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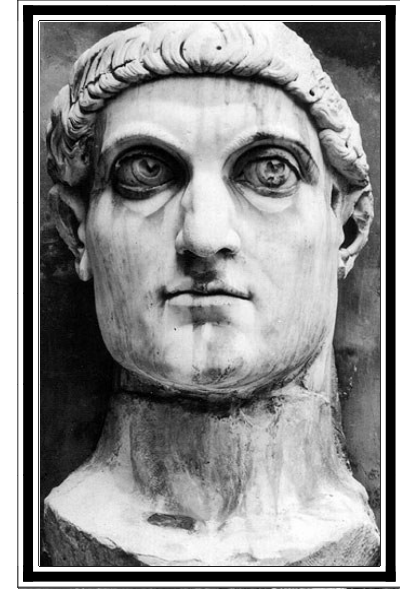
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2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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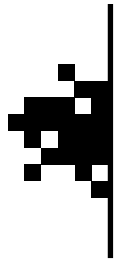
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# SUNDAY SAGA

“It doesn’t matter whether I worship on Sunday or Saturday as long as God knows what’s in my heart. This is America; we have the liberty to worship on any day that we choose.” The aforementioned are common statements that originate from those who do not know the history of Sunday observance.

YAH, The Father, instituted the Sabbath day as a day of rest in the book of Genesis which reads, [2:1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2:2] And on the seventh day Elohim ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. [2:3] **And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which Elohim created and made.** “The Sabbath day of rest is considered holy to God because he rested on the seventh day after creation. The Sabbath is viewed as a sign of the covenant between God and His people and of the eternal rest he has promised them. The word Sabbath comes from the Hebrew word Shabbat, meaning, to cease or desist (Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, p. 1426, 2003). The Sabbath was set apart as a time for man to rest from labor. The Sabbath is also an established day for convocation.

Although bible scholars and theologians are aware of the true Sabbath designation versus the origin of Sunday worship, the *Sunday saga* continues. The origin of Sunday worship stems from actual worship of the sun. “In many parts of the east the Sun was a prominent object of worship. In Illyria there was an ancient tradition of sun worship;

in Egypt the Sun had long been chief of the gods; in Syria the town we call Baalbek was known by the Greeks as Heliopolis, Sun-city; in Persia the Sun was on the chief lieutenants of Ahura Mazda in his struggle against darkness” (Religions of The World From Primitive Beliefs to Modern Faiths, p.146, 1971).

“In 274 C.E. the Roman Emperor Aurelian begins new Sun cult, the “Invincible Sun.” The sun was worshipped in a splendid temple, served by pontiffs who were raised to the level of the ancient pontiffs of Rome, celebrated every fourth year by magnificent games; Sol Invictus (Invincible Sun) was definitely promoted to the highest rank in the divine hierarchy and became the official protector of the Sovereigns and of the Empire” (Nazarene of Mount Carmel, 2006).



Emperor Aurelian  
(270-275 AD)

Sunday, also known as Day of the Sun and Dies Solis, has officially been a worldwide day of worship since the rule of Constantine the Great. This day was “legalized” as the day of worship in the year 321 A.D. However, this “*Sunday legislation*” was not relevant to the teachings of “Jesus” in the so called Christian movement. “In fact the emperor Constantine’s Christianity was ambiguous [and placated his fellow pagans]. His family owed traditional allegiance to the Sun-god; the famous vision of the cross as he marched on Rome came to



Constantine the Great

him from the Sun; the Sun continues to appear on his coins through the decade, and on his arch at Rome; his own statue at Constantinople bore the rayed crown of the Sun-god, formed, as he believed, from the nails of the true cross; his god was always a god of power, never a god of love” (Religions of The World From Primitive Beliefs to Modern Faiths, p.147, 1971).

Although sun worship existed prior to Constantine’s rulership, he is still known as the official *ordinator* of *sun day* worship and convocation, in which Christians continue to venerate .

Worship of the sun is a spurious religious system that counters the most important law of the bible. The Decalogue defines this worship as an unlawful act of Exodus 20:3 which states Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Figures such as Constantine and Aurelian took it upon themselves to deify and propagate a new god, (Sol) the sun, along with an appointed time of convocation (Sunday).

Sunday, the *new* day of worship began as sun worship and early Church Fathers later “*recreated Sunday*” as a replication of the Jewish Sabbath because they refused to worship as the Jewish people. These early leaders even indicated that the Sabbath was designated to the Jewish people as a punishment for their iniquities. However, it would not make sense to punish individuals by telling them to “*take a break.*” Hence, Sunday later became defined as “The first day of the week: *the Christian analogue of the Jewish Sabbath* (Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, p.1158, 1979).”

Man’s philosophies and intellect resulted in an antithetical deity and time of convocation. The Torah indicates the seventh and last day of the week as the sanctified time of worship. In spite of accessible and attainable proof that Saturday is the designated day of convocation and worship; scholars, theologians, and parishioners continually overlook and override the only true *and* holy convocation, Saturday also called the Sabbath, the sanctified day of rest.

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