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## Jehovah's Witnesses Banned in Russia What About Adventists?

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On July 5, 2016 Catholics and Muslims came together in a joint declaration declaring some of their common beliefs which included “a rejection of all forms of proselytism” (Radio, Vatican, 2016) In other words, they reject all forms of evangelism. They also agreed that when they go out and do good works such as helping the needy this work “should never be used to proselytize.”

Something very similar happened during the dark ages. A decree was issued in 1521 in an effort to suppress the reformation, “As a compromise it was finally proposed that where the Reformation had not become established, the Edict of Worms should be rigorously enforced; and that “in those where the people had deviated from it, and where they could not conform to it without danger of revolt, they should at least effect no new reform, **they should touch upon no controverted point**, they should not oppose the celebration of the mass, **they should permit**

**no Roman Catholic to embrace Lutheranism.”** (Daubigne)

The edict of worms was a decree issued in May of 1521 by Emperor Charles V which read “For this reason **we forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favour the said Martin Luther.** On the contrary, we want him to be apprehended and punished as a notorious heretic, as he deserves, to be brought personally before us, or to be securely guarded until those who have captured him inform us, whereupon we will order the appropriate manner of proceeding against the said Luther. Those who will help in his capture will be rewarded generously for their good work.”

In other words, the Roman Catholic Church made a law making it illegal to proselytize. During the dark ages it is thought that the numbers of victims of that organization have numbered 50-150 million. This is



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no small work. The torturous ways in which they have done these things have no semblance of Christ. There is no doubt that Jesus Christ would have been outlawed by this church from proselytizing during these dark ages had he walked the earth during this time.

Jehovah's Witnesses are well known for door to door work sharing their understanding of the bible and their faith. Though not well received by the public, many are doing what they understand to be the commission that they have been given from Christ. Which is to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) In other words advocate, promote, teach, tell, and proselytize. It is written that "if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa 8:20) So if a law was made contrary to our faith, then we would have a choice:

1. Obey God
2. Bow to Man

Similar laws were made against the apostles when they were "proselytizing" the Jews. We read of it in the book of Acts chapter 5.

Acts 5:28-29 Saying, Did not **we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name?** and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then **Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.**



The apostles were making many converts, they were going forth teaching, healing the lame and sick, and so the Jewish leaders did what they could to outlaw the apostles. They threw Peter in jail, then after an angel let him out, they caught them proselytizing again in the temple and brought the apostles before courts.

Is it possible that we are going to have to stand before courts to answer for our faith? Absolutely. Are we ready to stand for God? Or will we be among those who bow to Caesar? If we are followers of Christ, we cannot help but proselytize in his name.

It was reported last year in February of 2016 that Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill had ended a 1000 year schism between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. They declared their intent to end Christian persecution. (Burke, 2016) However, it seems the opposite is coming to pass. We read from Christianity Today

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from an article entitled "Russia's Newest Law: No Evangelizing Outside of Church":

"Christians in Russia won't be allowed to email their friends an invitation to church or to evangelize in their own homes if Russia's newest set of surveillance and anti-terrorism laws are enacted." (Shellnut, 2016)

Protestants cannot evangelize. BUT.... A recent article from the Catholic News Agency is entitled "New religious laws in Russia **not** expected to hurt Catholic Church". (Rezac, 2016) Is it any wonder? Why would it hurt a church unless they were obeying the divine commission of Jesus to go and preach the gospel? It matters not to the Catholic Church and of course Catholic's are not going to be affected by it.

On April 21, 2017 the Supreme Court criminalized the activity of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Not only have they made

them outlaws if they choose to continue their faith, but the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the claim filed by the Ministry of Justice “to liquidate the religious organization ‘Administrative Center of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Russia’ and the local religious organizations that are part of its structure [and] to turn over to the Russian Federation all property of the liquidated religious organization. (Supreme Court Rules to Criminalize the Activity of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Russia, 2017)

That is no small matter. Now some may be reading and saying “Wow, glad this isn’t happening to me. I’m a Seventh-day Adventist and am thankful for the freedoms we do have.” Or “I live in a free America”. Well, first off, the ban not only affects Jehovah’s Witnesses, but it also affects Mormons and Seventh-day Adventists.

The Catholic Church runs a media project called Aleteia. On their website they have an article called “Pacifist Jehovah’s Witnesses now banned in Russia as “extremists”. In this article, talking about the anti-evangelism law of 2016 this is what we are told. “Jehovah’s Witnesses are not the only ones affected, she said. The law applies also to Mormons and Seventh Day Adventists, for example. She said that the Orthodox in the south of Russia are generally very religious and see groups such as 7th-Day Adventists as competition. “There have been many examples of people from Christian [sects] going into



Orthodox churches and distributing literature or in some way disturbing church services... they are being perceived as the guys coming in and taking away our future converts.” (Burger, 2017)

Seventh-day Adventists are also a target of these laws. And using State to enforce religious law has never been something that the Papacy has shied away from. In America today many religious laws, free speech laws, as well as laws against the press are being made, and the time is coming upon us where we shall be brought before the courts to answer for our faith by some of our Sunday Keeping brethren. Some will be levied with fines, some thrown in jail, and some will be offered positions of influence to silence them. May God give us the strength to stand in this time of persecution where the love of many will wax cold.

-David Barron

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# Fake News and the First Amendment

BY DAVID BARRON

JFK once said **“we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies**, to secret oaths and secret proceedings. We decided long ago that the dangers of excessive and unwarranted concealment of pertinent facts far outweighed the dangers which are cited to justify it.”

The first amendment was written to protect freedom of speech and of the press so that facts could not be suppressed. So that freedom of speech could not be outlawed.

But today many are crying for laws outlawing certain speech. The term “Hate speech” has gotten a lot of outcry from the people, and the solutions being offered are contrary to the first amendment of the constitution. JFK continued in his speech by telling us that we as a people **“are opposed around the world by a monolithic and ruthless conspiracy that relies on covert means for expanding its sphere of influence--**on infiltration instead of invasion, on subversion instead of elections, on intimidation instead of free choice, on guerrillas by night instead of armies by day. It is a system which has conscripted vast human and material resources into the building of a tightly knit, highly efficient machine that combines military, diplomatic, intelligence, economic, scientific and political operations.”

Did JFK have inside information that helped him understand that there was truly “a monolithic



conspiracy”? That there were “secret societies” that were working to attack the freedom of the press. In his speech he also said “Without debate, without criticism, no Administration and no country can succeed-- and **no republic can survive**. That is why the Athenian lawmaker Solon decreed it a crime for any citizen to shrink from controversy. And that is **why our press was protected by the First (emphasized) Amendment-- the only business in America specifically protected by the Constitution—**“

He understood that there was conspiracy to “ **censor the news**”. He understood that this was an attack on the first amendment. Shortly after this speech John F. Kennedy was shot. Several questions surrounding that day still remain unanswered.

Over the Christmas holidays this year Barack Obama signed the NDAA bill which authorized 619 million dollars to the military to

establish an anti-propoganda center to fight fake news and censor what they deem to be propaganda. (McCauley)

If Adolph Hitler were in power today, and a law was made to ban fake news. Do you believe that Hitler would have used that power to shut down websites that may be dissenting from his beliefs?

Lately many politicians such as Obama, Hillary, the European Union and others have been calling for a ban on what they deem to be fake news. Google has taken steps in Europe to shut down sites that seem to have extreme messages. But what has just happened is going to force facebook, google, and youtube to take action.

“German officials are following through on their promise to do something about fake news and “hate speech” on the Internet. A proposed law that Angela

Merkel supports would impose fines as high as \$53 million on social-media networks that do not satisfactorily police what their users post. Wednesday, Merkel's cabinet approved the "draft bill" likely to become law. Germany already has speech restrictions, but this bill would go a step further by making companies such as Twitter and Facebook responsible to remove offending content within 24 hours. If they fail to do so, they could face multimillion-dollar fines." (Crookston, 2017)

The German government is petitioning the European Union to come down on this issue. But Facebook is a worldwide platform. So that means that this will not only affect those in Germany, but it will affect people in the United States as well. If Facebook does not want to receive a 53 million dollar fine, which I'm sure they don't, they will be removing fake news no questions asked. Even if it is real news.

Laws are being made that will be restricting the press, and restricting freedom of speech. How does this affect those who are sharing truth, the gospel and bible prophecy?

Well, recently facebook has hired Snopes.com as a fake news fact checker. This fact checker described herself as an "openly left-leaning" liberal. She trashed the Tea Party as "teahadists." Basically likening them as terrorists and has called Bill Clinton "one of our greatest" presidents.

They have been caught omitting information when facts are contrary to their political leanings with respect to Obama, Hillary, and John Kerry among others.

Recently Pope Francis was a

victim of fake news when an online website called REAL NEWS NOW put out an article called "Pope Francis: God has Instructed me to change the Ten Commandments." This article was shared far and wide, especially by Seventh-day Adventists. But it wasn't "Real News".

Numerous fake news websites have been popping up all over the web in the past 2 years, however, most could not discern that this was a fake news website. An article was written in response by the Catholic Herald saying that "Pope Francis victim of fake news after reports claim he changed Ten Commandments." <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/03/14/pope-francis-victim-of-fake-news-after-reports-claim-he-changed-ten-commandments/>

Snopes.com came along reporting the news to be fake. But yet omitting some facts as it has done on many occasions. This story has a history as some who are bible prophecy students understand. Many know that the bible mentions a power in Daniel 7 called "the little horn". We recognize this to be the Papal system or the Pope. But furthermore, we also know that the bible says that this power "**thinks to change times and laws**" (Daniel 7:25). And we understand that **the Pope really has changed the Ten Commandments.**

Historic documentation from the Catholic Church themselves tells us that they have done this very thing. If we compare Exodus 20 and the Ten Commandments to a Catholic Catechism, you'll notice that the 2<sup>nd</sup>

commandment is missing, and that 10<sup>th</sup> is divided in half. And finally that most of the wording of the fourth commandment concerning the Sabbath day being the Seventh day is removed. They admit themselves that they changed God's commandments.

"We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because **the Catholic Church in the Council of Laodicea (364 AD) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.**" (The Converts Catechism, Peter Giermann, page 50. This catechism received the pope's blessing on January 25, 1910)

"**Sunday is a Catholic institution,**



and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles... From beginning to end of Scripture there is **not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first.**" (The Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August, 1900)

"Protestants... accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after **the Catholic Church made the change**... But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that in observing Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the church, the

Pope.” (Our Sunday Visitor, February 5, 1950)

Out of their own mouths they admit to changing God’s Ten Commandments. Particularly the one commandment to do with time which Daniel talks about. (Dan 7:25) So the European Union is said to be taking steps to fight fake news. Prime Minister Muscat, the Current European Union President said “I do think he [Pope Francis] is the ultimate world leader...”

If all of this is true, and these become the people in charge of the internet and media, then we can only expect that some very restrictive laws are soon to ban those who might be promoting content concerning the Papacy changing God’s commandments.

Here in America A very subtle war has been declared against the first amendment which reads as follows:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”

As JFK said “no republic can survive” when that freedom of press is taken from the people.

Recently I presented a message on this topic called “Liberty of Conscience Threatened” which contains much more information. There is also a new video that will be released on Youtube soon with several clips documenting some facts that more than suggest that the mainstream media is programming many with propaganda and fake news. And that these may well be the ones guarding the hen house.

DVD’s are available on the last page or if you are online message me at my website [www.thethirdangelsmessage.com](http://www.thethirdangelsmessage.com). -David Barron

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## Terra Bella Spring Feast REPORT -2017

What a wonderful camp meeting we had this spring. A great time for all, coming together to feed on the word. Friendships were formed that are to last an eternity. Our Father in heaven blessed us with several excellent presentations concerning many different topics including having to do with the character of God and His law. There were also several ideas presented concerning the prophetic scenes unfolding before us. For those who missed the meetings DVD’s are available and the videos also will be playing on BETV in the near future so be sure to stay tuned as we were all truly blessed by the presentations and the presenters at this meeting.

We had a baptismal ceremony as well where several dedicated their lives to the service of our Lord. The bible tells us that these times are times to bring to remembrance the work which was done on the cross for us. “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.” (1 Corinthians 5:7, 8) The meetings were truly Christ centered and brought out the need to have complete confidence in our Father and His word, and to exalt Him over some of our human theories and speculations. We continue to realize that we have many things to learn, and many, many things to unlearn.



We are only 5 months away from the next camp, the Feast of Tabernacles. And we can't wait to see our family again. It is important to prepare now. Some are coming together as a family Sabbath to Sabbath, some worship from New Moon to New Moon. We are told in the book of Zechariah chapter 14 that to "go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" is something that we will do, but also should do now. In the next verse it is written that "And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain." (Zechariah 14:17, 18)

"Well would it be for us to have a feast of tabernacles, a joyous commemoration of the blessings of God to us as a people." [Ellen White Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, November 17, 1885]

There is an important principle in coming together. And truly a blessing to be had at these meetings that will come from minds receiving mutual contact. The bible tells us that God has appointed times for pouring out his latter rain. In Zechariah 10 verse 1 he tells us to "ask in the time of the latter rain". It is truly time to receive a large out pouring as the loud cry of the third angel is swelling. God wants to lighten the earth with His glory, His spirit. And He wants us to come up for the refreshing of it in the fall.

"We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. . . . The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain." (Ellen White FLB 246)



"Those who shut themselves up within themselves, who are unwilling to be drawn upon to bless others by friendly associations, lose many blessings; for by mutual contact minds receive polish and refinement; by social intercourse, acquaintances are formed and friendships contracted which result in a unity of heart and an atmosphere of love which is pleasing in the sight of heaven." (Ellen White 6T 172.2)

Be sure to be among those that catch this upcoming meeting in Terra Bella, we look forward to seeing our family again soon. Don't miss it. Mark the date Thursday October 5th, 2017- Friday October 13th, 2017 and remember there is an extra day after, the Sabbath to receive an extra Blessing. See you there.

**Luke 14:13 14 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:**

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