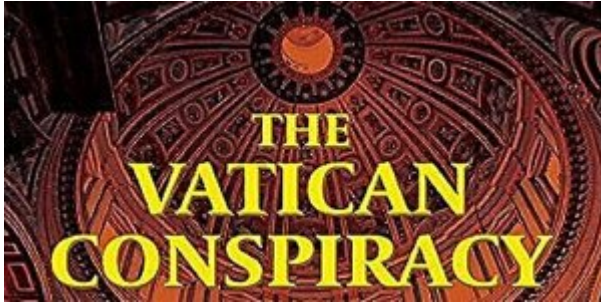


Balanced View of Popes Part I – by Sherman Skolnick



Recently, two of my friends have tried to sell me the theory that Satan's New World Order is a Jewish-Masonic conspiracy. One friend says that it is, "run by globalist banksters, whom Jesus called the synagogue of Satan." Another friend told me to check out a website by Timothy Fitzpatrick that tries to discredit the Jesuits, the Vatican, and the Black Pope as the true rulers of the world. Fitzpatrick calls it "the Jesuit conspiracy meme." His article contains name-calling, false dichotomies, ignorance of true history, ignorance of the true character of the Catholic Church corporation, ignorance of the Counter-Reformation, ignorance of how the Jesuits operate, and just plain lies. And just who is Timothy Fitzpatrick? I can't find his bio anywhere. He may be a Jesuit coadjutor!

But thanks to Fitzpatrick's article, I was introduced to Sherman Skolnick, an investigative journalist from my hometown of Chicago. There must be something good about Skolnick because the long-time mayor of Chicago (1955 – 1976) Richard J. Daley, hated him for investigating judicial corruption! Daley was an Irish Roman Catholic democrat. From 1893, nine Irish Catholic mayors ruled Chicago!

"Sherman H. Skolnick (July 13, 1930 – May 21, 2006) was a Chicago-based activist. Skolnick's investigations put Otto Kerner Jr. in prison for three years; and led to the resignation of two Illinois Supreme Court justices, Roy J. Solfisburg, Jr. and Ray Klingbiel, who, as Skolnick reported, had accepted bribes of stock from a defendant in a case on which they ruled." (Source: [Wikipedia](#))

I reject the Jewish-Masonic / International Bankers, conspiracy theory because that's where I was at in my worldview for decades! Been there and done that. Yes, there are *some* Jews, *some* Zionists involved, and yes, international bankers, globalists, Masons and other members of secret societies have a role to play, but these guys aren't at the very top of the pile of evil in my worldview. Mystery Babylon ruling world empires through the centuries up to the present day through the Popes of Rome, the Jesuits, and the Vatican makes a lot more sense to me from a biblical point of view. Rome was the last empire of Daniel chapters 2 and 7. The fourth empire ruled the earth, "Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the

saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” – Daniel 7:22. The Lord hasn’t come yet. Conclusion: The Fourth Empire, Rome, is still ruling the earth. It’s officially called, “The Holy See”.

If you have any neo-Nazi propaganda videos for me to see, I definitely will not see them. I believe antisemitic rhetoric is primarily fueled by the Jesuits to deflect blame from what they themselves are doing.

BALANCED VIEW OF POPES

Part One

by Sherman H. Skolnick

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Having financial hang-ups, the spy-riddled, oil-soaked, heavily tax-cheating Monopoly Press cannot bring you a balanced view of any subject. If you are well informed, you certainly know that.

So, some will like what they read here. Others will not.

Before he became Pope, he was Papal Nuncio in Berlin. Some contend he was supportive of the rise of Adolf Hitler. For some years before, during, and after World War Two, he was Pope Pius 12th.

- Some authors accused him of being pro-Nazi. [[“Hitler’s Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII”](#), by John Cornwell, 1999.]
- It is beyond dispute that after World War Two, Pius assisted wanted war-criminal Nazis to escape down the “Rat-lines” to the U.S. South America, and Croatia. [[“Aftermath”](#) by Ladislav Farago.]
- As a young man, he was a theater expert and actor. During his later career, was he just acting as well? During World War Two, he held a position in a facility of I.G. Farben, the Nazi poison gas factory, part of a chemical cartel. [For background, [“The Crime and Punishment of I.G. Farben”](#) by Joseph Borkin.]

Karol Wojtyla was a sort of chief assistant to the Bishop of Krakow, who being pro-Nazi, controlled fellow Poles with an iron fist and kept them submissive and docile for the benefit of the German occupation forces.

Later, far too many Poles claimed they knew nothing of the round-up of the Jews from the ghettos and transporting them to concentration camp for slave labor for [I.G. Farben](#).

Millions of Jews, labor leaders, and other “enemies of the State” were worked to death while being starved. Elderly and disabled Jews were quickly disposed of; they were of no use in the Nazi war factories.

Most Poles later either denied knowing of this when it was happening or claimed they did not participate in the crimes against humanity. Presumably, Wojtyla took the same position as his fellow Poles. In his later career, did anyone in the Monopoly Press ever dare ask him?

Then there is the story of another one. In 1978, in their secret Conclave, the Cardinals selected another Italian to be Pope, John Paul 1st. But, soon it became evident from a geopolitical and religious standpoint, they most likely made a wrong selection.

He soon enough let it be known that he was for modifying the Vatican position of absolute prohibition for Catholics to use birth control. In simple terms, he was against birthing more children than a couple could financially take care of. It was a reasonable, humane position to non-Catholics.

Furthermore, he was determined to put an end to the traditional Sicilian and Italian Mafia, jointly with certain corrupt Archbishops, and the American CIA, in [using the Vatican Bank as a money laundry](#) for stolen gold treasuries, dope money, illicit weapons deals, assassination funds, and superior counterfeit currency dealings, among other dirty, bloody business.

Some Italian editors dared demand that Pope John Paul 1st, do something about the Continental Bank of Chicago, the majority owners jointly being the [Vatican](#) and the Queen of England.

The bank, some Italian editors stated, was a laundry for the Mafia.

[As we dared point out publicly, the Chief Judge of the Chicago Federal Appeals Court, Walter Cummings, Jr., was a "man of trust" for the Vatican, and held a large block of shares, as nominee and front man for the Pope. Judge Cummings, a banker-judge, did NOT disqualify himself when his Continental Bank and their major clients were litigants in his tribunal. Guess who won in his crooked Court?]

[As predicted accurately by this writer, Continental Bank collapsed in 1984 and was taken over later by Bank of America owned jointly by the Jesuits and the Japanese underworld, the Yakuza.]

Thirty-three days after taking office, Pope John Paul 1st was poisoned with a cup of tea. It was a symbolic warning and death warrant by the Free Masons, the Jesuits, and Opus Dei, the super-fascist, super-secret group (by 2005, Opus Dei occupying their own large building in New York city). [More details of the plot against Pope John Paul 1st in the book "In God's Name" by David Yallop.]

Thereafter, the Vatican secret Conclave of Cardinals put together a scheme, with the urging of the American CIA, to topple the Soviet government.

To understand the rationale, you have to have a good understanding of history. The Anglo-American Aristocracy financed the rise of the Nazis and Adolf Hitler, as a bulwark against the Soviets.

In the beginning, the Prussian/German Aristocracy was reluctant to finance

Hitler.

With his background with the pro-Nazi Polish Bishop of Krakow, Wojtyla was a suitable and forceful Anti-Communist.

But he lacked humanity for Italians. In 1979, there was a terrible earthquake in the historically impoverished southern part of Italy. The destitute Italians demanded that John Paul 2nd, the new Pontiff, relieve some of their suffering, by sending them financial aid from his Mafia/American CIA controlled Vatican Bank. The Pope refused.

John Paul 2nd kept censored, as best he could, through his helpers, Vatican Intelligence, of the growing scandal of international swindler Michele Sindona operating through the Vatican Bank and the Vatican-owned Continental Bank of Chicago. [See "[St. Peter's Banker](#)" by Luigi DiFonzo.]

Starting about 1980, the American CIA jointly with a deal with the bosses of Time Magazine, arranged tremendous secret financing for their paid-for Polish provocateur, Lech Walesa. As a leader of the Polish Solidarity Movement, Walesa stirred up the workers at the Lenin Shipyards at Gdansk.

As the Soviets understood it, Pope John Paul 2nd, by his statements and speeches, jointly with Western paid-for provocateur Lech Walesa, was stirring up fellow Poles in rebellion against the Moscow government. To the Soviets, Wojtyla was a rotten intermeddler, considering how many Soviet lives were lost in freeing Poland from the Germans.

In May 1981, a deranged supposed left-wing Turk, was grabbed after reportedly being the "lone assassin" attempting to kill Pope John Paul 2nd by shooting him in the abdomen right in Vatican Square.

Thereafter, two opposing spy shops released supposed details that the other side instigated the would-be assassin. The American CIA planted a flood of apparently phony details that the Bulgarian Secret Police were accomplices of the Turk in Italy and maybe even right in Vatican Square.

Various international inquiries tended to show the CIA stories had no basis.

On the other hand, the Soviets planted stories that seemed to have "legs". The Soviets made a compelling case that the supposed deranged Turk was part of a RIGHT-wing Military group in Turkey financed by the American CIA.

These two versions tended to cancel each other out. Left unanswered were questions that the Polish Solidarity Movement was reportedly not receiving the funding promised them by the West.

So wounding Wojtyla right on the grounds of the Vatican, was perceived by savvy folks as a way of reminding the West to send more money to the Solidarity Movement. Or, maybe it was just a leftover warning for the Pope to be sure to keep covered up the Sindona scandal. After all, some claimed Sindona's main efforts in accounting were to whisk huge Italian business funds out of Italy to escape the tax collectors. Or, wounding the Pope was a way for the southern Italians and the Sicilians to remind the Pontiff not to

be so stingy refusing earthquake relief funds in 1979.

Compare the following with the position of the murdered Pope John Paul 1st regarding possibly modifying the Church's position on birth control. When Pope John Paul 2nd visited Mexico, implicit in his statements was that he was urging Mexicans to go full speed ahead in fathering children.

Yet, Mexico City, for example, is over-populated with more than 32 million inhabitants. The authorities have no funds left for sanitation. So the streets in many poor sections become the toilet and dumping grounds. It makes for a terribly unhealthy situation. The Pope offered no remedy, only being interested in more members for his Church.

Over a number of years, Pope John Paul 2nd made apologies for various historical crimes of his Church.

For example, in 1492, Columbus landed in the new world. Thereafter, the Catholic Church committed terrible crimes against the natives of Mexico and Central America and black and other slaves. Five hundred years later, in 1992, Pope John Paul 2nd visited Central America and made apologies for the crimes of five hundred years previous. To some it was an idle gesture.

And the Pope visited a memorial to the Holocaust in Israel and made apologies there. To some, it was an idle, worthless ceremony.

Seldom mentioned in Pope John Paul 2nd's efforts to topple the Soviet Union, was the more important purpose of the Vatican. That is, to smash, if possible, the Eastern Orthodox Church, a competitor if not enemy of the Vatican for more than a thousand years.

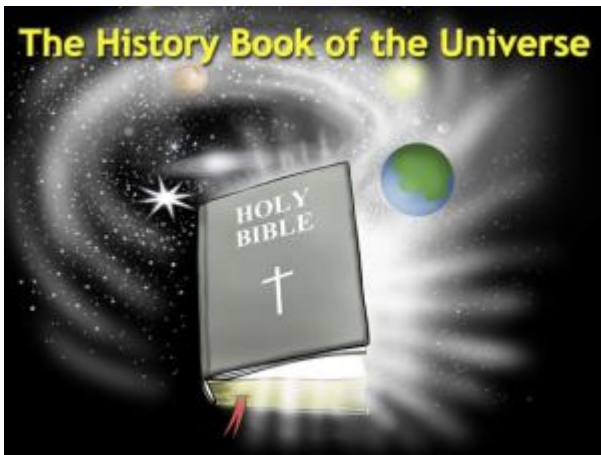
Some people conveniently forget a few things. Such as, Popes up to the beginning of the 19th Century, threatened to throw members out of the Church, excommunicate them, for daring to say the Earth is not flat.

That is, the Vatican was the headquarters of the *Flat Earth Committee*.

- Also, did any Pope ever urge scientific progress in medicines, healthcare, transportation, and communications?
- Or urge progress in laborsaving machinery so human beings would not be just above a pack animal?
- Why does it seem the Popes have their Church in full reverse gear instead of forward and progressive?

[What Can the Bible Teach Us About](#)

Science?



The Bible is not a science text. It is a history book; it tells us HIS STORY OF THE UNIVERSE.

Is Snopes a credible and authoritative source of information?



A frequent visitor of this website sent me an article from Snopes in response to the article on this site, [Coriolis Effect at the Equator: Evidence Against a Stationary Flat Earth](#). It says:

“The notion that the Coriolis force determines which direction water spirals down drains is one of the most prominent scientific myths.”

And it calls the following statement false:

“The Coriolis force determines which direction water spirals down drains and toilets in different hemispheres.”

I consider the above statement false about toilets, but true about drains! This is what I would call a false dichotomy, grouping two things together that are different in operation. A toilet flushing is totally different than water going down a spout.

However, the Coriolis effect is so small that it plays no role in determining the direction in which water rotates as it exits from a draining sink or toilet.

That statement may be true for toilets but it's demonstrably false for sinks! I've lived in the Northern Hemisphere my entire life. I've seen water drain down a spout in a clockwise direction, and *only* in a clockwise direction innumerable times during my 73 years on Earth. I happen to be now the furthest south I've ever lived, 12 degrees north latitude in the Philippines. The closer I am to the equator, the stronger the Coriolis force is.

Toilets and sinks drain in the directions they do because of the way water is directed into them or pulled from them. If water enters in a swirling motion (as it does when a toilet is flushed, for example), the water will exit in that same swirling pattern.

I took up the challenge to try to make water spin down my bathroom sink in a counterclockwise (anticlockwise) direction by purposely pouring a bucket of water down the sink when moving my arms toward the left. In spite of my efforts, I couldn't do it! I could not cause the water to spin down the drain counterclockwise. It spun down the drain in a clockwise direction as it always has. Conclusion: Snopes is LYING!

I shared the Snopes article with my scientist friend, [John Gideon Hartnett](#) who has a PhD in physics. His response: "Usual lies."

But the question is, why would Snopes lie about *this*? I understand why it would lie about the effectiveness of Covid vaccines, or that vaccines, in general, are not harmful, or about Climate Change, or about anything considered controversial that the Left likes to call, "Right-wing conspiracy theory". But why would Snopes call something false that anybody who lives in a house with a sink and a thinking mind can easily show to be true? Perhaps the following excerpt from <https://foodbabe.com/do-you-trust-snopes-you-wont-after-reading-how-they-work-with-monsanto-operatives/> will throw some light on the subject:

- Snopes is now [50% owned by an ad agency \(Proper Media\)](#) and they make money by generating [millions of views on the 3rd-party advertisements](#) on their website. It simply makes sense for them to seek out articles that are viral to "debunk", so that they can piggy-back on that traffic and generate more advertising revenue.
- Snopes was founded by a husband and wife team who are now in the middle

of a contentious divorce in which founder David Mikkelsen has been accused of [embezzling \\$98,000 of company money to spend on “himself and prostitutes”](#).

- Snopes now has a hired team of suspect [fact checkers](#) who collaborate to debunk falsehoods that are trending on the internet.
- These fact checkers reportedly have [no editorial oversight and do not follow standard journalistic procedures](#) such as interviewing the authors of articles they are trying to debunk to get all sides of the story.
- Snopes doesn't have a formal screening process for hiring fact checkers and for [evaluating applicants for any potential conflicts of interest](#). Without such standards, it is very easy for them to be infiltrated by those who work with the industry and who have a hidden agenda.

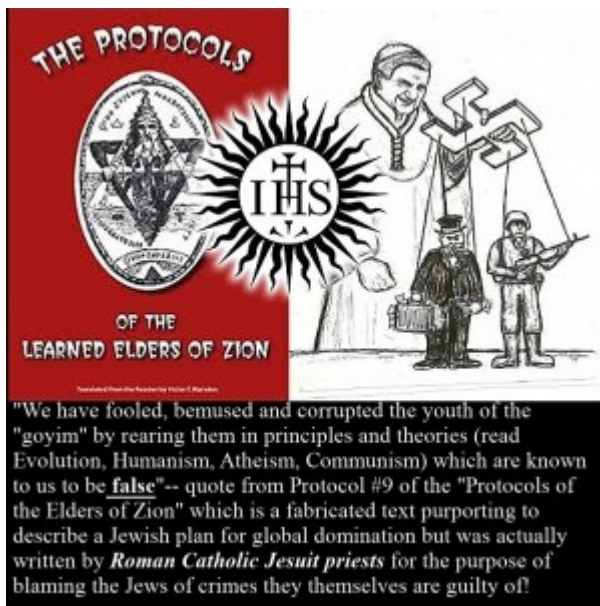
The recent series of events below demonstrates how Snopes has been influenced by Monsanto into manipulating the public opinion about [the dangers](#) of their bestselling product, Roundup weedkiller (aka glyphosate).



Conclusion

It's all about making money.

Are the Jesuits Crypto-Jews?



The answer to the question in the title of this article is a resounding NO! Johnny Cirucci in his talk with Jim Duke clearly and eloquently explains why the Jews have not infiltrated the Roman Catholic Church.

Jim Duke is an investigator of truth and uses his curiosity to expose the New World Order conspiracy and to research the dark agenda of Secret Societies from a Christian view. His website: [Jim Duke Perspective](#).

Johnny Cirucci is a brilliant researcher of the New World Order agenda. See [his bio and website](#). I like both these guys because they have clear testimonies for the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are videos on social media of interviews with Edward Hendrie and Texe Marrs that say Jesuits are Crypto-Jews. Johnny Cirucci exposes Edward Hendrie as an agent of propaganda and deception! I don't know about Texe Marrs. I used to like him because he seemed to be a loving person, a Christian, and an ex-Air Force officer, but because he only pointed to the Jews as the main conspirators and the fact he was one of Alex Jones' buddies raises a red flag in my mind.

The text below was transcribed from one of [Jim Duke's podcasts](#).

Jim Duke: And welcome to the broadcast. [JimDukePerspective.com](#) Is the website. Here it's on iTunes and Spotify, Stitcher, Spreaker, Google Play, Tunein, all the podcast catchers, you can find out, just search for us. We're also starting up a Patreon page soon, and you can contribute and help this effort along if you don't mind. And I'm not good at promoting. So that's not my forte. But I want to really get to our guest tonight. This is going to be Johnny Cirucci, who addresses the Jesuit Zionist argument of the Crypto-Jews and the claims that it's the Jews that are in charge of everything from the beginning, and crept into Rome to control Rome. And if anybody is able to do this, Johnny Cirucci can do this. As he names, names, places, and dates in

his research. Johnny, welcome back with us. Thanks for coming back and joining us.

Johnny Cirucci: Jim, you're a good friend. It's always a pleasure to be with you.

Jim Duke: And why I needed to call on you is because of this Crypto-Jew argument. And I'm getting this from all over from my listeners and from even guests that we've had on presenting their side and I want to present the counter-argument, like the Counter-Reformation that they have designed, and share your research and experience of what is going on with this claim that the Crypto-Jews were the actual ones that infiltrated the Black Nobility to take over Rome, and now the proof of it is Zionism, and the overexpression, expressive emphasis on Jerusalem and Noahide laws and all this stuff. I'm sure you can narrow it down for us and sort it out, and I don't know where to start.

Johnny Cirucci: Yeah, Jim, the Crypto-Jews that run everything like Farnese, Aldobrandini, Medeci, Borgia, Colonna, Orsini, Crypto-Jew there, right? – Each one of those ancient families – They were Jews when they were popes and cardinals, right? (The tone of Johnny's voice is full of sarcasm.) I think the Medecis gave us four cardinals, they were all Jews. Right? **Ludicrous!!!** And what really frustrates me and infuriates me about this propaganda is it's completely without any proof. They just throw the accusation without any basis. And because of the premise – I think we can accurately call it a **logical fallacy** because you make the accusation and yet you don't need to prove the accusation because of the nature of the accusation. You could point to any human being and call them a Crypto-Jew because you don't need to prove that their bloodline or their name or whatever Nazi-like reason you're using, their nose or whatever, you don't have to prove that. You just call them a name.

Jim Duke: Should we go here? The evidence is that I've asked for, it narrows down to this guy, Edward Hendrie, who they say has cited sources as documentation and proof that this is true from the Moranos..

Johnny Cirucci: The Jesuit trained Roman Catholic Edward Hendrie?

Jim Duke: Well, supposedly ex-Jesuit.

Johnny Cirucci: Yeeees, Oh, does that work for us? Does that work for us? Let's see. Let's talk about some other ex Jesuits. Oh, my goodness. There's Malachi Martin, an ex Jesuit, Greg Galluzzo, the guy that trained Barack Obama, supposedly an ex Jesuit. Oh, here's a good one, a guy by the name of Joseph Kramer, an extreme sexual deviant who specializes in homosexual massage. Oh, Voltaire. Voltaire. Meanwhile, **all of these ex Jesuits, everything that they do, helps the Jesuit cause.** So there seems to be a disconnect here with these so-called – you could claim that (Adam) Weishaupt was supposedly an ex Jesuit, the founder of the Illuminati, right? All these ex Jesuits are doing an awful lot to help the Catholic cause and the Jesuit cause. So I don't believe for a minute that Edward Hendrie, Mr. DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) lawyer, who also is deep into the flat earth

controversy – talk about an agent of propaganda and deception! This guy has spent decades working for the government in DEA and drugs, helping agents how to get past due process! Are you kidding me? Here's some of the papers written by Edward Hendrie: [“Beyond Miranda”](#), [“Consent Once Removed”](#), [“Creating Exigent Circumstances”](#) – in other words, how to fabricate the evidence that allow you to avoid due process, [“Drug Conspiracies”](#), [“Inferring Probable Cause”](#) – this guy is himself an arch-criminal, deep, deep into the American government. He has been paid to teach other agents. Because of the level of tyranny we live in, I call them stormtroopers, that seems kind of extreme. [“When an Informant's Tip Gives Probable Cause”](#). These are some of the papers written by Edward Hendrie. [The Motor Vehicle Exception](#)” – how to get around it – by Edward Hendrie. Are you kidding me? And this is the guy that we're going to rely on?! How did this guy cross over from being a prosecutor, to a lawyer for the DEA?

And by the way, what the DEA does, the job of the DEA is to move drugs. The DEA has nothing to do with stopping drugs, the DEA moves the drugs. The DEA is the hub of bringing the drugs in. The same reason that you had Eric Holder giving the Sinaloa drug cartel actual real assault rifles. You can't get an assault rifle. You can't get an assault rifle. Eric Holder gave real ones. An assault rifle is a select-fire weapon. It's capable of burst or automatic fire. You can't get that. Ronald Reagan made that illegal to you. Only the super-rich can buy themselves a real assault rifle. He gave assault rifles, real machine guns, 50 caliber sniper rifles, and explosives to the Sinaloa drug cartel. How many people including Eric Holder were prosecuted for that? Edward Hendrie, was he on the job that day? No, the job of the DEA is to move the drugs. That's who this guy is. And then wait a minute. This is the same guy that is involved in the so-called Crypto-Jew argument? He's the same guy that is deep into the flat earth conspiracy? Are you kidding me? How does this guy maintain this high level? There's no way! I have worked for the government. I spent almost 20 years myself, you'd be run out on a railroad! Are you kidding me? With this in your background? And he's not just any – he's just he's not just some paper pusher. He's a very high up well placed – as matter of fact, I'll give you some of those titles: Assistant prosecuting attorney, Special Agent, Supervisory Special Agent from 2004 to 2012. Are you kidding me? Training Specialist and instructor contracted with the State Department and the Bureau of International Narcotics. I didn't know there was such a Bureau that wants to make sure that our reach goes really far when we bring the drugs in. “We” – I hate using that word. This is the same Edward Hendrie that's going to tell me that it's really not the Catholic church that I have volumes of evidence in control of things. It's actually the Jews. Well, wait a minute, the people you're pointing to aren't Jews. Whoa, they're “Crypto-Jews”. Well, where's your evidence? No, no, no, that's the point of being a Crypto-Jew. There's no evidence. How does that even work? How does that even work?

Jim Duke: You know, I'm not an expert in this but when I tried to look up some of the sources of Crypto-Jews – first of all, that's a derogatory term because they were called Marranos, which means pig. And they were given that title because they were ousted by the enemies of some of the Italian nobility.

Johnny Cirucci: Yeah, pause just for a second. Let's hit that a little bit harder. [Marranos](#) and Conversos. Those terms are derived from what the Inquisition called the Jews in Europe. As the Inquisition was forcing the Jesuits, the real Jesuits were burning Jews alive, ripping their skin off, pulling their intestines out, breaking their arms, rotating their arms backwards, and then forcing them back into their sockets and rotating them back out again. They were being converted. And those that converted were called Conversos. Now, after you rip a Jew's arms out of a socket, and he converts to Catholicism, and he walks away you think, "I don't think he's really a good convert". And then you hear rumors that maybe he's still practicing Judaism. You have a suspicion that He claims he's a Catholic, but he's not really a good Catholic. Those are the Marranos. That's what a Marrano is. It's a Jew, who is suspected of making a false conversion to Catholicism, not Christianity, Catholicism, because Christians didn't torture Jews to become Christian. Only the Catholic Church did. So I just want to give a little bit more detail on those terms.

Jim Duke: Well, from what I understand, there were not really any substantiated facts that even prove that they were migrated into the European families, like sneaking in, Crypto-Jew, sneaking into subduing it. It's basically just been rumored so far, right?

Johnny Cirucci: It's really quite amazing that this like I said, it really does qualify, you look up the definition of the [logical fallacy](#). You make the accusation and yet the very nature of the accusation does not need proof. Well, then it's not really an accusation. It's just you saying something. I mean, I could say, my left arm is a tree branch. It's a ludicrous thing to say, but without your ability to prove it or disprove it. You just have to let it go. You have to be able to verify it yourself. And if you can't verify it, then you have to discount it.

It was really shocking, Jim, is a number of people in positions particularly in our field in so called alternative media or particularly, "Christian alternative media", who vehemently subscribe to this. Now you've encountered this yourself, and I don't want to put you on the spot. I have encountered this. It's deeply disturbing. These are popular people. Popular people.

Now, this is part of and I just heard a brilliant teaching by an Adventist. I'm not a Seventh Day Adventist. I don't subscribe to Seventh Day Adventism. I don't subscribe to *any* religion. I think there are some things that Adventists teach that are not good doctrine. And they're their take on hell, and I think really Heaven too not being eternal. That borders on heresy. Other than that, I think Walter Veith is just a phenomenal teacher. You look he's just, he's a human being. We all make mistakes, we all have. I think when Walter Veith says something wrong, it's not out of deception, whereas (when) so many other powerful people say something wrong, I think it's out of deception. But I just heard a phenomenal teaching. It's his [King of the North teaching, parts one](#) and two. The [part two](#) is just absolutely brilliant on Jews. What are Jews? What is Judaism? Names, places, and dates. Did you know that Napoleon Bonaparte, I want to say 1799, had every intent to reconstitute the nation of Israel? This has been a very important agenda for Rome. For millennia, for millennia.

Jim Duke: I know the Templars I mean, notably.

Johnny Cirucci: The Templars did the majority of their work in the Holy Land. The Templars, not the Jews, the Templars created usury banking in the Holy Land, because of the Catholic Church. Now, again, I say again, because I continue to try and give this caveat. I don't want to offend rank and file Catholics. Unfortunately, the fact of the matter is, that a large portion of your audience is Christian, and a large portion of my audience is Christian. So if you're not Christian, just bear with me just, we're going to get a little bit of Christian doctrine here.

It's important to know what people think and believe. The Christian doctrine that came back, that was at the cross, I'm saying, I'm just mentally working my way backwards, see, how much information do I really need to give in order to paint this picture? **Christ put religion to death on the cross.** By 500 AD, the Roman Empire brought it back, because there's no better way to control people. And as a follow on to that, the Roman Empire becoming a religious entity, dissolving as a military entity becoming a religious entity, **buried the Word of God, buried the Bible, made it illegal, tortured anyone that was found with it, murdered anyone that was found with it.** And that's because **the Catholic Church is a syncretistic mix of Judaism and paganism, and Luciferianism, with the trappings of Christianity,** with the false rapper of being Christian. And the Bible shows that clearly, not to be the case, and that has nothing to do with Christianity. And therefore, the Bible has remained under attack by the Catholic Church for its entire existence. And let me also follow on and say **no entity has tortured or slaughtered more Christians than Rome.** And if you combine both military and religious Rome, it's bloodcurdling, its blood curdling. Foxes Book of Martyrs, the real Foxes Book of Martyrs, not the rewritten Fox, even the rewritten Foxes Book of Martyrs, is still deeply disturbing. In the numbers and the examples of Bible-believing Christians, tortured and murdered because they were Bible-believing Christians by the Catholic Church, tortured and murdered by the Catholic Church.

And the reformation of Christianity, not the reformation of the Catholic Church, the reformation of Christianity by Martin Luther, and those brave Christians who followed him, Calvin, Zwingli, and Knox, was so critically important and perfectly timed with the advent of the movable type printing press. So that as these brave souls were pointing out the problems with the Catholic Church, the heresies, the unChristian doctrines, they were following it up with Bibles that the average person could read. Prior to that the Bible was forbidden to the average citizen and only allowed in Latin so that only clergy had access to the Word of God. And this was a revolution. And this caused the Catholic Church to change her tactics. Prior to this, all she had to do was find a Christian and a Bible, tie the Bible around their necks and burn them, burn the Bible and burn the Christian alive. Pretty effective when handwritten copies of the Bible took years to finish. A very effective way to crush the Word of God. And these are the real two witnesses. The book of Revelation, Futurism, the idea that we have no idea who the Antichrist is, he's gonna pop up, all the prophecies are yet future, as opposed to Preterism, the idea that all the prophecies are yet are already through and

past. Both of those ideas are created by Jesuits, Alcazar, Ribera, Jesuits!

Google was [founded on the date of the consecration of the Jesuit order, September 27](#). A Farnese (an influential family in Renaissance Italy) who's not Jewish, [Pope Paul III, consecrated the Jesuits on September 27 1540](#). By coincidence, Jim, that is the birthday of Google! So when you look up Farnese, or, you know, the fact that Farnese Villa looks exactly like the Pentagon, the fact that the Pentagon the first stone was laying on September 11, 1941, just two months before three months before the false flag of Pearl Harbor, none of that stuff is readily available.



The Villa Farnese. Photo found on https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Villa_Farnese

But even Google will tell you, that **Futurism**, that so-called Protestant and evangelical and fundamentalist Christians all teach in lockstep **was founded by Jesuits**, Alcazar, Ribera, so on and so forth. Futurism. Meanwhile, at the time of the Reformation, of Christianity, not of the Catholic Church, these brave souls, many of whom were ex-priests themselves, Luther was an Augustinian monk, knew the truth of the Bible, and were well versed in Scripture, Luther himself was one of, in fact, you can easily make the case that his most important contribution, perhaps even greater than breaking from the Catholic Church was writing a German Bible. And Luther, God bless him. He didn't write what we would call a King James Bible. He didn't write a Bible, in a language 500 years old. And by the way, founded by a Freemason who was controlled by a Jesuit, the King James Bible, the Authorized Version, and it is the superior version. The problem is the language not the manuscript, the texts. The translation, with the exception of things like unicorns, and

Easter, that King James mentions, is a superior translation. But the language Elizabethan Shakespearean language was created by Francis Bacon, a Freemason controlled by a Jesuit, Toby Matthew. But Luther's Bible, he used to dress up in disguise as a knight, Yonker York, and go into the bars and pubs and city streets, and listen to how the average peasant would talk, and that was the language of his Bible. A facsimile today would be a paraphrase, an English paraphrase. Now the English paraphrase, any paraphrase, is the least accurate and yet it's the most readable. *That* was the revolution. That was the revolution that needed to be countered. And that's exactly what the Catholic Church did, with her shock troops, the Jesuits. In Luther's time, Rome was understood, and Scripture said Rome was the fourth and final beast, the great Whore of Babylon. Daniel and Revelation scream this! Revelation 17, oh, my word! Revelation 17 is Rome.

Jim Duke: We're being told Israel, it's Jerusalem.

Johnny Cirucci: Oh, absolutely! That clothes herself in scarlet and purple that is drunk on the blood of the saints. **No institution has slaughtered more Christians than the Catholic Church.** We'll take a minute, hold on, let me pull it up. Let's go ahead and see how Revelation 17 – and there's only one entity that has any vested interest – and that's gaslighting. It's so ludicrous. It's so outrageous. It's just a complete inversion of reality. Black is white, white is black. Gaslighting!

Revelation 17. All right, hang on. Let's do some details. The scarlet woman that sits on a scarlet beast. I will show you the judgment of the great harlot that sits on many waters. Now, any biblical scholar worth his salt will tell you that "waters" is a metaphor for people. Who controls more human beings? The Catholic Church? Or Jews? I mean, in *indoctrination*, not for having key puppets and key positions. How many Catholics are there and how many Jews are there? With whom the kings of the earth commit fornication and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication. In other words, if you want to be in power, you have to kiss the ring. (Of the Pope.) Either metaphorically or literally. Shall I go through the list of how many people in positions of power are either Catholic or Catholic trained or Jesuit trained to include Donald Trump himself?

Jim Duke: Yeah, you may as well.

Johnny Cirucci: Okay, so, let's just pull up, give me a second and pull up Donald Trump's cabinet. And interesting. I've also had this list here. Okay, so we talked about this before we went on air. How many Catholics in positions of power were trained by Jews? Oh, wait. I got none. **How many Jews in positions of power were trained by Catholics or Jesuits? I have a running list.** It's not in any particular order. It's just how I've come across them. [Joe Rosenthal, the journalist who took the immortal picture of the Marines taking Mount Suribachi in World War Two](#) Jesuit trained Jew convert, trained by the Jesuits, the [University of San Francisco](#) (a private Jesuit university). Actor [Jesse Eisenberg](#) known for his ... he was Lex Luthor on one of the recent Supermans. He learned acting from his mother who worked at St. Peter's (Catholic) High School in New Brunswick, New Jersey. That kind of counts. **Carl Reiner**, the writer and comedian. He graduated, the Jewish guy,

Carl Reiner, whose son Rob Reiner was Meathead on [All in the Family](#), Carol O'Connor, good Irish Roman Catholic, who mocked conservative American Protestants with that role. And [Norman Lear](#), the far left Jew that created that. Carl Reiner, Jewish comedian, went to the Father Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service at [Georgetown](#) (a Jesuit university in Washington D.C.). What the heck is a comedian Jew going to this Edmond Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown for?

Jim Duke: Well, so he can be a Converso and change...

Johnny Cirucci: Yeah, yeah, no, because he knew that **the way to get power, power as a Jew, is to kiss the ring.** [Sumner Murray Rothstein](#) who later changed his name to Redstone ... now, this is important. In order to propagate this, **Jews are constantly placed in positions of prominence, particularly if there's no power.** How many Jews have run the CIA? I don't know of any. How many Jews have run the FBI? Oh, I don't know of any. I know of large numbers of Jesuit-trained Catholics in both. How many Jews have run the Joint Chiefs of Staff? Again, I don't know of any. So **the Jews are usually given positions of prominence without power, particularly Hollywood is very useful for this.** Lots of prominence, almost no power. Enter Sumner Murray Rothstein, who later changed his name to Redstone went to Georgetown Law but didn't graduate. Has run CBS, has run Paramount, has run Viacom.

Oh! Two good ones! Adam Weishaupt and Joseph Stalin. Joseph Stalin was a Jesuit priest and yet has a Jewish lineage. He was trained at what was supposed to be an Orthodox seminary in Tbilisi, Georgia. Adam Weishaupt, of Jewish lineage spent his *entire life* with the Jesuits and started his Jesuit training at seven years old. I have the actual documents.

Jim Duke: Yeah, I know that to be true.

Johnny Cirucci: He went on to teach canon law at Jesuit Ingolstadt University.

Jim Duke: As a Jew, Crypto-Jew.

Johnny Cirucci: Yeah, as a Crypto-Jew. Meanwhile immersed, and everything Weishaupt did served the Jesuit cause! Everything.

Karl Marx! What a great example! Jesuit trained! The Jew face of communism. Meanwhile, real communism was perfected by the Jesuits in the [reductionist settlements](#). You can visualize the timeline. Thomas Aquinas wrote about the importance of getting rid of property. Enter the father of Communism. The Jesuits put that into practice against the poor [Guaraní Indians](#) in South America in the 1700s. And then a *real* ex-Jesuit, [Alberto Rivera](#), I love him as a source, a real ex-Jesuit says that he was briefed, and one of the briefs he received was from [Cardinal \[Augustin\] Bea](#), what a real creepy guy! – That said that was Marx was being locked in the British – was it a library or a museum? – it was a British library. Locked away in a British library. Why was Karl Marx spending time locked away? – I think it's a British library. Because he was being spoon-fed the tenets of Communism by Jesuits.

This is the first 31 minutes of the podcast. If you wish to learn more about this subject, please listen to the entire audio podcast on <https://jimdukeperspective.com/johnny-cirucci-jesuits-and-crypto-jews-podcast/>

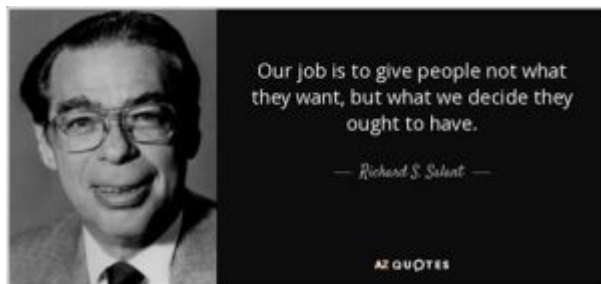
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May the reader know I do not necessarily promote or agree with everything Johnny Cirucci is saying on his website and podcasts. I respect him as a brother in Christ and I think he's a great researcher, but I do not subscribe to his Flat-earth doctrine. I believe Flat-earth is an anti-God, anti-Christ government-agent-sponsored psychological cognitive infiltration operation designed to marginalize Bible-believing Christians and make them look like fools in the eyes of the world.

Articles disproving the earth is flat:

- [Flat Earth is a C.I.A. Psyop](#)
- [Flat Earth Theory Totally Trashed](#)
- [The Source of Flat Earth Foolishness: Cognitive Infiltration](#)
- [The Flat Earth Movement is a Religious Cult!](#)
- [Flat Earthers Systematically Being Used To Disrupt And Undermine Truth Movements Everywhere](#)
- [Is the Earth a "Spinning" Ball?](#)
- [Boeing 747 Pilot Kelsey Offers Flat Earthers a Rock Solid Method to Prove Their Case](#)
- [Flat-Earthers Cannot Explain Timezones Or Why the Length of Daylight Varies According to Latitude and Season of Year](#)
- [A Conversation with a Flat-Earther](#)
- [Discussion with a Lady Seeking Answers Why Flat Earth Memes are Pseudoscience](#)
- [The Ultimate Argument Why the Earth is NOT Flat!](#)

Disinformation and Fake News: Mainstream Media and Alternative Media Both Guilty



I turned into a conspiracy researcher from 1980 which was when I first read John Todd's testimonial about [Witchcraft and the Illuminati](#). Todd taught me to read between the lines when listening to newscasters. The mainstream media is owned and controlled by large corporations. Almost by definition, a corporation's bottom line is profit, not the well being of the public. An excellent resource that brings this out is a book, ["Flat Earth News" by Nick Davies](#). The message of that book:

"Mainstream media (MSM) news agencies have been taken over by profit-seeking corporations. One way to raise profits is to cut costs, and cutting costs include time taken to fact check sources of information. In other words, making money rather than educating the public is the sole motivation of news corporations today. "

Conspiracy researchers such as myself have realized this instinctively and have therefore turned to alternative news media for information. My search for truth became a journey of hit and miss with alternative media. After a few months of listening to the likes of Alex Jones, Jeff Rense, David Icke, Joyce Riley, and others, I began to see they had something in common other than trying to educate the public. They all have something to sell! And it's usually health food supplements that are supposed to protect us from the effects of nuclear radiation.

On this website, I wrote about Joyce Riley's [false reporting of the aftermath of the Dai-Ichi nuclear reactor in Fukushima Japan](#). Though she promoted health products on her website, she lived from 1948 – 2017, only 69 years. I've outlived her by one year so far. I'm not on any medications and take only vitamin C and zinc supplements, I think I'm doing OK health-wise. I can still run up a flight of stairs and ride a mountain bike for exercise.

The following is an excerpt from a New York Times magazine article by a man who once worked for Alex Jones as a video editor, Josh Owens, written on Dec. 5, 2019: [I Worked for Alex Jones. I Regret It.](#)

Soon after I was hired, Jones's Infowars-branded store – which sells emergency-survival foods, water filters, body armor and much more – introduced an iodine supplement, initially marketed as a "shield" against nuclear fallout. Still learning the ropes, I was tasked with creating video advertisements for the supplement, which he ran on his online TV show. One of these ads started with a shot of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant as it exploded. I doubled the sound of the explosion, adding a glitch filter and sirens in the background for dramatic effect. Jones stood over my shoulder as

I edited. "This is great," he said. "See if you can find flyover footage of Chernobyl as well."

*Shortly after Jones began selling the supplements, someone posted a video on YouTube holding a Geiger counter displaying high radiation readings on a beach in Half Moon Bay, Calif. The video went viral, **stoking fears that radiation from Fukushima was drifting across the Pacific Ocean**. Jones saw an opportunity and sent me, along with a reporter, a writer and another cameraman, to California. We had multiple Geiger counters shipped overnight, unaware of how to read or work them, and drove up the West Coast, frequently stopping to check radiation levels. Other than a small spike in Half Moon Bay – which the California Department of Public Health said was from naturally occurring radioactive materials, not Fukushima – we found nothing.*

Jones was furious. We started getting calls from the radio-show producers in the office, warning us to stop posting videos to YouTube stating we weren't finding elevated levels of radiation. We couldn't just stop, though; Jones demanded constant real-time content. On some of these calls, I could hear Jones screaming in the background. One of the producers told me they had never seen him so angry.

We scrambled to find something, anything we could report on. We tested freshly caught crab from a dock in Crescent City, Calif., and traveled to the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant in Avila Beach, asking fishermen if we could test the small croakers they caught off a nearby pier. We even tried to locate a small nuclear-waste facility just so we could capture the Geiger counter displaying a high number. But we couldn't find what Jones wanted, and after two weeks of traveling from San Diego to Portland, we flew back to Texas as failures, bracing for Jones's rage.

For more about Alex Jones, please see [Why I stopped listening to Alex Jones](#)

What I think about what [Jeff Rense has to say about Fukushima](#).

Joyce Riley also came out with [disinformation and lies about Fukushima](#)

Folks, I was living in Japan during the major earthquake and tsunami that killed around 20,000 people on March 11, 2011. It seemed so ironic to me that the further away a person lives from Fukushima, the more he or she seemed to fear it! And why? They were getting fear-mongering news from the media! And alternative media actually told MORE lies about Fukushima than the mainstream media did! My home was then in Niigata City, only a little over 100 miles or 160 kilometers as the crow flies from the damaged Fukushima Dai-Ichi power plant in the town of Futaba, Fukushima Prefecture. I can tell you the thought of harmful nuclear radiation in the air from the power plant was not a topic of discussion among the locals. Nobody was worried. But for some reason, a friend who lived hundreds of miles further away in southern Japan was spreading on the Internet all kinds of horror stories about Fukushima. And where did he get it from? From alternative media in America!

Here's a general rule of thumb for how I judge the news today: When I listen to mainstream media, I always try to read between the lines and not take

anything at face value. Newscasters like Lester Holt of NBC are enjoyable to listen to, but I don't believe anything he says about the coronavirus or the importance of vaccinations. For alternative news sources, I stick with men who I see to be sincere and dedicated Christians, men like Dr. Chuck Baldwin. When I heard him say that QAnon is a hoax, I believed him. I don't follow QAnon. I'm grateful to pastor Baldwin for warning me about it. Some of my friends do follow QAnon. I think not only are they wasting their time, but they are also going to be greatly discouraged and disappointed someday when they see everything that Q promised them did not and will not come to pass.

Another way some people get news is through social media like Facebook or Twitter. This may be the least reliable method for a couple reasons.

1. Both Facebook and Twitter are subject to censorship of any information that is contrary to the mainstream narrative.

2. Well meaning friends may share information they didn't fact check. Once I got a link from a trusted friend about the Pope changing one of the Ten Commandments and adding an eleventh commandment! I immediately shared it on my Facebook timeline only to find a few hours later that it was false! Why did I share information without fact checking it? Two reasons: I got the information from a very good and trusted friend, and the information agreed with my cognitive bias about the Pope. I had to learn to always fact check. This also applies to other social media that is becoming popular such as MeWe and Parler. You won't face censorship using them, but well meaning friends can still lead you astray by their posts.

[“Microwave Ovens Will Kill You” – An Internet Hoax!](#)



I am blessed to have a friend who is a scientist, a university professor, and a Bible believing Christian, a [brother in Jesus Christ](#) who I can trust! His name is [John Gideon Hartnett](#). On the evening of July 26, 2016, I read a post on Facebook warning of the dangers of consuming microwaved food. This is

something I have heard about for years now and have believed. But because the article said that even drinking microwaved water is bad for you, I started to have doubts. The study of inorganic chemistry was my favorite subject in high school. I could see no scientific reasoning how microwaving water could possibly change it into something bad. It merely heats it. So decided to take the matter to my friend Dr. Hartnett and this is what he said:

It is not bad. There is no difference to boiling with a flame. It is plain crazy. The wavelength of the radiation is about 10 cm so that is the minimum length scale it could slice and dice. Water molecules are very small and are just heated by absorbing the radiation but as water not as molecules. The real safety concern is leakage. You don't want them leaking when you are standing there.

In other words, Dr. John G. Hartnett rejects the notion that eating food warmed or cooked in a microwave is bad.

My friends, it's been a long journey for me to find the truth about issues and avoiding sidetracks such as [flat earth theory](#). I used to regularly visit alternate news sites only to find out later that a lot of what I was reading is trash! I learned I can't even trust alternate media, let alone mainstream media. I've been guilty of forwarding false information and am now trying to be more discerning. The lesson for me is to check out the story and confirm it with reliable sources. The most trustworthy sources for me are individuals who I know are believers in the Word of God, the Bible.

Below is the first part of,

Debunking An Internet Hoax: What Science Really Says About Microwave Ovens, Your Food And Your Health

by Tom Venuto

"Microwave ovens will kill you!" Or so they say... If you've ever surfed the internet for information on health and nutrition, there's little doubt you've come across scare stories about microwave ovens. Online natural health "experts" claim that microwaves will "zap" your food, deplete it of important nutrients and alter its molecular structure in dangerous ways. They also warn that microwave exposure and eating food cooked in microwave ovens will cause harm to your body and even cause cancer!

Is there any truth to any of these reports? Why are some people so paranoid about an appliance that has been used safely by millions of people for decades? Should you stop using a microwave oven for reheating leftovers, making frozen dinners or cooking your vegetables, potatoes, meat, oatmeal or other foods?

These are important questions because: A) your health is your number one priority and B) the microwave oven, while it may not replace a conventional oven and certainly doesn't produce better tasting food, is unquestionably one

of the greatest time savers and conveniences you can have in your kitchen.

You're not only about to get the answers, this also will be the last article about the microwave controversy you'll ever have to read because it demolishes the microwave myths with undeniable proof: facts, science and evidence... not urban legends and fear mongering.

What started all the internet scare stories?

Rumors are often started and circulated on the internet without anyone ever confirming the source. Did you ever get one of those random emails that said something like, "10 reasons to throw out your microwave" and then forward it right on to a friend, just assuming it was true? (go ahead, fess up).

A large part of all the microwave alarmism today can be traced back to a single story that was spread on the internet until it went viral and was eventually accepted as factual. It's the story of the infamous "Swiss research" done by "food researcher" Hans Hertel, who allegedly performed his own private study to see how microwaved foods affected the results of blood tests. A typical iteration of the story goes like this:

"The use of microwave ovens in cooking can alter the structure of nutrients in foods, making it difficult for the organism to make use of them. Hertel discovered that food cooked or thawed in a microwave oven could cause changes in the blood, indicating that a process of illness is developing. SIMILAR CHANGES ARE ALSO FOUND IN THE CASE OF CANCER."

As with most alarmist nutrition nonsense on the net, this one also involves the ubiquitous conspiracy theory. The story continues:

"The best studies about the use of microwaves to heat food were purposely kept from consumers. Hertel was efficiently "gagged" by Swiss microwave oven producers. For over 10 years, Hertel has fought for the right to tell the world what he'd discovered."

Actually the best studies are NOT kept from consumers, they are peer reviewed, replicated and published in scientific journals where we can actually look them up. Alas, we cannot access Hertel's "research" to judge its validity because it was never published.

In fact, by Hertel and his follower's own accounts, this "study" was just himself, Bernard Blanc (who later recanted) and six of their buddies who locked themselves in a hotel room and conducted a personal and arguably non-scientific and non-controlled experiment. This is not real research; it was never verified or replicated by other researchers. Yet you see Hertel quoted in almost every "microwaves equal death" article on the Internet, a good tipoff that everything else in the article is suspect as well.

Microwave ovens, radiation and the cancer scare

One tactic used by microwave scaremongers is to instill fears about radiation and cancer. When people hear the word radiation, they tend to freak out. I

suspect that even people who understand that we're not talking about a nuclear accident, gamma rays or x rays still have an uncomfortable feeling about "radiation" cooking their food (after all, we call it "nuking" right?)

But when we talk about microwave "radiation" we are simply talking about production of thermal energy, aka, heat. Radiation and radioactive are NOT the same thing. Celeste Robb-Nicholson, M.D. from the Harvard Health Review explains:

"Microwaves do not cause cancer. They're a form of non-ionizing radiation and thus cannot ionize tissue. Microwave ovens use low-frequency waves of electrical and magnetic energy to produce heat to cook food. They don't make food radioactive, nor do they trigger cancer-causing genetic mutations."

A search of the medical literature brings up absolutely nothing linking microwave cooking to cancer.

The research says that concern over cancer causing compounds such as heterocyclic amines (HCAs), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), would be better directed toward educating consumers on the charring and blackening that occurs when grilling or barbecuing muscle meats, rather than cooking the meat in microwave ovens.

In fact, cooking in a microwave can actually REDUCE the formation of HCAs. This quote comes from the National Cancer Institute (www.cancer.gov):

"Studies have shown that microwaving meat prior to cooking helps to decrease mutagens by removing the precursors. Meats that were microwaved for 2 minutes prior to cooking had a 90-percent decrease in HCA content."

Read the rest from

<http://www.burnthefatblog.com/archives/2011/07/what-science-really-says-about-microwave-ovens.php>

Recommended Books

This page is a list of many of the books and resources on this website. It will take you a considerable amount of time to read all of them. You might want to read first my article [The Hidden Government that is Ruling the World through Visible Governments](#) It's short and based on all the material you see below.

Antichrist And His Ten Kingdoms by Albert Close

- [Introduction – The Apostate Church of Rome](#)
- [Revelation 17 – The Prophetic Portrait of the Church of Rome](#)

- [The Character of Antichrist and Papal Persecution of the Saints](#)
- [A Description of the Great Whore of Revelation Chapter 17](#)
- [The Church of Rome Ignores the Challenge to Disprove She is the Great Whore of Revelation Chapter 17](#)
- [The Great Harlot's Daughters](#)
- [Our Position Today in the Divine Program as Revealed in Prophecy](#)
- [The Scholars Behind the Promotion of the False Interpretations of the Books of Daniel and Revelation](#)
- [The Mass an Abomination to God](#)
- [The Meaning of 666 in Revelation Chapter 13](#)
- [False Interpretations of Divine Prophecy](#)
- [British Government Hides Vatican War Treachery From Empire](#)
- [Rome's Attack on the British Empire and the United States](#)
- [The Final Revelation to Men by Jesus Christ: The Apocalypse](#)
- [Who are the Kings of the East Mentioned in Revelation 16:12?](#)
- [The Revelation an Acted Prophecy – Western Europe and Asia the Stage](#)
- [The Purple and Scarlet Robes of the Bishops of the Church of Rome](#)

The True Nature and Structure of Roman Catholicism

- [The Nature Of Roman Catholicism](#)
- [The Hierarchical Structure Of Roman Catholicism](#)
- [The Catholic Church And Economics](#)
- [Catholicism's Moral Code](#)
- [The Catholic Church And Women](#)
- [The Catholic Church And Science](#)

Articles exposing the false doctrine of Dispensationalism

- [The Fatalism of Dispensationalism](#)
- [Deconstructing Dispensationalism](#)
- [Have You Been Duped by Dispensationalism?](#)
- [The Greatest Heresy of the Endtime: Dispensationalism](#)
- [The Origins of Dispensational-Futurist Theology – the Jesuit Connection](#)
- [Dispensationalism and Its Influence on Eschatology](#)
- [The Third Temple Deception](#)
- [True Christianity Vs Evangelical Zionism](#)
- [Famous Jews Against Zionism](#)
- [Munther Isaac: Christian Zionism as Imperial Theology in Text Format and Video](#)
- [American Christian Zionism History, Theology and Implications](#)
- [The Truth about Zionism – The Zionist / Jesuit connection](#)
- [The Historical Roots of Christian Zionism, its Theological Basis and Political Agenda](#)
- [Munther Isaac's Speech: "Palestinian Christian Response to Christian Zionism" In Text Format](#)
- [The Problems with Christian Zionism](#)

- [C.I. Scofield: Father of the Heresy of Christian Zionism](#)

Articles exposing Christian Zionism as another false doctrine of Dispensationalism

- [The Historical Roots of Christian Zionism, its Theological Basis and Political Agenda](#)
- [Israel is the Church & the Church is Israel](#)
- [Deconstructing Dispensationalism](#)
- [God's Promise to Physical Israel to Live in the Land Was Contingent on Obedience](#)
- [God's Promise to Return Israel to Their Own Land Fulfilled Over 2000 Years Ago](#)
- [Munther Isaac's Speech: "Palestinian Christian Response to Christian Zionism" In Text Format](#)
- [An Open Letter to U.S. Christians from a Palestinian Pastor](#)
- [The Problems with Christian Zionism](#)
- [C.I. Scofield: Father of the Heresy of Christian Zionism](#)

Books and articles exposing a conspiracy against the liberties of American citizens

- [Foreign Conspiracy Against the Liberties of the United States – By Samuel F. B. Morse](#)
- [None Dare Call It Conspiracy by Gary Allen in Text Format](#)
- [Bill Gates' Plan to Vaccinate the World](#)
- [Text of Banned Video: Plandemic – Dr. Judy Mikovits Interview Exposing Corruption in the Academic Community](#)
- [Rare William Cooper Interview in Text and Audio](#)
- [2010 Rockefeller Foundation Paper Outlines 2020 Pandemic](#)
- [EXCLUSIVE Dr Rashid Buttar BLASTS Gates, Fauci, EXPOSES Fake Pandemic Numbers As Economy Collapses](#)
- [Patent from Microsoft: Body Activity Data Cryptocurrency System](#)
- [Vatican Interference in U.S. Presidential Elections?](#)
- [The Ultimate Conspiracy – Dave Hunt and the Jesuit Attempt to Hijack the Christian Faith](#)
- [The Truth about Zionism – The Zionist / Jesuit connection](#)

Books and Articles about Romanism

- [Washington in the Lap of Rome](#)
- [Romanism and the Reformation – H. Grattan Guinness](#)
- [Union with Rome – Christopher Wordsworth](#)
- [The Attractions of the Roman Catholic Church](#)
- [The Evangelical Ecumenical Return to Rome Movement Exposed](#)

- [Daniel 11:36-39 – A Prophecy of the Pope of Rome!](#)
- [C. S. Lewis: A Bridge to Rome](#)
- [“... and his deadly wound was healed” – Revelation 13:3](#)
- [“And the Woman Was Arrayed in Purple and Scarlet Colour...” – Revelation 17:4](#)
- [“Ravens Wolves” by Monica Farrell](#)
- [A Sincere Roman Catholic Priest Finds Contradictions in the Teachings of the Holy Fathers](#)
- [Abraham Lincoln’s views about Rome, the Pope, the Vatican, the Jesuits and their influence on American society](#)
- [The Pope – Chief of White Slavers, High Priest of Intrigue](#)
- [Popery The Foe of the Church and of the Republic](#)
- [Behind the Dictators A Factual Analysis of the Relationship of Nazi-Fascism and Roman Catholicism by L. H. LEHMANN](#)
- [The Vatican in World Politics](#)
- [Vietnam: Why Did We Go? The Roman Catholic Church’s connection](#)
- [Fifty Years in the Church of Rome](#)
- [The Vatican Against Europe – Edmond Paris](#)
- [Catholic Victory in 1960?](#)

Books and articles about Jesuitism

- [The Effect of the Jesuit Eschatologies on America Today – by Dr. Ronald Cooke](#)
- [Rome’s Responsibility for the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln](#)
- [A Candid History Of The Jesuits – Joseph McCabe](#)
- [1850s Switzerland Was The Jesuits’ Proving Ground For The Establishment Of Today’s America](#)
- [Authors of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion – Jews? Or Jesuits!](#)
- [How the Jesuits undermined the Protestant Reformation](#)
- [Abraham Lincoln’s views about Rome, the Pope, the Vatican, the Jesuits and their influence on American society](#)
- [Book Report: Rulers of Evil – Useful Knowledge about Governing Bodies, By F. Tupper Saussy](#)
- [Enemies of America Unmasked – By J. Wayne Laurens](#)
- [Jesuit Hollywood](#)
- [The Black Pope](#)
- [Secret Instructions of the Society of Jesus](#)
- [Footprints of the Jesuits](#)
- [The Secret History of the Jesuits – by Edmond Paris](#)

The Last Prophecy: An Abridgment of Elliott’s Horae Apocalypticæ.

- [Revelation 1, 2, 3. St. John in Patmos](#)
- [Revelation 4, 5. View of Scenery As It Appeared to St. John](#)

- [Revelation 6:1, 2. The First Seal](#)
- [Revelation 6:3-8. Second, Third, and Fourth Seals](#)
- [Revelation 6:9-11. The Fifth Seal](#)
- [Revelation 6:12-17. The Sixth Seal](#)
- [Revelation 7:1-8. The Sealing Vision](#)
- [Revelation 7:9-17. The Palm-Bearing Vision](#)
- [Revelation 8:1-5. The Seventh Seal](#)
- [Revelation 8:6-12. The First Four Trumpets](#)
- [Revelation 8:13. Forewarnings Of Coming Woe](#)
- [Revelation 9:1-11. The Fifth Trumpet](#)
- [Revelation 9:12-19. The Sixth Trumpet](#)
- [Revelation 9:20-21. The Unrepentant State of Western Christendom](#)
- [Revelation 10:1-3. Intervention Of The Covenant Angel](#)
- [Revelation 10:1-4. The Epoch Of The Reformation](#)
- [Revelation 10:5-7. The Angel's Oath](#)
- [Revelation 10:8-11 And 11:1-2. The Covenant Angel's Commission](#)
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Quotes From Influential Men



This is my collection of quotes from the movers and shakers of this world that I believe shed light on why the world is what it is today. If you have a quote that you would like to add to this list, please write it in the [comments section](#) of this post!

2009 is also the first year of global governance, with the establishment of the G-20 in the middle of the financial crisis. The climate conference in Copenhagen is another step towards the global management of our planet.”

– Herman Van Rompuy, the first president of the European Union.

“One of the delightful things about Americans is that they have absolutely no historical memory.”

– Chou En-lai, former Chinese premier

“None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.”

– [Johann Wolfgang Goethe](#)

“All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent.”

-Thomas Jefferson

“Governments do not govern, but merely control the machinery of government, being themselves controlled by the hidden hand.”

– Benjamin Disraeli

There is no such thing in America as an independent press. You know it and I know it... The business of the Journalist is to destroy truth; To lie outright; To pervert; To vilify; To fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his county and his race for his daily bread.

– John Swinton, newsman and former editor at The New York Times

“If we understand the mechanism and motives of the group mind, it is now possible to control and regiment the masses according to our will without their knowing it.”

– Edward L. Bernays, the nephew of Sigmund Freud who studied his uncle’s work. (Quote gleaned from “Flat Earth News” by Nick Davies)

“We must now face the harsh truth that the objectives of communism are being steadily advanced because many of us do not recognize the means used to advance them. ... The individual is handicapped by coming face to face with a Conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists. The American mind simply has not come to a realization of the evil which has been introduced into our midst.”

– J. Edgar Hoover (Elks Magazine, August 1956.)

“A holy war will now begin on America, and when it is ended America will be supposedly the citadel of freedom, but her millions will unknowingly be loyal subjects to the Crown. Your churches will be used to teach the Jew’s religion and in less than two hundred years the whole nation will be working for divine world government. That government that they believe to be divine will be the British Empire. All religions will be permeated with Judaism without even being noticed by the masses, and they will all be under the invisible all-seeing eye of the Grand Architect of Freemasonry.”

– British General Charles Cornwallis to General George Washington

“The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“It’s not the votes that count,
it’s who counts the votes.”

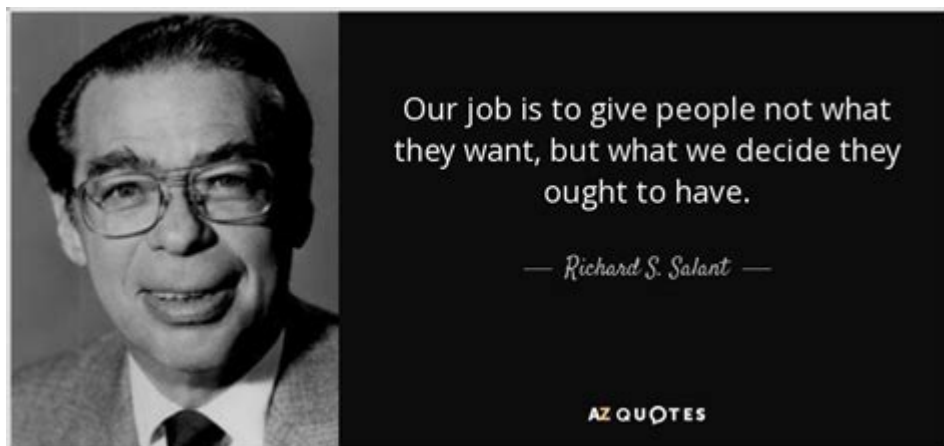
– Josef Stalin

“There will be in the next generation or so a pharmacological method of making people love their servitude and producing dictatorship without tears so to speak. Producing a kind of painless concentration camp for entire societies so that people will in fact have their liberties taken away from them, but will rather enjoy it, because they will be distracted from any desire to rebel by propaganda, or brainwashing, or brainwashing enhanced by pharmacological methods. And this seems to be the final revolution.”

– Aldous Huxley, Tavistock Group, California Medical School, 1961

“Why of course the people don’t want war. Why should some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece? Naturally, the common people don’t want war: neither in Russia, nor in England, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But after all it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship ... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger.”

– Leading Nazi leader, Hermann Goering, at the Nuremberg Trials before he was sentenced to death



“Our job is to give people not what they want, but what we decide they ought to have.”

– Richard S. Salant, Former President CBS News.

“One cannot wage war under present conditions without the support of public opinion, which is tremendously molded by the press and other

forms of propaganda.”

– General Douglas MacArthur

“If you give a man the correct information for seven years, he may believe the incorrect information on the first day of the eighth year when it is necessary, from your point of view, that he should do so. Your first job is to build the credibility and the authenticity of your propaganda, and persuade the enemy to trust you although you are his enemy.”

– A Psychological Warfare Casebook Operations Research Office Johns Hopkins University Baltimore (1958)

“The first casualty of war is truth.”

–Rudyard Kipling

“Today Americans would be outraged if U.N. troops entered Los Angeles to restore order; tomorrow they will be grateful. This is especially true if they were told there was an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead with world leaders to deliver them from this evil. The one thing every man fears is the unknown. When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well being granted to them by their world government.”

– Henry Kissinger speaking at Evian, France, May 21, 1992 Bilderburgers meeting. Unbeknownst to Kissinger, his speech was taped by a Swiss delegate to the meeting.

“People only see what they are prepared to see.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The high office of President has been used to foment a plot to destroy the American’s freedom, and before I leave office I must inform the citizen of his plight.”

–John F. Kennedy, at Columbia University, 10 days before his assassination.

“It is also important for the State to inculcate in its subjects an

aversion to any 'conspiracy theory of history;' for a search for 'conspiracies' means a search for motives and an attribution of responsibility for historical misdeeds."

—Murray N. Rothbard, in *The Anatomy of the State*

"The secret to success is to own nothing, but control everything."

—Nelson Rockefeller

"I want to own nothing and control everything"

—J D Rockefeller

"The drive of the Rockefellers and their allies is to create a one-world government combining supercapitalism and Communism under the same tent, all under their control... Do I mean conspiracy? Yes I do. I am convinced there is such a plot, international in scope, generations old in planning, and incredibly evil in intent."

—Larry P. McDonald, US Congressman, 1976, killed in the Korean Airlines 747 that was shot down by the Soviets

"The real menace of our republic is this invisible government which like a giant octopus sprawls its slimy length over city, state and nation. Like the octopus of real life, it operates under cover of a self created screen...At the head of this octopus are the Rockefeller Standard Oil interests and a small group of powerful banking houses generally referred to as international bankers. The little coterie of powerful international bankers virtually run the United States government for their own selfish purposes. They practically control both political parties."

—John F. Hylan, 1922, then mayor of New York City

"The money powers prey upon the nation in times of peace and conspire against it in times of adversity. It is more despotic than a monarchy, more insolent than autocracy, and more selfish than bureaucracy. It denounces as public enemies, all who question it's methods or throw light upon it's crimes. I have two great enemies, the Southern Army in front of me and the Bankers in the rear. Of the two, the one at my rear is my greatest foe... corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money powers of the country will endeavor to prolong it's reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until the wealth is aggregated in the hands of a few, and the Republic is destroyed.

– Abraham Lincoln

“Some of the biggest men in the United States, in the field of commerce and manufacture, are afraid of something. They know that there is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive, that they had better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it.”

–Woodrow Wilson, from his book *The New Freedom* (1913)

“I am a most unhappy man. I have unwittingly ruined my country. A great industrial nation is controlled by its system of credit. Our system of credit is concentrated. The growth of the nation, therefore, and all our activities are in the hands of a few men. We have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated Governments in the civilized world – no longer a Government by free opinion, no longer a Government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a Government by the opinion and duress of a small group of dominant men.”

–President Woodrow Wilson (The president whose administration passed the Federal Reserve Act)

“If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and the corporations which grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“The hand that gives is above the hand that takes. Money has no motherland; financiers are without patriotism and without decency: their sole object is gain.”

– Napoleon Bonaparte

“The real rulers in Washington are invisible, and exercise power from behind the scenes.”

–Felix Frankfurter, Supreme Court Justice

“The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes.”

–Benjamin Disraeli, first Prime Minister of England, in a novel he published in 1844 called Coningsby, the New Generation

“Gentlemen, I have had men watching you for a long time and I am convinced that you have used the funds of the bank to speculate in the breadstuffs of the country. When you won, you divided the profits amongst you, and when you lost, you charged it to the bank. You tell me that if I take the deposits from the bank and annul its charter, I shall ruin ten thousand families. That may be true, gentlemen, but that is your sin! Should I let you go on, you will ruin fifty thousand families, and that would be my sin! You are a den of vipers and thieves.”

–Attributed to President Andrew Jackson, who in 1836 forced the closing of the Second Bank of the U.S. by revoking its charter.

“The Federal Reserve Banks are one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever seen. There is not a man within the sound of my voice who does not know that this Nation is run by the International Bankers.”

–Congressman Louis T. McFadden (Rep. Pa)

“We have, in this country, one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever known. I refer to the Federal Reserve Board. This evil institution has impoverished the people of the United States and has practically bankrupted our government. It has done this through the corrupt practices of the moneyed vultures who control it”.

– Congressman Louis T. McFadden in 1932 (Rep. Pa)

“I care not what puppet is placed on the throne of England to rule the Empire, ... The man that controls Britain’s money supply controls the British Empire. And I control the money supply.”

–Baron Nathan Mayer de Rothschild (1777-1836)

“These are the rules of big business. They have superseded the teachings of our parents and are reducible to a simple maxim: Get a monopoly; let Society work for you; and remember that the best of all business is politics, for a legislative grant, franchise, subsidy or tax exemption is worth more than a Kimberly or Comstock lode, since it does not require any labor, either mental or physical, for its exploitation.”

–Frederick C. Howe, in Confessions of a Monopolist (1906)

"If we were merely dealing with the law of averages, half of the events affecting our nation's well-being should be good for America. If we were dealing with mere incompetence, our leaders should occasionally make a mistake in our favor. We . . . are not dealing with coincidence or stupidity, but with planning and brilliance."

—Gary Allen, from his book *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*

"In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their garments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear."

—Marcus Tullius Cicero 42 BC

"As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there's a twilight where everything remains seemingly unchanged, and it is in such twilight that we must be aware of change in the air, however slight, lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness."

—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

"Ideas are more powerful than guns. We would not let our enemies have guns, why should we let them have ideas?"

—Joseph Stalin

"When a well-packaged web of lies has been sold gradually to the masses over generations, the truth will seem utterly preposterous and its speaker a raving lunatic."

—Dresden James

“In a time of universal deceit – telling the truth is a revolutionary act.”
–George Orwell

“If 50 million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.”
–Anatole France

“A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.”
Gerald Ford, the 38th President of the United States.

“We are grateful to the Washington Post, The New York Times, Time Magazine and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. ... It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subjected to the lights of publicity during those years. But, the world is now more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries.”
David Rockefeller, Bilderberg Meeting, June 1991 Baden, Germany

“The illegal we do immediately. The unconstitutional takes a bit longer.”
–Henry Kissinger

“No one will enter the New World Order unless he or she will make a pledge to worship Lucifer. No one will enter the New Age unless he will take a Luciferian Initiation.”
David Spangler, Director of Planetary Initiative, United Nations

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– Strobe Talbot, Clinton's Deputy Secretary of State, as quoted in Time, July 20th, 1992.

"We shall have world government whether or not you like it, by conquest or consent."

– Statement by Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) member James Warburg to The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on February 17th, 1950

"The governments of the present day have to deal not merely with other governments, with emperors, kings and ministers, but also with the secret societies which have everywhere their unscrupulous agents, and can at the last moment upset all the governments' plans."

– British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, 1876

"The very word "secrecy" is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings. We decided long ago that the dangers of excessive and unwarranted concealment of pertinent facts far outweighed the dangers, which are cited to justify it."

– President John F. Kennedy

Address to newspaper publishers

April 27, 1961

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– New York City Mayor John F. Hylan, 1922

"From the days of Spartacus, Weishaupt, Karl Marx, Trotsky, Rosa Luxemburg, and Emma Goldman, this world conspiracy has been steadily growing. This conspiracy played a definite recognizable role in the tragedy of the French revolution. It has been the mainspring of every subversive movement during the 19th century. And now at last this band of extraordinary personalities from the underworld of the great cities of Europe and America have gripped the Russian people by the hair of their head and have become the undisputed masters of that enormous empire."

– Winston Churchill, stated to the London Press, in 1922.

"For a long time I felt that FDR had developed many thoughts and ideas that

were his own to benefit this country, the United States. But, he didn't. Most of his thoughts, his political ammunition, as it were, were carefully manufactured for him in advanced by the Council on Foreign Relations-One World Money group. Brilliantly, with great gusto, like a fine piece of artillery, he exploded that prepared "ammunition" in the middle of an unsuspecting target, the American people, and thus paid off and returned his internationalist political support."

– Curtis Dall, FDR's son-in-law as quoted in his book, My Exploited Father-in-Law

"The depression was the calculated 'shearing' of the public by the World Money powers, triggered by the planned sudden shortage of supply of call money in the New York money market...The One World Government leaders and their ever close bankers have now acquired full control of the money and credit machinery of the U.S. via the creation of the privately owned Federal Reserve Bank."

– Curtis Dall, FDR's son-in-law as quoted in his book, My Exploited Father-in-Law

"The United Nations is but a long range, international banking apparatus clearly set up for financial and economic profit by a small group of powerful One-World revolutionaries, hungry for profit and power."

– Curtis Dall, FDR's son-in-law

"The real rulers in Washington are invisible, and exercise power from behind the scenes."

– Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, 1952

"Today the path of total dictatorship in the United States can be laid by strictly legal means, unseen and unheard by the Congress, the President, or the people. Outwardly we have a Constitutional government. We have operating within our government and political system, another body representing another form of government – a bureaucratic elite.

– Senator William Jenner, 1954

"The Trilateral Commission is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States. The Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power political, monetary, intellectual and ecclesiastical. What the Trilateral Commission intends is to create a

worldwide economic power superior to the political governments of the nationstates involved. As managers and creators of the system, they will rule the future.”

– U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater in his 1964 book: With No Apologies.

“The Council on Foreign Relations is “the establishment.” Not only does it have influence and power in key decision-making positions at the highest levels of government to apply pressure from above, but it also announces and uses individuals and groups to bring pressure from below, to justify the high level decisions for converting the U.S. from a sovereign Constitutional Republic into a servile member state of a one-world dictatorship.”

– Former Congressman John Rarick 1971

“The term Internationalism has been popularized in recent years to cover an interlocking financial, political, and economic world force for the purpose of establishing a World Government. Today Internationalism is heralded from pulpit and platform as a ‘League of Nations’ or a ‘Federated Union’ to which the United States must surrender a definite part of its National Sovereignty. The World Government plan is being advocated under such alluring names as the ‘New International Order,’ ‘The New World Order,’ ‘World Union Now,’ ‘World Commonwealth of Nations,’ ‘World Community,’ etc. All the terms have the same objective; however, the line of approach may be religious or political according to the taste or training of the individual.”

– Excerpt from A Memorial to be Addressed to the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in General Convention (October 1940)

“The most powerful clique in these (CFR) groups have one objective in common: they want to bring about the surrender of the sovereignty and the national independence of the U.S. They want to end national boundaries and racial and ethnic loyalties supposedly to increase business and ensure world peace. What they strive for would inevitably lead to dictatorship and loss of freedoms by the people. The CFR was founded for “the purpose of promoting disarmament and submergence of U.S. sovereignty and national independence into an all-powerful one-world government.”

– Harpers, July 1958

“... when the struggle seems to be drifting definitely towards a world social democracy, there may still be very great delays and disappointments before it becomes an efficient and beneficent world system. Countless people ... will hate the new world order ... and will die protesting against it. When we attempt to evaluate its promise, we have to bear in mind the distress of a

generation or so of malcontents, many of them quite gallant and graceful-looking people.”

– H. G. Wells, in his book entitled *The New World Order* (1939)

“I you tell a lie **long** enough, **loud** enough and **often** enough, the people will believe it.”

Adolf Hitler

“People are more likely to believe a **big lie** than a small one.”

Adolf Hitler

“It is well that the people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning.”

– Henry Ford

“The one aim of these financiers is world control by the creation of inextinguishable debts.”

– Henry Ford

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“We are at present working discreetly with all our might to wrest this mysterious force called sovereignty out of the clutches of the local nation states of the world.”

– Professor Arnold Toynbee, in a June 1931 speech before the Institute for the Study of International Affairs in Copenhagen.

“The government of the Western nations, whether monarchical or republican, had passed into the invisible hands of a plutocracy, international in power and grasp. It was, I venture to suggest, this semioccult power which....pushed the mass of the American people into the cauldron of World War I.”

– British military historian MajorGeneral J.F.C. Fuller, 1941

“The real truth of the matter is, as you and I know, that a financial element in the larger centers has owned the Government ever since the days of Andrew Jackson.”

– A letter written by FDR to Colonel House, November 21st, 1933

“The case for government by elites is irrefutable”

– Senator William Fulbright, Former chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, stated at a 1963 symposium entitled: The Elite and the Electorate – Is Government by the People Possible?

“Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception.”

– Mark Twain, The Mysterious Stranger, 1916, Ch.9

“We’re an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you’re studying that reality – judiciously, as you will – we’ll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that’s how things will sort out. We’re history’s actors . . . and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do.” – Senior advisor to Bush talking to journalist Ron Susink (See www.hermes-press.com/suskind.htm to read this quote in context.)

“The Matrix is everywhere. It is all around us, even now in this very room. You can see it when you look out your window, or when you turn on your television. You can feel it when you go to work, when you go to church, when you pay your taxes. It is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth.”

– Quote from Morpheus in the film, [The Matrix](#)

“In a developed society...the seizure of political power is not possible until after the seizure of cultural power.”

Antonio Gramsci (Italian Party Communist leader)

“Revolutions are effected in two ways, by force and by fraud.”

– Aristotle

“One-fourth of humanity must be eliminated from the social body. We are in charge of God’s selection process for planet earth. He selects, we destroy. We are the riders of the pale horse, Death.”

– Psychologist Barbara Marx Hubbard – member of Task Force Delta; a United States Army think tank

“I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. When the loyal opposition dies, I think the soul of America dies with it.”

– Edward R. Murrow”

“See, in my line of work you got to keep repeating things over and over and over again for the truth to sink in, to kind of catapult the propaganda.”

– George W. Bush, Greece, N.Y., May 24, 2005

“It is easier to believe a lie that one has heard a thousand times than to believe a fact that no one has heard before.”

– Unknown Source

“It can be held certain that information that is withheld or suppressed contains truths that are detrimental to the persons involved in the suppression.”

– J. Edgar Hoover

“Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.”

– Voltaire

“Blinding ignorance does mislead us. O! Wretched mortals, open your eyes!”
– Leonardo Da Vinci

“Fascism should more appropriately be called Corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power.”
– Benito Mussolini

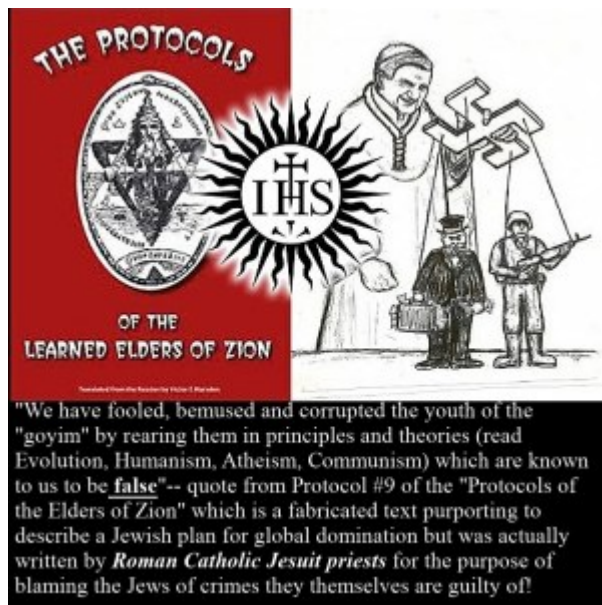
“Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it”
– Hitler

“And at the same time the consciousness of being at war, and therefore in danger, makes the handing-over of all power to a small caste seem the natural, unavoidable condition of survival... It does not matter whether the war is actually happening, and, since no decisive victory is possible, it does not matter whether the war is going well or badly. All that is needed is that a state of war should exist... The war, therefore, if we judge it by the standards of previous wars, is merely an imposture. It is like the battles between certain ruminant animals whose horns are set at such an angle that they are incapable of hurting one another. But though it is unreal it is not meaningless. It eats up the surplus of consumable goods, and it helps to preserve the special mental atmosphere that a hierarchical society needs. War, it will be seen, is now a purely internal affair. In the past, the ruling groups of all countries, although they might recognize their common interest and therefore limit the destructiveness of war, did fight against one another, and the victor always plundered the vanquished. In our own day they are not fighting against one another at all. The war is waged by each ruling group against its own subjects, and the object of the war is not to make or prevent conquests of territory, but to keep the structure of society intact. The very word ‘war’, therefore, has become misleading. It would probably be accurate to say that by becoming continuous war has ceased to exist.”
– George Orwell, 1984

“The United States has got some of the dumbest people in the world. I want you to know that.”
– CNN’s Ted Turner’s comment to a group of foreign journalists in 1996

“It is fortunate for those in power that people do not think.”
–Adolf Hitler

Quotations Dealing with the History of the Jesuits



It is impossible to read history except in the context of an army of JESUITS, masters of deceit, treachery, treason, infiltration, subversion, assassination, insurrection, civil war and coercion, plotting for the good of the papacy, and the defeat of all the Pope's foes anywhere in the world.

The Proliferation of Modern "Bibles"

Lineage

Descendants in a line from a common progenitor.

Adam
Original Manuscripts

GOOD

BAD

Seth	Antioch	Cain	Alexandria
Noah	Syrian Manuscripts	Ham	Clement
Shem	Papyri Manuscripts	Nimrod	Origen
Moses	Latin Bibles	Abimelech	Eusebius
Abraham	Waldensians	Goliath	Vaticanus
David	Martin Luther Bible	Herod	Sancticus
Joseph-Mary	Tyndale N.T. Coverdale	Judas	Jerome
	Mathews Great Bible		Greek N.T. Westcott-Hort
	Geneva Bishops Bible		Revised Version
JESUS	King James Bible	anti-christ	Modern Versions
FAITH		DOUBT	

Modern translations of the New Testament that are not based on the Textus Receptus are not pure as the King James Version. They are based on corrupt manuscripts.

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1 What Tradition Is

Protestantism and Roman Catholicism agree that the Bible is the inspired Word

of God. But they differ widely in regard to the place that it is to have in the life of the church. Protestantism holds that the Bible alone is the authoritative and sufficient rule of faith and practice. But Romanism holds that the Bible must be supplemented by a great body of tradition consisting of 14 or 15 apocryphal books or portions of books equivalent to about two thirds the volume of the New Testament, the voluminous writings of the Greek and Latin church fathers, and a huge collection of church council pronouncements and papal decrees as of equal value and authority—a veritable library in itself.

It is very evident that this difference of opinion concerning the authoritative basis of the church is bound to have radical and far-reaching effects. The age-long controversy between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism comes to a head regarding the question of authority. Right here, we believe, *is the basic difference between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism*. And, we may add, we believe that in its use of tradition is to be found the Achilles' heel of Roman Catholicism. For it is in this that Romanism finds the authority for its distinctive doctrines.

Every religious movement that develops some unity, and continues to live, has its traditions. These traditions gather up the beliefs, thinking, practices, and rules of the group, particularly as these are expressed in its doctrinal standards and forms of government. In this manner the movement gives stability to and regulates its own manner of life, and hands that stability and manner of life on to the next generation.

We do not reject all tradition, but rather make judicious use of it insofar as it accords with Scripture and is founded on truth. We should, for instance, treat with respect and study with care the confessions and council pronouncements of the various churches, particularly those of the ancient church and of Reformation days. We should also give careful attention to the confessions and council decisions of the present day churches, scrutinizing most carefully of course those of the denomination to which we belong. But we do not give any church the right to formulate new doctrine or to make decisions contrary to the teaching of Scripture. The history of the church at large shows all too clearly that church leaders and church councils can and do make mistakes, some of them serious. Consequently their decisions should have no authority except as they are based on Scripture.

Protestants differ from Roman Catholics in that they keep these standards strictly subordinate to Scripture, and in that they are ever ready to re-examine them for that purpose. In other words they insist that, in the life of the church, Scripture is primary, and the denominational standards are subordinate or secondary. They thus use their traditions with one controlling caution—they continually ask if this or that aspect of their belief and practice is true to the Bible. They subject every statement of tradition to that test, and they are willing to change any element that fails to meet that test.

In contrast with this, Roman Catholics hold that there are two sources of authority—Scripture, and developing tradition, with the church being the judge of Scripture and therefore able to say authoritatively what the right

interpretation of Scripture is. This, in effect, gives three authorities—the Bible, tradition, and the church. The primacy is in the hands of the church since it controls both tradition and the interpretation of Scripture. This, therefore, is the basis on which the Roman system rests. If this can be shown to be erroneous, it will be seen that the whole system rests on a false basis.

As Roman Catholicism works out in actual practice, the traditions of the church at any time are what the church says they are, Scripture means what the church says it means, and the people are permitted to read the Bible only in an approved version and within the limits of a predetermined interpretation. But when the Christian message is thus shackled by tradition and ecclesiastically dictated interpretation, it ceases to be the free grace of God offered to repentant sinners, and becomes an instrument in the hands of the clergy for the control of the people. In professing to interpret the Bible in the light of tradition, the Roman Church in reality places tradition above the Bible, so that the Roman Catholic is governed, not by the Bible, nor by the Bible and tradition, but by the church itself, which sets up the tradition and says what it means. Theoretically, the Roman Church accepts the Bible, but in practice she does not leave her members free to follow it. The errors that are found in her traditions obscure and nullify much of the truth that she professes to hold. To cite but one example of what this means in actual practice, while the Roman Catholic Church, in professing allegiance to the Bible, must agree with the Protestant churches that there is “one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2.5), she introduces a host of other mediators—the Virgin Mary, the priests, and hundreds of saints and angels—which effectively sets aside the truth contained in the Scripture statement.

2 How Tradition Nullifies the Word of God

We give credit to Rome for this: she professes to hold that the Bible is the Word of God. She repudiates and denounces modernism, which in reality is a more or less consistent denial of the supernatural throughout the Christian system and which unfortunately has come to have a strong influence in some Protestant churches. Modernists seek to reduce some of the historical accounts of the Bible, as for example those of the creation of man and of the fall, to mere myths or legends. Also, modernists usually say that the Bible contains the Word of God, but deny that it is in all its parts actually the Word of God.

But having said that, we must point out how Rome also nullifies or destroys the Word. She maintains that alongside of the written Word there is also an unwritten Word, an oral tradition, which was taught by Christ and the apostles but which is not in the Bible, which rather was handed down generation after generation by word of mouth. This unwritten Word of God, it is said, comes to expression in the pronouncements of the church councils and in papal decrees. It takes precedence over the written Word and interprets it. The pope, as God’s personal representative on the earth, can legislate for things additional to the Bible as new situations arise.

The Council of Trent, the most authoritative of all Roman councils and the

one of greatest historical importance, in the year 1546, declared that the Word of God is contained both in the Bible and in tradition, that the two are of equal authority, and that it is the duty of every Christian to accord them equal veneration and respect. Thus, while modernism takes away from the Word of God, Romanism adds to it. Both are in error, and each would seem to be about equally bad. It would be hard to say which has done more to undermine true religion.

The untrustworthiness of oral tradition, however, is apparent for several reasons. In the first place, the early Christians, who were closest to Christ and the apostles, and whose testimony therefore would have been most valuable, wrote but very little because of the persecutions to which they were exposed. And what is found in the writings of the second and third centuries has but little reference to the doctrines which at present are in dispute between Protestants and Roman Catholics. Tradition, therefore, for hundreds of years allegedly was transmitted by mere report. And it is this which Rome receives as of equal authority with the written Word. But so unreliable is report that it has become a proverb that "a story never loses in its carriage." In other words, a story seldom retains its original character without addition and exaggeration. Fortunately, we have a remarkable instance in the New Testament itself in which report or tradition circulated a falsehood, showing how easily oral tradition can become corrupted, how in a particular instance it did become corrupted even in the apostolic age. In John 21:21-23 we read: "Peter therefore seeing him (John) saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. This saying therefore went forth among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, that he should not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" Surely we cannot build a church on such an insecure foundation as oral tradition!

Furthermore, that the body of tradition is not of divine origin nor apostolic is proved by the fact that some traditions contradict others. The church fathers repeatedly contradict one another. When a Roman Catholic priest is ordained, he solemnly vows to interpret the Scriptures only according to "the unanimous consent of the fathers." But such "unanimous consent" is purely a myth. The fact is they scarcely agree on any doctrine. They contradict each other, and even contradict themselves as they change their minds and affirm what they previously had denied. Augustine, the greatest of the fathers, in his later life wrote a special book in which he set forth his Retractions. Some of the fathers of the second century held that Christ would return shortly and that He would reign personally in Jerusalem for a thousand years. But two of the best known scholars of the early church, Origen (185-254), and Augustine (354-430), wrote against that view. The early fathers condemned the use of images in worship, while later ones approved such use. The early fathers almost unanimously advocated the reading and free use of the Scriptures, while the later ones restricted such reading and use. Gregory the Great, bishop of Rome and the greatest of the early bishops, denounced the assumption of the title of Universal Bishop as anti-Christian. But later popes even to the present day have been very insistent on using that and similar titles which assert universal authority. Where, then, is the

universal tradition and unanimous consent of the fathers to papal doctrine?

The men who wrote the books of the Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit and so were preserved from error. But the traditions of the church fathers, the church councils, and the popes are of a lower order and contain many errors and contradictions.

Bellarmino (1542-1621), a Jesuit and a noted Roman Catholic writer, divides tradition into three classes—divine, apostolic, and ecclesiastical. Divine traditions are those which it is alleged Christ Himself taught or ordained, which were not written but were handed down generation after generation by word of mouth. Apostolic traditions are those which were taught by the apostles but not written. And ecclesiastical traditions are those council pronouncements and papal decrees which have accumulated through the centuries. We insist, however, that it would have been utterly impossible for those traditions to have been handed down with accuracy generation after generation by word of mouth and in an atmosphere dark with superstition and immorality such as characterized the entire church, laity and priesthood alike, through long periods of its history. And we assert that there is no proof whatever that they were so transmitted. Clearly the bulk of those traditions originated with the monks during the Middle Ages.

When the leaders of the Reformation appealed to Scripture and thundered against the errors of the Roman Church, that church had to defend herself. And since she could not do so from the Bible alone, she resorted to these other writings. The result is that the most prominent doctrines and practices of the Roman Church, such as purgatory, the priesthood, the mass, transubstantiation, prayers for the dead, indulgences, penance, worship of the Virgin Mary, the use of images in worship, holy water, rosary beads, celibacy of priests and nuns, the papacy itself, and numerous others, are founded solely on tradition.

It is on such a basis as this that the Roman Church seeks to establish herself as "the only true church." But when the Roman Catholic layman searches his Bible for confirmation of the distinctive doctrines of his church, he finds either absolute silence or a distinct negative. The Bible, for instance, has nothing to say about the pope or the papacy as an institution, and it is emphatic and uncompromising in its commands against the use of images or idols in worship. It is natural that the Roman Church does not want to give up tradition. It cannot. If it were to give up tradition the whole system would fall to the ground, so much of its doctrine and practice has no other foundation.

Technically, the Roman Church does not claim that the pope receives new revelations or that he is inspired by the Holy Spirit as were the prophets and apostles when they wrote Scripture. In fact it denies that it formulates any new doctrines at all. Rather it insists that in *ex cathedra* pronouncements the Holy Spirit enables the pope to draw out and proclaim what belonged to the original revelation. But it does claim a divine presence of the Holy Spirit in the giving of *ex cathedra* pronouncements and in the formulation of traditions—which we would say is precisely the same in principle as claiming inspiration. At any rate, by this device it professes

to maintain the unchangeability of the church while in reality it adds new doctrines.

It is obvious how inaccessible the Roman rule of faith is. No priest has the rule of his faith, which he vows to accept at ordination, unless he has all these numerous and ponderous volumes. No one could possibly master such a mass of materials, even if they contained no contradictions. And such a rule of faith is utterly beyond the reach of the laity.

3 The Apocrypha

The 14 or 15 books that the Roman Catholic Church adds to the Bible and pronounces equally inspired and authoritative are known as the Apocrypha. These are printed as a part of the Bible and must be accepted by all Roman Catholics as genuine under penalty of mortal sin.

The word Apocrypha is from the Greek *apokrupha*, meaning hidden things, and is used by ecclesiastical writers for matters which are (1) secret or mysterious; or (2) unknown in origin, forged, or spurious; or (3) unrecognized or uncanonical. It is primarily in the sense of spurious or uncanonical that we use the term. The books had this name before they were officially approved by the Council of Trent, and so it is not a name given them by Protestants. They are listed as follows:

1. The First Book of Esdras
2. The Second Book of Esdras
3. Tobit
4. Judith
5. The additions to the book of Esther
6. The Wisdom of Solomon
7. Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach
8. Baruch
9. The Letter of Jeremiah
10. The Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Young Men
11. Susanna
12. Bell and the Dragon
13. The Prayer of Manasseh
14. The First Book of Maccabees
15. The Second Book of Maccabees

Of these only the First and Second Books of Esdras (the latter of which contains an emphatic denial of the value of prayers for the dead, 7:105), and The Prayer of Azariah, were not officially accepted at the Council of Trent. The books accepted add a volume of literature about two thirds the size of the New Testament, or if the entire 15 be included, about 84 percent of the size of the New Testament. By way of comparison, a word count of the Old Testament in the King James Version shows a total of 592,439 words, the New Testament 181,253 words, and the Apocrypha 152,185 words. And since the Apocryphal books are pre-Christian, having been written between the close of the Old Testament and the coming of Christ, the effect of such an addition is to give greater prominence to the Old Testament and therefore to Jewish life and thought, and to decrease relatively the importance of the New Testament.

The Hebrew Old Testament was completed some four hundred years before the time of Christ. In the second century B.C., a Greek translation by Hebrew scholars was made in Alexandria, Egypt, and was called the Septuagint because the translators numbered 70. There developed an important difference, however, between the Greek translation and the Hebrew canon since the Septuagint contained a dozen or more Apocryphal books interspersed among the books of the Hebrew Bible. But not all copies contained the same books—suggesting that there was no general agreement among the translators as to which of these additional books were authoritative.

The Septuagint translation came into general use in Palestine, and that was the popular version at the time of Christ. But the Palestinian Jews never accepted the Apocryphal additions. And Protestants accept only the 39 books of the Old Testament that were in the Hebrew Bible at the time of Christ.

There is no record that Christ or any of the apostles ever quoted from the Apocryphal books or that they made any reference to them, although they undoubtedly knew of them. There are in the New Testament about 290 direct quotations from and about 370 allusions to passages in the Old Testament; yet among all of those there is not a single reference either by Christ or any of the apostles to the Apocryphal writings. They quote from every major book of the Old Testament and from all but four of the smaller ones. They thus set their stamp of approval upon the Jewish Old Testament. Christ quoted it as authoritative, and said, "The Scriptures cannot be broken" (John 10:35). But the reason that neither He nor the apostles ever once referred to the Apocryphal books is obvious. They did not regard those books as Scripture, and they did not intend that legendary books should become a part of the Bible. Romanists sometimes charge Protestants with having "cut those books out of the Bible." But the record makes it clear that if anyone cut them out, it was Christ Himself.

This is all the more significant when we remember that the language commonly spoken in Palestine in the days of Christ was not Hebrew, but Aramaic, that Greek was one of the spoken languages of Palestine at that time, that bilingual Christians who spoke both Aramaic and Greek probably were in the church from the first, and that Christ Himself probably could speak Greek as well as Aramaic. Furthermore, the New Testament books were written in Greek, and in those books we find that while some of the quotations were from the Old Testament reflecting the direct use of the Hebrew, the prevailing practice was to quote from the Greek of the Septuagint. Hence the writers undoubtedly were familiar with the Apocryphal books and undoubtedly would have made some quotations from them if they had been regarded as Scripture.

So, we find that at the time of Christ there were two versions of the Old Testament current in Palestine, the more liberal Alexandrian Septuagint, including the Apocryphal books, in Greek, and the more conservative Hebrew version which included only the canonical books of the Jews, and that the Roman Catholic Bible follows the Alexandrian while the Protestant Bible follows the Hebrew version.

The loose talk of some Roman Catholic writers about the "Greek Bible," the form of the Septuagint that originated in Alexandria, Egypt, being the Bible

of the early church, is no credit to scholarship for it ignores the most important point of all, namely, that so far as the evidence goes, Jesus and the New Testament writers did not consider the Apocryphal books canonical but instead accepted the Palestinian version of the Old Testament.

Furthermore, Josephus, the noted Jewish historian, about A.D. 90, gave a list of the books of the Jewish law and prophets, but he did not include the Apocryphal books. Other Jewish sources support Josephus. The Apocrypha was rejected by Origen, who is generally acknowledged to have been the most learned man in the church before Augustine, by Tertullian, an outstanding scholar in the early third century, by Athanasius, the champion of orthodoxy at the Council of Nicaea and by Jerome, the translator of the Latin Vulgate which became the authorized Roman Catholic Bible.

Jerome declared emphatically that the Apocrypha was no part of the Old Testament Scriptures. However, against his wishes and his better judgment, he allowed himself to be persuaded by two of his bishop friends who admired the books of Tobit and Judith to make a hurried translation of those. He is said to have translated the former at one sitting, and neither of them received the careful attention that had been given to the books which he considered canonical. But it is unfortunate that he did make the translations, for they were later bound up with his Vulgate, and served to encourage the addition of other Apocryphal books. Augustine alone of the prominent scholars in the early church was willing to give the Apocrypha a place in the Bible, but it is not certain that he considered it authoritative in all cases. Yet in spite of all of these things, the 53 bishops of the Council of Trent, in the year 1546, pronounced the Apocryphal books canonical and deserving "equal veneration" with the books of the Bible.

Even within the Roman Church, opinion regarding the canonicity of the Apocrypha has been divided. We have pointed out that Jerome categorically denied that it formed any part of the inspired Scriptures. Cardinal Cajetan, Luther's opponent at Augsburg in 1518, in his Commentary on all the Authentic Historical Books of the Old Testament, which he dedicated in 1532 to pope Clement VII, approved the Hebrew canon as over against the Alexandrian. And within the Council of Trent itself several of its members were opposed to the inclusion of these books in the Bible. Thus, even within the papacy, the Apocrypha was not considered canonical until the Council of Trent added it to the Old Testament and pronounced it so—nearly 2,000 years after the Old Testament was completed and closed.

Dr. Harris writing on this subject says:

"Pope Gregory the Great declared that First Maccabees, an Apocryphal book, is not canonical. Cardinal Zomenes, in his Polyglot Bible just before the Council of Trent, excluded the Apocrypha and his work was approved by pope Leo X. Could these popes have been mistaken or not? If they were correct, the decision of the Council of Trent was wrong. If they were wrong where is a pope's infallibility as a teacher of doctrine?" (*Fundamental Protestant Doctrines*, I, p. 4).

The real reason for the addition of the Apocryphal books to the Bible by the

Roman Church, as we have said, is to be found in connection with events at the time of the Reformation. The Reformers vigorously attacked doctrines which they regarded as unscriptural. The doctrine of purgatory in particular was in need of defense, and the Roman scholars thought they found support in 2 Maccabees 12:40-45, which tells of the work of Judas Maccabeus, who after a battle sent money to Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice for soldiers who had died while guilty of the sin of idolatry. But, as we shall show when we discuss the doctrine of purgatory, this passage really does not support the Roman Catholic position at all. For idolatry is a mortal sin, and according to Roman Catholic doctrine, those dying in mortal sin go directly to hell. Only those who are guilty of venial sin go to purgatory and so only they can be helped by masses and prayers. This again illustrates the desperate nature of the search for support of the distinctive Roman Catholic doctrines.

4 The Nature of the Apocryphal Books

What, then, is the nature of these books that have caused so much dispute? In the first place they are useful in giving a history of Judaism as it existed between the close of the Old Testament and the opening of the New Testament, and in that regard they are on a par with the writings of Josephus and Philo and other authors of the time. They do not give a continuous history, but particularly in 1 and 2 Maccabees they narrate important phases of Jewish history. Most of the books, however, must be classed as religious novels, pious fiction, abounding in repetitions and trivial details which are of little interest to the average reader. They contain doctrines that are unscriptural, and stories that are fantastic and incredible. The colorful tale of Tobit, for instance, is clearly fictitious, written by a pious Jew about 190-170 B.C., and intended to provide religious and moral instruction in the form of an adventure story. Judith, another popular story, is also clearly fictitious. Ecclesiasticus has historical value in that it pictures many aspects of the Judaism of Palestine during the second century B.C.

But none of the writers claim inspiration for their works, and some explicitly disclaim it (Prologue to Ecclesiasticus; 1 Maccabees 4:46, 9:27; 2 Maccabees 2:23, 15:38). They add nothing essential either to the record of God's dealings with His people Israel as recorded in the Old Testament, or to the Christian Gospel as recorded in the New Testament.

Some examples of the numerous errors in these books are: Judith, chapter 1, vv. 1-7, calls Nebuchadnezzar king of the Assyrians and declares that he reigned in Nineveh. But we know that he was king of Babylon (Daniel 4:4-6,30). In Tobit an angel is represented as telling a lie, claiming that he is Azarius, the son of Ananias. But an angel is a created spirit and cannot be the son of any human being. The book of Baruch purports to have been written by a man of that name who was secretary to Jeremiah (1:1). But he quotes from Daniel, and the book of Daniel was not written until long after the time of Jeremiah, for Jeremiah wrote at the beginning of the 70-year captivity and Daniel at its close.

In answer to the question as to why these books were never accepted by the Jews as canonical, Dr. Edward J. Young, Professor of Old Testament in Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, says:

"The answer must be that these books were never regarded as divinely inspired. ... Both Judith and Tobit contain historical, chronological and geographical errors. The books justify falsehood and deception and make salvation to depend upon works of merit. Almsgiving, for example, is said to deliver from death (Tobit 12:9, 4:10, 14:10-11).

"Judith lives a life of falsehood and deception in which she is represented as assisted by God (9:10,13). Ecclesiasticus and the Wisdom of Solomon inculcate a morality based on expediency. Wisdom teaches the creation of the world out of pre-existent matter (7:17). Ecclesiasticus teaches that giving of alms makes atonement for sin (3:3), and in 1 Maccabees there are historical and geographical errors. This is not to deny many fine and commendable things in the Apocrypha, but the books nevertheless show themselves at points to be at variance with divinely revealed truth. They were consequently never adopted by the Jews as canonical" (*Revelation and the Bible*, p. 167).

Dr. Allan MacRae, Professor of Old Testament in Faith Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, says:

"The so-called Apocryphal books of the Old Testament are books written by godly Jews and containing only their fallible human ideas. They are in no sense the Word of God, nor can they ever become the Word of God. The Jews did not consider these books as part of the Word of God. Jesus Christ did not set His seal upon them as He did upon the actual books of the Old Testament. They are never quoted in the New Testament. There is no evidence that any of the apostles ever considered any of the books as, in any sense, a part of the Word of God.

"It is true that many people in the Middle Ages became confused and thought that some of these books were part of the Word of God. This is because they were included in copies of the Vulgate. However, the man who translated the Vulgate into Latin from the original Hebrew never intended that they should be so included. St. Jerome, the learned translator of the Vulgate, wrote an introduction in which he strongly and clearly expressed his belief that only the books that are today included in our Old Testament belonged in the Bible, and that the so-called Apocrypha are in no sense a portion of God's Word."

The Westminster Confession of Faith, which presents the views of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches, in a statement not designed to forbid reading of the books of the Apocrypha, but to differentiate between their proper and improper use, says:

"The books commonly called Apocryphal, not being of divine inspiration, are no part of the Canon of Scripture; and therefore are of no authority in the Church of God, nor to be otherwise approved, or made use of, than other human writings" (Ch. 1, sec. 3).

The Lutheran Church in Germany made no official pronouncement regarding the Apocrypha, but in the Bible prepared by Martin Luther, which for centuries remained the standard Bible of the Lutheran churches at home and abroad, it was included but was printed at the end of the Old Testament and in smaller print, which was generally understood to mean that it was considered as of secondary importance as compared with the Old and New Testament.

The Church of England and the Episcopal Church in the United States do not

accept the Apocrypha as fully canonical, but they do include some readings from those books in their church manual—which indicates that they assign those readings a position higher than they give to the good writings of outstanding church leaders and near equal authority with the Old and New Testament. The sixth of the Thirty-nine Articles calls the Apocryphal treatises books which “the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine.”

The position of the Eastern Orthodox Church is not clear. It has debated the issue through its long history, but has made no final decision. In practice it has tended to accept the Apocrypha as authoritative, but it has not subjected itself to the rigid ecclesiastical control of doctrine as has the Roman Church, and the result is that some church fathers and theologians quote it authoritatively while others reject it. The Septuagint version of the Old Testament is still in use in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, in 1827, ruled against including the Apocrypha in its Bibles, and the American Bible Society has followed that example. Nearly all Protestant churches today oppose the use of the Apocrypha.

There were also a considerable number of New Testament Apocryphal books which at times circulated among the Jews or the Christians or both. These were written during the period from the second to the eighth century, and were designed primarily to supplement, or in some instances to correct, the canonical books. Dr. Bruce M. Metzger, Professor of New Testament in Princeton Theological Seminary, says concerning these books:

“Because the four Gospels say little of Jesus’ infancy, childhood, and early manhood, and are silent altogether regarding His experiences during the three days in the tomb, several Apocryphal gospels were produced to satisfy the pious curiosity of Christians regarding these two periods of Jesus’ life. ... Still other gospels were written to support heretical doctrines, such as Docetism (the view that Jesus only seemed to be human) in the Gospel of the Egyptians, or to minimize the guilt of Pilate, such as the Gospel according to Peter and the Gospel of Nicodemus. ...

“The most cogent proof that these books are intrinsically on a different plane from the books of the New Testament is afforded by reading them side by side with the books of the New Testament and allowing each to make its own impression. Then, in the words of M. R. James, ‘it will very quickly be seen that there is no question of anyone’s having excluded them from the New Testament: they have done that for themselves.’ ... The authors did not hesitate to elaborate marvelous tales, and, in the credulous temper of that age, almost anything was believed” (Introduction to the Apocrypha, pp. 249-250, 262- 263).

Some of the New Testament Apocryphal or pseudonymous books were: The General Epistle of Barnabas, First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians, Second Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians, Apostolic Constitutions, First Book of Hermas, Second Book of Hermas, Third Book of Hermas, various epistles of

Ignatius, the Gospel of the Infancy of the Savior, a mutilated and altered Gospel of John, and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary.

These spurious writings, however, were never included in the Roman Catholic Bible. The Council of Trent evidently selected only books that would help them in their controversy with the Reformers, and none of these gave promise of doing that. Furthermore, these books are important, not as a reliable source of historical information about the age with which they purport to deal (that is, the first centuries of the Christian era), but because of what they reveal about the age in which they were produced, showing something of the legend, folklore, ignorance, and superstition so prevalent in that age in which many of the distinctive doctrines of the Roman Church have their roots. That such tales could have been believed shows the depth of the ignorance and superstition to which the people were accustomed.

5 The Vulgate and Modern Translations

The official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church is the Latin translation of Jerome, called the *Vulgate* (meaning "common"). Jerome was commissioned by Bishop Damasus near the close of the fourth century to prepare a standard Latin version of the Bible, and his purpose was to put the Bible into the common language of the people in accurate, readable form. Had the Roman Catholic Church continued to promote the study of the Bible by the common people how different might have the course of church and world history! But unfortunately that course was reversed by later popes, the Bible was withheld from the people, and to a large extent even from the priests. Only in recent years has Rome given the Bible to the people in some countries, and then mostly because of Protestant pressure.

The church historian, A. M. Renwick, of Edinburgh, Scotland, in his book, *The Story of the Church*, says: "Jerome (340-420), one of the most interesting and picturesque figures in church history, was born in northern Dalmatia (now Yugoslavia). He produced the Latin Vulgate Version of the Bible, which, even today, is the only version recognized as authentic by the Roman Church. ... He spent thirty-four years at Bethlehem, where he lived mostly in a cave as a hermit and carried out his immense literary and scholarly labors" (p. 5).

The Roman Church seems to hold the Latin Vulgate translation of about A.D. 400, to be infallible. The Council of Trent decreed: "If any one receive not, as sacred and canonical, the said books entire with all their parts... as they are contained in the Old Latin Vulgate edition... let him be anathema!" The Vatican Council of 1870 (the council that set forth the doctrine of the infallibility of the pope) reaffirmed the declaration of the Council of Trent that "these books of the Old Testament and New Testament are to be received as sacred and canonical, in their integrity, with all their parts, as they are enumerated in the decree of the said council, and are contained in the ancient Latin edition of the Vulgate," adding that "they contain revelation, with no admixture of error" (Chapter II).

In the year 1590 Sixtus V issued an edition of the Vulgate which he declared to be final, and prohibited under an anathema the publication of any new editions thereafter unless they should be exactly like that one. However, he

died soon after, and scholars found numerous errors in his edition. Two years later a new edition was published under Pope Clement VIII, and that is the one in general use today. Clearly Sixtus V was in error—another example of the absurdity of that doctrine which holds that the pope is infallible in matters of faith and morals. This doctrine of the authority or infallibility of the Vulgate has caused Roman scholars much difficulty in recent years, because many errors have been pointed out and are now acknowledged by all scholars.

The Roman Catholic Douay version of the Bible (New Testament, 1582, and Old Testament, 1609) was made from the Latin Vulgate, as are the Roman Catholic translations into modern languages. The recent Confraternity version of the New Testament (1941) carries the notation “Translated from the Latin Vulgate.” The inaccuracies of Jerome’s Vulgate are legion, as measured by present day scholarship, and the text has not been revised for centuries. So even the best of present day Roman Catholic versions, according to the notation on its own flyleaf, is a translation of a translation—an English translation of a Latin translation of the original Greek.

Roman Catholics pride themselves on a long history. Yet how much more accurate are the Protestant translations of the Bible! Protestant scholars go back to the original Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, which are much older than the Vulgate to which Roman Catholics are bound, and they use all the aids that modern scholarship and research can provide. Yet the priests tell their people that it is a mortal sin to read a Protestant Bible, and they destroy Protestant Bibles wherever possible, allegedly on the grounds that they contain error! In 1957 a large stock of Bibles in Madrid, Spain, belonging to the British and Foreign Bible Society was seized and burned. Yet as Protestants we would not dream of destroying Roman Catholic Bibles. Rather we acknowledge that despite their limitations they are quite good translations, and that they contain God’s truth in clear enough revelation to enlighten any who will read them in a sincere search for truth, that apart from their interpretative notes they are surprisingly like our King James and American Standard versions. After all, the most distinctive features of the Roman Catholic religion come not from their Bibles but from their traditions.

6 The Question of Authority

We have said that the most controversial issue between Protestants and Roman Catholics is the question of authority—*What is the final seat of authority in religion?*—and that Protestants hold that the Bible alone is the final rule of faith and practice, while Roman Catholics hold that it is the Bible and tradition as interpreted by the church. In actual practice the Roman Church, since the infallibility decree of 1870, holds that the final seat of authority is the pope speaking for the church.

But we need only read church history to discover that when another source of authority is placed alongside Scripture as of equal importance, Scripture eventually becomes relegated to the background. Whether that other source be reason, emotion, or tradition, the inevitable result is that it supplants Scripture and causes it gradually to fade away. If that other source be reason, we get rationalism. If it be emotion, we get mysticism. And if it be

tradition, we get ecclesiastical dictation or clericalism. In each case the Bible, while still given lip service, is effectually superseded.

At the time of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther took his stand solidly on the Bible and refused to be moved unless it could be shown that his teaching was contrary to the Bible. Summoned to appear before the Diet of Worms to give an account of his beliefs, the closing words of his masterful address were: "Here I take my stand; I can do no other; so help me, God." It could not be shown that his teaching was contrary to the Bible, and his position was unassailable.

The primary and almost immediate result of the Reformation was to bring the doctrines of Scripture clearly before men's minds as the Reformers based their teaching squarely on the Scriptures to the exclusion of all accumulated tradition. While the Church of Rome declared that "it belongs to the church to judge of the true sense of Scripture," the Reformers, both on the Continent and in England, declared that even lay people, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can interpret Scripture by diligent and prayerful searching and reading.

It is true, of course, that the person who has not been born again, that is, the one who has not been the object of the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit and who therefore is not a Christian, is not able to understand spiritual truth. This too is clearly taught in Scripture: "Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged" (1 Corinthians 2:14). But every born again Christian has the gift of the Holy Spirit, and is therefore able to understand the basic essentials of what God has written. It is also true that many people, even among born again believers, differ on minor points. But that is because they have not read the Scriptures carefully enough and compared the various parts. The remedy for that is more devoted, patient, diligent Bible study. In any event there is no reference whatever in the Bible that even hints that God has delegated the interpretation of Scripture to any one individual or group of individuals.

If it be asked how the Church of Rome, which contains important elements of truth, has become honeycombed with paganism, how even a professedly Christian church has managed to build up a semi-pagan organization, the answer is that the illegitimate authority that Rome has given to uninspired tradition has produced the effect. That development had an almost exact parallel in the nation of Israel. Israel had the inspired prophets, but she preferred the pleasing and flattering teachings of the false prophets, and so developed a set of traditions which in time came to supplant the true teachings of the prophets. In the teachings and writings of the false prophets the rulers of the Jews found the things they wanted, just as the popes and bishops have found in the man-made traditions of their church things which appeal to their selfish and prideful natures and which gave them what they wanted under the cover of religion. A study of religious errors will show that they have this common characteristic—they consist either of additions to Scripture, or of subtractions from Scripture, or perhaps a mixture of the two.

We do not deny, of course, the statement of the Romanists that much of what

Jesus said and did is not recorded in the Gospels. John says plainly: "Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these things are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name" (20:30-31). But we do maintain that that which is written is sufficient. It is Protestant doctrine that the Bible contains all that is necessary to salvation, and no other writings or church pronouncements are to be regarded as having divine authority.

Numerous references set forth the sufficiency of Scripture. Nowhere do we find even a hint that these need to be supplemented by church councils or papal decrees of any kind. Some of these are as follows:

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no morning for them" (or as the King James Version says, "it is because there is no light in them") (Isaiah 8:20).

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:18).

"Ye search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me" (John 5:39).

Our Lord proclaimed the infallibility of Scripture, for He said: "The scriptures cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

The brothers of the rich man had sufficient evidence because, said Jesus, "They have Moses and the prophets" (Luke 16:29).

Jesus' rebuke to the Sadducees was, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures" (Matthew 22:29).

When Jesus reasoned with His disciples after His resurrection in regard to the purpose and necessity of His death, we are told: "And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

Peter wrote: "And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place. ... For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:19,21).

James quoted Scripture in the Council of Jerusalem to settle the question that was at issue (Acts 15:16-18).

Paul repeatedly appealed to Scripture, as when he asks: "For what saith the scripture?" (Romans 4:3). And to Timothy he wrote: "From a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee whole unto salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15).

The diligence of the Bereans in testing all things by Scripture is commended: "Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received

the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). The Scriptures which the Bereans had were the Old Testament. They compared Paul's teachings about Jesus with what the Old Testament had predicted. They were not theologians or scholars, but ordinary religious people, and yet the writer of the book of Acts (Luke) implies that by comparing the teachings of the great Apostle Paul with Scripture they were able to determine whether he was right or wrong.

And the book of Revelation pronounces a blessing on both the reader and those who hear: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand" (1:3).

Thus the sufficiency of Scripture is everywhere assumed. In all these cases our Lord and the New Testament writers referred to Scripture as clear, authoritative, and final. Never once did they say or imply that extra-Scriptural tradition was needed to supplement Scripture, or that any man or group of men was authorized to give authoritative interpretations of Scripture.

7 Tradition Condemned by the Scriptures

In New Testament times the Jews had a great body of tradition, the accumulation of centuries, which they gave precedence over Scripture. But Jesus never mentioned tradition except to condemn it and to warn against it. He rebuked the Pharisees with these words: "Ye leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men. ... Ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition... making void the word of God by your tradition" (Mark 7:8,9,13). "And he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition. ... Ye have made void the word of God because of your tradition. ... But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men" (Matthew 15:3,6,9).

Thus our Lord rebuked the Pharisees for doing precisely what the Church of Rome does today, for substituting a body of human teachings and making it equal to or even superior to the Word of God.

Early in the Old Testament Moses warned against this same danger: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:2). Paul gave a clear warning against the use of tradition: "Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and with deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8). And John, in the final book of the New Testament set forth the severe penalty for adding to or taking away from the Word of God: "I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, out of the holy city, which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18-19).

In the Roman Church of today we have a perfect illustration of the attitude which characterized the Pharisees and scribes, who substituted a body of human teachings and made them equal to or even superior to the Word of God. In Jesus' day traditionalism had become so perverse and powerful that it finally crucified Him. Religion was so blinded by its own distortions of the Word of God that it took the cross to expose it and upset it and to reveal the truth once more. In a similar way the Church of Rome is following a set of traditions that she has accumulated through the centuries, which by her own pronouncements she has elevated to equal authority with, or even to superiority over the Word of God. Her purpose, of course, is to justify doctrines and practices which have no basis in Scripture, or which are in violation of Scripture commands.

In order for Rome to defend her use of tradition, which admittedly came into use long after the New Testament was completed, it was necessary for her to assert that the authority of the church is superior to that of the Scriptures. Protestantism holds that the Scriptures are the infallible rule of faith and practice, and that the church as an institution and all believers must be governed by that authority. The Church of Rome, on the other hand, holds that she is the supreme authority in matters of faith and practice. She even attempts to say that the Roman Catholic Church produced the Bible, and that the pope as the vicar of Christ on earth has the right to legislate for the church. But such claims are absurd, because the New Testament was completed in the first century of the Christian era while the Roman Catholic Church with its distinctive features and its separate existence did not come into being until about four centuries later. Furthermore, the sin and corruption that have characterized the Roman Church, particularly during the Middle Ages when so many of her doctrines and practices originated, is proof that she is in no sense superior to the Bible but quite the contrary. But because of that teaching, the average Roman Catholic may not be particularly impressed when it is pointed out to him that the doctrines of purgatory, the mass, indulgences, penance, the use of images, etc., are not in Bible or even that they are contrary to the Bible. He believes these things, not because he has Scriptural authority for them, but because the church teaches them. This again shows how pernicious can be the use of tradition.

The reason that the Jews had departed from their Scriptures was that they accepted tradition and the decisions of their councils as their guide of faith. The Roman Church has made the same mistake. She, too, has compromised the truth of the Bible in order to follow tradition. When she began putting herself on a par with Scripture she found it impossible to stop there. The next step was to place herself above Scripture, and she has assumed that position ever since.

8 The Protestant Attitude toward the Bible

The first complete English Bible was translated by John Wycliffe, "the morning star of the Reformation," about 1382. Before his time there was no Bible in English, although a few fragmentary portions had been translated. Wycliffe knew only the Latin Bible, so his version, like the Roman Catholic

versions even to the present day, was a translation of a translation. The first English New Testament translated from the original Greek was that of William Tyndale, in 1525-26. That work was made possible through the publication of the Greek New Testament by Erasmus a few years earlier. But since the church authorities in England (Henry VIII was king and also the head of the church) did not want the people to have the Bible in their own language, Tyndale was forbidden to carry on his work in England. He went instead to Germany, where the work of Luther had provided a hospitable environment for such a venture. His work was completed and published in the city of Worms, in 1526. However, it was condemned by the English government, and in order to gain entrance into England had to be smuggled in a few copies at a time.

But Tyndale eventually paid with his life for his devotion to the Bible. Having taken up residence in Antwerp, Belgium, opposition to his work began and continued until he was arrested and condemned. In 1536 he was put to death by strangling and his body was burned. His dying words were, "O God, open the king of England's eyes." That prayer was answered, and God opened the eyes of Henry VIII. In 1536 there appeared the Miles Coverdale version of the Bible, which also was published outside England, but which circulated with considerable freedom in England. And in 1539 the second edition was published in England and circulated freely. Coverdale was the friend and colleague of Tyndale, and the translation was largely Tyndale's.

The next important translation was the Geneva Bible, translated during the reign of Roman Catholic Queen Mary Tudor by a group of English scholars, exiles in Geneva, Switzerland, hence its name. This became the Bible of the intrepid John Knox and of the early Puritans. It seems to have been the Bible used by Shakespeare. The next important translation was the King James version, published in 1611. This was the Bible usually used by Cromwell's army and the Scottish Covenanters, also used by John Bunyan. It was brought to this country by the Pilgrims and Puritans. To this day it continues to be the most popular of all English versions.

Up until the time of the Reformation the Bible had been a book for priests only. It was written in Latin, and the Roman Church refused to allow it to be translated into the languages of the common people. But when the Reformers came on the scene all of that was changed. Luther translated the entire Bible into German for the people of his native land, and within 25 years of its appearance one hundred editions of the German Bible came off the press. It was also soon translated into most of the vernacular tongues of Europe, and wherever the light of the Reformation went it became the book of the common people. Decrees of popes and church councils gave way to the Word of Life. The Protestant churches of Europe and America have labored earnestly to put the Bible into the hands of the people in their own languages and have urged the people everywhere to read it for themselves. Protestant Bible societies now circulate more copies of the Bible each year than were circulated in the fifteen centuries that preceded the Reformation.

According to the 1983 report of the American Bible Society, about 2,000,000 copies of the complete Bible, Old and New Testaments, are printed in the United States each year, and more than 3,000,000 copies of the New Testament,

and many millions of portions of the Bible (at least one book, usually one of the Gospels) are printed each year. And the 1984 report says that the complete Bible is now available in 286 languages and dialects, the New Testament in 594 more, and some portion of the Bible in 928 more, making a total of 1,808 languages and dialects into which the Bible or some part of it has been translated. Today the Bible is available in whole or in part in the native tongues of probably 96 percent of the people of the world.

Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, late Presbyterian minister in Pittsburgh, has well said:

“Protestants have been the pioneers in Bible translation and have organized and supported the great world-encircling Bible societies. They believe that the Bible needs no other interpreter than the Holy Spirit. The Bible read under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is the Christian’s authoritative guide. Protestants therefore claim that they truly represent and interpret Christianity as it is set forth in the Bible. They hold that anyone who will read the Bible prayerfully, with the aid of the best scholarship, will reach the conclusion that Protestantism honestly interprets the teachings and confirms the practice of early Christianity” (booklet, *What Protestants Believe*, p. 8).

And another says:

“The fact is, the Bible was written for the common people. The language of the Old Testament was the language spoken in the homes and market places of the Hebrews. The New Testament Greek was not the classical Greek of an earlier period but the Greek spoken by the common people. It was called the *koine*, which means the common language, what we would call today ‘newspaper language.’ This shows that God intended the common people to understand the Bible. Any man with ordinary intelligence and able to read English can read and learn that Jesus is the Saviour of sinners” (Edward J. Tunis, booklet, *What Rome Teaches*, p. 9).

The Protestant ideal is that everyone should read the Bible. Right here, we believe, is the reason that the Protestant nations—the United States, England, Scotland, Holland, and the Scandinavian nations—have followed one line of development, while the Roman Catholic nations—Italy, Spain, France, and the Latin American nations—have followed a distinctly different pattern. Protestants believe that those who study the Bible in sincerity and with prayer will have no difficulty in understanding its basic truths. The words of Jesus, previously quoted, imply that the common people should know the Bible and that they are able to understand it.

It is virtually axiomatic that where there is an open Bible, men will not long remain in bondage. But by the same token where the Bible is a closed book, men soon find themselves in darkness and servitude. Everywhere it has been the precursor of civilization and liberty, driving out barbarity and despotism as bats and vermin flee from the sunshine. In every land where its free and unrestrained reading has been encouraged, it has dispelled ignorance and superstition.

9 The Roman Catholic Attitude toward the Bible

In contrast with the Protestant attitude toward the Bible, the Roman Church has traditionally opposed its free use by the people. Even today in the predominantly Roman Catholic countries, it keeps the Bible from the people, or at least makes no effort to provide it for them. The result is that the people in those countries know practically nothing about the Bible except as some Protestant organizations have gone in and distributed copies. In countries where the Roman Church is in keen competition with Protestantism it has allowed the people to have the Bible if there is a demand for it, but it has always insisted strenuously that the version must be the Douay, or more recently the Confraternity, each of which contains a set of notes printed on the same page with the text and giving the Roman Catholic interpretation of disputed passages. Even to this day any other version, even the Bible as such without note or comment, is suspect. The alleged reason is that these versions contain "errors." But the real reason is that the Church of Rome does not want the Bible read apart from her interpretative notes.

The Bible was first officially forbidden to the people by the Church of Rome and placed on the *Index of Forbidden Books* by the Council of Valencia (a cathedral city in southeastern Spain) in the year 1229, with the following decree:

"We prohibit also the permitting of the laity to have the books of the Old and New Testament, unless any one should wish, from a feeling of devotion, to have a psalter or breviary for divine service, or the hours of the blessed Mary. But we strictly forbid them to have the above mentioned books in the vulgar tongue."

Here we see that the Bible was forbidden to the laity, except for the Psalms or breviary (book of devotions), and even then it could be only in Latin—which of course placed it beyond the reach of the common people. That decree was passed at the time the Waldensians were gaining strength, and it was enforced with bitter persecution.

The Council of Trent reaffirmed that decree and prohibited the use of the Scriptures by any member of the church unless he obtained permission from his superior. The decree read as follows:

"In as much as it is manifest, from experience, that if the Holy Bible, translated into the vulgar tongue, be indiscriminately allowed to everyone, the temerity of men will cause more evil than good to arise from it; it is, on this point, referred to the judgment of the bishops, or inquisitors, who may, by the advice of the priest or confessor, permit the reading of the Bible translated into the vulgar tongue by Catholic authors, to those persons whose faith and piety, they apprehend, will be augmented, and not injured by it; and this permission they must have in writing."

To this decree, as to more than a hundred others passed by this council, was attached an anathema against anyone who should dare to violate it, and also penalties were fixed against the illegal possessor or seller of books. Here we observe particularly the statement that the reading of the Bible in the

native tongue will do "more evil than good"! Imagine that, as the deliberate teaching of a church professing to be Christian! How insulting to God is such teaching, that His Word as read by the people will do more evil than good! That attitude toward the Word of God is the mark, not of a true church, but of a false church.

While it has been the policy of the Roman Church to withhold the Bible from the people, Peter, the alleged founder of that church, refers to Scripture as "the word of prophecy made more sure," and likens it to "a lamp shining in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19). What a blessing it would be to the world if the Roman Church would really follow the teaching of Peter!

Early in the history of Israel God instructed Moses to make the words of the law known and easily accessible to all the people: "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest in the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ... And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates" (Deuteronomy 6:7-9). Another verse which expresses the preciousness of Scripture and its importance to the individual is Psalm 119:11: "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Even where permission to read the Bible is granted by the Council of Trent, to those who presumably are so thoroughly indoctrinated with Roman Catholicism that nothing will shake their faith, that permission must be in writing!

Liguori, one of the highest authorities on Canon Law, whose books probably are considered more authoritative and probably are quoted more often than those of any other writer, says: "The Scriptures and books of Controversy may not be permitted in the vulgar tongue, as also they cannot be read without permission."

Four different popes during the eighteenth century made pronouncements against giving the Bible to the people in their own language, typical of which was that of Clement XI (1713) in the Bull Unigenitus: "We strictly forbid them (the laity) to have the books of the Old and New Testament in the vulgar tongue." As for the Encyclical of Leo XIII (1893) on "The Study of the Bible," sometimes quoted by Roman Catholics as a statement urging the laity to study the Bible, it should be observed that (1) the Bible which was cited for study was the Latin Vulgate, which of course was not available to the common people nor understood by them; (2) the statement forbade them to interpret it otherwise than as the church interpreted it; and (3) it did not rescind or modify the prior law of the church which refused the free use of the Scriptures to the laity.

Such was the teaching and practice of the Roman Church for centuries. For one to possess or read the Bible in his native tongue without permission in writing from his superior and under the watchful eye of the bishop was a mortal sin, for which absolution could not be granted until the book was delivered to the priest. As the top-heavy structure of law and ritual developed, the Bible had to be denied to the people. Otherwise they would have seen that it was merely a man-made structure. On the other hand, the

Bible had to be preserved as a reference book for the theologians and priests in order to sustain the power of the priesthood by plausible and elastic interpretations of certain texts. But so far as the people were concerned it might as well have been forgotten. Small wonder it is that ignorance, superstition, poverty, and low moral conditions have been so characteristic of Roman Catholic countries.

In Protestant countries, however, in recent years a considerable change has taken place in Roman Catholic practice, and, shamed into a different attitude because of Protestant criticism, the Roman Church now grants her people the privilege of reading the Bible, and even stocks it in the book stores—using, of course, only the approved versions. The Roman Church does not wish to appear to be the foe of the Bible, so indefensible is that position. An annual “Catholic Bible Week” has been instituted, and indulgences granted for reading the Bible at least fifteen minutes each day. But this appears to be an unnatural emphasis, by no means given with a clear conscience permitted but not looked upon favorably by the authorities in Rome. Significantly, no similar program of Bible reading has been instituted in the predominantly Roman Catholic countries. Only in Protestant countries, and primarily in the United States, is this policy followed. And it certainly comes very late in the long, long history of the Roman Church. One can easily guess what the result would be if for some reason the Protestant influence were removed.

Unfortunately, it still is a mortal sin for a Roman Catholic anywhere to read the King James, American Standard, Revised Standard, or any other Protestant version. So, even the Bible as such remains on the Index of Forbidden Books!¹ It is made fit for a Roman Catholic to read only when it is annotated by an authorized theologian! What St. Paul wrote, if it stands by itself, is on the Index. What was written by St. Peter himself, who according to Roman Catholic tradition was the first pope, is on the Index unless some Roman Catholic annotates his writing. Yet the Roman Church does not claim infallibility for the theologian who annotates it! So here we have the very height of absurdity—it takes the work of a theologian who is not infallible to correct and edit and make lawful and orthodox the text of those who wrote by divine inspiration! The attitude of the Roman Church toward the Bible societies has been one of sustained opposition. Several acts of the popes have been directed exclusively against them. In 1824 Pope Leo XII, in an encyclical letter said: “You are aware, venerable brethren, that a certain society called the Bible society strolls with effrontery throughout the world, which society, contrary to the well-known decree of the Council of Trent, labors with all its might and by every means to translate—or rather to pervert—the Scriptures into the vulgar tongue of every nation. ... We, in conformity with our apostolic duty, exhort you to turn away your flock by all means from these poisonous pastures.” In 1844 Pope Gregory XVI again condemned these societies, and Pope Pius IX, author of the decree of papal infallibility, who died in 1878, denounced “these cunning and infamous societies, which call themselves Bible societies, and give the Scriptures to inexperienced youth.”

¹ Technically the Index was dropped in 1965, but general supervision over books allowed continues through the newly established magazine supervision Nuntius (Herald). The imprimatur remains in force, and gives another

effective means of control. Since the Second Vatican Council, restrictions against other versions have been relaxed to some extent.

But in reality who can estimate the vast good that these noble organizations and their faithful colporteurs have brought to the nations of the world? Most prominent among these have been the British and Foreign Bible Society, the American Bible Society, the Bible Society of Scotland, and that of the Netherlands, which have translated the Scriptures into hundreds of languages and dialects, and which now circulate millions of copies of the Bible every year. Many times Bibles have been publicly burned by the priests. That the real attitude of the Vatican toward the Bible has not changed is shown by the fact that in 1957 the depot of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Madrid, Spain, was closed and its stock of Bibles confiscated and burned. After the Spanish civil war, which brought Franco and the Roman Catholic Church to power, Spanish children returning from hospitable Swiss families with Bibles in their pockets were forced at the Spanish frontier to hand those precious books over to the local priest. Time and again in Colombia during the past ten years Bibles have been taken from Protestants by fanatical Romanist groups and burned, almost always at the instigation of the local priests, usually in communities where new Protestant churches were being formed. The fact remains that only in those countries where Protestantism is dominant does the Bible circulate freely. Think of the popes, who profess to be God's representatives on earth, forbidding their people and all others to read God's own Book of Life! Surely the Church of Rome by such action proves itself apostate and false.

So, for a thousand years, from the early sixth century to the sixteenth century, while the Roman Church held sway, the Bible remained a closed book. The Roman Church, instead of being a kingdom of light, became a kingdom of darkness, promoting ignorance and superstition and holding the people in bondage. In most Roman Catholic countries today the Bible remains a closed book. Only since the time of the Protestant Reformation has it circulated freely in any country.

Among evangelical Christians in the United States there are thousands of classes studying the Bible. But among Roman Catholics such groups are very rare. Even a brief discussion with Roman Catholics will reveal that they know very little about the doctrines or the history of their church, and that they know almost nothing at all about the Bible.

Rome's traditional policy of seeking to limit the circulation of the Bible and of anathematizing or destroying all copies that are not annotated with her distinctive doctrines shows that she is really afraid of it. She is opposed to it because it is opposed to her. The plain fact is that she cannot hold her people when they become spiritually enlightened and discover that her distinctive doctrines are merely man-made inventions.

A curious fact in regard to the Index of Forbidden Books is that the Roman Church permits the reading of some books by ecclesiastical writers outside her fold when those books contain nothing contrary to her doctrines. Even some heathen books are allowed to adults, because of their "elegance and propriety." But not the Bible—unless it carries her interpretation! The

traditional attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the promotion and study of the Bible has been, we believe, the greatest spiritual and cultural tragedy since the influx of the pagans into the church in the fourth century.

10 Interpreting the Bible

While the Roman Catholic people in the United States have access to the Bible, they are told that they cannot understand it and that it must be interpreted for them by the church speaking through the priest. People ordinarily do not waste their time reading a book that they are persuaded they cannot understand.

The priests in turn are pledged not to interpret the Bible for themselves, but only as the church interprets it, and according to "the unanimous consent of the fathers." But the church has never issued an official commentary giving that interpretation. And as we have pointed out earlier, the unanimous consent of the fathers is purely a myth, for there is scarcely a point of doctrine on which they do not differ. The doctrine of the immaculate conception, for instance, was denied by Anselm, Bonaventura, and Thomas Aquinas, three of the greatest Roman theologians. Yet Rome presumes to teach that Mary was born without sin, and that that is the unanimous teaching of the fathers.

In their insistence on following an official interpretation, the Roman Catholics are pursuing a course similar to that of the Christian Scientists, who also have the Bible but insist that it must be interpreted by Mary Baker Eddy's book, *Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures*, and that of the Mormons, who likewise have the Bible but interpret it by the *Book of Mormon*.

The practical result of the priests and people being told that they cannot interpret the Bible for themselves is that they read it but very little. Why should they? They cannot understand it. They may read a few pages here and there, but even among the priests there is scarcely one in twenty who reads it from beginning to end and really studies it. Instead the priests spend hours reading their breviaries, books of daily devotions and prayers, as required by their church, but which are of human origin. This practice of representing the Bible as a mysterious book is a part of Rome's over-all program of presenting Christianity as a mystery religion, in which the mass in particular as well as various other practices are set forth as mysteries which are not to be understood but which are to be accepted with implicit faith.

The priests and the people alike look upon the Bible as a mysterious book, and anyway the interpretation is given to them in pope's decrees and church council pronouncements, which are declared to be clearer and more easily understood. Furthermore, these latter supersede Scripture. Experience proves that whenever an interpretation becomes more important than a document, the document becomes buried and the interpretation alone survives. For this reason the average Roman Catholic is faithful to his church but neglects his Bible. Instead of following the teachings of God the priests and people follow the traditions of men.

A fraudulent claim recently put forth by the Knights of Columbus in a series of newspaper and magazine ads designed to appeal to Protestants and others is that the Roman Catholic Church produced the Bible and that we received it from her. Some of her spokesmen attempt to say that the canon of the Bible was established in the fourth century, by the pope and council of Carthage, in A.D. 397. But that statement is erroneous on two counts. In the first place, there was no pope as such in A.D. 397. It was not until the Council of Chalcedon, in 451, that the bishop of Rome was designated pope, and the authority of the bishop of Rome never has been acknowledged by the Eastern churches. Previous to that time all priests and bishops were called popes (Latin, papa), and in the Eastern churches that title is applied to ordinary priests even to the present day. The Council of Chalcedon attempted to restrict the title exclusively to the bishop of Rome, who at that time was Leo I, and conferred it posthumously on all previous bishops of Rome in order to make it appear that an unbroken succession of popes had proceeded from Peter.

And in the second place, the New Testament was produced during the first century of the Christian era and had assumed its present form centuries before the Roman Catholic Church developed its distinctive characteristics. At that time the Eastern churches were dominant in Christian affairs, and the Church in Rome was relatively insignificant. Gregory I, called Gregory the Great, who was consecrated pope in 590 and died in 604, was in effect the founder of the papal system. He reorganized the church, revised the ritual, restored monastic discipline, attempted to enforce celibacy among the clergy, and extended the authority of the Roman Church into many countries adjacent to Italy. He more than anyone else gave the Roman Church its distinctive form and set the course that it was to follow in its later history.

Furthermore, long before the Council of Carthage, the particular books now found in the New Testament, and only those, had come to be looked upon by the church at large as the inspired and infallible Word of God on the basis of their genuineness and authority. These particular writings, in distinction from all other books of that age, manifest within themselves this genuineness and authority as we read them; and the Council of Carthage did not so much choose the books that were to be accepted in the New Testament, but rather placed its stamp of approval on the selection that by that time, under the providential control of the Holy Spirit, had come to be looked upon by the church as the New Testament canon. The Old Testament canon was completed and had assumed its present form long before the coming of Christ. The Roman Church, of course, had nothing whatever to do with that.

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