

Rome's Relentless War on the Holy Bible – By Darryl Eberhart



Burning Bibles

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DEFINITIONS:

“Crime Against Humanity” (Per Webster’s New World College Dictionary, Fourth Edition; 2006): *“A mass killing or other atrocity committed in furtherance of a program of genocide.”* [Ed.: It would be hard to find any “ecclesiastical organization” that has committed more “crimes against humanity” than the Roman Catholic Church. Papal Rome’s record of persecution, torture, and mass murder of Jews, Moslems, independent Bible-believing Christian groups, Protestants, and Orthodox Christians has been well documented throughout the centuries. If you doubt this, then please read my newsletter, *“Bloody Hands & Wicked Hearts”*, on website www.toughissues.org.]

“Heretic” (Per Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT): *“As concerns historical Roman Catholic use of this term: A ‘label’ applied by the Papacy to anyone who dared in the past, or who dares today, to question either (1) papal authority, or (2) any of the unscriptural doctrines based solely upon ‘tradition’ that have been promulgated by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, such as ‘transubstantiation’, ‘indulgences’, ‘papal infallibility’, ‘purgatory’, ‘worship of images’, ‘a celibate priesthood’, ‘auricular confession to a priest’, etc. In past centuries, Papal Rome has also applied the label of ‘heretic’ to those individuals possessing, printing, or distributing Bibles.”*

An emperor of pagan **Imperial Rome**, named Diocletian, began the war on the Holy Bible. (Diocletian was born in 245 A.D., and he died in 313 A.D.) Diocletian and his soldiers burned all the Bibles that they could find.

Author Richard Rives, on page 226 of his book, *“Too Long in the Sun”*, tells us the following about Diocletian: “During the fourth century Diocletian ruled from 303 to 311. He ordered all Scriptures to be publicly burned and persecuted the true Christians who would not worship the sun.” (Note: A number of pagan Imperial Roman emperors held the title *“Pontifex Maximus”* – the head of the pagan priesthood – i.e., the high priest of paganism.)

The western half of the pagan Imperial Roman Empire fell in 476 A.D. In the vacuum left by pagan Imperial Rome, there arose a new power – Papal Rome – a power that was to rule Europe with an iron fist for over a thousand years! (Popes both crowned and deposed kings and emperors for centuries!) The pagan Pontifex Maximus, the head of the pagan priesthood, had been replaced by the Papal Pontifex Maximus, the head of the Roman Catholic Church. Papal Rome was the “phoenix” [i.e., that famous bird of Egyptian Mythology] that arose out of the “ashes” of pagan Imperial Rome. And the new Papal “Caesars” would prove to be much more relentless in their war against the Holy Bible (and Bible-believing Christians) than the pagan Imperial Caesars had ever been! One Papal “Caesar” [i.e., Pope Innocent III] was responsible for the death of more Christians in one year [i.e., 1208 A.D.] than any pagan Imperial Caesar had been responsible for in his entire lifetime! Please carefully consider the following quotations:

“The desire for worldly power began to manifest itself in the [Ed.: early] Church, on a broad scale, in the 4th century, when the [Ed.: Imperial] Roman Empire ceased its persecutions, and made [Ed.: the Roman Catholic version of] Christianity its State religion. The spirit of Imperial Rome passed into the Church [Ed.: i.e., Papal Rome]. The [Ed.: Roman Catholic] Church gradually developed itself into the pattern of the Empire it had conquered.

[Ed.: Imperial] Rome fell. But Rome came to life again, as a world power, in the name of the [Ed.: Roman Catholic] Church. The popes of Rome were the heirs and successors of the Caesars of Rome. The Vatican is [Ed.: located] where the Palace of the Caesars was. The [Ed.: Roman Catholic] popes have claimed all the authority the Caesars claimed, and more. The Papal Palace, throughout the centuries, has been among the most luxurious in all the world. Popes have lived in pomp and splendor unsurpassed by earthly kings. In no place on earth is there more ostentatious pageantry and show of magnificence than at the coronation of a pope.

...The horrors of the Inquisition, ordered and maintained by the popes, over a period of 500 years, in which unnumbered millions were tortured and burned, constitute the most brutal, beastly and devilish picture in all history.

...The city of Rome, first pagan, then papal, has been the dominating power of the world for two thousand years (200 B.C. to A.D. 1800).

...It is inconceivable that any ecclesiastical organization, in its mania for power, could have distorted and desecrated and corrupted, for its own exaltation, the beautiful and holy religion of Jesus [Christ].” – Henry H. Halley (*“Halley’s Bible Handbook”*)

“When confronted with ‘heresy’, she [Ed.: i.e., the Roman Catholic Church]

does not content herself with persuasion; arguments of an intellectual and moral order appear to her insufficient, and she has recourse to force, to corporal punishment, [Ed.: and] to torture." – H.M.A. Baudrillart (Rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris)

"The [Ed.: Roman] Catholic Church has the right and duty to kill heretics because it is by fire and sword that heresy can be extirpated [Ed.: i.e., exterminated]." – Jesuit Marianus de Luce (1901)

"THE WORD OF GOD: Check out this history:

1229 – Synod of Toulouse forbids reading or owning a Vaudois [Ed.: Waldensian] Bible. (Canon XIV)

1234 – Council of Tarragona: No Bible permitted in one's native language. All of them must be burned.

1408 – 3rd Synod of Oxford: Heresy to have an 'unauthorized' (preserved) English Bible.

1559 – Council of Trent: Preserved Bibles are on the 'Index of Forbidden Books'. (Rule III)." – David W. Daniels ("Did the Catholic Church Give Us the Bible?"; 2005; Page 88)

"In 1198 [Ed.: Pope] Innocent III issued a decree that all who read the Bible should be put to death. In 1229 the Council of Toulouse passed a decree forbidding either the possession or reading of the Bible, as did also the famous Council of Trent [Ed.: 1545-1563]. [Ed.: Pope] Pius VII in 1816 denounced Bibles as 'pestilences'. [Ed.: Pope] Gregory XVI in 1844 condemned Bible societies and ordered priests to tear up all [Ed.: Bibles] they could lay their hands on." – Ralph Edward Woodrow ("Babylon Mystery Religion: Ancient and Modern"; 1966; Page 139)

"We prohibit laymen possessing copies of the Old and New Testament.

...We forbid them most severely to have the above books in the popular vernacular [Ed.: in their country's native language – especially, the common, everyday language of a people].

The lords of the districts shall carefully seek out the 'heretics' in dwellings, hovels, and forests, and even their underground retreats shall be entirely wiped out." – Council Tolosanum (Decree of the Roman Catholic Council of Toulouse in 1229 – Pope Gregory IX)

"No one may possess the books of the Old and New Testaments in the Romance language [Ed.: i.e., those languages that are derived from Vulgar Latin, such as French, Italian, Spanish, etc.], and if anyone possesses them he must turn them over to the local bishop within eight days after the promulgation of this decree, so that they may be burned." – Council of Tarragona (the Roman Catholic Church Council of 1234)

"The [Ed.: Holy] Bible is not for the people; whosoever will be saved must renounce it. It is a **forbidden** book. Bible societies are satanic

contrivances.” – Pope Pius IV (1499-1565; pope: 1559-1565)

*“It took 900 years for the [Ed.: Roman] Catholics to **destroy** most Old Latin Bibles and **kill** their owners. Then God moved one man [Ed.: i.e., John Wycliffe (1320-1384)] to translate God’s words from Old Latin into English. By 1380 he translated the New Testament, and by 1382 the complete English Bible.”* – David W. Daniels (*“Did the Catholic Church Give Us the Bible?”*; 2005; Page 61)

*“The Jesuits **didn’t mind** various [Ed.: Roman] **Catholic** versions of the Bible – they themselves made the Douay-Rheims. But they **hated** one Bible with a bloodthirsty passion: **THE KING JAMES BIBLE!** They vowed to **destroy** it!”* – David W. Daniels (*“Did The Catholic Church Give Us The Bible?”*; 2005; Page 111) [Ed.: All emphasis in this quotation is by the author, David W. Daniels.]

Indeed, Papal Rome has waged relentless war on the Holy Bible and on Bible-believing Christians for centuries. First, she tried to destroy all the Bibles she could find, and to murder those possessing, printing, or distributing Bibles! When her frontal assault failed, she took a different tactic: undermining the authority of the Bible, and trying to replace the 1611 King James Bible with the newer “Bible” versions. To learn more about this “new phase” of Papal Rome’s war on the Holy Bible, please read my article, “*The Real Bible*”, on www.toughissues.org. To learn more about the two “trails” of the Bible – the true Bible “trail” and the false Bible “trail” – purchase the illustrated book, “*Did The Catholic Church Give Us The Bible?*”, by David W. Daniels. To order this 159-page paperback book via credit card for **\$12.10** [postage paid to U.S. locations], please call *Chick Publications* at **1-909-987-0771**.