

# The Significance to the USA of Mexico's Cinco de Mayo Celebration



The significance of the Mexican celebration of Cinco de Mayo in regards to thwarting Jesuit plans to take over the United States of America.

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U Unconditional Election	Prevenient Grace
L Limited Atonement	Atonement for all
I Irresistible Grace	Resistible Grace
P Perseverance of the Saints	Security in Christ

This is the next chapter of the book, [The Foundations Under Attack: The Roots of Apostasy – By Michael de Semlyen](#)

This article talks about the differences between Calvinism and Arminianism. I personally don't understand why theologians want to debate doctrines like this. Neither John Calvin nor James Arminius taught me the Gospel of Christ. I want to get my doctrines straight from the Word of God, from the Bible, and not say I'm a follower of either Calvin or Arminius. We're supposed to be followers of Jesus Christ!

The phrase "believe on" appears 15 times in 14 verses in the New Testament, and two of those verses are commands!

*Acts 16:31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.***

*1 John 3:23 And this is **his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.***

Aren't our beliefs subject to our will? Obeying a command or not is certainly subject to our will. Calvinism says our salvation is *not subject* to our will. Does that mean our belief in Jesus is also not subject to our will? Arminianism says it's subject to our will. Both Calvinists and Arminians call

each other's belief heresy. All I know is the Bible commands us to believe on Jesus and I obeyed.

I may be wrong but I don't see any reason to debate which is correct and which is not. That's just my opinion. However because this chapter is part of the book I am posting on this website, I am including it. It is an interesting read to learn the history behind these two doctrines. But as I say, I can't go by what theologians tell me the Bible says, I can only go by what I know the Bible says. It tells me in Titus 3:5:

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

What does that mean? Exactly what it says. According to Scripture our salvation therefore is not man-centered, but Christ centered.

### **PART III**

## **ARMINIANISM: A MAN-CENTERED GOSPEL**

### **Chapter 11**

#### **The Origins of Arminianism**

James (Jacob) Arminius (1560-1609) was a Dutch theologian who studied and taught the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that had been rediscovered and proclaimed by the Reformation. Subsequently he changed his position and began to preach and teach a man-centered gospel. Calvin, Luther, Cranmer, Latimer, Zwingli, and Knox, among many other great preachers, taught the centrality of the grace of God and His gift of faith alone, for salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. This Christ-centered gospel was, and is *"the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."* (Romans 1:16) In this section we set out to study the man-centered gospel that has become standard in many parts of what is still called "Evangelicalism." This man-centered message sees the receiving of the Gospel as deriving from a person's own faith. It assumes wrongly that salvation originates with the will of man by his choice or decision and it is finally to be positioned in the human heart. The Scriptures make clear that salvation originates with God, not to be within the human heart but to be "in Christ." For example, the Apostle Paul states in his own testimony *"...that I may win Christ and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."* (Philippians 3:8-9) How then did this man-centered salvation come into the Christian church? As we shall seek to show there has been a great falling away from the truths that were proclaimed at the time of the Reformation. (This is fully documented in *Evangelicalism Divided* by Iain Murray (Banner of Truth Trust, 2000).) Many modern evangelicals, in sharing their gospel, publicly offer "invitations" such as, "Accept Jesus into your heart", "Invite Jesus into your life", or "Make a decision for Christ." Like Roman Catholicism, such a gospel looks for salvation in the human heart, and is thought to be brought about by man's own choice.

The author asks for the reader's patience in studying this third section of

the book, in order to carefully take note of the record of history, the witness of Scripture and the testimony of post-Reformation servants of Christ who have warned of "another gospel" and "another spirit." (2 Corinthians 11:4) All that follows has been documented in order to demonstrate that much of what has come to be accepted as Christianity is misconceived. Totally missing in the modern man-centered message is the defining Biblical truth spelled out by the Apostle Paul, "*There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God.*" (Romans 3:10-11) In fact the Apostle makes clear to the would-be convert that there is absolutely nothing we have to offer to contribute to our salvation. God makes alive those "*who were dead in trespasses and sins.*" (Ephesians 2:1) We shall show from the record of history that this man-centered Christianity has become what is now the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. The Second Vatican Council has taught that man is simply incapacitated or wounded by sin, and he can decide his own destiny in the sight of God.

". . . Nevertheless man has been **wounded by sin**. He finds by experience that his body is in revolt. His very dignity therefore requires that he should glorify God in his body, and not allow it to serve the evil inclinations of his heart. When he is drawn to think about his real self he turns to those deep recesses of his being where God who probes the heart awaits him, and **where he himself decides his own destiny** in the sight of God." (Vatican II Documents No. 64, *Gaudium et Spes*, 7 Dec 1965 in *Documents of Vatican II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents*, Austin P. Flannery, Ed. New Revised Edition, 2 Vols. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1975, 1984) Vol. I, Sec. 14, p. 915)

Arminianism among evangelicals has been described as a halfway house to Roman Catholicism and has been responsible for much of the growth of the Ecumenical Movement. Man-centered "free-will" Christianity and Roman Catholicism are equally wedded to a wrong message. To understand this more fully we need the historical explanation of just how this whole system of thought arose. In this section we will use the eponymous term Arminianism to refer to that system which upholds a man-centered message.

### **An Historic Heresy**

Dr. Lorraine Boettner, American author of two important books, [\*Roman Catholicism\*](#) and *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*, has given us an helpful observation to begin examining this difficult subject.

". . .Arminianism existed for centuries only as a heresy on the outskirts of true religion, and in fact it was not championed by an organized Christian church until the year 1784, at which time it was incorporated into the system of doctrine of the Methodist Church in England [by John Wesley]." Lorraine Boettner: *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*

We have shown [earlier in this book](#) how in the sixteenth century Jesuit scholars were commissioned to undermine the *Received Text* and to re-interpret Bible prophecy in order to vindicate the Papacy from its widely held identification as the Antichrist.

However, shielding the Church of Rome from the sword of the Spirit would not be enough. The Reformation's newly rediscovered doctrines of grace, underlining the sovereignty of God and underpinning the eternal security of the believer, altogether at odds with the pretensions of the Pope, would need to be challenged and overturned. The Jesuits were commissioned to infiltrate the church and its institutions of learning.

The Pope's secret army of infiltrators was prophesied in the Scriptures, "...false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:" (Galatians 2:4) The Apostle Peter also described them and what they would do.

*"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." – 2 Peter 2:1-2*

In his book *Arminianism: The Road Back to Rome*, Augustus Toplady, preacher, scholar, theologian, and hymn-writer ("Rock of Ages" and "A Debtor to Mercy Alone"), wrote that "as Arminianism came from Rome, so it leads thither again." Also, he added the following:

"...the Jesuits were moulded into a regular body, towards the middle of the sixteenth century; towards the close of the same century, Arminius began to infect the Protestant churches. It needs therefore no great penetration to discern from what source he drew his poison. His journey to Rome...was not for nothing. If, however, any are disposed to believe that Arminius imbibed his doctrines from the Socinians in Poland, with whom, it is certain, he was on terms of intimate friendship. I have no objection to splitting the difference; he might import some of his tenets from the Racovian brethren, and yet be indebted, for others, to the disciples of Loyola."

In England, in the seventeenth century, during the Arminian regime of William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1633 to 1645 and a persecutor of both Puritans and Covenanters, zealous Arminians were promoted to the best bishoprics. A famous letter written by a Jesuit to the Rector of Brussels and endorsed by Laud himself was found in the Archbishop's own study at Lambeth. A copy of this same letter was also found among the papers of a society of priests and Jesuits at Clerkenwell in 1627. The following is an extract from this notorious letter:

"We have now many strings to our bow. We have planted *the sovereign drug Arminianism* which we hope will purge the Protestants from their heresy; and it flourisheth and beareth fruit in due season. I am at this time transported with joy to see how happily all instruments and means, as well great as smaller, co-operate with our purposes. But to return to the main fabric; OUR FOUNDATION IS ARMINIANISM."

In his book *Justification by Faith Alone* Dr. Joel Beeke, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Puritan Reformed Seminary at Grand Rapids,

exposing the error at the heart of the *free will* system, stated:

“Arminianism errs in making part of the foundation of justification to rest on faith. By advocating **conditional predestination** and **conditional faith** in justification (God elects and saves those who believe), Arminianism is a cruel hoax. John Owen, the great Puritan divine, ridicules the Arminian condition of salvation by faith as an impossibility, saying it is ‘as if a man should promise a blind man a thousand pounds upon condition that he will see.’ Owen views the Christ of the Arminian as ‘but a half- mediator’ because He procures the end of salvation but not the means of it. Charles Spurgeon is more graphic. He likens Arminianism and Calvinism to two bridges. The Arminian bridge is wide and easy but does not bring its traveler safely to the opposite shore of the river. It stops short of eternal communion with God because something is left for the depraved will of the natural man to accomplish— exercising faith in Christ. The Calvinist bridge is narrow but spans the entire river, for Christ Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega for salvation and justification. Arminianism *looks* promising, but it cannot live up to its promises because it depends upon depraved humanity to act. In doing so, it deceives myriads of souls who think that they accept Christ by a simple act of their own will but do not bow under Christ’s lordship. They imagine they have saving faith while their lives evidence that they remain spiritually dead. Calvinism *is* promising, for it places the entire weight of justification and salvation on the sufficiency of Christ and the operation of His Spirit who bestows and sustains saving faith.

“In the final analysis, if we base our justification on human faith, works, or anything else, the very foundations of justification crumble. For inevitably, the agonizing, perplexing, and hopeless questions of having enough of anything would surface: Is my faith strong enough? Are the fruits of grace in my life enough? Are my experiences deep enough, clear enough, persistent enough? Every inadequacy in my faith will shake the very foundations of my spiritual life. My best believing is always defective. I am too ungodly, even in my faith. Apart from Christ, the best of my best is ‘as filthy rags.’ (Isaiah 64:6).

“Too many Christians despair because they cannot distinguish between the rock on which they stand and the faith by which they stand upon it. Faith is not our rock; Christ is our rock. We do not get faith by having faith in our faith or by looking to faith, but by looking to Christ. Looking to Christ is faith.” ( 15 Joel Beeke, *Justification by Faith* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Reformation Heritage Books))

### **The Founder of Arminianism, Its Articles, and the Synod of Dort**

James Arminius (1560-1609) is generally regarded as the founder of the system of Arminianism. He was educated at the new Dutch University at Leyden and then at Geneva under the tutelage of Theodore Beza, Calvin’s well respected follower and successor. Around 1591, after only a year at the Geneva Academy, he began to develop views that were to become diametrically opposed to the doctrines of free and sovereign grace that were taught at Geneva. He departed and continued his education elsewhere. He became a minister in Amsterdam and was later invited to become Professor of Divinity at the University of Leyden. It was from this point that he began propounding his theories with

(guarded) vigour.



James (Jacob) Arminius

As the doctrines of *free grace* were in the ascendancy at the time, his teachings on *free will* were bound to arouse controversy and bring him into conflict with the ecclesiastical authorities. This was a dangerous activity, as heresy could be a capital offence. Perhaps because of this Arminius was difficult to pin down. His teachings could be very ambiguous and sophisticated. In 1605, for example, the Synod set nine simple questions for Arminius to answer in an attempt to clarify his position. He responded with nine opposite questions and employed scholarly and philosophical devices to avoid giving simple, straight answers. The first question was, "Which is first, Election, or Faith Truly Foreseen, so that God elected his people according to faith foreseen?" Arminius did not—perhaps dared not—give a straight answer. And so the controversy rumbled on even until after his death in 1609.

Eventually his followers, known as the *Remonstrants*, petitioned the Government of Holland with a five-point *Remonstrance*, which was a development of the core teachings of Arminius. It was systematised and published in January 1610 by Jan Uytenbogaert and Simon Episcopius, both former students of Arminius. They led forty-three fellow ministers in introducing their document *The Arminian Articles of Remonstrance* to the ecclesiastical authorities. Their objective was to bring about the convening of a synod, which would overthrow the Doctrines of Grace, which had been freely preached since the Reformation, and make the teachings of Arminius the official doctrine of the Reformed Churches in all of Europe. They were successful in

the first part of their endeavour; a General Synod at Dordrecht (Dort) was called in 1618, and representatives attended it from all of the Reformed Churches in Europe, including those from England. The following is a summary of the five Remonstrance articles:

- **Free Will or Human Ability** – Arminius believed that the fall of man was not total, maintaining that there is enough virtue in man to enable him to choose to accept Jesus Christ unto salvation.
- **Conditional Election** – Arminius taught that election is based on the foreknowledge of God as to who would believe. Man's "act of faith" is the "condition" governing his being elected to eternal life, since God foresaw him exercising his "free will" in response to Jesus Christ.
- **Universal Atonement** – Arminius held that Christ died to save all men, but only in a potential fashion. Christ's death enabled God to pardon sinners, but only on condition that they believed.
- **Resistible Grace** – Arminius believed that since God wants all men to be saved, He sends the Holy Spirit to draw all men to Christ. But since man has absolute "free will", he is able to resist God's will for his life. Therefore God's will to save all men can be frustrated by the finite will of man. Arminius also taught that man exercises his own will first, and then is born again.
- **Falling from Grace** – If man cannot be saved by God unless it is man's will to be saved, then man cannot continue in salvation unless he continues to will to be saved.

In order to deal with these five articles of Arminianism, a conference was convened in 1618, which became known as the *Synod of Dort*. It was no convention of novices or of weaklings that met at Dort in 1618. Rev. J.A. McLeod, Principal of the Free Church of Scotland College, Edinburgh, described the Synod thus.

"They had among their leaders and counselors some of the foremost divines of their day. And the conclusions at which they arrived in the avowal of their faith and in the condemnation of error were not hastily come to. They were the ripe decisions of a generation of theologians who were at home in their subject, expert in wielding their weapons and temperate and restrained in the terms in which they set forth their judgment. Coming as they did in point of time after the National Confessions and Catechisms of the Reformed Churches... . . except the documents of the Westminster Assembly, they with these documents of British origin are the culminating exhibition of our common Reformed Faith, when it was called upon to unfold its inmost genius and essence in self- defence against the revived Semi-Pelagianism of the early Arminians."

These great theologians of the day sat for one hundred and fifty four sessions over a period of seven months, assessing the teachings of Arminius in the light of Scripture and concluding that they could find no Biblical basis for his propositions. The Synod finally determined there was no reason to overturn the teaching of the Reformation. It reaffirmed the position that Arminius opposed. The *Articles of Dort* declared that God is entirely sovereign in salvation, "...*Salvation is of the LORD*" (Jonah 2:9), and

formulated five statements rebutting Arminian theology. In time these statements became known as The Five Points of Calvinism.

“That Christ, which natural free-will can apprehend, is but a natural Christ of a man’s own making, not the Father’s Christ, nor Jesus the Son of the living God, to whom none can come without the Father’s drawing, John 6:44.”

*“...and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.” Acts 13:48*

Thus, the teachings of Arminius and his cadre were unanimously rejected by the venerable divines assembled at the Synod of Dort. They were declared to be heresy. The positive response of the Assembly was the reaffirmation of the *Doctrines of Grace* as taught at the Reformation.

In order to refute the five points asserted by the Arminians, the Synod issued four *canons*, which were subsequently revised to five. These canons have come down to us today as the *Five Points of Calvinism* and are often remembered as “TULIP”, an acronym that was devised to summarise the Canons of Dort in response to the heretical five-point scheme of the Arminian *Remonstrance*.

- **Total Depravity** – This refers to the total inability of man to change his fallen state, ‘dead in trespasses and sins’ (See Ephesians 2:1,5; Colossians 2:13; Psalms 80:18) Because man is utterly dead, spiritually, he has not the capacity to do good or to exercise faith. Moreover, he does not have free will as it is “...in bondage under the elements of the world:” (Galatians 4:3; See also Romans 5:12; 2 Timothy 2:25)
- **Unconditional Election** – “Those of mankind who are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereunto.”
- **Limited Atonement or Particular Redemption** – Christ died only for His sheep, for His church, for those numbered in the Elect, by name, from all Eternity. (See Ephesians 5:25; John 10:11)
- **Irresistible Grace** – Calvinists believe that the Lord possesses grace that cannot be resisted. The free will of man is so far removed from salvation that the elect are regenerated or made spiritually alive by God even before expressing faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. If God hath purposed from all Eternity to save His Elect, it follows that He must also provide the means for calling them into so glorious a Salvation. “*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*” (John 6:37; See also John 6:44-45; Psalms 110:3; Galatians 1:15; 1 Peter 2:9, 5:10; Romans 8:20; Acts 16:14; Mark 3:13; Psalms 100:3; Psalms 65:4; Isaiah 27:12)
- **Perseverance of the Saints** – The 1689 Baptist Confession again closely agrees with Dort. “Those whom God hath accepted in the beloved, effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit, and given the precious faith of His Elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall from that state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved, seeing the gifts and calling of God are without



repentance..." (See Romans 8:27-30; Philippians 1:6; John 6:39, 10:28; Romans 5:10,8:l;etc.)

### **Pelagius and Semi-Pelagianism—the Forerunner of Arminianism**

There is nothing new under the sun. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun." – Ecclesiastes 1:9 Essentially the Arminian controversy has been a re-run of a similar controversy which, more than a thousand years earlier, was waged between the British monk Pelagius and Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, as the early Church sought to formulate its theology.

Pelagius arrived in Rome at the dawn of the fifth century and spent most of his life in that city, studying, writing and teaching theology. He began asserting the self-governing ability of man before God. He denied original sin and the depraved state of mankind as well as the absolute requirement of God's Sovereign Grace in the salvation of His saints. Pelagius was condemned as a heretic by the Roman Church and the modified form of his heresy, semi-Pelagianism, was also condemned at the Council of Orange in 529. Semi-Pelagianism, the fore-runner of Arminianism, essentially teaches that humanity is tainted by sin, but not to the extent that we cannot cooperate with God's grace on our own—in essence, partial depravity as opposed to total depravity.

However, the same Scriptures that refute Pelagianism also refute semi-Pelagianism. Romans 3:10-18 most definitely does not describe humanity as only being partially tainted by sin.(Romans 3:10-18) The Bible clearly teaches that without God drawing a person, we are incapable of cooperating with God's grace. "*No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...*" (John 6:44) Nevertheless the semi-Pelagian view of man's ability to cooperate and to possess inherent or conferred righteousness is widely prevalent today.

As R.C. Sproul writes, "...the basic assumptions of this view persisted throughout church history to reappear in Medieval Catholicism, Renaissance Humanism, Socinianism, Arminianism, and modern Liberalism. The seminal thought of Pelagius survives today, not as a trace of tangential influence, but is pervasive in the modern church. Indeed the modern church is held captive by it."

### **Pelagius, Augustine, and Luther's *The Bondage of the Will***

In AD 411, with the onset of Alaric's second raid on Rome, Pelagius fled the city with his pupil Coelestius, finding a safe haven in North Africa. In the purposes of God this brought him into the orbit of Augustine, although Pelagius soon moved on to Palestine. He left his protégé Coelestius behind at Carthage, but both men continued to promote the heresy of the autonomy of man and his free will over against the free grace and the Sovereignty of God. Pelagius was shocked by the prayer in Augustine's Confessions, "Grant what thou dost command, and command what thou wilt," which seemed to remove from man all freedom, and therefore all responsibility. Pelagius certainly thought

that man needs God's grace, but by grace he meant man's power to choose the good, and God's revelation of that good in the Law, the Prophets, and, above all, in Christ. Each soul, he taught, comes into being in the same condition as Adam. There is no inherited guilt, no sin inherited from Adam by virtue of the Fall. The confrontation between Augustine and Pelagius about the will of man in his fallen condition was re-echoed eleven hundred years later in Erasmus' semi-Pelagian Diatribe and Luther's answer in *The Bondage of the Will*. The able reformer, like Augustine, knew from Scripture that sinful man has a will, but his will is enslaved and bent towards evil, and can do no good thing. For until man is converted and is renewed by the Holy Spirit, his will is captive to Satan and is "*taken captive by him at his [Satan's] will.*" (2 Timothy 2:26)

The publisher's comments on *The Bondage of the Will* state that,

"*The Bondage of the Will* is fundamental to an understanding of the primary doctrines of the Reformation. In these pages, Luther gives extensive treatment to what he saw as the heart of the gospel."

J.I. Packer and O.R. Johnston add to this in the "Historical and Theological Introduction" to *The Bondage of the Will* by stating,

"*The Bondage of the Will* is the greatest piece of writing that came from Luther's pen.

"In... . its vigour of language, its profound theological grasp, .... . and the grand sweep of its exposition, it stands unsurpassed among Luther's writings.

"'Free will' was no academic question to Luther; the whole gospel of the grace of God, he held, was bound up with it, and stood or fell according to the way one decided it.

"In particular, the denial of 'free-will' was to Luther the foundation of the Biblical doctrine of grace, and a hearty endorsement of that denial was the first step for anyone who would understand the gospel and come to faith in God. The man who has not yet practically and experimentally learned the bondage of his will in sin has not yet comprehended any part of the gospel;

"'Justification by faith only' is a truth that needs interpretation. The principle of *sola fide* [by faith alone] is not rightly understood till it is seen as anchored in the broader principle of *sola gratia* [by grace alone] ... for to rely on oneself for faith is no different in principle from relying on oneself for works, .

Yet another comment on this work of Luther's offers that, "Luther here refutes the Romish notion of 'free will' in man and upholds the absolute sovereignty of God in the salvation of sinners

– as well as justification by faith alone. Luther clearly saw the issue of free will as the primary cause of his separation from Rome."

The Bible teaches that faith itself is, and has to be, a gift of God, by grace, and not of self.

Though the will is never forced, nor destined by any necessity of nature to perform evil, yet sinful man has lost all ability of will to perform any of the spiritual good which accompanies salvation. He is not able, by an act of the will, to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not willing to be converted. Unless the Lord intervenes, man remains bound, for "*...men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil*" (John 3:19) A corrupt tree bears corrupt fruit. That is all it can do. The natural man is not able by his own strength to turn to God, or even dispose himself towards God, for "*No man can come unto me, except the Father which have sent me draw him:...*" (John 6:44) He is "*...dead in trespasses and sins;*" (Ephesians 2:1) He is at "*enmity against God.*" (Romans 8:7) Grace or unmerited favour is essential, for man does not seek God. It is God who seeks him. It is instructive to note that all the sixteenth century Reformers were originally Augustinians, that is, they believed in the total depravity of man's nature and the absolute sovereignty of God's grace.

Pelagius denied all of this and instead asserted the full ability and potential of the human will. He taught that man can eliminate sin from his life by the exercise of his will and can keep the commandments of God if he really wants to. He arrived at this conclusion by twisted logic that concluded, "God would not command man to do what cannot be done by man." Thus Pelagius, in considering the will, ignored, or rather played down, the consequence of Adam's fall. The Scriptures show us that man was created able, but lost his ability through his apostasy. But Pelagius insisted that no obligation could ever be placed outside man's limitless capacity for good. He established the definitive Pelagian view that if God commands anything we must be able to obey. God has no right to command if we are unable to obey!

In July AD 415, at the Synod of Jerusalem, Pelagius was condemned *in absentia*. In December of the same year, at the Synod of Lydda (Diospolis), he appeared, but managed to escape condemnation by what B.B.Warfield has described as follows:

"... only by a course of the most ingenious disingenuousness... and of leading the Synod to believe that he was anathematizing the very doctrines that he himself was proclaiming. ... Pelagius obtained his acquittal by a lying condemnation or a tricky interpretation of his own teachings. In the words of Augustine, 'Heresy was not acquitted, but the man who denied the heresy', 42 and he would have himself been anathematized if he had not anathematized the heresy."

As with Arminius, in Pelagius we see a man purporting to contend for truth who brims with equivocation. He exploited his escape from condemnation to the maximum, falsely claiming an endorsement for his heresies. But he was soon to be undone.

A two-pronged attack by Augustine and Jerome—a powerful combination—led to Pelagius's condemnation by two African councils in 416, a decision upheld by Pope Innocent I, who in 417 excommunicated Pelagius and Celestius. Though Innocent's successor, Zosimus, at first overturned this verdict and action, he was shaken by such a storm from the African bishops that he not only changed his mind, but also wrote a letter requiring Western bishops to

endorse the condemnation. On May 1, 418, the teachings of Pelagius were declared to be anathema. His supporters deserted him in droves to save their own skins, although his heretical teachings on free will continued "underground." After this nothing more is heard of Pelagius. One source has him dead by 420, another report says he lived for at least another twenty years. Despite his formal discrediting, his teachings kept resurfacing for more than a century, until they were firmly repudiated at the Council of Orange in 529.

The Conclusion to the Canons of the Council of Orange begins with a clear and comprehensive statement that states,

"And thus according to the passages of holy scripture quoted above or the interpretations of the ancient Fathers we must, under the blessing of God, preach and believe as follows. The sin of the first man has so impaired and weakened free will that no one thereafter can either love God as he ought or believe in God or do good for God's sake, unless the grace of divine mercy has preceded him. We therefore believe that the glorious faith which was given to Abel the righteous, and Noah, and Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and to all the saints of old, and which the Apostle Paul commends in extolling them (Heb. 11), was not given through natural goodness as it was before to Adam, but was bestowed by the the grace of God. And we know and also believe that even after the coming of our Lord this grace is not to be found in the free will of all who desire to be baptized, but is bestowed by the kindness of Christ, as has already been frequently stated and as the Apostle Paul declares, '*For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake.*' (Phil. 1:29) And again, '*He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*' (Phil. 1:6). And again, '*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and it is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.*' (Eph. 2:8). And as the Apostle says of himself, '*I have obtained mercy to be faithful.*' (1 Cor. 7:25, cf. 1 Tim. 1:13). He did not say, 'because I was faithful', but 'to be faithful.' And again, 'What have you that you did not receive?' (1 Cor. 4:7). And again, '*Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights*' (Jas. 1:17). And again, '*No one can receive anything except what is given him from heaven.*' (John 3:27). There are innumerable passages of holy scripture which can be quoted to prove the case for grace, but they have been omitted for the sake of brevity, because further examples will not really be of use where few are deemed sufficient."

Truth is ever hammered out on the anvil of error, and in the purposes of God, this controversy was the vehicle used to define the doctrines of Free and Sovereign Grace. Cometh the hour, cometh the man, and the servant of God in this watershed in the development of Christian Theology was Augustine of Hippo. For more than a millennium his teachings on the Sovereignty of God and His gift of Free Grace were held dear by true believers until the controversy was revived by Arminius and his followers in the seventeenth century. Like all of Adam's fallen race, the regenerate Augustine was most certainly prone to error. But at the same time the Lord endowed him with an insight into the workings of His Sovereign Grace that has not been surpassed. Augustine's

influence was enormous. B.B.

Warfield described the Reformation as “the triumph of Augustine’s doctrine of grace over his doctrine of the Church.” R.C. Sproul has written that “the Reformation witnessed the ultimate triumph of Augustine’s doctrines of grace over the legacy of the Pelagian view of man.” It was Augustine who was the bulwark chosen by God to stem the tide of error, which has ebbed and flowed over the centuries through the teachings of Pelagius.

Augustine was the first of the “Church Fathers” to codify the Doctrines of Grace and to confront and refute the impostures of human *free will* in salvation. His recorded preaching and writings against Pelagius are so voluminous that we cannot begin to explore them here. It suffices to say that his wisdom was acknowledged even by Arminius and that he was the man principally responsible under God for the fact that the false teachings of Pelagius are widely recognised as such today.

What is mystifying, humanly speaking, is that, notwithstanding the above, the heresy of free will in salvation has repeatedly resurfaced, albeit in modified guises, and that the doctrines of Free and Sovereign Grace have been assailed at diverse times despite Augustine’s masterful expositions of these cardinal doctrines and his systematising of them into a whole Body of Divinity.

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## [Bible Verse Comparisons](#)



Modern Bible translations diminish the divinity of Christ & undermine the Atonement. They are also markedly ecumenical, lending support to Roman Catholic dogma.

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## ["Who Are the Greatest 'Haters' in the World?" – By Darryl Eberhart](#)



The greatest haters (also the greatest torturers and mass murderers) in the world are the prelates (i.e., the high-ranking clergy) of the Roman Catholic Church-State

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## [Chuck Baldwin's Jesuit Preterism Debunked](#)



Chuck Baldwin abandoned the Protestant Historicist interpretation of the book of Revelation for the Jesuit based preterist view which aids and abets Rome!

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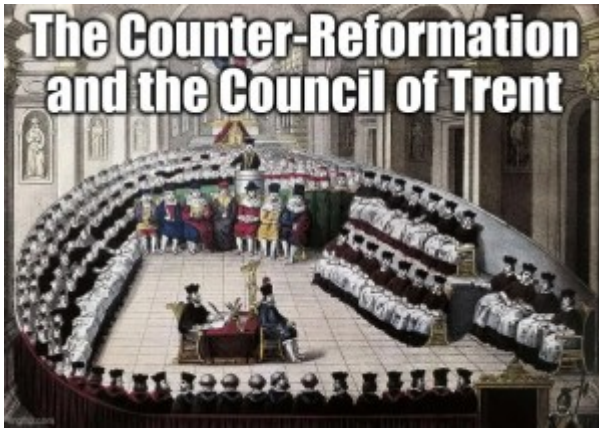
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False interpretation of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation have deceived Christians into thinking the RCC is not evil and the Antichrist still hasn't come.

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## The Counter-Reformation – The Source of the Futurist View of Prophecy



Pursuing and punishing “heretics” (true believers) was counter-productive. It was clear that the Counter-Reformation needed to take on the very Word of God itself.

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The abandoning of the Protestant identity of our nation is reflected in the loss of patriotism and by an increasing disregard for our history and heritage.

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## Bible – By Darryl Eberhart



Papal Rome has waged relentless war on the Holy Bible and on Bible-believing Christians for centuries. First, she tried to destroy all the Bibles she could find, and to murder those possessing, printing, or distributing Bibles! When her frontal assault failed, she took a different tactic: undermining the authority of the Bible, and trying to replace the 1611 King James Bible with the newer “Bible” versions

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## Is the Great Tribulation of Matthew 24 an End-time Event?

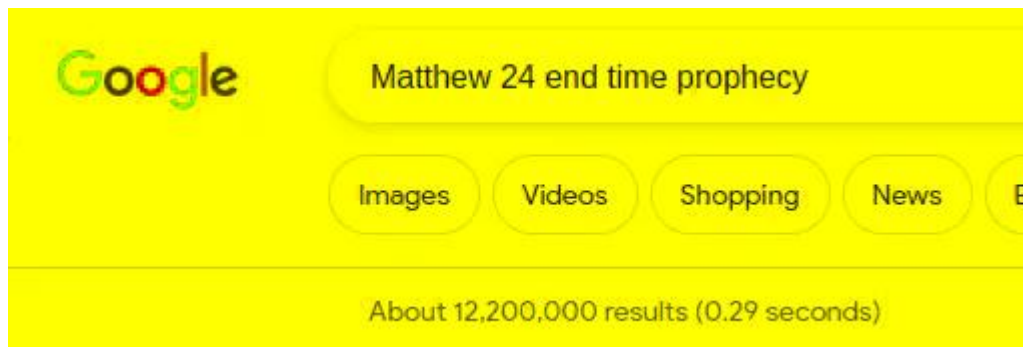


I’ve covered in other articles how the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 has been falsely interpreted to be an End-time event by most evangelicals today. However, because I kept hearing false interpretations about it from people close to me, I felt the need to write something short and thought-provoking to try to lead my fellow brothers and sisters to a deeper and correct understanding of what Jesus was saying to His disciples. I hope to convince you from the Scriptures alone that the Great Tribulation He spoke of in Matthew 24 is *NOT* an End-time event.

The Olivet Discourse is the prophecy Jesus gave His disciples about the

destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. Evangelicals today interpret Matthew 24 to be an End-time event. And why? Because the Scofield Reference Bible says so! They don't compare Matthew 24 with Mark 13 or Luke 21, for if they did, they might understand that *most* of Matthew 24 is talking about the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by the Roman army in 70 AD.

In case you are a new babe in Christ and are unfamiliar with what evangelicals teach about Matthew 24, just do a Google search with the words *Matthew 24 End time prophecy* and see the number of hits.



I would say 12,200,000 hits indicate that most Christians today believe the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 is an End-time event.

I want to make it clear I didn't come to a good understanding of the Olivet Discourse of Matthew 24 on my own. Commentaries by other men of God, especially by Bible scholars who lived in the 18th century and earlier helped me greatly. They were men who lived before John Nelson Darby taught Jesuit futurist eschatology in the 19th century which was promoted by the Scofield Reference Bible and the Dallas Theological Seminary in the 20th century.

Let's start this condensed study of Matthew chapter 24 with verse 15:

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

What Scripture spoken of by Daniel was Jesus referring to? The second half of Daniel 9:27 says:

... and for the **overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

What is this talking about? Who uses abominations to make what desolate? Luke who wrote his Gospel to the Greek Gentiles who had not read the prophecy in the book of Daniel defines the abomination of desolation in Luke 21:20 as:

And when ye shall see *Jerusalem compassed with armies*, then know

that the desolation thereof is nigh.

The Roman army was an abomination to the Jews! What do armies do to their enemies' territory? They desolate it! They destroy as much as they can to defeat their enemy. That's what happened when the Jews rebelled against the Roman government. By 70 AD the Roman army destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem and killed over one million Jews in a relatively short time.

Matthew 24:1-2 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Do you see how the beginning of Matthew 24 is clearly referring to the destruction of the Temple? History tells us the "he" of the second half of Daniel 9:27 was General Titus who led the Roman army. According to Josephus, he didn't want to destroy the Temple at first, but his soldiers were so angry toward the Jews Titus couldn't control them.

Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Just ask yourself, if Matthew 24 is supposed to be an End-time prophecy of great worldwide tribulation of all the peoples of the earth (who according to Scofield missed the rapture) *why* would Jesus specify Judaea? And why would Jesus use the verb "flee"? Flee from what? Flee from the End-time Beast who controls the entire earth? Flee where? If you live in the Great Plains of the USA there are no mountains to flee to. I submit to you therefore this prophecy only makes sense when applied to the followers of Christ who saw the [armies of Rome invade their homeland of Judea in 66 AD when the armies of Rome first approached to stop the Jewish revolt against the empire.](#)

Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

If this is an End-time prophecy that will affect the entire world, *why* would Jesus tell his disciples that? If it's winter in the Northern Hemisphere, it's summer in the Southern Hemisphere. And why pray their flight from danger is not on the sabbath day? Because the gates of Jerusalem and other cities in Judea are *closed* on the Sabbath day! The believers wouldn't be able to leave the cities they are living in on the Sabbath day! I submit to you therefore the prophecy of not talking about the End-time but was specific to the followers of Jesus living in Jerusalem and Judea just before the invasion of the Roman armies the time of the [first Jewish revolt that started in 66 AD.](#)

Matthew 24:21 For *then* shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Verse 21 is where evangelicals get the words, "great tribulation." But is that what the other two synoptic Gospels call it?

Mark 13:19 For in **those days shall be affliction**, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Luke 21:22 For these be **the days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Days of affliction on whom? Days of vengeance on whom? On the Jesus Christ-rejecting Jews who did *NOT* flee Jerusalem and Judea! The followers of Christ who believed the prophecy Jesus gave on the Mount of Olives obeyed Him and were not in Jerusalem or Judea at the time the Roman armies were crucifying the Jews. They left and camped out somewhere in the mountains where they were safe from attack.

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

What can this mean if the followers of Jesus were safe from attack by the Romans? I think it's logical to say they were fighting for survival in the mountains with limited resources. The Lord therefore shortened the days of the Roman attack so they could go back home. What do you think? It sure makes sense to me.

This is not to say Bible believing followers of Jesus Christ will not face tribulation and persecution in the End-time. No matter who wins the US presidential elections this coming November, half of the country is going to be mad! The US may erupt in a civil war. Insiders like [Bill Gates even predicted one!](#)

Jesus did promise His followers tribulation.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. *In the world ye shall have tribulation*: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

I was taught we can KNOW EXACTLY how long that End-time tribulation will last, and I don't believe that anymore. My Bible teachers were influenced by

the doctrines of dispensationalism that Darby and Scofield taught, doctrines that put Israel, not Jesus Christ, at the center of End-time prophecy. Dispensationalism AKA Futurism says that a future Antichrist will tribulate the world for 7 years just before the return of Christ. Some say only 3 and a half years. But both these doctrines are based on a false interpretation of the [70th Week of Daniel, something I wrote extensively about](#) on this website.

Christians from the very beginning have suffered persecution and tribulation by the Roman Beast (government) and yet many American Christians think they will be raptured out to Heaven just before the Antichrist rises! The Antichrist has been around for a long time now! How long? I would say from the time Constantine made Christianity the State Church. That was the Devil's change of plans. He saw persecution by pagan Rome only made the Church grow. By making Rome officially Christian, when the government persecutes believers, it's no longer called persecution of Christians, it's called persecution of *heretics!*

So what will happen? One researcher I know of says Donald Trump will win in November, defeat the evil Left, and bring to America a new era of peace and prosperity based on Christian principles, what some people call "Christian Nationalism." It will seem very good at first, but the Jesuits will be controlling it at the top and lead the government to persecute anybody they don't like, especially the Bible believers. This can't happen under the present US Constitution. Will there be a civil war that leads to the Constitution being revoked or amended? We shall see.

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## [Roman Catholicism By Lorraine Boettner](#) [Chapter XVIII Intolerance, Bigotry,](#) [Persecution](#)

The official doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, is that it alone is the true church, that all other churches and religious groups are in error, either heretical or pagan, and that such churches and groups have not even the right of existence.

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## Chapter XVII By What Moral Standard?

One of the strong contrasts between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism is found in the moral codes. In Protestantism this code is taken directly from the Bible.

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## “Summary of My Research” – By Darryl Eberhart



The World Run by Arturo Sosa Abascal through Pope Francis



Jesuit-controlled Papal Rome is the greatest geopolitical-financial-religious juggernaut that the world has ever seen. She controls many nations on planet Earth.

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## Roman Catholicism By Lorraine Boettner Section Four Chapter XVI The Parochial School



Pope Pius IX declared: "Education outside of the Catholic Church is heresy."  
But the Catholic Church Parochial School System is what teaches heresy!

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## [Scapegoating the Jews – By Darryl Eberhart](#)



This article confirms what I have been teaching on this website, namely the great satanic worldwide conspiracy to lead people to worship the Image of the Beast is not primarily led by Jews or Zionists, but by the Vatican and the Jesuit Order. The Jesuits and their co-conspirators are using the Jewish people as scapegoats to blame them for the evils they themselves are doing!

I believe the primary source of antisemitism or hatred of Jews is the Roman Catholic Church. Throughout the centuries the RCC killed not only Bible believers, but millions of Jews as well. I was raised Catholic and heard only negative things about the Jewish people from the Catholic nuns in elementary school.

Antisemitism or hatred of any ethnic group of people is not of God. A true follower of Jesus Christ does *not* hate anyone!

*Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

If we're supposed to love even our enemies, how can we hate someone we don't even know?

This article from Darryl Eberhart has all his emphasis because I took it from <https://web.archive.org/web/20100125185129/http://toughissues.org/handoutsnew/Scapegoating%20the%20Jews%20Handout.htm>.

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## **"Scapegoating the Jews"**

By Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT // Website: [www.toughissues.org](http://www.toughissues.org)

A 4-Page Handout // All emphasis is mine unless otherwise stated. //  
September 20, 2009

**DEFINITIONS** (hopefully in alphabetical order):

**"Blood libel"** (Per Wikipedia): *"Blood libels are false and sensationalized allegations that a person or group engages in human sacrifice, often accompanied by the claim that the blood of the victims is used in various rituals and/or acts of cannibalism. The alleged victims are often children."*  
(Per Wikipedia; as applied to Jews): *"Blood libels against Jews are false accusations that Jews use human blood in certain aspects of their religious rituals and holidays."*

**"Communism"** (Per "Webster's New World College Dictionary"; Fourth Edition; 2006; first two meanings): *"1 any economic theory or system based on the ownership of all property by the community as a whole 2 [often C-] a) a hypothetical stage of socialism, as formulated by Marx, Engels, Lenin, and others, to be characterized by a classless and stateless society and the equal distribution of economic goods, and to be achieved by revolutionary and dictatorial, rather than by gradualistic, means b) the form of government of various, esp. former, socialist states which profess to be working toward this stage by means of state planning and control of the economy, a one-party political structure, and an emphasis on the requirements of the state rather than on individual liberties: cf. SOCIALISM..."*

**"Freemason"** (Per "Webster's New World College Dictionary"; Fourth Edition; 2006): *"a member of an international secret society having as its principles brotherliness, charity, and mutual aid..."*

**"Freemasonry"** (Per "Webster's New World College Dictionary"; Fourth Edition; 2006; first two meanings): *"1 the principles, rituals, etc. of Freemasons 2 the Freemasons..."*

**"Freemasonry"** (Per I.A. Sadler, author of the book "Mystery, Babylon the Great"; 2003; Pages 175-181): *"Freemasonry is another branch of the Babylonian Mysteries, which has survived under different names from the time of the fall of open pagan worship in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. ...Freemasonry is just as ripe for manipulation by the JESUITS and the CHURCH OF ROME, that it may be used for the purposes of ROME, as any Protestant denomination. [Ed.: Freemasonry has been manipulated by the Jesuits for many decades.] ...In Britain and the USA, Freemasonry appears as a 'Christian' organization. However, this is a most dangerous pretense, for the true god of Freemasonry is Lucifer, who is Satan appearing as an angel of light. ...Both Freemasonry and the CHURCH OF ROME [Ed.: at their highest levels] worship the same god... Masonic ceremonies implicitly deny the sufficiency of Scripture. ...[Ed.: Freemasonry] is particularly strong in many Baptist churches in the USA..."*



*Those in the lower levels of Freemasonry know nothing about the higher and even more secretive degrees."*

(NOTE: The Jesuit Superior General controls the highest levels of Freemasonry. American historian James Parton tells us: *"...If you trace up Masonry, through all its Orders, till you come to the grand tip-top, head Mason of the World, you will discover that the dread individual and the Chief of the Society of Jesus [Ed.: i.e., the Jesuit Superior General] are one and the same person."*)

**"French Revolution, The"** (Per Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT): *"The bloody French Revolution of 1789-1799 was planned, fomented, and orchestrated by a JESUIT-front group called the 'Illuminati' [whom some folks falsely believe is a Jewish-founded and Jewish-led group]. The 'Illuminati' had been set up on May 1, 1776 by JESUIT Adam Weishaupt – a man who had taught Roman Catholic Canon Law at JESUIT Ingolstadt College in Bavaria (southern Germany)."*

**"Illuminati"** (Per Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT): *"The modern version of the Illuminati [whom some folks falsely believe is a Jewish-led group] was formed on May 1, 1776 by JESUIT Adam Weishaupt, who had previously taught Roman Catholic Canon Law at JESUIT Ingolstadt College in Bavaria (southern Germany). JESUIT Adam Weishaupt pretended to leave the JESUIT ORDER so that he could set up a JESUIT front group called the 'Illuminati'. This JESUIT front group, the Illuminati, planned, fomented, and orchestrated the bloody French Revolution of 1789-1799. By using this Illuminati front group, the JESUIT ORDER was given a great degree of 'plausible deniability' about the key role that it had played in the French Revolution."*

**"International Banksters"** (Per Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT): *"'International Banksters' is an expression that I use to describe the Jesuit-controlled financial cabal that controls the leaders and governments of many of the nations on this planet. Some people allege that 'the Jews' run international banking; however, my research has shown me that Jesuit-controlled Papal Rome is by far the number one financial entity in the world! (Jesuit-controlled Papal Rome rules the financial world through the Vatican's banking and financial interests – in Rome, throughout Europe, and in the USA – and through the wealthy Jesuit-controlled Knights of Malta Order.)"*

Dr. Stanley Monteith, on page 58 of his book 'Brotherhood of Darkness' (2000), tells us: *'...Some sincere people believe that the Jews, or the Jewish bankers, are behind the world conspiracy. There are many clues that lead people to that conclusion, but I can assure you that the evidence has been planted to divert attention away from the truth.'*

Indeed, some folks like to point to the Rothschild banking dynasty as proof that 'the Jews' run international banking; however, one of the titles of the Rothschilds, according to author F. Tupper Saussy, is 'Guardians of the Vatican Treasury'! Some folks would argue that the Rothschilds should be labeled as 'Court Jews' of Papal Rome.

Some would also argue that the Knights Templar Order was the first

international banking cabal – at least on the European continent. It is worth noting that when the Knights Templar Order was suppressed, the Knights of Malta (a Roman Catholic religious-military order) ‘absorbed’ some of the great wealth of the Knights Templar. Many of the world’s richest bankers have been Jesuit-controlled Knights of Malta.

*The Jesuit-controlled international banksters have helped to foment and bankroll many of the revolutions and wars of the last 3 to 4 centuries – and in the process have profited nicely from the murder of millions of people.”*

**“Jesuit Order, The”** (Per Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT): *“The Jesuit Order was founded in 1534 by Ignatius of Loyola, and was officially approved as a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Paul III in 1540. The primary goals of this order are (1) to roll back the Protestant Reformation and the freedoms that it brought to many of the inhabitants of this planet; (2) to enhance the power and prestige of the Papacy (and its ‘White Pope’); and, (3) to rule despotically over the governments of the world through the Papacy. The head of the Jesuit Order is the Jesuit Superior General – the ‘Black Pope’ – the real power behind the Papal throne. The Jesuit Superior General is also the master of all these: his Jesuit Order, the Knights of Malta, the Knights of Columbus, and the highest levels of Freemasonry – and of all that he controls through these powerful and influential organizations. The Jesuit Order is infamous for fomenting revolutions and wars, assassinating heads of State, and subverting nations. I believe that it is almost impossible to understand European history and Church history without a good understanding of the Protestant Reformation and the Jesuit-led Counter-Reformation.”*

**“Knights of Malta”** (Per Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT): *“The Jesuit-controlled Knights of Malta is a Roman Catholic religious-military order headquartered in Rome with, and under the command of, the Jesuit Superior General, the ‘Black Pope’. Much of the wealth of the Knights Templar Order, when it was suppressed in 1312, was given to the Knights of Malta. Many Jesuit-controlled Knights of Malta have held top-level positions in various governments, in the world’s foremost intelligence agencies, in international banking, and in the publishing world. A number of Jesuit-controlled Knights of Malta continue to hold such positions. According to author and researcher Eric Jon Phelps, the following heads of the Central Intelligence Agency were all Knights of Malta: William Donovan (head of the OSS – the predecessor to the CIA), Allen Dulles (who was also a high-level Freemason), John McCone, William Casey, William Colby, George Tenet, and Leon Panetta.”*

**“New World Order, The”** (Per Darryl Eberhart, Editor of ETI & TTT): *“The New World Order (N.W.O.) is basically the ‘blueprint’ for ruling the world via a one-world economy, one-world government, and one-world religion. The real master of this coming N.W.O., who may continue to operate from behind the scenes, is the ‘Black Pope’ (i.e., the Jesuit Superior General). Since he controls his own powerful Jesuit Order, the wealthy Knights of Malta, the top levels of Freemasonry, and the Papacy itself, he is clearly the most powerful man in the world today. The one-world religion will most likely be headed by the Roman Pontiff, though the ‘Black Pope’ will continue to be the real power behind the papal throne – as he has been for centuries. When the ‘game plan’*

for the N.W.O. is fully implemented, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly – as well as the Right to keep and bear firearms – will all be relics of the past. No dissent will be tolerated, and dissenters will be terminated with ‘extreme prejudice’. One of the first acts of this N.W.O. will be the launching of another modern-day [Papal] Inquisition.”

**“Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion, The”** (Per Brad and Sherry Steiger; *“Conspiracies and Secret Societies: The Complete Dossier”*; 2006; Visible Ink Press; Pages 374 and 372): *“‘The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion’, it would seem, is an amalgam of plagiarized political pamphlets, fictional documents, and various inflammatory works – many of which in their original context did NOT even concern themselves with Jews but were attacks on Jesuits.* (Page 374)

(**Note from James:** former Catholic priest Leo H. Lehmann says the [Protocols of the Elders of Zion were written by Jesuit priests!](#) In that sense it’s a forgery. It’s also scapegoating the Jews because what the Protocols have to say actually became reality and the Jews are blamed for it! There are two articles on this website about the probable Jesuit authorship of the Protocols:

[Authors of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion – Jews? Or Jesuits!](#)

[Evidence of Jesuit authorship of the Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion](#))r

*...In the opinions of some researchers, ‘The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion’ may truly be the ‘Mother of All Anti-Semite Conspiracies’. No matter how often the work is proved to be a forgery, some conspiracy theorists will continue to cite the ‘Protocols’ as proof that an international group of Jewish bankers is plotting to take over the world. (Page 372)”*

**“P-2 Masonry”** (Per John Daniel, author of the book, *“The Grand Design Exposed”*; 1999; Page 169): *“There is a Masonic Propaganda group, number two...known as the ‘P-2 Club’, with its headquarters being in Rome. ...The P-2 Club is a propaganda society of the world’s elite which includes high-ranking Roman Catholic prelates and, of course, Jesuits.”*

**“Russian Revolution”** (Per *“Webster’s New World College Dictionary”*; Fourth Edition; 2006): *“1 the revolution of 1917 in which the government of the czar was overthrown: it consisted of two distinct revolutions, the first (‘February Revolution’) being the uprising of March (February, Old Style [Ed.: calendar]), in which a parliamentarian government headed by Kerensky came to power, the second (‘October Revolution’) being the uprising of November (October, Old Style), in which this government was replaced by the Soviet government led by the Bolsheviks (Communists) under Lenin 2 sometimes, the October Revolution alone”*

Ed. Comment to the preceding definition: We are told by some folks that “the Jews” financed the Russian (or, Bolshevik) Revolution. Please carefully consider the following quotation:

"Another point [that] is made [Ed.: to convince us that the Jews, or the Jewish bankers, are our enemy is] that Jacob Schiff provided \$20 million to finance the Bolshevik Revolution. ...Did Jacob Schiff really help the Bolsheviks? Because of the progressive dumbing-down of our people, most Americans don't realize that there were two Russian revolutions. The first revolution was in March 1917 (or February if you use the old Russian calendar); the second [Ed.: Russian Revolution] was in October of that same year. ...The March [1917] revolution began in St. Petersburg when a contingent of military recruits refused to fire on anti-government demonstrators. ...The Czar was forced to abdicate. Alexander Kerensky was chosen to lead Russia until elections could be held. When it became obvious that he intended to continue the war, the German High Command approached Lenin, who was living in Switzerland. ...They offered him money and transportation to go to Russia to overthrow Kerensky.

...During World War I, the American State Department was responsible for collecting intelligence information. Their files confirm the fact that Jacob Schiff opposed the czar, and after Kerensky had taken power, Jacob Schiff sent Kerensky a telegram congratulating him – but the Bolshevik Revolution didn't take place until seven months later. ...When he [Ed.: i.e., author Antony Sutton] examined the State Department's intelligence files, he found evidence that Jacob Schiff **opposed** the Bolsheviks, and encouraged our State Department to oppose them.

...The document [Ed.: i.e., 'The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion'] first appeared in Russia in 1905; it claimed that Zionists were behind the wars and revolutions of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and planned to seize control of the world. Many Russians believed 'The Protocols', and they began to persecute the Jews and [to] destroy their property. When the czar refused to intervene, Jacob Schiff began plotting to depose him. He provided revolutionary literature to the Russian soldiers captured by the Japanese during the Russo-Japanese War in 1905...It is even possible that some of the soldiers who participated in the March [1917] revolution read Jacob Schiff's literature, so he may have played a part in inciting the March [1917] revolution, but that was **not** the Bolshevik Revolution [Ed.: which occurred seven months later]. When Antony Sutton researched the State Department intelligence files, he found documents showing that **English and American financiers** provided funding for the Bolsheviks, but that fact is never mentioned today. Could it be that the story of Jacob Schiff's \$20 million gift to the Bolsheviks was contrived to divert attention away from the real source of their funding?" – Dr. Stanley Monteith ("Brotherhood of Darkness"; Pages 60-62)

**"Scapegoat"** (Per "Webster's New World College Dictionary"; Fourth Edition; 2006): [noun]: "2 a person, group, or thing upon whom the blame for the mistakes or crimes of others is thrust – [verb]: to make a scapegoat of."

**SCAPEGOATING THE JEWS:** "The Jews" have often been falsely accused throughout the centuries of "blood libel" (i.e., using human blood in various religious rituals), of desecrating and torturing Roman Catholic Eucharistic wafers (i.e., the bread allegedly "transubstantiated" into the body of Christ during the Roman Catholic Mass), and even of causing "the Black Death" (i.e.,

probably the bubonic plague) in Europe and Asia in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Simon Wiesenthal, on page 14 of his book, *“Every Day Remembrance Day: A Chronicle of Jewish Martyrdom”*, sums up well this “blame the Jews for all evil” syndrome: *“Hatred of the Jews grew as they came to be regarded as the cause of every catastrophe – if there was too much rain or too little, if the harvest was poor, earthquakes, floods, fire, famine, lightning, the plague, everything was laid at the door of the Jews; even though as many Jews were among the victims of such catastrophes as the rest of the population, the Jews were responsible for all calamities.”*

In recent centuries, “Jews” have been accused of fomenting wars and revolutions; of creating Communism and Freemasonry; of conspiring to rule the world; of running Hollywood, the American mainstream media, and the U.S. government (via Jewish “neo-conservatives”); and of running International and U.S. banking.

The false accusations about Jewish “blood libel” started with the Greeks and Romans. Later, the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church used these false “blood libel” accusations against Jews, which often led to bloody massacres of European Jews. The only “evidence” presented in these false accusations of Jewish “blood libel” was testimony obtained from Jews who had been tortured! Ignored in all this are the commands found in the Old Testament forbidding Jews from consuming blood! Equally “ridiculous” is the idea that Jews steal Roman Catholic Eucharistic wafers in order to “torture” a piece of bread that has allegedly become “Jesus Christ” – yet this allegation has in the past been made against Jews by Roman Catholics– often leading to massacres of Jews!

Who is the “guilty party” for fomenting wars and revolutions? It’s not the Jews! Please consider these quotes:

(1) *“It is my opinion that if the liberties of this country – the United States of America – are destroyed, it will be by the subtlety of the Roman Catholic **Jesuit** priests, for they are the most crafty, dangerous enemies to civil and religious liberty. They have instigated most of the wars of Europe.”* – Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834)

(2) *“This [Ed.: American Civil] war would never have been possible without the sinister influence of the **Jesuits**. We owe it to **popery** that we now see our land reddened with the blood of her noblest sons.”* – Abraham Lincoln

(3) *“The public is practically unaware of the overwhelming responsibility carried by the **Vatican** and its **Jesuits** in the starting of two world wars...”* – Edmond Paris (*“The Secret History of the Jesuits”*; 1975; Page 9)

The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion has been used for several centuries to try to convince folks of an alleged “Jewish conspiracy” to rule the world. Yet the Protocols were originally written in France as a satire that accused the **Jesuits** – not the Jews – of lusting for world domination! But the Jesuits “edited” the Protocols so that “*the Jews*” were substituted in the place of the **Jesuits** as the conspirators who are lusting after world domination!

To find out who controls international banking, the international intelligence community, the highest levels of Freemasonry, Hollywood, the American mainstream media, etc., please read the last 3 articles listed below in #1 of "For Further Research"; and especially read the 1836-page book, "*Vatican Assassins*", by Eric Jon Phelps. (Hint: It's not the Jews! Rather, the "real controllers" are the agents of **Papal Rome** – especially agents of the **Jesuit Order!**)

**FOR FURTHER RESEARCH** (on the topic of "blaming Jews" – and also on related topics, such as genocide):

1. Read these following articles on [www.toughissues.org](http://www.toughissues.org): "*Multiple-Choice Quiz #1*", "*Bloody Hands & Wicked Hearts*", "*The Real Controllers*", "*Simply Amazing*", and "*The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*".
2. Purchase a copy of the book, "*The Secret History of the Jesuits*", by Edmond Paris by calling **1-909-987-0771**.
3. Purchase a copy of the 58-minute DVD, "*Innocents Betrayed*", by JPFO by calling **1-800-869-1884**.
4. Watch the 58-minute DVD, "*The Inquisition*", on the [Berean Beacon website](http://BereanBeacon.com).
5. Do a "google-style" search on the Internet for the following books: "*The History and Sociology of Genocide*" by Frank Chalk and Kurt Jonassohn, "*Death by Government*" by R.J. Rummel, "*The Vatican's Holocaust*" by Avro Manhattan, "*Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII*" by John Cornwell, "*The Popes Against the Jews*" by David I. Kertzer, "*Every Day Remembrance Day: A Chronicle of Jewish Martyrdom*" by Simon Wiesenthal, and "*Our Hands Are Stained with Blood: The Tragic Story of the 'Church' and the Jewish People*" by Michael L. Brown.

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The Catholic Church requires that its priests, & nuns abstain from marriage. It's not to be confused with the vow of chastity – abstention from sexual relations.