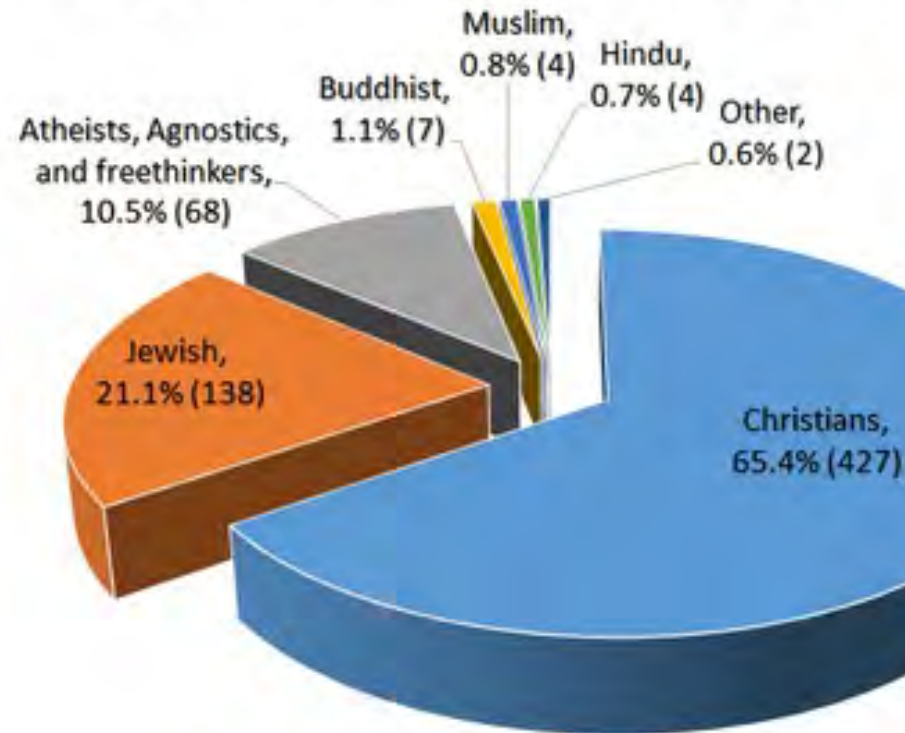


“Controversy Over the Sabbath”

Matthew 12: 1-14

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Religion of Nobel Prize winners between 1901-2000



- Christian
- Atheists, Agnostics, and freethinkers
- Muslim
- Other
- Jewish
- Buddhist
- Hindu

Verse 1 - 2

The Religionists Pounce - GOTCHA!

The religionists were watching Jesus, looking for an opportunity to *POUNCE!*

Sabbath = to desist, cease, intermission, a seventh day rest (*Saturday*)

This is the 4th commandment of God to the nation of Israel

“Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.”

God's commandments always provide for and protect God's people

This demonstrates loyalty and love for God
1 John 5: 3

The Pharisees wanted to get Jesus



Verse 3 - 4

Jesus' response – *No gotcha!*

There is no prohibition in Scripture on meeting a need on the Sabbath

Sabbath was made for man to rest, not for man to be crushed by Sabbath rules

What is showbread?





**Showbread reminds us that God is the provider
of our food and all sustenance**

Jesus is the Bread of Life

Jesus is our *life provider!*

Verse 5 - 6

Jesus corrects the “*gotcha*” crowd

Jesus to the Pharisee legalists:

“Have you not read in the law” - GOTCHA!

Jesus' expectation, then and now, is for people to
KNOW WHAT IS WRITTEN – 1 Timothy 2: 15

Jesus is not concerned about being politically correct

*“ in this place there is One greater
than the temple”*

This will not make Jesus popular; **Jesus never
pandered to people, nor should we!!**

Verse 7 - 8

**Jesus to the “gotcha” crowd –
*it’s about mercy, not sacrifice!***

The religionists are into sacrifice, religious ritual and going through the motions

Jesus is not into sacrifice or ritual, *but MERCY!*

“I desire mercy, not sacrifice”

For all Sabbath enthusiasts, Jesus is

“the Lord of the Sabbath”

Jesus fulfills our Sabbath rest

The Sabbath controversy was common to Jesus

Verse 9 - 14

Jesus' face off in the synagogue
with the "*gotcha*" crowd

The Pharisees try to corner Jesus – *“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”*

Jesus said, *“It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath”*

Jesus says, *“Stretch out your hand. it was restored as whole as the other”*

There is no rejoicing over the miracle, why?

This confirms they know that Jesus can heal

Instead of focusing on what Jesus did, they plot Jesus' death

“ . . . went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him”

Religionists are steam rolling toward a final rejection of Messiah, *sealing their doom!*

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Why is the world so intimidated by Jesus and want to shut Him down?

Satan is the god of this age, the ruler of all fallen humanity

Satan will do anything to inhibit the King's message

HE CANNOT!!

God's Word will go forth; God will have a people for Himself!

Satan's world system cannot have its way while the ***RESTRAINER IS HERE!***

Christians are an obstacle to “*global progress*”
– *progressivism!!*

Restrainer = the Holy Spirit filled Church – **YOU!**

The **Restrainer** is unmoved by “*world think*”
2 Thessalonians 2: 6-7

We will not be silenced!

We will not live by lies!

We will See > Judge > Act

**We will stand against evil, the lie and
Godless tyranny!**

We will stand for the TRUTH!

The TRUTH will dispel the lie!

The world will hate you and the TRUTH

This is expected – John 15: 18

In your life, if you respond in faith, Jesus will say:
“Stretch out your hand”

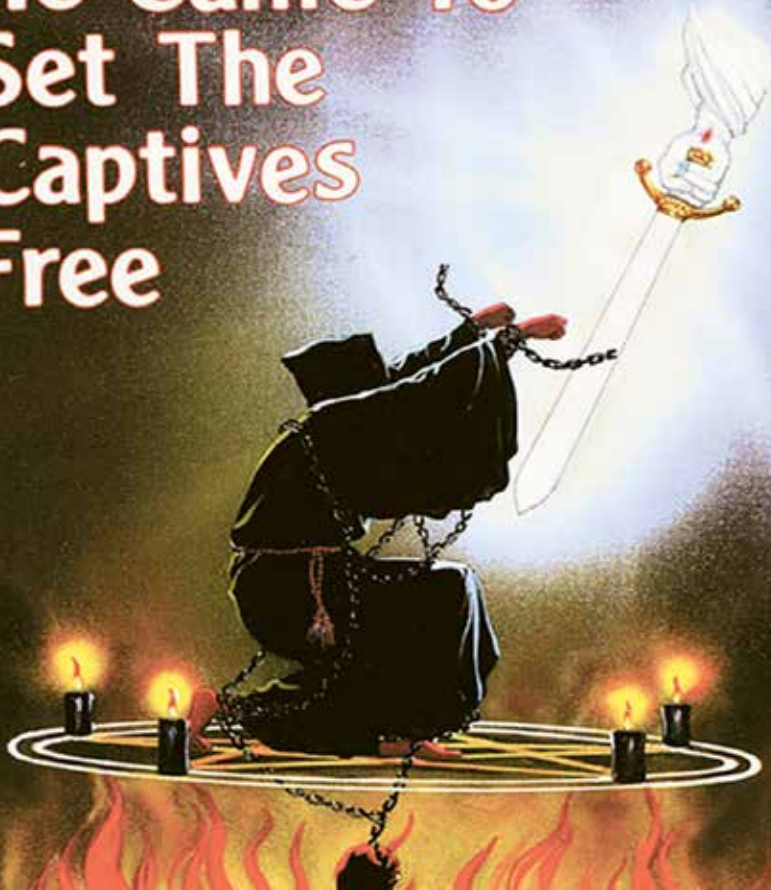
Jesus will impart *His power* to deal with whatever
Satan plays *“gotcha”*, you’re trapped, you are mine!

Jesus says, *“Stretch out your hand”*

You can be changed – *you can be set free!*

Jesus came to set the captives free!

He Came To
Set The
Captives
Free



*Millions have been set
free from whatever*

So can you

“STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND!”