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Posted by: mikell Jun 28 2007, 10:28 AM

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No the beer companies are not the ones causing the deaths. If you think they are then are not also the farmers who sell them the hops responsible? How about the bee keepers who produce honey that mead is made out of? Or the electrical companies who sell the electricity to the beer companies?

So where do you draw the line? Do we expect beer companies to quit making beer, cigarette companies to quit making cigarettes. Burger King to quit making burgers? McKee's to quit making LD's or.....well the list of what is bad for us has no end.

As long as the product is legal it is up to the consumer to use self control in limiting the intake of the products they consume. If I eat too many Big Macs whose fault is that? Mine or Micky D's? If I eat a box of Swiss Rolls every day should I be able to sue McKee Foods when I have a heart attack.

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WB, I stand corrected. I did not know of their producing healthy snack foods. That is good! It is just sad that their producing the sugar snacks satisfying many Americans' addiction to sugar, is where they get their millions of dollars from, rather than from their healthy snacks.

Plus, I have to confess, I been a diet. Just ten pounds away from my high-school weight, but as I was walking through a store, suddenly bought a box of Little Debbie's chocolate logs and just about I got out to my car they were about gone. I then felt guilty, not just the eating, it was the buying. Does not the money goes to ds?


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Posted by: Pickle Jun 28 2007, 02:13 PM



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



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Posted by: princessdi Jun 28 2007, 09:00 PM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 28 2007, 09:30 PM

Well I suppose we could start a Little Debbie boycott. (BTW Debbie McKee got married for the first time two or three months ago. She's old, my age) I really doubt a \$1.29 box of Oatmeal Cream Pies contributes much to 3abn, but it does support workers in a low wage area of the country.

If Elsworth McKee wants to support 3abn that is his business. (He has the right to be wrong) However I have to wonder how much he is even aware of the goings on at 3abn. Is he a board member in name only or is he an active player in what goes on there?

Yes he produces junk food and 3abn is for healthy living. I don't see a Little Debbie and a healthy lifestyle at odds if the LD's are eaten in moderation. Now if there was a show on not eating sugar on 3abn and it said "brought to you by Little Debbie junk foods" then that would be a bit....strange.

Every company I suppose supports something that someone somewhere is opposed to.

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We should probably go back as far as God has said we should. That's always safe.

Thus the liquor seller is responsible and Adventist farmers should quit growing hops. Why? Because God said so (by His Spirit through the prophet), that's why.

"I cannot see how, in the light of the law of God, Christians can conscientiously engage in the raising of hops or in the manufacture of wine or cider for the market" (CD 432, 433).

Posted by: Pickle Jun 29 2007, 02:38 AM

Regarding Sabbath keeping, the rule in the 4th is that our manservant and maidservant or stranger within our gates is not to work either. So the question is whether I have hired the person or not, whether they are doing work at my bidding and under my control or not, and whether they are on my turf or not.

Interesting that while the 4th prohibits us having our son or daughter work for us either on Sabbath, it doesn't include "husband" or "wife," which seems to acknowledge that each spouse is autonomous, and must decide for themselves rather than merely following the dictates of the other.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 29 2007, 06:21 AM

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All Sabbath keepers have to decide where that line is in their own lives. It is between them and God.

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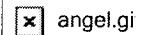
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
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Posted by: pmorris68 Jun 29 2007, 08:48 AM

For the record...The school's name is not Southern Missionary College. It's Southern Adventist University.


We all will see Jesus for ourselves. We will all have to give an account for our behavior. God will take care of this in the end. 

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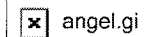
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I like your term "Sabbath worthy". That's how she finally made up her mind tonight. This is a class about animal care in the clinic and there is not much more worthy topic than the care of God's creatures IMO. She's taking it. It's not like it's for college credit or anything just a friendly class her vet/boss wanted her to take.

When she was working on her masters she rarely ever had Sabbath problems and the few times she did

the professors were very accommodating.

I appreciate your time and input. Your post reminded me of the song by The Heralds that has the line "you're so heavenly minded you're no earthly good". We have to be practical in our Sabbath keeping, your post reflects that.

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I will make some general comments that have come to my mind as I have read what has been posted.

1) The issues of Sabbath observance is one that God has not spelled out in great detail. In many aspects

God expects the individual to deal with the issues, and to make decisions based in part on their individual spiritual maturity. In any case, our spiritual life should be a life of growth. Where we are spiritually today should not be where we are tomorrow.

2) It is clear to me that the issue is whether or not the work is acceptable to do on the Sabbath, and not who is doing the work. The Sabbath Commandment tells us not to hire someone to do work on the Sabbath that we cannot do ourselves. If it is right to be done on the Sabbath, it is right for me to do it.

3) The issue is not, in my thinking, whether or not I am paid for the work I do on the Sabbath. If it is right for me to do it on the Sabbath, it is right for me to be compensated for doing such.

NOTE: The story is told of a health-care institution that once decided not to bill people for care provided on the Sabbath. The community soon figured this out, and immediately everyone wanted to make appointments for care on the Sabbath. The Sabbath soon became the day with the greatest workload of any day.

4) A fundamental issue for me is how one takes ancient Biblical texts and applies them to the 21st Cent.

Example: Is running an electrical generating plant an essential, life-saving service? If so, what about the Sabbath. I could also mention water treatment plants, and much more.

5) Comments: We may, as humans, rationalize our actions. Yet, I often think that we can go to the other extreme. Let me give some examples of which I am personally aware:

a) A SDA Church decides to have a "nature walk" in a State park that has been left in its natural state. It formally requests that the park assign a Ranger to lead the walk on the Sabbath afternoon. The park assigns that task to a SDA member of that congregation. The congregation attempts to discipline him for working on the Sabbath.

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 30 2007, 12:58 PM

That script thing has always amused me. You are simply exchanging US currency for Adventist currency.

I remember years ago an advice column in the Review where it was suggested that for long Sabbath trips it was wrong to pay for fuel with cash but a credit card was ok. Huh?

The state park thing. I wonder how the park felt about a church cheating them out of the entrance fee? I've known people who will drive hours just to buy a entrance ticket, just so they wouldn't have to spend money on the Sabbath. And we say the Pharisee's were bad? I wonder how God feel about us wasting our money like that?

I've come to the conclusion that it's not the spending of the money on the Sabbath, but what you spend it on.

In any case personally I'm a very strong believer in the Sabbath, just as much as I am in not committing murder. I'm just glad that God leaves it up to us to decide how we keep it Holy. We as individuals can keep it however we wish, but should not impose those rules on others.

Richard

QUOTE(Observer @ Jun 30 2007, 08:41 AM) □

I will make some general comments that have come to my mind as I have read what has been posted.

1) The issues of Sabbath observance is one that God has not spelled out in great detail. In many aspects God expects the individual to deal with the issues, and to make decisions based in part on their individual spiritual maturity. In any case, our spiritual life should be a life of growth. Where we are spiritually today should not be where we are tomorrow.

2) It is clear to me that the issue is whether or not the work is acceptable to do on the Sabbath, and not who is doing the work. The Sabbath Commandment tells us not to hire someone to do work on the Sabbath that we cannot do ourselves. *If it is right to be done on the Sabbath, it is right for me to do it.*

3) The issue is not, in my thinking, whether or not I am paid for the work I do on the Sabbath. If it is right for me to do it on the Sabbath, it is right for me to be compensated for doing such.

NOTE: The story is told of a health-care institution that once decided not to bill people for care provided on the Sabbath. The community soon figured this out, and immediately everyone wanted to make appointments for care on the Sabbath. The Sabbath soon became the day with the greatest workload of any day.

4) A fundamental issue for me is how one takes ancient Biblical texts and applies them to the 21st Cent.

Example: Is running an electrical generating plant an essential, life-saving service? If so, what about the Sabbath. I could also mention water treatment plants, and much more.

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Posted by: Johann Jun 30 2007, 01:56 PM

QUOTE(watchbird @ Jun 28 2007, 06:50 PM)

The facts are, though, that McKee foods does not produce ONLY snack cakes (junk food). They do in fact have "healthy foods" divisions... which produce granola products, cereals, etc.

But the bulk of their business is still sugar, sugar, sugar... in one form or another. Sad.....

It was not until I had read this that I checked to see where my granola, bought in a local grocery store here in Iceland, was made. It says "Heartland Brands, Collegedale, TN." It is some of the sweetest granola that I have ever tasted, containing both evaporated cane juice, syrup, and molasses, so I had decided to get another brand next time, containing less sweeteners.

Posted by: runner4him Jun 30 2007, 05:51 PM

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Posted by: PrincessDrRe Jun 30 2007, 09:59 PM

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Jun 28 2007, 02:48 PM)

No the beer companies are not the ones causing the deaths. If you think they are then are not also the farmers who sell them the hops responsible? How about the bee keepers who produce honey that mead is made out of? Or the electrical companies who sell the electricity to the beer companies?

So where do you draw the line? Do we expect beer companies to quit making beer, cigarette companies to quit making cigarettes. Burger King to quit making burgers? McKee's to quit making LD's or.....well the list of what is bad for us has no end.

As long as the product is legal it is up to the consumer to use self control in limiting the intake of the products they consume. If I eat too many Big Macs whose fault is that? Mine or Micky D's? If I eat a box of Swiss Rolls every day should I be able to sue McKee Foods when I have a heart attack.

Where does responsibility start/stop? SDA's and other "legalists" will chain responsibility far and wide. I can make a chain that can assign blame for just about anything to anyone on this board with just enough information about their job or position. It stops with your hands and your body. That's MHO.

QUOTE(foofighter @ Jun 28 2007, 09:13 PM)

If I'm not mistaken, Little Debbie sponsors a NASCAR car (not sure which one) and they have to cover up the logo during sabbath hours. Seems odd since you can buy them 24/7 all over the country. Seems just a tad hypocritical. You can buy our products on sabbath, but you can't look at our logo?

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 30 2007, 11:34 PM

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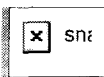
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
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Richard, was it the drunk that knocks over your hives? 

Posted by: beartrap Yesterday, 12:04 AM

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
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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Yesterday, 11:13 AM

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Certainly I've got better things to do today than talk about Little Debbie's.....

Richard

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