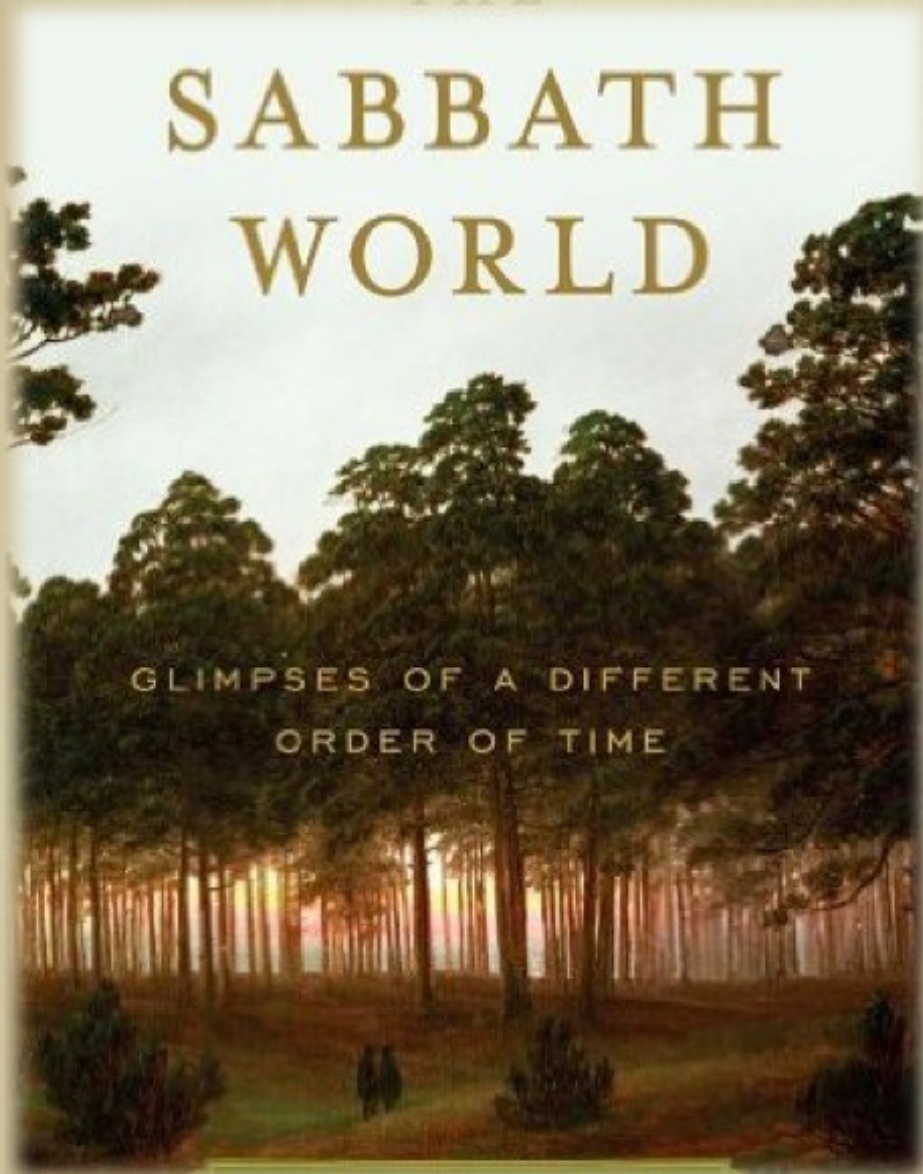
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- 2.) JG: Blue laws?
- JS: When you say `Blue Laws,' you think about store closings, Sunday closing laws, and those are certainly part of what I'm talking about, but I'm talking about the right to protect social time, the right to protect time when families get together and communities get together, the right to create some fence around social time. That's something we need to think about in our society because we're on the verge of losing that. People used to be on the same schedule and that is no longer true.



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- 3.) JG: That's the beauty of living in Jerusalem, because the enforcement of Shabbat laws helps create a common experience.
- JS: It gives you permission to stop. I myself am very obsessive-compulsive. I have a very hard time stopping, and I need social pressure and moral reinforcement to feel okay stopping. There's something to be said for having the world stop around you. How exactly you achieve that in America is very tough. It's very tough to enforce in our society. **But it's very important to become more sabbatarian, to become more conscious of protecting workers' time in general, social time, weekend time, finding a way through incentives on taxation to encourage employers not to employ people at that time.**



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- “The demands of work can’t bully people out of needed time off”
- “Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God”
- “By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom,”
- “Sunday is the day of the Lord and of man, a day which everyone must be able to be free — free for the family and free for God.”
- Family, work, rest and celebration are gifts from God and important aspects of human life that must find a “harmonious balance” in order to build a more humane world.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

THE CATHOLIC SUN, JUN 6, 2012



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POPE FRANCIS

NEW YORK TIMES, APR 26, 2013

- “Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, **to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.** But this is being destroyed, in large part, by the elimination of the Sabbath rest day. More and more people work on Sundays as a consequence of the competitiveness imposed by a consumer society....work ends up dehumanizing people.”



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POPE FRANCIS

NEW YORK TIMES, APR 26, 2013

- Catholic Catechism teaches (Paragraph 2185), “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, **the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body.**”
- Oct 2012 - 250 Bishops of Rome “Even though there is a tension between the Christian Sunday and the secular Sunday, Sunday needs to be recovered” — in keeping, they wrote, with John Paul’s [II] “Dies Domini.



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- Sunday - most people are at home. What at the costs to life, family and society?
- When God said, “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy,” he was setting up a schedule of life for the people of God. Do it, and we will be blessed. Do it not, and we miss out on the most important 60 minutes of the week.
- One might say, “Sunday morning church is an option.” Yes, one may well say it, but that doesn’t make it true.
- In the days when sanctuaries were full across America, doors did not have to be locked. People were honest and good.

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- Discipline problems in school consisted of chewing gum, reading in class and spitballs and were cured by prompt action. Today drugs, disrespect, bullying and weapons are a part of daily life there...Today the school has to call home the day before report cards are issued because many students simply will not take them home, being dishonest
- We can say that morality has declined, and it has. But if all those kids were in church learning what Jesus teaches about love, respect, hard work and honesty, the school day would be much different.

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- Our society is rapidly approaching the state of the immoral and corrupt Roman Empire just before it fell. Corrupt politicians, polarization, the acceptance of sin as a norm. And yes, people not in church is a big part of the cause.
- Conclusion - take back Sabbath [Sunday] by going to church every week.

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**SYLVIA ALLEN, ARIZONA STATE SENATOR (R)
MAIN ARGUMENT - PREVENT MORAL DECLINE.
MARCH 27, 2015**



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- World in Turmoil - advances by Islamic State group; domestic - security, economic, and social issues.
- “There is no argument or question that our country was **founded on Christian values that have eroded over the years.**”
- “Our Congress should revisit and our candidates for president should consider advocating the restoration of Sunday as a day of rest, a paid day of rest, a required day of rest.”

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- Now we have the distraction of unnecessary shopping; in the not-too-distant past, nonessential business establishments were required to be closed on Sundays.
- Americans deserve a day of rest, a day to be with families, attend church and interact with people on an interpersonal level. Imagine shutting down the Internet or cellphones for a day. How peaceful that day would be!

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CONCLUSION



- Summary:
- America was founded as a Christian Nation.
- Enforcement of religious observance [Sunday] is necessary to prevent moral decline.
- Sunday keeping is necessary for strong families and communities

