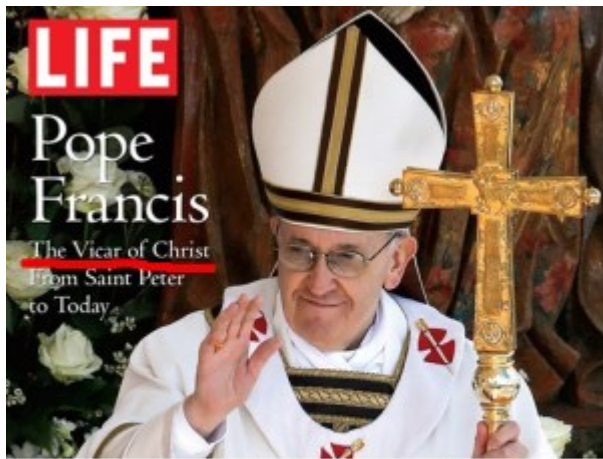


666 – The Anti-Christ to Come?

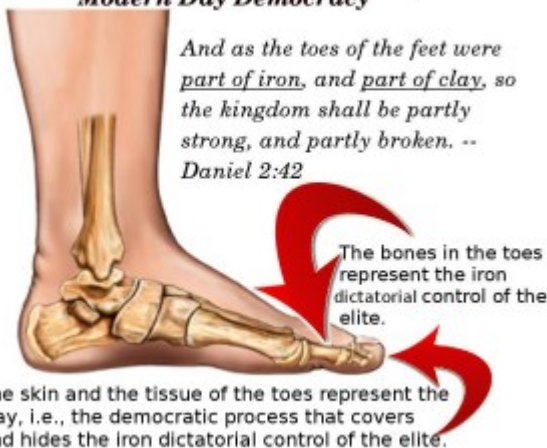


Vicar: (From Latin) vicarius, a **substitute**,
Anti: (From Greek) against, opposite, **instead of**,
Vicar of Christ = Anti Christ

In 1519 Martin Luther first called the Pope the Antichrist and later wrote to Pope Leo X and with boldness informed him that he, the Pope, was the Antichrist. The Historicist view was held by all the Protestant Reformers – that is, every major preacher of the gospel on the Protestant side of the Reformation. They all believed that the Papacy was the Antichrist.

A Possible Interpretation of the Iron and Clay of Daniel Chapter 2

The Iron and Clay of Daniel Chapter Two Modern Day Democracy



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I first posted this article in 2015. Today I showed it to my wife Tess, and she was surprised I never told her about it before! I said, “There’s probably a lot more I haven’t shared with you yet, things I learned the first 67 years of my life before we met.”

Daniel chapter 2 is an amazing prophecy of the history of the world from the time of Daniel and the kingdom of Babylon to the present day. King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream which he cannot interpret and cannot even remember, but God shows both the dream and the interpretation to his servant Daniel!

In the dream King Nebuchadnezzar sees an image, a statue of a man with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly of brass, legs of iron, and feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, **his feet part of iron and part of clay.**

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

We know from history this is a prophecy of the last four major empires on Earth. The first was Babylon which is the head of gold, the second with the breast and his arms of silver, was the dual leadership empire of the Medes and the Persians, the third, the belly of brass, signified the Greek empire (the Greeks like to eat!) and the fourth, the Roman Empire which started off pagan and later in the 4th century adopted the face of Christianity while continuing pagan practices and persecuting true Christians.

Does Rome secretly rule the world today? According to the Bible, the last empire continues on to the very end till it is destroyed with "a stone was cut out without hands" – Jesus Christ and His return to earth! This means that the fourth and last kingdom of Rome *must* be covertly ruling the world this very day! Rome's rule is represented as iron – a dictatorship. But what of the clay? My pastor David taught me it represented democracies, democratic forms of government while the iron today represents dictatorships such as North Korea and Communist China. But are so-called democratic nations truly practicing a government based on the will of the majority of the people? Or are they really covert dictatorships or oligarchies ruled by an elite few who ostensibly support the democratic process of giving people a choice in elections? No matter which party wins, long-term policies often do not change. Are the elite keeping an iron control of policies no matter what the people choose? All my research tells me so! I think any honest researcher would agree with this.

Now to come to the point of this article: On June 1, 2015, while talking about the iron and clay of Daniel chapter two with a friend, he remarked, "The clay is covering the iron!" Suddenly I saw the iron and the clay in a new light! *All* democratic governments have an iron dictatorial core which the common people do not see! They can't see it because it is *hidden* behind the democratic process, the clay which covers the iron control of the elite! Remember that though the majority of the American people were against the war in Afghanistan and Iraq, President Bush basically told them they had no choice in the matter. Call that a democracy?



Please understand this is merely an interpretation of the iron and clay of the feet of Daniel 2:34. My scientist friend, Dr. John Gideon Hartnett liked it, and posted it on his website: [Iron and clay in the toes of Daniel 2 image](#)

If you think you have a better interpretation of the Iron and Clay, please share it in the comments section below.