

# News Update: The Approaching Agitation

The leaven of the Papacy is fast rising. The Papacy will be speaking before Congress, the legislative body of the United States on the Day of Atonement. Meanwhile, Charismatic Evangelicals are crying out for America's "moral revival", and reviling the concept of separation of church and state.

Senator Sylvia Allen, in a gun bill debate, said "Probably we should be debating a bill requiring every American to attend a church of their choice on Sunday to see if we can get back to having a moral rebirth..."

Ellen White foretold that it will come to pass:

"The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work papists and Protestants unite. As the movement for Sunday enforcement becomes *more bold and decided*, the law will be invoked against commandment-keepers. They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment, and some will be offered positions of influence and other rewards and advantages as inducements to *renounce their faith... Conscientious obedience to the Word of God will be treated as rebellion.*" Great Controversy p. 607

It says "They will be threatened with fines and imprisonment". Ted Cruz, a religious right evangelical, has announced that he will be running for presidency of the United States of America. Cruz is known for his position on pressing evangelical ideals in politics, and was inspired by Senator Allen's remarks. So much so, that he has opted to put the bill of occasional mandatory church observances into his president campaign policy. In the national news syndicate website,

National Report, it gives further information on this:

“Cruz’s proposal, which his campaign staff says will become an “official” part of his platform over the next several days, would require all Americans to visit “a church or other religious property” at least once each month, unless they meet certain exemption standards, which have not been formally announced yet. Failure to comply would result in a fine, and going several months without a church visit could even result in a single night of jail time.”  
<http://nationalreport.net/ted-cruz-adds-mandatory-church-platform-inspiring-words-sylvia-allen/>

What makes this more alarming? Cruz is closely affiliated with many Evangelical campaigns that push a moral revival in America, and “getting Jesus back into the government.” They advocate a church that has a great influence over the state. Two such men who have attended these rally calls are James Robison and Kenneth Copeland. Both men who attended the Vatican recently to herald the declaration of Tony Palmer, “The Protest is over...”... When Cruz’s policy begins to spread, it will reach the whole evangelical community by fire. One small statement by the Senator, which she brushed off thinking it would be rather minimal, became more than she anticipated in the mind of Cruz. And the fire that Cruz will spread to Evangelicals will be more than he anticipated. Now the Sunday question will be more widely agitated by all Evangelicals. It is just before us.

“Heretofore those who presented the truths of the third angel’s message have often been regarded as mere alarmists. Their predictions that religious intolerance would gain control in the United States, that church and state would unite to persecute those who keep the commandments of God, have been pronounced groundless and absurd. It has been confidently declared that this land could never become other than what it has been—the defender of religious freedom. But

as the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before." Great Controversy pg. 606