

"Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the [Catholic] Church, has no good reason for its Sunday theory, and ought, logically, to keep Saturday as the Sabbath. . . ." John Gilmary Shae, "The Observance of Sunday and Civil Laws for Its Enforcement," *The American Catholic Quarterly Review*, 8 (January, 1883), 152.

**CONFESSION NUMBER IV: Catholic authorities claim the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the only major protestant denomination keeping holy the true, Biblical Sabbath.**

"The [Catholic] Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her Founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant, claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter the Seventh Day Adventist is the only consistent Protestant." "The Question Box," *The Catholic Universe Bulletin*, 69 (August 14, 1942), 4.

"The Israelite respects the authority of the Old Testament only, but the [Seventh-day] Adventist, who is a Christian, accepts the New Testament on the same ground as the Old, viz: an inspired record also. He finds that the Bible, his teacher, is consistent in both parts; that the Redeemer, during His mortal life, never kept any

other day than Saturday. The Gospels plainly evince to Him this fact; whilst, in the pages of the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles and the Apocalypse, not the vestige of an act canceling the Saturday arrangement can be found." Editorial, *The Catholic mirror* (Baltimore), September 2, 1893.

"What Bible authority is there for changing the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week?"

"Who gave the Pope the authority to change a command of God?"

"If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh Day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew." Bertrand L. Conway, *The Question Box Answers* (New York: The Columbus Press, 1910), p. 254.

"If you follow the Bible alone there can be no question that you are obliged to keep Saturday holy, since that is the day especially prescribed by Almighty God to be kept holy to the Lord." F. G. Lentz, *The Question Box* (New York: Christian Press Association, 1900), p. 98.

*Note: All of the above quotations are from Catholic authors and/or published by Catholic publishing houses.*

**"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all His works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into My rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:"** Heb. 4:4-6

## **Catholic Confessions About Sunday**

**CONFESSION NUMBER I: The Catholic Church admits it changed God's Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.**

Q. "*Which is the Sabbath Day?*"

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. "Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?"

A. "We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." Peter Guierman, *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine* (1957 ed.), p. 50. Copyright 1930 by B. Herder Book Co., St. Louis. Used by permission.

"The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her Divine mission, changed the day [of worship] from Saturday to Sunday. . . . The Christian Sabbath is therefore to this day the acknowledged offspring of the Catholic Church, as Spouse of the Holy Ghost, without a word of

remonstrance from the Protestant world." Editorial, The Catholic Mirror (Baltimore), September 23, 1893.

"The Divine institution of a day of rest from ordinary occupations and of religious worship, transferred by the authority of the [Catholic] Church from the Sabbath, the last day, to Sunday the first day of the week,... is one of the most patent signs that we are a Christian people." James Cardinal Gibbons, *The Cross and the Flag, Our Church and Country*. (New York: The Catholic Historical League of America, 1899), pp. 24, 25.

**CONFESSION NUMBER II: Catholic authorities confess there is no scriptural support for changing God's Sabbath to Sunday.**

"Nowhere in the Bible is it stated that worship should be changed from Saturday to Sunday." Martin J. Scott, *Things Catholics Are Asked About* (New York: P. J. Kennedy & Sons), p. 136. Copyright 1927 by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, New York. Used by permission.

"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, a day which we never sanctify." Cardinal Gibbons (for many years head of the Catholic Church in America), *The Faith of Our Fathers* (92d ed., rev.; Baltimore: John Murphy Company), p. 89.

"Nowhere in the Bible do we find that Christ or the Apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath Day, that is the 7th day of the week, Saturday. Today most Christians keep Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [Catholic] Church outside the Bible." "To Tell You the Truth," *The Catholic Virginian*, 22 (October 3, 1947), 9.

"Q. Have you any other way of proving that the [Catholic] Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

A. "Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; . . . she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism*, (3d American ed., rev.; New York: T. W. Strong, late Edward Dunigan & Bro., 1876), p. 174.

**For I *am* the LORD, I change not!**

Mal 3:6 KJV

**CONFESSION NUMBER III: Protestants who keep Sunday as a holy day pay homage to the Catholic Church, since it was the Catholic Church that turned Sunday into a holy day.**

"But the Protestant says: How can I receive the teachings of an apostate Church? How, we ask, have you managed to receive her teachings all your life, in direct opposition to your recognized teacher, the Bible, on the Sabbath question?" *The Christian Sabbath* (2d ed.; Baltimore: The Catholic Mirror, 1893), p. 29, 30.

"If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath Day. In keeping Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic Church." Albert Smith (Chan-cellar of the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore), replying for the Cardinal in a letter of February 10, 1920.)

"It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of JESUS CHRIST, has transferred this [Sabbath] rest to the Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church," Louis Gaston de Segur, *Plain Talk About The Protestantism of To-day* (Boston: Patrick Donahoe, 1868), p. 225.