

The Simple Truth Series #19

What unscriptural Heresies

were **invented** by

the Roman 'church'?



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'And expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.' Acts 18:26.

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1.

Introduction

The following list contains many of, but by no means all of, the heresies that have been invented by Popes, Church Councils, and other Roman Catholic Institutions, over the past two millenia, and are taught as being equal with the Word of God.

Just why would they make them up, if they were so unscriptural and anti-Christian? Because the Spirit of Christ left the Roman church, when Pagan Rome became Papal Rome in 380 A.D. (or maybe even earlier), and He never returned. So, Catholicism has been without the Presence of God in it to '*Guide it into all truth,*' (John 16:13), for the past 2000 years.

In its blindness it quickly deviated from the Word of God, to accept pagan ceremonies and spiritualism. When they began to idolise and worship Mary, and idols, and venerate their dead, they gave them powers they do not possess, the same as other pagan religions do. These in turn became traditions which were proclaimed as Dogmas of faith, and became necessary for the 'salvation' of the catholic faithful.

There is nothing of the Grace of God in any of this, but it has been strictly enforced by condemnation of any breach with heavy penalties. These have included excommunication (complete severance of the individual from 'the church,' and supposedly from the Lord), and even burning alive for many millions.

Some practices were invented to intimidate their followers into submission through bullying and fear, and to suppress any opposition to their authority. Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely, as the dark ages proved, while the world was in the grip of the spiritual darkness of Rome.

Fortunately, the Lord used the Bible to open the eyes of such Godly men as John Huss, John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, and a host of others, to shed the light of the Gospel in the Spiritual darkness, and begin the Reformation of the Church. Millions of Godly Christians gave their lives,

rather than *'be a partaker of her sins.'* (Revelation 18:4). It is *that* important.

There is nothing wrong with Catholic people per se, they are hungry people searching for the Lord and salvation. Because all they know is Catholicism, that is where they are searching for Him, even though the answers they are given will only lead them to a lost eternity. They deserve our prayers, and labours to lead them out of darkness into the Light of God's Word. And they need to know that the popes were not the successors to St Peter, as they are erroneously taught, but the successors to the pagan Roman Emperors.

A heresy is defined as, 'Belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious doctrine.' To Christians this would be anything taught that is contrary to the Word of God, the Bible. I am indebted to many others for the lists of Heresies which they have compiled, and which I have made liberal use of for the present work. And to Dave Hunt for his masterful work, 'A woman Rides the Beast,' which I have quoted from.

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Heresies created by Rome

300 A.D. Prayers said on behalf of the dead. (Spiritualism).

300 A.D. Making the sign of the cross. (Superstition).

320 A.D. Burning of wax candles introduced into 'churches.'
(Paganism).

375 A.D. Veneration of angels and dead saints. (Spiritualism).

375 A.D. Adoration of images in 'churches.' (Idolatry).

380 A.D. Edict of Thessalonica issued by Emperors, Theodosius I, Gratian, and Valentinian II. The Edict ordered all subjects of the Roman Empire to profess the faith of the Bishops of Rome, making Catholicism the State

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Religion of the Roman Empire. (So, pagan Rome became Papal Rome, and persecution of those outside of their beliefs began, with other assemblies being banned, and their Churches being confiscated).

394 A.D. The mass as a daily celebration adopted. (The Priest sacrificing Jesus again, daily).

431 A.D. Beginning of the exaltation of Mary; the term 'Mother of God' first applied to Mary by the Council of Ephesus.

500 A.D. Priests differentiated from the common man by clothing.

526 A.D. Extreme Unction. (The anointing of people in immediate danger of death, with oil, supposedly to give them 'grace' to die in the 'faith').

593 A.D. The doctrine of purgatory established by Gregory I. (A fictitious place where the dead are tormented for their sins).

600 A.D. Latin language imposed for prayer and worship, by Gregory I. (Catholic Priests had already been made mediators between men and God).

600 A.D. Prayers recited to Mary. (Trying to communicate with the dead is spiritualism).

600 A.D. Prayers recited to dead 'Saints.' (As above).

600 A.D. Prayers recited to Angels. (Idolatry).

607 A.D. Title of Pope, or universal bishop, given to Gregory I, by Emperor Phocas. (Which he refused).

610 A.D. Title of Pope first assumed by his successor, Boniface III.

709 A.D. Kissing the pope's foot, begins with Pope Constantine. (This had previously been a practice of the pagan Roman Emperors).

756 A.D. Temporal power of the popes conferred by Pepin, King of the Franks, when he gave lands to the Catholic church. (These lands became the Papal States over which the popes were the political and secular rulers, until they were conquered to unify Italy in 1870. At the signing of the Lateran Treaty in 1929, Mussolini gave the lands presently

known as the Vatican City to the catholic church).

788 A.D. Worship of the cross, images, and relics, authorized.
(Superstition).

850 A.D. Holy Water authorised. (Water mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest).

890 A.D. Worship of Joseph begins. (Idolatry).

927 A.D. The College of Cardinals established. (Like much within Catholicism, it is unscriptural, as there are no 'cardinals' mentioned in the Bible, or popes, or archbishops, or...).

965 A.D. Baptism of Bells, instituted by Pope John XIV. (?).

995 A.D. Canonization of dead saints is first done by Pope John XV. (These 'saints' earned 'merit' while they were alive, which they can use to help others. They are also 'mediators' between men and God. Most catholic 'martyrs' were actually executed for treason).

998 A.D. Fasting on Fridays and during 'Lent' imposed.

1079 A.D. Attendance at mass made compulsory for all Catholics.

1079 A.D. Celibacy of the Priesthood is introduced by Pope Boniface VII. (This abnormal pagan practice has been the cause of much trouble for priests, and worse for their parishioners).

1090 A.D. The rosary, repetitious praying with beads, invented by Peter the Hermit. (Copied from Hindus and Moslems).

1184 A.D. The Inquisition instituted by the Council of Verona. (Begun to combat 'heresy,' victims were tried behind closed doors, without any representation. Many were tortured until they 'confessed,' and many of the worst excesses of Catholicism were perpetrated by inquisitors, especially in Spain).

1190 A.D. Sale of indulgences begins. (The purchase of a permit to sin, and the forgiveness of the sin).

1215 A.D. Transubstantiation (The priest having the power to turn the wafer and wine into the literal Body and Blood of Jesus Christ),

proclaimed by Pope Innocent III. (The incantation for this begins with the Latin words, 'Hoc est corpus....,' which is where the term Hocus pocus comes from).

1215 A.D. Confession of sins to a priest instead of God, instituted by Pope Innocent III at the Lateran Council. (The priest being given the power of God to forgive sins).

1220 A.D. Adoration of the wafer (Host), decreed by Pope Honorius III. (Idolatry).

1229 A.D. The Bible forbidden to laymen, and placed on the Index of Forbidden Books, by the Council of Valencia. (This is a typical practice of all Totalitarian movements, called the mushroom principle; namely, keep them in the dark, and feed them bullsh**).

1251 A.D. The Scapular invented by Simon Stock, an English Monk.

1414 A.D. The cup forbidden to laymen at communion, by the Council of Constance. (The layman's direct access to God forbidden. The Word of God forbidden to him. And now the cup forbidden).

1439 A.D. Purgatory proclaimed as a dogma of faith, by the Council of Florence. (This dogma has been used to milk the catholic faithful of billions of dollars, to relieve their departed loved ones of the agonies of purgatory. Why couldn't the 'church' just let them out for free?).

1439 A.D. The dogma of the Seven Sacraments is confirmed.

1508 A.D. The Ave Maria (Hail Mary) completed, and approved about 1600 by Pope Sixtus V. (Idolatry).

1534 A.D. The Jesuit Order founded by Ignatius Loyola.

1545 A.D. Tradition (the sayings of popes and Councils), declared of equal authority with the Bible, by the Council of Trent. ('But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.' Matthew 15:9).

1546 A.D. Apocryphal books added to the Bible, by the Council of Trent. (These books were rejected by the early Church as not being inspired by the Holy Spirit).

1560 A.D. 'Creed' of Pius IV imposed as the official 'Creed' of the 'church.'

1854 A.D. Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, proclaimed by Pope Pius IX.

1864 A.D. The 'Syllabus of Errors' proclaimed by Pope Pius IX and ratified by the First Vatican Council; condemned freedom of religion, conscience, speech, press, and scientific discoveries not approved by the Roman 'church.'

1864 A.D. The First Vatican Council also re-asserts the pope's temporal authority over all civil rulers.

1870 A.D. The absolute infallibility of popes in all matters of faith and morals is proclaimed by Vatican I.

1930 A.D. Public schools are condemned by Pope Pius XI.

1950 A.D. Assumption of the Virgin Mary (bodily ascension into heaven shortly after her death) proclaimed by Pope Pius XII.

1965 A.D. Salvation includes Muslims. (This was a decision of the Second Vatican Council, which convened from 1962-1965).

1965 A.D. Mary is proclaimed to be the 'Mother of God,' by Pope Paul VI.

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Additions

These are other superstitions and errors with no dates available currently, to insert them into the list above.

Interpretation of the Bible can only be done by popes, bishops, and priests.

Mary, co-redemptrix with Christ. (Mary can save you).

Mary, the mediatrix of mankind. (As we have access to the Eternal Father only through Jesus Christ, so have we access to Jesus Christ only through Mary. By thee we have access to the Son, O blessed finder of grace, bearer of life, and mother of salvation. St Bernard). This is blasphemy!

Mary, sinless perpetual virgin, Queen of heaven.

Salvation only comes through the Catholic 'Church.'

All grace comes only through the Catholic 'Church.'

Prayers from the dead. (The dead are praying for us).

Salvation comes through baptism.

Infants are 'born again' through baptism.

Penance is necessary for salvation. (Forgiven sins are not really forgiven).

The 'church' can forgive sins.

Church Sacraments are necessary for salvation.

Sister Charlotte Keckler, who was a Carmelite Nun for 24 years, before escaping the Convent and telling of the abuses perpetrated there, was told by her Mother Superior;

In the Garden of Olives, Jesus shed 67,200 tears for you and me.

He shed 98,600 drops of blood for you and me.

He received 667 strokes on His body.

He received 110 strokes on His cheeks.

He received 107 strokes on His neck.

He received 180 strokes on His back.

He received 77 strokes on His breast.

He received 108 strokes on His head.

He received 32 strokes on His side.

The soldiers spat in His face 32 times.

They threw Him to the ground 38 times.

He received 100 wounds by the crown of thorns.

He pleaded for our salvation 900 times.

He carried the Cross 300 steps to Calvary.

(She later learned these were all the inventions of a corrupt pope).

It was also stated by one man, during the Reformation, that there were so many of the nails used to crucify Jesus, being displayed as 'Relics,' that one could build a ship with them. There were vials of tears from Mary, hair from the Apostles, teeth, fingernails, skulls, bones, fragments of cloth, and pieces of wood from Peters boat. There was so much wood from the Cross scattered across Europe, that a house could be built from it.

All of this was more lies to deceive the superstitious, and separate them from their coin.

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Wolves in Sheeps clothing

It is such a shame, considering the 70 million Christians who were murdered by Rome between 300 A.D. and today, to see so many 'Christian' leaders, leading their flocks into the fold with Rome.

There is going to be a World Religion headquartered in the Vatican City, under the coming World Government, which will produce the Anti-Christ. The World Religion will include all these unfaithful who have turned from Christ to Rome, plus all the pagan and demonic religious cults that were inspired by cultures that did not know the Lord Jesus. Witchcraft, voodoo, animists, sun worshippers, and everything else outside of Christ will be there, under the domination of Rome. Only Jesus

Christ and His Church will not be welcome in it.

In Revelation 18:1-2, we are told what *'Mystery Babylon'* (Rome), would be like before its destruction;

'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.' (The Angel is describing all the 'Religions' and cults that have joined with Rome in its 'World Religion').

Then, in verse four, the Angel gives a warning to those Christians who have joined up with it;

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

Rome is going to be destroyed, because, *'...in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all who were slain upon the earth.'* (Revelation 18:24). All those who have joined with her, and submitted to her authority, will receive the same punishment. Come out of her My people!

Here are a few of the ties that have been made between 'Christians,' and Catholicism.

1993. The Parliament of the World's Religions was held in Chicago, attended by 6000 representatives of the world's major faiths. Charles Colson was awarded the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, an ecumenical award valued at 1.2 million dollars, for 'Encouraging understanding of the benefits of each of the 'great' religions.' (A Woman Rides the Beast. Dave Hunt. P426).

1994. 29 March. 'Evangelicals and Catholics together: The Christian Mission in the 3rd Millennium,' was held. It was agreed by the participants that, 'Active participation in the Catholic 'church' makes one a 'Christian.' This was signed by; Pat Robertson, Charles Colson, John White, Bill Bright, Os Guinness, J. I. Packer, and others. (Ibid P432).

World Vision, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Charles Colson Prison Fellowship, Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade for Christ, Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, Youth with a Mission, Wycliffe Bible Translators, have been working with Catholics as 'fellow Christians.' (Ibid P403-4).

"When I had the dream of this cathedral, I didn't want to build it without the blessing of the Holy Father. So, I made a trip to Rome, and I met with the pope." Robert Schuller. (Ibid P431).

"I've found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of Orthodox Roman Catholics." Billy(goat) Graham. (Ibid P388).

There are so many others who have accepted Catholicism as 'Christian,' and are actively working with it, or are compromising on their beliefs so as not to offend Rome, that St Pauls words from 2 Thessalonians 2:3, are coming to pass; 'Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first...'

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A final word

'It is the boundless duty of every Christian to pray against the Anti-Christ, and as to what Anti-Christ is, no man ought to raise a question; if it be not the popery in the 'church' of Rome.' Charles Spurgeon.

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