

What's Wrong with the Roman Catholic Church?

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Roman Catholicism is NOT true Christianity - it is just another one of the many pagan religions.

The Early Church faced a treacherous tide of doctrinal changes by the turn of the third century in the twelve congregations that were meeting in the city of Rome.

This new wave consisted of the fervent apologetics of one Justin Martyr, then preaching and teaching in Rome. Justin Martyr introduced a concept unheard of among earlier Christians, namely that Jesus Christ was "in the second place" to Father God.

An understudy of Justin Martyr's, Irenaeus, furthered the confusion, stating that "the Son of God became the Son of Man". This statement introduced a previously unheard of concept of an eternal son, and plainly contradicted the Apostles' premise that the Son was conceived by the Holy Ghost in the "fullness of time" and "made of woman" (Galatians 4:4).

This was followed by erroneous teaching that since Jesus proceeded from the Father, that the Holy Ghost proceeded from the Son, and was therefore in THIRD PLACE in the Godhead.

In a few short years, these errors were codified into the doctrine of the Trinity, that God exists in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.

(See *The Oneness of God*, for an understanding of why the trinity is not biblical)

In short order, the Roman Emperor Constantine raised the Roman Catholic Church to the status of state religion.

Conspicuously, at the same time the church was being turned from its doctrinal belief that the Father God was in Christ, the Roman Empire stopped fighting the church and began embracing it.

Tertullian (who apparently was the first to use the word "trinity" in reference to God) and Hippolytus of Rome succeeded in changing the mode of water baptism from being performed "in the name of Jesus Christ" to use of the titles "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost", thereby abandoning the "only NAME given among men whereby we must be saved" in baptism.

Every baptism recorded in the New Testament had been performed in the name of Jesus, but now, only the titles were being used for the first time, stripping water baptism of the saving name.

Once the church had been rendered powerless, the Roman government decided to declare it the official world religion, and set out to eliminate all conflicting points of view. William Chalfant, in the book "Ancient Champions of Oneness" records that "in 312 AD, Caesar himself, the Emperor Constantine, became a Catholic" and by 325 AD, at the Council of Nicea, a canon was drafted that specifically named a notorious group of Jesus' name baptized Pentecostals based in Rome, and ordered them to be re-baptized.

Two centuries later, the Roman Catholic Church issued the Justinian Code of 529 AD, that "declared death for two heresies in general: (1) Anti-Trinitarianism, and (2) rebaptism" (outside Roman baptism).

Roman Catholicism did not stop the doctrinal perversion with water baptism. They stripped the Word of God from their pulpits, forbade the laity from reading or possessing copies of the Bible, uttered the Masses in the Latin language, regardless of the national language of the people. They introduced countless heresies such as:

Transubstantiation which teaches that the communion bread is the literal body of Christ, and that one cannot be saved unless he takes the communion in the Catholic Church.

Venial and Mortal sins - unscriptural teachings about the sinlessness of certain sins.

Indulgences - in exchange for donations to the Catholic Churches, the priesthood absolved the donors of their guilt, allowing them to commit adulteries, fornications and many other sins.

Confessionals - the Catholic Church taught the people to confess their sins to the Priests instead of confessing to God. Purgatory, Limbo and Prayers for the Dead - the Catholic Church teaches unscriptural beliefs about the destiny of the soul. It teaches that through gifts and donations, deceased loved ones can be prayed into heaven, regardless of the lives they lived or what they believed. Prayers to the Saints, contradicting the Lord's Prayer which Jesus prescribed to the Father only.

Veneration of and Prayers to the Virgin Mary.- She is called the Mother of God, Tower of David, Ark of the Covenant, Gate of Heaven, Morning Star, and Refuge of Sinners among other blasphemous titles. The Pope himself prays to the Virgin, and credits her with saving his life in a recent assassination attempt. Throughout the Roman Catholic Church, Mary is being listened to through visions, apparitions, weeping statues, and various demonic revelations. The Spirit of Mary is credited with the fall of Communism in the USSR, and multitudes of pilgrims travel to places where the Virgin is said to have appeared - over 600 cities worldwide in all.

Idolatry - statues and icons by the multitudes play significantly into the Catholic religion

THE POPE - According to the Catholic Doctrine, the pope is the Vicar of Christ - the stand-in for Christ. They call him Holy Father, when the Jesus taught to call no man your father except God. The pope claims to have the keys to the kingdom delivered to Peter by Jesus Christ, and claims Apostolic Succession to Peter as the first Pope. Strangely enough, the Pope refuses to preach the message Peter

preached in Acts 2:38. And they claim he is infallible.

The Mass - only those who take communion in the Roman Catholic Church at the hands of a Roman Catholic Priest can be saved.

Prayers to the dead - Not one scripture teaches us to pray to the saints. The scriptures do not teach that there is any communication with the dead. Ultimately, these communications are with familiar spirits falsely posing as the spirits of the dead. This is a treacherous doctrine at the very least.

Ecumenism

As if these errors alone were not enough, the RCC has set out to bring together all the major religions of the world under her umbrella. According to the *Dictionary of the Ecumenical Movement*, since the RCC convened the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's under Pope Paul VI, the Ecumenical intent of the church has been a major thrust. Since the establishment of the Secretariat for Non-Christians, and with the help of the World Council of Churches, the RCC has fostered a new dimension of Hindu-Christian dialogue that has resulted in the GROWTH AND SPREAD of Hindu missions in the West.

Within the Catholic Church, THOUSANDS of priests and nuns practice Yoga and other forms of Hindu or Buddhist mysticism. One keen example is at the College of St. Mary in Omaha, where Sister Mary Ohara, professor of philosophy teaches Buddhist and Hindu techniques for enhancing education in Catholic schools.

Pertaining to the Islam (Moslem) faith, Pope John Paul II greeted a crowd of Muslims in Brussels, Belgium by saying, "Christians and Moslems, we meet one another with one faith in one God... and try to put into practice the teachings of our respective holy books". The *outrageous crime* of that statement is that *no true Christian* would ever agree that the God of Islam is the same God of the Bible, nor can any true Christian commend the teachings of the Koran.

The Catholic Church is increasingly intertwined with heathen and pagan religions.

In New York City, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Cooke received the Dalai Lama, who claims to be the FOURTEENTH reincarnation of the first Buddha. The Cardinal exclaimed, "all the world's religions are basically the same", and called the event "one of the greatest movements of the spirit in our time". Surely not the Holy Spirit.

"But," you may say, "what does the Roman Catholic Church have to do with us?" For all its determination to fuse all the world's religions together under the umbrella of the RCC, the RCC has unofficially declared Holy War in Brazil against Fundamentalist Christians - especially Pentecostals. Liberation Theologians (who are Socialist Catholics) in Washington DC are constantly lobbying for legislation that presses for Ecumenical religion world-wide, at the same time stripping religious freedoms from the "little guys" like fundamentalists.

The Roman Catholic Church has been perceived for centuries by the old reformers as the False Prophet of the Antichrist regime in Revelation 13, 14 and 17.

The Reformation was fueled by RCC abominations

Martin Luther himself left the RCC for reasons no different than what I have already mentioned. The Lutherans, The Calvinists, the Anabaptists, and EVERY OTHER Protestant church revolted against the universally corrupt RCC.

Reformation nullified in our time

But in OUR TIME, the reformation is being overthrown. The New York Times, March 30, 1994 reported the most significant event in 500 years of Catholic / Evangelical relations: It read, "In what's being called a historic declaration, evangelicals including Pat Robertson and Charles Colson (one of the chief originators) joined with conservative Roman Catholic leaders today in upholding the ties of faith that bind the nation's largest and most politically active religious groups. They urged Catholics and evangelicals... to stop aggressive proselytization of each other's flocks. John White, President of Geneva College and former president of the National Association of Evangelicals, said the statement represents a "triumphalistic moment" in American religious life after centuries of distrust..."

Other Evangelical endorsers include the heads of the Home Mission Board and Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (who acted in an independent capacity), the nation's largest Protestant denomination, and Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, Mark Noll of Wheaton University, Os Guinness, Jesse Miranda (Assemblies of God), Richard Mouw (President, Fuller Theological Seminary).

Another endorsement came from Robert Simonds, the Southern California Chairman of the National Association of Evangelicals. He "applauded the declaration" and said he hoped that it would "bring increased cooperation between evangelicals and Catholics."

Reformers called RCC Antichrist

Charles Spurgeon would have turned over in his grave. Years ago, Spurgeon declared, "It is the bounden duty of every Christian to pray against Antichrist, and as to what Antichrist is no sane man ought to raise a question. If it be not the Popery in the church of Rome, there is nothing in the world that can be called by that name. It wounds Christ, robs Christ of His glory, puts sacramental efficacy in the place of His atonement, and lifts a piece of bread in the place of the Savior. If we pray against it, because it is against Him, we shall love the persons though we hate their errors; we shall love their souls though we loathe and detest their dogmas." (Scripture does not support the Pope as Antichrist, but as the False Prophet who supports the Antichrist - Rev. 13) Martin Lloyd-Jones said, "The Roman Catholic Church is a counterfeit... of the worst and most diabolical kind.. a form of Antichrist... to be rejected and denounced".

With the prevailing beliefs running throughout the entire Protestant church of the last century, isn't it then SHOCKING to say the least that so many of the preeminent evangelicals of our time have turned around and returned to the RCC?

Fundamentalism Retrogresses

Billy Graham said "I've found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of orthodox Roman Catholics". Statistics show that Billy Graham has done more than any other evangelical to fill the pews of Roman Catholic Churches. Catholics who are converted in Billy Graham crusades are immediately referred BACK to the Roman Catholic Church for membership. In St. Louis, Missouri, Roman Catholic Charismatics comprise one of the largest Catholic congregations in America, demonstrating the newly approved homogenization of Catholicism/ Fundamentalism. It is a preposterous manifestation of unscriptural "Christianity".

W.A. Criswell, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention said, "I don't know of anyone more dedicated to the great fundamental doctrines of Christianity than the Catholics".

Paul Crouch, President of the Trinity Broadcasting Network, the largest TV network in the world, said, "I'm eradicating the word Protestant even out of my vocabulary... I'm not protesting anything... it's time for Catholics and non-Catholics to come together as one in the Spirit and one in the Lord"

Robert Schuller, Hour of Power author, Pastor of the Garden Grove Community Church said, "It's time for Protestants to go to the shepherd (the pope) and say, "What do we have to do to come home?"

Benny Hinn said that Roman Catholic doctrine is of no concern, for after all, Catholics "Love Jesus".

The Great Whore

I am proposing to you that all of evangelical Protestantism is returning to its mother, the RCC, because they never truly left it! Because their baptism was never corrected, they never truly protested. They are the harlot daughters of the mother whore that John the Revelator saw in Revelation 17:

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of

the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

The scarlet colored beast of this passage is the Socialistic New World Order, and the Woman dressed in scarlet is the socialist-leaning Roman Catholic Church who fornicates with all the kings of the earth.

The seven heads are seven mountains historically recognized as the seven hills of the city of Rome.

The apparel of scarlet and purple is the official colors of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church. The Cardinals wear Scarlet robes and the Archbishops wear Purple robes at all official church functions.

The gold, pearls and precious stones with which she is decked can be plainly seen in any event held at St. Peter's Basilica. The altar is decked with these ornaments. The golden cup can be seen in the hand of the Pope during every Mass.

She is drunk on the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus Christ because of the multitudes of ancient true Christians who were put to death under the RCC's despotic authority. Even though the RCC has been a powerful driving force in the evolution of the New World Order/ One World Government (the Pope has been the only international religious leader to address the United Nations), The New World Order will finally rise up against the RCC and destroy it.

Revelation 17:16-18 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

The Pope is the False Prophet of Revelation 13. He will be destroyed at Armageddon by Jesus Christ, along with the Beast/ Antichrist. Read Revelation 18:1- 19:2 and you will see the fall of Mystery Babylon. It is the demise of the Roman Catholic Church and all her colleagues, ultimately including the New World Order.

Anyone who truly desires to be saved should heed the admonition of Revelation 18:4 and 5:

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

The true plan of salvation is NOT found anywhere in the trinitarian, Mystical Babylon religions. It is found in the following scriptures:

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not

that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Repent, be Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues as the entire early church did.

For a better understanding of the Apostle's doctrines, please read:

The Oneness of God,
Baptism in Jesus' Name
The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

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