

## Study for the Month August 2017

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The ‘Man of Sin’ of Bible Prophecy and his activities and career – Part XXVII

*THE THREE BABYLONS NO. XVI*

### **‘Commentary: Is the Catholic Church a capsizing ship?’ No! America and the Once Protestant Church are--Spiritually and Doctrinally**

The question above, posed at this critical junction of the inextricably intertwined end-times roles outlined in Biblical prophecies of (1) earth’s (2) the Roman Catholic Church’s (3) the United States of America’s, and (4) the once-*Protestant* churches (or world) are, in fact, the central foci of the three angels’ eternal life-and-death messages of Revelation 14 and related chapter of the same book that begun with the book of Daniel.

Once fully accomplished according to God’s revealed will, way, and purpose through His chosen agencies—animate and inanimate--and “in the fullness of time,” the merciful second probation extended so long a time for the wicked and hard-hearted to return to God and repent while Christ still intercedes and pleads His blood to the Father seated in the eternal throne of the heavenly sanctuary for their forgiveness and cleansing, as mankind’s only Intercessor, Mediator, Advocate, and High Priest for so *long, finally comes to an end* as it did in Noah’s time. Finally, “mercy and justice kiss each other” at this point. That’s the *real* door of mercy in heaven—not in the Vatican!, etc.—that shuts forever upon all living on the earth. This is immediately followed by the pouring out of the “mysterious divine wrath of God and the Lamb” in the seven last plagues only upon all who stubbornly persisted in “worshipping (obeying) the beast and his image and by “receiving his mark (usurped and counterfeit authority) *in* their forehead or right hand, in stark contrast to Christ’s humble **saints** who receive the seal of the living God in their foreheads!

“There are only two classes. Each party is distinctly stamped, either with the seal of the living God, or with the mark of the beast, or his image. Each son or daughter of Adam chooses Christ or Satan as his general. All who place themselves on the side of of the disloyal are under Satan’s black banner and stand charged with rejecting and despitefully using Jesus Christ. They are charged with deliberately crucifying the Lord of life and glory.’ – *Ellen G. White, Manuscript 40, 1897, Vol. 7 Comprehensive SDA Commentary, pp. 227242, 243; Vol. 3 Selected Messages, pp. 415-8.*

Then Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords finally returns to *abussos*-like earth, desolated by the seven last plagues, in all His undiminished, unveiled, and resplendent divine glory with all His angels to redeem by resurrection and translation His faithful, persecuted saints of all the ages, since the fall to the very last remnant of probation time, shown to John in vision as:

“A great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes [soft white light as symbol of innocence, purity, and acquired perfect righteousness acquired from Christ], with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits in the throne and to the Lamb!’” Rev. 7: 9, 10, N.K.J.V.

as since the fall of Adam and Eve, most dead, and some still alive—the 144,000 and those raised in the special or partial resurrection during the opening of the seventh plague

The messages for each is specific

certainly answered by the latter---the only way Omnipotent God “who sees the end from the beginning,” has appointed that all who, with importunity will do three things: “Ask, and will receive; seek, will find; and knock, and shall it be opened.” Luke 11: 1-13.

It was the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the *Godhead* (I avoid using or even casually referring to the “Trinity” for it carries with it either made up or mischaracterized nuances and ramifications that create unnecessary and additional difficulties and even conflicts that distract one in studying the Gospel especially with those who believe that it is merely a man-made idea of the Roman Catholic Church or the Jehovah’s Witnesses who believe that “believing in the Trinity is idolatry for it is “idolatrous worship of other gods., etc., etc. .

Rather, I prefer the word “Godhead” for it is the one used in the Authorized Version (KJV), the New King James Version and the Revised Standard Version, etc., as referring to the three divine Persons of the Godhead—not three different Gods but three different Persons who are One and make up the heavenly Council. It was the Holy Spirit who moved upon all the prophets, patriarchs, and messengers, both canonical [works were included in the sacred canon of the 66 books of the Bible

“who ask will receive, seek will find, s, will find to correctly understand the past, present, and future, including the unprecedented developments taking place in America, and in the nations of the world *today*.

First, this quote from the *Seventh Day Adventist Bible Encyclopedia*, Vol. 10, p. 411, an idea and conclusion of other religious leaders and Bible scholars of various denominations. To wit:

“On the basis of Bible prophecy and the writings of Ellen G. White, SDA’s anticipate the eventual success of the *ecumenical movement*, both in culminating the divisions of Protestantism and in reuniting Christendom by bridging the gulf that separates non-Catholic communions from Rome. The ecumenical movement will then become a concerted effort to unite the world and to secure universal peace and security by enlisting the power of civil governments in a universal religio-political crusade to eliminate all dissent. SDAs envision this crusade as **the great apostasy** to which John the Revelator refers to as ‘Babylon the Great.’ They understand, also, that God’s last message of mercy to the world will consist of a warning against this great apostate movement, and a call to all who choose to remain loyal to Him to leave the churches connected with it.”

Ellen G. White penned the following back in 1884 in the classic *Great Controversy*, chapter *Aims of the Papacy*,” pp. 564-5:

“The papal church will *never* relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in her 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 be removed, and Rome be re-instated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution.

“A well-known writer speaks thus of the attitude of the papal hierarchy [the Holy See, Papacy] as regards *freedom of conscience* and of the perils which especially *threaten the United States* from the success of her policy:

**Fundamental Differences between Americanism and Roman Catholicism.** “There are many who are disposed to attribute any fear of Roman Catholics in the United States to *bigotry or childishness*. Such see nothing in the character and attitude of Romanism that is hostile to our free institutions, or find nothing portentous in its growth.

“Let us, then, first compare some of the fundamental principles our government with those of the Catholic Church.

“The Constitution of the United States guarantees *liberty of conscience*. Nothing is dearer or more fundamental. Pope Pius IX, in his Encyclical Letter Of August 15, 1854, said: ‘The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience, are a most pestilential error---a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state.’ The same pope, in his Encyclical Letter of December 8, 1864, *anathemized* those who would assist the liberty of conscience and of religious worship,’ also ‘*all such as maintain that the church may not employ force.*’

“The pacific tone of Rome in the United States does not imply a change of heart. “She is tolerant where she is helpless. Says Bishop O’Connor: ‘Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried to effect without peril to the Catholic world ‘ . . . The archbishop of St Louis once said: ‘**Heresy and unbelief are crimes**; and *in Christian* [that is, *Roman Catholics*] as in *Italy*

and *Spain*, for instance, where all the people are Catholics, and where the *Catholic religion is an essential part of the law of the land, they are punished as other crimes*” [church and state, religious and political/civil powers united with the church currently in power using the state’s police and military forces to enforce her decrees and sustain her institutions as in a “Christian” *sharia* law state]. . . .

‘Every cardinal, archbishop, and bishop in the Catholic Church **takes and oath of allegiance to the pope** [not to God or Jesus Christ!] in which occur the following words: ‘Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said Lord (the pope), or his aforesaid successors, ***I will to my uttermost persecute and oppose.***’ –*Mosheim, ‘Ecclesiastical History’*, b. 3, cent. 11, part 2, ch. 2, par. 9, note 1.

“It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic Communion [the “other sheep have I which are not of My fold . . .”]. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light that they have. They are *not* allowed 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. 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*, and many will yet take their position with His people [Christ’s “fold”].” - *Ibid*, pp. 564-5.

“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 upon every side. See the increasing number of her churches and chapels *in Protestant countries*. Look at the popularity of her colleges and seminaries in **America**, so widely patronized by **Protestants**. Look at *the growth of ritualism in England*, and the *frequent defections* to the ranks of the Catholics. *These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.*

Without this prophetic anchor steadfast and sure, we are sure to flounder and drown in boisterous waves and murky waters of conjecture, speculation, or even outright counterfeit interpretations.

Prophecy is history written in advance, and true history of both the church and y those earthly kingdoms and nations directly involved in the play and counter play of the church, His truth and law, and His faithful people throughout the seven stages of the church—till all is fulfilled.

“Hindsight is 20/20” is cliché. Nevertheless, it ceases to be trite when such is the result of a prayerful attitude, conscious effort to unshackle the mind of powerful prejudices and preconceived ideas while daily engaging in a thorough study of relevant and real history (as “alternative facts and “alt histories” are now in vogue as a “modern-day,” in fact, end-times doubletalk and gobbledygook—in short, lies!) and Bible prophecy as they apply to the present “current events” in order to sort out the chaff from the wheat, bringing to bear in one’s study the all-important template of type and antitype.

Apostle Paul cites the applicable past experiences and lessons of ancient Israel and applies them to the experience, trials, and temptations of spiritual Israel, the true commandment-keeping remnant church of prophecy of today. He wrote

“Now all the se things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that yo may be able to bear it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.” 1 Cor. 10: 11-14, N.K.J.V.

Otherwise, Satan, “the enemy of God and man,” “the enemy of souls, “the father of lies“ and “murderer from the beginning” “who deceives the whole world” whom Jesus also referred to as “the prince of this world,” will, as he has done from the very beginning of the great controversy started in heaven, subtly weave into this vital activity spiritualistic and futuristic ideas with its baleful results of fanaticism, paranoia, conspiratorial theories and counterfeit prophetic interpretations embraced by many in the Christian mainstream. Many of them, however, are honestly deceived---whom Jesus refers to as “other sheep have I which are not of this fold.” But when their times comes, particularly in the last “loud cry of the forth angel” of Revelation 18 they will “hear the voice of the True Shepherd” and will *come out* “Babylon the great” comprised of the temporarily-united apostate Christian communions and “the great men of the earth” and finally join ranks with God’s commandment-keeping, faithful remnant people. Then the end comes!

This (I believe, others, too) we have been volunteering to do but only as convicted by the Holy Spirit, compelled by the love of “the truth as it is in Jesus,” who Himself declared, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father except by Me” (John 14: 6).

He is the one and only true Shepherd of *the flock—His faithful people*. To the scribes and Pharisees, the scheming, hypocritical, jealous, inwardly morally corrupt and lascivious, self-appointed, self-anointed so-called spiritual guardians of the people of His day, Jesus said:

“Most assuredly I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold *by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber*. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hears his

voice and calls his own sheep *by name* and *leads them out*. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them: and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of the strangers. Jesus used this *illustration*, but they did *not understand* the things which He spoke to them.” John 10: 1-6, N.K.J.V.

Then Jesus makes it clear and to the point:

“Then Jesus said unto them again, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, *I am the door of the sheep*. All who ever came before Me are *thieves and robbers*, but the sheep did not hear them. *I am the door. If any anyone enters by Me, he will be saved*, and will go in and out and find pasture. *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy*.”

**Ques:** What church in earth’s modern history, since after is founding by Christ and His first Twelve apostles, has unarguably manifested these ignominious characteristics in the name of Christ, particularly throughout earth’s Dark Ages? This, in stark contrast to what Jesus taught and lives , saying, “***I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.***”? vs. 7-10.

Jesus continues:

“***I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd gives His life*** [“lays down His life,” KJV] ***for the sheep***. But he who is a *hireling* [one who works merely for wages and/or material rewards, no more no less] and not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep [Jesus owns us *twice*, first by creation, second, by redemption through His death and atoning blood, shed at Calvary!], sees the wolf coming [the false spiritual guardians of the people and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.” vs. 11-13

Jesus declares this wonderful, comforting, precious truth:

“And ***other sheep I have which are not of this fold***; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; ***and there will be one flock and one shepherd*** [finally, in the church triumphant at the end!].

These glorious promise are further assured in the universally familiar Bible verse, “For God so loved *the world* that He gave His only Son that *whosoever believeth in Him* shall not perish but have everlasting life.”(John 3: 16, K.J.V

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THE QUESTION ABOVE in the title of this monthly issue is the actual title of an article by Chris Lowney, Religion News Service [RNS}, First Published July 26, 2017 1: 48 PM, last updated July 26, 2017 01: 48 pm and can be read in full on: <http://www.strib.com/religion/global/2017/08/02/commentary-is-the-catholic-church-a-capsizing-ship/>.As of 04-07-2017 there were eight other websites running the similar article/commentary.

I chose to reprint and comment on the commentary/article written by Chris Lowney as he is the author of “Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church,” revealing at the outset what to expect the contents and purpose of the

commentary/article are, which, To a great extent, the undiscerning, none-Bible-reading reader will read as “news.”

Below is the opinion/article (emphasis and Notes mine):

**“Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI recently likened the Catholic Church to a capsizing ship.**

“Benedict’s use of the phrase came in an elegant tribute to Cardinal Joachin Meisner of Germany, who died recently. In it, Benedict praised faith and ‘conviction,’ that *the Lord does not abandon this church, even when sometimes the boat has taken on so much water as to be on the verge of capsizing.*’

“Catholics in Catholic cyberspace jumped all over that phrase, seeing it as Benedict’s coded critique of Pope Francis. After all, Meisner and others cast doubts on the theological soundness of Pope Francis’ recent apostolic exhortation, ‘*Amoris Laetitia*,’ especially its call for more robust engagement with divorced and remarried Catholics. Benedict must be agreeing! Francis is a misguided captain who is capsizing the ship!

“Well, Benedict’s closest confidante, Archbishop Georg Ganswein, immediately debunked that sinister interpretation as a ‘fantasy’ being peddled by ‘stupid people.’ He should know what Benedict intended: Benedict entrusted the letter to him.

“Yes, the Catholic ship is taking on water, as Benedict put it. Our challenges include declining participation in the sacraments, meager engagement with young adults, clergy shortages in the developed world, and trouble conveying our message convincingly to a secular, relativistic modern world.

“Ganswein recently cited Benedict as being worried that ‘the *substance of the faith* is about to crumble, and above all in his home land [Germany]. And Pope John Paul II, decades ago, proclaimed the ‘urgency’ of finding new ways to reach out to the modern world.

[NOTE: “The faith.” What “faith? And based upon what or whom? Only faith *in* Christ and His word--the Bible. Revelation 14: 12 clearly describes es the “*saints*” and their “*patience in keeping the commandments of God* [not man] and *the faith of Jesus*. Notice the Roman Catholic Church and the popes do not in their proclamations and declarations invoke the exclusive authority of the Scriptures to interpret faith of the individual but their multiplying encyclicals, man-made sacraments, edicts, decretals, traditions of the church fathers, and man-made declarations as did the elders and Pharisees of Christ’s time]

Germany is where the Protestant Reformation was sparked by the 95 theses exposing the evils of the Doctrine and and practice of the Indulgences that the German Catholic priest, Dr.Martin Luther nailed on the door of the Wittenberg Church that fateful day of \_\_1582?].

“And Pope John Paul II, decades ago, proclaimed the ‘urgency’ of finding new ways to reach out to the modern world.

“Well, every modern institution faces crisis in this complex, chaotic century [just look at the current state of the White House since Donald Trump became president]. What differentiates great organizations is whether and how they

react, specifically their ability to galvanize a robust, united response to their challenges. Faced with urgent crisis, healthy organizations rally together to save the institutions they love. Unhealthful organizations play the blame game

[NOTES: More accurately, the one and only church-state organization and city state-church ever in the world, the Vatican or Holy See of the Roman Catholic Church versus all other world governments and forms of governments.

Prophecy reveals that ultimately all nations and organizations, religious and civil, will finally unite, just before and into the close of earth's probation around the threefold union of three global isms-- Romanism, apostate Protestantism, and Spiritualism.

Chris Lowney continues:

"I lived through all that as a longtime managing director in a global investment bank that was regularly racked by tumultuous change. Crisis often erupted, and our first impulse was to pillory scapegoats and attack rivals. But, in time, [the "great equalizer"] we invariably realized that our circular firing squad was solving nothing and weakening our collective ability to respond. Meanwhile, our collective house was catching on fire (or, to use Benedict's image, our whip was taking on water).

"Rallying together to fortify our ship became more important than tarring internal rivals. Urgency was key, as were creative solutions to new kinds of problems. We understood that we would have to enlist colleagues further down the ranks, apprise them frankly of our challenges and quash their own blame-game tendencies: Part of any leader's job is to lift subordinates above internecine disputes by articulating some compelling strategy [how about the unvarnished truths of God's word?] that all can embrace and feel part of [without compromising truth and principle?]

"Unfortunately, that isn't happening in the [Roman} Catholic Church. The recent Benedict contretemps is not an exception but part of a long-standing *destructive* pattern. Indeed, Catholics have by now settled into their own little progressive and conservative tribes, each with their own favorite bishops, websites, religious orders, periodicals and litmus tests issues.

"It feels great to be able to scratch one's ideological itch, but that hasn't solved any of the church's challenges enumerated above. Rather, those problems have continued to fester, now for decades. It's time for us *to wake up*, and *grow up*, and begin revitalizing the church we love." (end of quote from Chris Lowney's article).

**NOTE:** Indeed it's high time for the millions of honest Roman Catholic laity to *wake up* on the awesome gospel truth that "the church they love" is the apostolic church that was clearly prophesied in the Bible as the Christian church that would "fall away" beginning in Paul's time and officially became the papacy/papal hurch by 538 B.C. when church and state powers united with the church wielding control over the state powers. Thus commenced the 1260 years of the Dark Ages which ended, as prophesied, in 1798 when Pope Pius VI was seized by Berthier, general of Napoleon's French Republican army and taken to



Valence, France where he died the next year. John was shown “One of his [the beast’s] head was mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshipped *the dragon who gave authority to the beast* [the papacy]; and *they worshipped the beast* [not Jesus Christ, symbolized as Lamb, not a ravenous lion!}, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’ Rev. 13: 3, 4. Read the rest of the chapter.

## **“How Pope Francis is Revolutionizing The Process of Who Becomes A Saint in The Catholic Church”**

By Mathew Schmalz on 8/6/17 at 2 PM. This article originally appeared in [The Conversation](#). .

I am reprinting this article as it is an excellent primer for those who want to understand this mysterious and confusing subject of being “beatified” and finally made a “saint” *by* and *in* the Church of Rome but only *after one’s death* and be officially assigned your own “feast day” in the Catholic Calendar. After which Catholics can pray to you, as a ghostly intercessor in heaven (as you left your body on earth to rot away)-- as the process is still undergoing changes. When will it stop changing? Is there any possibility of be “de-sainted” if one can be sainted?

The article quoted addresses the latest changes/“improvements” of the Roman Catholic process of sainthood which the current *active* pope, Francis, (his predecessor, the German Benedict, declared as “Pope Emeritus” is still very much alive and ensconced in the Vatican—the one and only city-state in the world and strangely cannot “retire in his own homeland, Germany!), is “revolutionizing.” That being the case from its introduction, this process and its requirements may very likely be modified or revolutionized,” *again*, sometime in the future by any pope succeeding Francis upon his demise.

Aren’t you glad and relieved, dear fellow Bible-studying Christian that the “process” of becoming a “saint” in God’s kingdom on earth and in heaven is the “same yesterday, today, and forever”—not subject to any changes or “improvements such as “fast-tracking,” etc., for the God that we serve is not a mortal, sinful human being with corruptible flesh but is no less than God in the flesh, Creator of heaven and earth and yet our humble, loving Savior and merciful High Priest, Intercessor, Advocate, Mediator and the Judge of the earth---who died in Calvary to redeem us. He owns us twice (or we are indebted to Him twice!); first, by creation, then, by redemption! Praise Him forevermore!

Francis himself predicted early on after his election that he “sensed his would be a short papacy.” See “*Pope Francis Predicts Short Papacy, Announces Jubilee Year of Mercy.*’ Huffington Post 03-13-2015.

**“Pope Francis has created a new category for beatification**, the level immediately below sainthood, in the Catholic Church: those who give their lives for others. This is called ‘*oblato vitae*,’ the ‘offer of life’ for the well-being of another person.

“Martyrs, a special category of saint, also offer up their lives, but they do so for their ‘Christian faith.’ And so, the pope’s decision raises the question: Is the Catholic understanding of sainthood changing?”

### “Who’s a Saint?”

“Most people use the word ‘saint’ to refer to someone who is exceptionally good or ‘holy.’ In the *Catholic Church*, however, ‘saint’ has a more specific: someone who has led a life of ‘heroic virtue.’

“This definition includes the four ‘cardinal’ virtues prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice; as well as the ‘theological’ virtues: faith, hope and charity. A saint displays these qualities in a consistent and exceptional way.

“When someone is proclaimed a saint by the pope—*which can happen only after death*—public devotion to the saint, called a ‘cultus,’ is *authorized for Catholics* throughout the world.

**NOTES:** How strangely accurate is the word “cultis” to describe the “public devotion,” which means “worship” dead people! A cult is any group of people or church who worship man, a fallen, sinful, mortal human being who needs to be saved by the gospel. Immortal God, Creator of heaven and earth and Redeemer and Savior of repentant sinners alone deserves to be worshipped. He alone can “forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness by His shed blood at Calvary and His intercessory work and office as High Priest, Advocate, Mediator, and Judge of all the earth in the heavenly sanctuary beginning at His glorious ascension. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength.”

### “Canonization

“The process for being named a saint *in the Catholic Church* is called canonization,’ the word ‘canon’ meaning an authoritative list. Persons who are named saints are listed in the ‘canon’ as saints and given a special day, called a ‘feast,’ in the Catholic calendar.

“*Before approximately the year 1000*, saints were named by the local bishop. For example, St. Peter the Apostle and St. Patrick of Ireland were considered ‘saints’ long before any formal procedure has been established. [So how did they become saints before all the formal procedures were established, and now added to?]. But as the papacy increased its power, it claimed the exclusive authority to name a saint.

### “The Investigation

“Today there are *four stages* in canonization.--

“Any Catholic or groups of Catholics can *request* that the bishop open a case. They will need to name a formal intermediary, called the ‘postulator,’ who will promote the cause of the saint [to-be]. At this point the candidate is called ‘the servant of God.’ A formal investigation examines ‘servant of God’s’ life. Those who knew the candidate are interviewed, and affidavits for and against the candidate are reviewed.” (Continued next month!)