

### “The Sabbath (3): Legacy of the ‘Bastard Science’”

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- \_\_\_\_\_ is “the bastard science which has always tried—parasitelike—to suck its life from astronomy.” (E. W. Maunder)
  - ◆ Astrology lies at the heart of the confusion today over the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ Genesis 1:14-19—God carefully avoids \_\_\_\_\_ the two most prominent celestial bodies to earth—the sun and the moon.
  - ◆ Isaiah 47:1,12-14—Unequivocally strong language by which God condemns “astrolatry”—human \_\_\_\_\_ of celestial bodies.
  
- Isaiah 14:12-14
  - ◆ NASB—“O \_\_\_\_\_ of the morning, son of the dawn.”
  - ◆ These are also the titles for Christ in the New Testament:
    - II Peter 1:19—“ . . . until the day dawns and the morning \_\_\_\_\_ rises in your hearts.”
    - Revelation 22:16—“I, Jesus, am the bright Morning \_\_\_\_\_ .”
  - ◆ Lucifer is clearly portrayed as a being who once occupied a high and exalted state in heaven next to \_\_\_\_\_ himself.
  - ◆ Robert Odom: “It is not to be wondered at that Satan should choose the shining solar orb—the most glorious object in the sky—to be the supreme symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ .” (*Sunday in Roman Paganism* 231)
  - ◆ No wonder sun worship is riddled through sacred history!
    - Job 31:26-28
    - Exodus 10:21
    - Exodus 32:4
    - Numbers 25:3,4
    - Deuteronomy 4:19
    - I Kings 16-18
    - Ezekiel 8:15,16
  
- What does the sun worship of Lucifer have to do with the Sabbath of God?
  - ◆ Enter the seven day week of Creation:
    - Exodus 20:8-11
    - “The week of seven days is not a natural division of time, and is not related to the movements of any of the heavenly bodies. The creation record of Genesis, the decalogue, and the Mosaic law clearly show that it was originally a divinely established institution and is a \_\_\_\_\_ sister of the Sabbath.” (Odom 241)
    - The only reason for the septenary \_\_\_\_\_ was so that the human race might keep track of the seventh-day Sabbath and their weekly appointment with the Creator.
  - ◆ Enter the planetary week of Chaldean/Babylonian astrology:
    - Day 1—Saturn day/Day 2—Sun day/Day 3—Moon day/  
Day 4—Mars day/Day 5—Mercury day/Day 6—Jupiter day/  
Day 7—Venus day

- Each day named after a planetary god
- ◆ Enter the wily pagan Roman emperor Constantine:
  - Edward Gibbon: “As he [Constantine] gradually advanced in the knowledge of the truth, he proportionately declined in the practice of virtue; and the same year of his reign in which he convened the Council of Nice, was polluted by the execution, or rather murder, of his eldest son.” (*Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*)
  - Constantine may have converted to Christianity—but historians rightfully consider it a conversion of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The first civil Sunday law in history—March 7, 321 AD: “On the venerable day of the \_\_\_\_\_ let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed.”
  - But not only did he declare “the venerable day of the Sun” to now be the first day of the week—he also mandated this new pagan-Christian veneration to be a day of “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- ◆ And the “rest” is history.
- ◆ The triumph of two historic geniuses: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ A history that might yet be mended by a people raised up by God for such a time as this.

## *“Remember the Sabbath day”*

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