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Dear Mr. Kimble:

Thank you for your letter of November 11. I was glad to hear from you.

Some years ago Faith Seminary had a broadcast every week over a Wilmington Station. Soon we noticed that as our broadcast finished it was immediately followed by a broadcast which called itself *The Voice of Prophecy* and which tried to give the impression that it was simply carrying on the same testimony as we did. We found that this was done by the large cult known as Seventh Day Adventists, which is very industrious in trying to win people to its teachings, but which often seems to wish to hide its identity.

The most conspicuous feature of Seventh Day Adventist teaching is its attempt to persuade Christians to stop worshipping on the first day of the week, and to induce them instead to return to the Jewish Sabbath. Even more important, however, are some of the other views of the Seventh Day Adventists, which strike at the very foundation of the fundamental Biblical teaching of salvation by faith alone, apart from works. The Seventh Day Adventists maintain that one of their leaders, Mrs. Ellen G. White, was an inspired prophetess and that her works are therefore entirely true, even though many of her statements quite definitely contradict clear Biblical teaching. They hold that the Atonement only covers our sins until we were born again through Christ, and that after that time we must confess each individual sin or else be lost. This is a most dangerous doctrine, very different from the great evangelical teaching of true Christianity.

It would seem probably that you have been led to take up a course of study conducted by one of the Seventh Day Adventist organizations, even though it may at first not reveal its true nature. My advice would be to break off that particular study. If you want a correspondence course, perhaps one of those given by the Moody Bible Institute, at 820 N. LaSalle, Chicago 10, Illinois, would meet your need.

As far as Sunday is concerned the matter of a name is really not of any great importance. In French and Italian this day is called the Lord's Day. German and English use the term Sunday. Mr. Latham used to insist that his people call it the Lord's Day and speak of "Lord's Day School" rather than "*Sunday School*."