

Study for the Month of May 2015

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The ‘Man of Sin’ of Bible Prophecy and his activities and career - Part III

The book *The Great Controversy* was designed by God to educate, warn, encourage and prepare the remnant church of prophecy as well as to be one of the main tools of the “third angel” to jolt the world and the churches awake on the eve as it were of its close of probation and destruction, as it was in the days leading up to the Flood. It documents and tracks according to true Bible prophecy, particularly of the books of Daniel and Revelation, the relevant highlights of the activities and career of “the man of sin” and its revival and desperate work against the law of God and His law-keeping, Sabbath-keeping people in the last days.

The author of the Great Controversy

Something must be said of the author of the book we are recommending in order to obtain more enlightenment of who, and what the “man of sin” is. Time and the fruits it has produced since it was first published till all of its prophecies according to the Bible are fulfilled, testifies that God raised up, enlightened, and empowered a woman—Ellen G. White---to do this special work and give this special message to the churches and to the world as His chosen messenger, not only as prophet but as a messenger. Jesus Himself said:

“As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John [the Baptist]: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken in the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in king’s houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and, more than a prophet. For this is he whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You. Asuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!’” Matt. 11: 7-15, N.K.J.V.

Ellen G. White did not lay claim to the title “prophet” as so many say she is and did, and as so many others false prophets have and will continue professing so,

deceiving themselves and countless deluded followers until the close of probation. Listen to what she said of herself:

“Some have stumbled over the fact that I said that I did not claim to be a prophet; and they have asked, *Why is this? I have had no claims to make, only that I am instructed that I am the Lord’s messenger*; that He called me in my youth to be His messenger, to receive His word, and to give a clear and decided message in the name of the Lord Jesus....

“Early in my youth I was asked several times, *Are you a prophet? I have ever responded, I am the Lord’s messenger. I know that many have called me prophet, but I have made no claim to this title....*

“Why have I not claimed to be a prophet—because in these days many who boldly claim that they are prophets are a reproach to the cause of Christ; and because *my work includes much more than the word ‘prophet’ signifies.*”- Vol. 1 *Selected Messages*, pp. 32-36.

Furthermore, she said:

“No one has ever heard me claim the position of *leader of the denomination*. I have a *work of great responsibility to do*---to impart by pen and voice the instruction given me, not alone to the Seventh-day Adventists, but to the world.” – Vol. 8, *Testimonies for the Church*, p, 236.

Thus, to be forewarned is to be forearmed, that is, only if one truly wishes to do so by the enabling grace of God and the total surrender of his heart, mind, and will to the expressed will of God as revealed in the Bible---not to the will of any man, church, denomination, or tradition, particularly to that of the “man of sin.”

There are two interconnected chapters we are encourage all to immediately read and/or review which zooms into the subject we are currently addressing as a series. They are from two separate editions of the Great Controversy, the original 1884 edition, and the more popular and widely-distributed and widely read 1911 edition, as follows:

In the 1884 edition, Vol. 4 of the Spirit of Prophecy of the Conflict of the Ages series, chapter III is entitled *The Roman Church*, pp. 51-65. In the 1911 edition, it is Chapter III, *An Era of Spiritual Darkness*, pp. 49-60. Chapter XXX of the 1884 edition is entitled *Character and Aims of the Papacy*, pp. 380-397. Its counterpart in the 1911 edition is chapter 35, entitled “*Liberty of Conscience Threatened*,” pp. 563-581.

Combining the thoughts and ideas immediately conveyed by the chapter titles alone should already tell the reader what their astounding contents are---which fearfully, so many honest and true Christians, Protestant and Catholic alike, have never been informed of up to this moment. Or if so to whatever limited extent, have been deliberately grossly misinformed and misled, that is till now.

By way of a relevant reminder for these times of unprecedented activity in every level of society that attracts and absorbs the attention even of “the very elect,” the “man of sin” was successful in deceiving the people mainly through withholding the Bible from the common people, declaring the Bible as part of the condemned books; altering the gospel and the plan of redemption by addition and subtraction in the introduction of false interpretations and pretenses of their theologians; declaring as **heretics** those who read, trusted, and distributed whatever portions of Scripture were secretly available in their time. The light of truth flickered for almost a century but was never extinguished as God had a faithful people in every age to carry the torch of truth through the gross darkness, preserving it with their lives and blood as God’s true martyrs.

But when after **1798** religious freedom and liberty returned to the people as prophesied with the end of the Dark Ages in 1798, and the end of the French Revolution (1793-1797) which atheistical France signified in prophecy as the “beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit” (Rev. 11: 7) tried to stamp out all religion and burn all religious literature, focusing on the Bible in the infamous *auto da fe*, and the printing press was invented and rapidly modernized its capabilities and distribution, then antitypical spiritual Israel was emancipated from bondage and captivity to spiritual Babylon (the Roman Church) and set free to know the Word of God in order to worship Him “in spirit and in truth.”

But just like ancient Israel’s experience of stubbornly repeating the sins and apostasies of their forebears, from their emancipation through the Exodus from 430 years of ingress (the latter part as slaves and bondmen) in the first atheistic kingdom of the ancient Egyptian Empire, to the captivity of idolatrous Judah by ancient Babylon (type of spiritual Babylon, the Roman Church in these last days) and their subsequent deliverance in order “to rebuild the broken down walls of Jerusalem” desolated by Nebuchadnezzar 70 years prior, through the successive commands by the *three Persian kings*, namely, Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes and progressively carried forward *by three men raised by God*—Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah, apostate spiritual Israel—the Christian churches that once more choose to adopt the fundamental doctrinal errors, traditions, and real heresies and superstitions of the Romanized Christian Church which their godly pioneers exposed and were martyred for, thus choosing to remain, actually return to their spiritual slavery to the darkness of gross error. Soon, as prophesied in Revelation 13, they do not merely return to this spiritual bondage; they turn into the “image to or of the beast” and transform into the main persecuting agency and partner of the beast and declare the final “war” against those who remain a “faithful remnant, keeping the commandments of the God and the faith of Jesus,” and “have the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy.” Rev. 12: 17; 14: 12; 19:10.

Since then the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14---after the unsealing of the heretofore “sealed” time prophecies of Daniel beginning in 1798—the prophetic “time of the end” (Dan. 12: 9) leading up to the 1840 to 1844 (and the midnight

cry of the parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25, ending in October 1844—the termination of the longest time prophecy in the Bible of 2,300 years---have been “swelling,” that is, increasing in scope, magnitude, and intensity until, as prophesied in Revelation 14 and 18, the whole world—“every nation, kindred, tongue (language), and people would have been adequately warned.

The prophesied mark of the beast will be enforced, and two classes of people will be finally and eternally formed. Then earth’s probation closes as Jesus leaves the most holy place in heaven and the Holy Spirit is permanently withdrawn from the earth. It is only at this point that the mysterious “wrath of the God and the Lamb” “unmingled with mercy” are poured out successively and cumulatively, though not globally as the seven last plagues “upon all who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, name, or number in their foreheads or in their hands.” The first six plagues (six being the number of man, and 666 the number of the “man of sin”) are the works of the evil angels under Satan’s directions, the prevailing Holy Spirit having been fully withdrawn from the earth and wicked men, while the seventh plague, seven being God’s number, is God’s final work on earth. It commences with the greatest and final earthquake that opens up graves in the “special or partial resurrection” before giant hailstones fully desolate the whole earth; only then does Jesus finally return as accurately described by inspiration, saying that it will be at “midnight” and first appears as a cloud appearing in the direction of the east the size of a clenched fist of a man, steadily increasing in lamination and size until it fully reveals Christ in all His glory escorted by the retinue of all the angels. Heaven would be temporarily emptied for some seven days as all unnumbered multitudes of the redeemed of the earth from their graves everywhere, ascend in their now-immortal natures and no longer- subject- to- corruption glorified flesh-and-blood bodies (not disembodied “spirits” or “souls”) with Jesus, and triumphantly enter into the gates into the eternal city of the Heavenly Jerusalem. They spend a thousand years there judging, i.e., determining, “as priests and kings” enthroned with Christ the King of king and Lord of lords, the degree of punishment of the wicked dead on earth. It is only after this biblical “a thousand years,” or the popularly term “millennium” that the New Jerusalem City with all the resurrected and translated saints with Christ in it descends to earth and settles on the top of Mount of Olives from which He ascended and has been leveled by the angels to accommodate the New Jerusalem City and its worthy inhabitants. Then Christ’s glorious coronation takes place, witnessed by all, both the wicked dead who have been resurrected as well, as all the saved and the whole universe of unfallen worlds assembled. True to form, character, nature, and works as the “father of lies” and “murderer from the beginning,” Satan claims to have resurrected the eternally lost wicked, particularly who persisted in worshipping the beast --“the man of sin,”--and his image and knowingly and rebelliously received his mark, name, or number in their foreheads or in their hands” against the conviction to receive the seal of the living God contained in the fourth commandment by the closing merciful work of the Holy Spirit and God’s faithful living remnant people before earth’s probation closes permanently as the lone door to ark in Noah’s time did after the predetermined 120 years. Satan, the commanding general then marshals all his

followers once more, both men and fallen angels, for the very last time of earth's history of the fall, to assemble together a vast, unnumbered army made up of depraved generals and kings in the past world empires who never lost a war, to go forth and attempt to conquer the New Jerusalem City and its eternally triumphant inhabitants atop Mt. Olives. Only then does God send hellfire from heaven and unleash the fuel energy reserves underneath the earth composed of all that died in the Flood such as oil, coal, etc. The wicked earth is finally cleansed with fire, purified from all that defiles, all that became corrupted by sin, animate and inanimate including whole extent of the atmosphere "the first heavens" what were corrupted and polluted by sinful, proud men. Peter says "even the elements shall melt with fervent heat." Satan, upon whom all the sins he caused God's people to commit, have been finally transferred to during at the close of the pre-advent judgment in heaven prefigured by the scapegoat in the typical sanctuary service under the Mosaic economy of the Old Testament times, and as author of all sin, sorrow, pain, and death will receive his just reward. He burns the longest though not for all eternity as the Roman Church has taught for centuries, happens to all "heretics" depicted in the Vatican as "Dante's Inferno." What a blasphemous doctrine that depicts God the Father who gave His Son to die as man's Substitute and Surety by paying the redemption price at Calvary demanded by His own immutable law that "the wages of sin is death," and then victoriously ascending to the right hand—or position of ultimate authority--of the Father to plead His blood and perfect atoning sacrifice for and in behalf of all penitent sinners as their merciful High Priest, Advocate, and Mediator---which the Roman Church through "the man of sin" has counterfeited for centuries through their false doctrines such as cited in the foregoing and in the following.

The chapter, *An Era of Spiritual Darkness*, pp. 49-60 of the 1911 Great Controversy documents the highlights of the earliest beginnings of how the Christian church founded by Christ and His first disciples fell away, that is, apostatized as prophesied by Daniel, Paul, and John, and that truths of the gospel had to be carried forward by faithful people until the close of time. This is a salient aspect of the real nature of the great controversy between Christ and Satan

Vance Ferrell of Harvesttime Books has recently published an amazing special edition of the Great Controversy--a full-color, large print edition filled with vital and relevant historical and current facts, both in print, photos, paintings, illustrations and maps. I recommend this edition to every Seventh-day Adventist Christian home, even as an addition to the older editions you may already have on hand and read. Review it with your Bible as you have never done before as rapidly-unfolding developments and changing conditions taking place in every level of human society and endeavor are fulfilling end-time prophecies according to their chronological order---no longer subject to time prophecy (which ended in October 1844) in the United States of *America*—the lamb-like beast of Revelation 13, and *globally*—"in every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

The miraculous advent of the of the practically unlimited power to inform and persuade the masses through the internet and social media and the still-

functioning traditional media, are accelerating events as never before imagined. When used righteously (which is the exception rather than the rule) and only for the purpose of propagating the solemn end-time truths designed of God to gather more souls into the fold, preparing them to be able to stand loyal and true to God and His commandments when the world and the churches make them void through legislation and enforce such by the same, though modernized *modus operandi* and methods of coercion and persecution used in the Old World by the Roman Church, these

Also, this version of the *Great Controversy* is certainly a powerful witnessing tool, a “silent messenger” which you can give as a special gift on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, promotions, etc., to relatives, close friends, co-employees, business contacts, etc., —whether mainstream Christians (Evangelicals, Pentecostals, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, Roman Catholics, non-denominational groups, Baha’i, Buddhists, Hindus, Moslems, etc., and even agnostics or atheists). The pictures and illustrations alone and their accompanying captions and explanations are simply compelling information, particularly to the truth searcher though they may be initially skeptical. Always plead in prayer that the Holy Spirit, who is still in the world but will not always be, will do the conviction while you do your part as a “messenger” sowing the seeds of the present, testing truths of the third angel’s message “like leaves of autumn.”

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I am reprinting below portions of my weekly Friday Morning Manna posting which is sent to many as well as posted regularly on the AUP Cyberlink, specifically the May 22 issue which is part of a continuing series on the significance of numbers in the Bible and is currently discussing Number Three, presently focused on the Godhead or Trinity. It includes material relevant to the study of the “man of sin and his activities and career” as you will see in the following:

THE THREE PERSONS OF THE GODHEAD (Continued)

The closest star to our planet earth is Proxima Centauri (part of the Alpha Centauri *triple system*)---about 4.3 light years or roughly 25 trillion (25 million million) miles away. Beta Centauri is even farther---350 light years. Since the distance between Earth and moon is roughly a quarter of a million miles, the distance from Earth to Alpha Centauri would be about 100 million times the distance from earth to the moon. See YahooAnswers.

Now most will agree that Heaven or Paradise, the home of God and the angels, most likely is at the center of the universe is infinitely farther “somewhere out there.” If so, pray tell, how does God the Father and Jesus, the ascended Savior who, since 31 C.E. has been interceding and pleading His blood as our merciful

High Priest and Mediator in the heavenly courts above *in His glorified human nature* that the Twelve disciples and two angels witnessed and testified to (Acts 1: 1-15)--see, yea, dwell *in* us and abide *in* our hearts? How will He “bring every” person’s “work into judgment with *every secret thing*, whether they be good or evil”? (Eccl. 12: 13, 14; Luke 8: 17)? How can He “try,” meaning, examine and judge “the reins of our hearts” from that unquantifiable distance from the Earth? “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? *I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing.*” Jer. 17: 9, 10; cf. Rev. 22: 12, K. J.V.

This is how: God in Christ abides in the hearts of the true believer through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who does His appointed work as Christ’s vicegerent. Our individual guardian angels, “ministering spirits” (Heb. 1: 14) double up as our recording angels and faithfully record in the books of heaven all our thoughts, motives, and deeds, secret and open, good and evil from the day we were born till the day we die. Moreover, the long-lasting influence of our life, aptly illustrated by the lingering rays of the sun that has long set, and how they impacted the lives of others---either as “a savor of life unto life or death unto death” (2 Cor. 2: 15, 16) are part of the pre-advent judgment taking place in heaven now. This determines the eternal rewards Christ brings with Him at His glorious second coming. Rev. 22: 12. Zechariah describes the Holy Spirit as “**the eyes of the Lord**, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.” Zech. 4: 10. In prophetic language John says the same: the Holy Spirit is “the seven Spirits of God” (Rev. 4: 5), seven being the divine number of perfection. The Father has entrusted the judgment to His Son even as He “created all things *through Him* and *for Him* . . . and *by Him* all things consist.” Col. 1: 16, 17.

The papacy has counterfeited the Holy Spirit, His work, His nature, and His title as “the eyes of the Lord” (Zechariah 4: 10) by assuming another title aside from “Verily God Himself on earth, the “Vicar of Christ,” “the visible head of the church,” “Il Papa,” as the “*Holy See*.” Webster’s Unified Dictionary and Encyclopedia (1960) defines the Holy See as “the seat of papal authority; the Pope’s Court.”-p. 2033, art. “Holy See.” See additional definitions of the Holy See on the internet at AudioEnglish.org and Enculopedia Britannica on their website.

Yes, that’s the pope’s court” but “all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ” (Rom. 14: 10) and be “judged by the righteous judgment of God” (Rom. 2: 6) based on His immutable law of which He is the Author of---not by any earthly tribunals composed of fallible, sinful mortals such as the Inquisition of the Roman Catholic Church or the Islamic Sharia courts. Sharia law is defined as: “All aspects of a Muslim’s life are governed by Sharia.... which comes from a combination of sources including the Qur’an (the Muslim holy book), the *Hadith* (sayings and conduct of the prophet Mohammad) and *fatwa* (the rulings of Islamic scholars). See www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religious/Islam/beliefs/Sharia_1.html.

Office of the Inquisition

Arthur Miracle, Ph.D., in his “The Inquisition: A Study in Absolute Catholic Power” (see www.mtc.org/inquis.html) says:

“Because of her basic doctrinal premises remain in place, Rome can yet rise up against her spiritual enemies at some future date when she again wields exclusive, ecclesiastical control of a region. *In fact the ‘Holy Office’ of the Inquisition still exists within the Vatican* (known today as the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith), awaiting the day in which it can stamp out ‘heresy.’ As recently as 1938, the popular Catholic weekly declared:

‘Heresy is an awful crime against God, and those who start a heresy are more guilty than they who are traitors to the civil government. If a state has a right to punish treason with death, the principle is the same that concedes to the spiritual authority the power of life and death over the archtraitor.’

“The Inquisition proved how Catholicism will react when it has possession of absolute power. Is it any wonder that in 1880s, Dr. H. Grattan Guinness preached the following:

“I see the great Apostasy. I see the desolation of Christendom, I see smoking ruins, I see the reign of monsters, I see the vice-gods, that Gregory VII, that Innocent III, that Boniface VIII, that Alexander VI, that Gregory XIII, that Pius IX, I see their long succession, I hear their insufferable blasphemies, I see their abominable lives, I see their blinded generations, bestowing hallow benedictions, bartering away worthless promises of he heaven. I see their liveried slaves, their shaven priests, their celibate confessors; I see the infamous confessional, the ruined women, the murdered innocents; I hear the lying absolutions, the dying groans; I hear the cries of the victims; I hear the anathemas, the curses, the thunders of the interdicts; I see the racks, the dungeons, the stakes; I see the inhuman Inquisition, those fires of Smithfield, those butcheries of St. Bartholomew, the Spanish Armada, those unspeakable dragonnades, that endless train of wars, that dreadful multitude of massacres. I see it all, and in the name of the ruin it has brought in the Church and in the world, in the name of the truth it has denied, the temple it has defiled, the God that it has blasphemed, the souls it has destroyed in the name of the millions it has damned; with holy confessors, with noble reformers, with innumerable martyrs, with the saints of the ages, I denounce it as the masterpiece of Satan, as the body and the soul and the essence of antichrist.” - *H. Grattan Guinness, D.D., “Romanism and the Reformation”: Focus Christians Ministries; Lewes, Sussex; as quoted in Michael de Semlyen, “All roads Lead to Rome?”*

Definition of Heresy

All Christians who claim “the Bible and the Bible only as the rule of faith” should awake and take justified alarm that they have taken things for granted and are fearfully ignorant of what their own Bible has long warned by way of prophecy on what is coming upon them and all who love the true gospel—the gospel which defines what righteousness and unrighteousness are, what comprises the acts of

heresy and apostasy, according to God's, not the Church's standard, and His manner of dealing with such.

None of the following official definitions of heresy—both by secular and religious (particularly the Roman Church and the once-Protestant churches and denominations that adopt the doctrines and practices which caused their forefathers to condemn and separate from in the Reformation—cites the Bible and the law of God as the standard by which heresy is determined.

According to *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth Edition, 1942*, heresy, from the Greek *hairesis* means, "taking a choice, to take, choose. 1. Religious opinion opposed to the authorized doctrinal standards of any particular church, and tending to promote schism. 2. An opinion held in opposition to the commonly received doctrine, and tending to promote division or dissension."

Webster's Unified Dictionary and Encyclopedia, 1960, published by H.S. Stuttman Company, Inc., New York, gives this definition: "Doctrinal beliefs at variance with those commonly accepted by ecclesiastics. Many varieties are included in the canon law of the Roman Catholic Church. When Christianity was introduced under Constantine it was feared that heresy would be a public danger. Consequently it was made a capital crime in 382, under the rule of Theodosius the Great. The *Roman edicts* against heresy were assembled by Justinian in his **Codex** of the 6th century. Laws against heresy continued to be enacted in Europe when new sects sprang into being, the penalty being loss of civil rights, banishment or confiscation of property. Heretics were sometimes burned at the stake for their beliefs." – art. Heresy, p. 1988.

Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary defines a heretic as: "One who holds or advocates controversial opinions, **esp. one who publicly opposes the officially accepted dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church.**" Or, as one author puts it, "Heresy, to a Catholic, is anti-Catholic truth found in *the Bible.*" – Peter Ruckman, Ph.D., *The History of the New Testament Church* (Bible Believer's Book Store, Pensacola, FL; 1989).

Still another summarizes it as: "Every citizen in the empire was required to be a Roman Catholic. Failure to give whole-hearted allegiance to the *pope* was considered treason against the *state* punishable by death." – Dave Hunt; *A Woman Rides the Beast* (Harvest House Publishers; Eugene, Oregon; 1994. Quoted in *The Inquisition: A Study in Absolute Catholic Power*. www.metc.org/inquis.html.

Ellen G. White wrote back in 1844:

"The defenders of popery declare that she has been maligned; and the Protestant world is inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the Romish Church of to-day by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness. They excuse her horrible cruelty as the result of the barbarism of the times, and plead that civilization has changed her sentiments. Have these persons forgotten *the claim*

of infallibility for eight hundred years put forth by this haughty power? *So far from relinquishing this claim, the Church in the nineteenth century has affirmed it with greater positiveness than ever before.* As Rome asserts that she has never erred, and never can err, how can she renounce the principles which governed her course in past ages?

“The papal church will never relinquish her claims to infallibility. All that she has done in the persecution of those who *reject her dogmas*, she holds to be right; and would she not *repeat* the same acts, should the opportunity be presented? Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments [such as the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution] be removed, and Rome be re-instated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution.” – p. 381.

“It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed to have access to His Word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between a living heart-service and a round of mere forms and ceremonies. But God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is delusive and unsatisfying. *He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them.* He will reveal to them the truth as it is in Jesus [Eph. 4: 21], and they will take their position with His people.

“But Romanism *as a system*, is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period of her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, *or they would discern the signs of the times.* The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in *preparation* for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground in our country [America] upon every side. Look at the number of her churches and chapels. Look at her colleges and seminaries so widely patronized by Protestants. These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel . . . **The people of our land need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty!**” – Vol. 4 Spirit of Prophecy, original edition of *the Great Controversy*, pp. 381, 382. Pacific Press: Oakland, CA; Review & Herald, Battle Creek, Michigan; 1884.

If we “fear what flesh can do” (Ps. 56: 4) or are mesmerized with “the love of the world and the things of this world” (1 John 2: 15-17) and “the cares of this world and this life” (Mark 4: 19; Luke 21: 34) to *declare* unpopular present truths now, how will we *defend* them when the prophesied fiery ordeal of the final test comes?

(To be continued next month).

See also Renegade Catholic Blog, Jay Nelson at jayAT weirdload.com :

The Holy Office of the Inquisition was renamed “Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in 1904. Then In 1965 it was renamed once again as the “Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.” Name changes don’t mean the original nature, mission, and purpose has changed as well, particularly with this Church institution whose career and record are well documented in history.

Before being elected pope and choosing his name Benedict XVI, dubbed “the orthodoxy czar” in their own circles, he is now the living pope emeritus, residing in the sovereign city state of the Vatican. His real name is Joseph Ratzinger, a German, who was the head of the renamed Office of the Inquisition. He mysteriously “suddenly” resigned in _____. The last papal resignation took place six hundred years ago in what is known as the Great Western Schism where three different popes were each claiming to be the real pope in a bloody conflict among their respective conclaves and supporters. Each one was hurling the accusation of “antipope” towards each other. The three different lines were the French Avignon line, the Pisan, and the Latin or Roman. The 40-year messy and bloody conflict in the Church that claims an “unbroken line from Peter, the first pope,” finally appeared to resolve the problem by having the three resign and a new pope “elected.” It surely is an interesting combination, to say the least that the former head of the renamed office of inquisition is co-existing with the first Jesuit pope, Francis. We’ve never had this before.

Prototype of Sharia Law. See Duhaine’s Law Dictionary.
www.duhaime.org/LegalDictionary/S/ShariaLaw.aspx

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. History is prophecy fulfilled and prophecy is history written in advance. Prophecy warns that history will repeat itself in the last days of earth’s history and on the same battleground as it was in the beginning. The earliest type being the enforcement to worship the golden image Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon had erected on the plain of Dura (Daniel____) —religious liberty and the inalienable God-given right to worship the God of choice according to the conviction of individual conscience, and, what on what day.

Immaculate Conception. Diana Severance, Ph.D., in “Immaculate Conception Became Catholic Doctrine, wrote:

“It [the Immaculate Conception] became “an article of faith” when Pope Pius IX pronounced it in December 8, 1854. “It states that Mary was given grace to be sinless at the instant of her conception. Sin was shut out of her. The teaching was controversial among Christians at large. Neither Protestant nor Orthodox accept it. In general Christians insist that any major doctrine must be clearly backed up by some Scripture. Catholics require the same. Yet as the *Catholic Encyclopedia* admits: ‘No direct or categorical and stringent proof of the dogma can be brought

forward from the Scriptures.' Edward O' Connor. . . .went even further, acknowledging that *the idea was not even a tradition of the early church*, coming to the fore about only 1100 A.D." See Christianity.com.

The Open and Shut Doors in the Heavenly Sanctuary. God instructed Moses: "Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." _____, David declared: "Thy way, O Lord, is in the sanctuary." Psalms._____. Praise God for giving us the Sanctuary doctrine through Moses, explaining in wonderful detail in the Mosaic or Jewish economy, through types and symbols---the system of sacrifices, the earthly priesthood, the tabernacle services, and the feasts and ordinances---explaining the simple yet comprehensive divine plan of redemption from sin and its power in the genuine gospel. These are comprehended in the three angels' messages of Revelation 14: 6-12! Earth's final generation has been warned that indeed a door "was opened which no man can shut, and a door was shut which no man can open." Rev.3:____. These doors are not on earth but are in the heavenly sanctuary. Rev. _____. What these doors are: the door to the most holy place was opened on the tenth day of the seventh month of the Jewish Karaite calendar, corresponding to our October 22, 1844, and the door to the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary called "the holy place," which man had access to Christ as Intercessor since He ascended in A.D. 31 closed as of 1844. Penitent sinners could still have access to Christ's intercessory work of advocacy and mediation but it was no longer in the holy place where He administered for 1800 years.

See the seven churches of Revelation chapters 2 and 3 and the seven seals of chapters 5, 6, 8. There were many Christian churches in Asia during the first century of Christian era; God chose seven of them to represent the seven periods of the church during the remainder of time to its very end. True history of the Christian Era is delineated by John as undergoing seven stages since its birth from the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit's power as the "former" or "first rain" on the Day Pentecost upon the 120 disciples fifty days after Christ's glorious resurrection. Acts chapters 1, 2. On the other hand the history of how and when the Romish Church evolved is history of its own within the Church Era---the fourth state described as the Thyatira church---a period of over a thousand years of the Dark Ages, formally starting in 538 and ending in 1798 C.E.

Godly men, women, and children, conscientious objectors were declared heretics for claiming "the Bible and the Bible only as the rule of faith and creed." Coercion, force, and persecution through Church edicts enforced by draconian measures by the state and secular powers, "the great men of the earth" were the means of conversion. Moreover, untold millions, since the church fell away by compromise with paganism (through the so-called conversion of Constantine) by the ____ century, and then adopted heathen gods, ceremonies, rites, and practices of the Romans and incorporated them were, and are being added to the church roll through infant baptism—a rite never taught in the Bible where clueless infants are never granted their inalienable, God-given, inalienable right to

exercise their will, which is the governing power in the nature of man created in the image of likeness of His Creator. This ordinance of baptism by immersion, modeled by Christ Himself when He submitted, yea, instructed John the Baptist, His first cousin, and prophesied “voice in the wilderness” calling all men to repent to prepare the way for the first coming of the promised Messiah, the mighty Deliverer, to “baptize Him at the Jordan where “there was much water” in “order that all righteousness might be fulfilled.” _____. for ”--- to be able to choose intellectually and spiritually what their religion would be—when they came of the age of accountability, the earliest being twelve. They were “simply born,” more accurately, sprinkle-baptized into it,” and countless_____.

Born with fallen, sinful nature since the fall of our parents at Eden, which in and of itself is not sin, every son of daughter of Adam since then, by that very nature do not naturally possess in them the “fundamental law of mercy that dwells in the heart of *every* person”—as claimed in this Bull. The Scriptures prove this point, such as: “For *all* have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” _____. “*All we* like sheep have gone astray.” _____. “Can a leopard *change* his spots or the Ethiopian the color of skin? No more can ye who are *accustomed* to do evil.” _____. “The *heart* is the most corrupt of all things . Who can know it. . . .” _____. The opposite is quite true as Paul gives a discourse on in chapters 5 to 8 of the Epistle to the Romans. “For all *our* righteousness is as filthy rags.” It is only the righteousness *of Christ* which is perfect, sinless, spot-and-wrinkle-free

The Biblical Jubilee in Type and Antitype

While the papacy claims power “to command feasts and holidays” including Jubilees such as the recent one,_____, we return to the Old Testament to find out what God gave Jubilee for, when, and what its antitype will be.

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How the Bible Sabbath was replaced with Sunday by the ‘man of sin’

“The arch-deceiver [Satan] had not completed his work. He was resolved to gather the Christian world under his banner, and to exercise his power *through his vicegerent, the proud pontiff who claimed to be the representative of Christ*. Through [three classes of professed Christians, then and more so in these last days] *half-converted pagans, ambitious prelates, and world-loving church-men*, he accomplished his purpose. Vast councils were held from time to time, in which the dignitaries of the church were convened from all the world [still being done today]. In nearly every council the Sabbath was pressed down a little lower, while the Sunday was correspondingly exalted. Thus the pagan festival came finally to

be honored as divine institution, while the Bible Sabbath was pronounced a relic of Judaism, and its observers were declared to be accursed.

“The great apostate had succeeded in exalting himself ‘above all that is called God, or that is worshipped.’ 2 Thess. 2: 4. He had dared to change the only precept of the divine law that unmistakably points all mankind to the true and living God. In the fourth commandment, God is revealed as the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and is thereby distinguished from all false gods. It was as a memorial of the work of creation that the seventh day was sanctified as a rest-day for man. It was designed to keep the living God ever before the minds of men as the source of being and the object of reverence and worship. Satan strives to turn men from allegiance to God, and from rendering obedience to his law; *therefore he directs his efforts especially against the fourth commandment which points to God as the Creator,*” - *Ibid*, pp. 52,

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The ‘Man of Sin’ of Bible Prophecy and his activities and career - Part III

The book *The Great Controversy* was designed by God to educate, warn, encourage and prepare the remnant church of prophecy as well as to be one of the main tools of the “third angel” to jolt the world and the churches awake on the eve as it were of its close of probation and destruction, as it was in the days leading up to the Flood. It documents and tracks according to true Bible prophecy, particularly of the books of Daniel and Revelation, the relevant highlights of the activities and career of “the man of sin” and its revival and desperate work against the law of God and His law-keeping, Sabbath-keeping people in the last days.

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