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## 'The Catholic Plan for America'- Part 4

## First. What does the Papacy refer to, how did it come into being and when,—according to Bible prophecy and true history?

**Papacy.** "1] The position or authority of the pop<u>e</u>. 2] the period during which the pope rules 3] the line of or succession of popes 4] the government of the Roman Catholic Church, headed by the pope." - *Webster's Dictionary, Student's Edition, art. Papacy.* 1967.

And this must also be established immediately, and at every relevant occasion particularly at the outset of any discussion of the Papacy, the generic Church and its career, activities, and prophesied role in religious and world history. This surrounds the unabashed claim of the Roman Catholic Church of (a) *unbroken succession* of popes beginning with (b) *apostle Peter*, as allegedly the first pope. Such intertwined claims are absolutely unbiblical though it has been vigorously asserted and widely accepted. The constant repetition of a lie never transforms it into a truth no matter how long and officially it has been perpetrated and argued in official literature and public declarations by church dignitaries, and even the media. Any diligent student of the Bible as well as fundamental world and church history knows this, as much as the church hierarchy itself.

We will now quote extensively from the book Great Controversy by Ellen G. White which provides us even more details regarding how and when the papacy came into being within the church that was established by Christ, Himself being the Rock, Foundation, and Cornerstone---never Peter, one of the Twelve. Note (emphasis mine):

"The apostle Paul, in his second letter to the Thessalonians, foretold *the great apostasy* which would result in the *papal power*. He declared that the coming of Christ should not come, 'except there come a falling away first, and *that man of sin* be revealed, *the son of per*dition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.' 2 Thess. 2: 3, 4, 7, K.J.V. And furthermore, the apostle warns his brethren that '*the mystery of iniquity doth already work.*' *Even at that early date he [Paul] saw, creeping into the church, errors that would prepare the way for the development of the papacy.* 

"Little by little, at first in stealth and silence, and then more openly as it increased in strength and gained control of the minds of men, the mystery of iniquity carried forward its deceptive and blasphemous work. Almost imperceptibly the customs of heathenism found its way into the Christian church [that is why there is so much in common with Roman Catholicism and all the heathen or pagan religions of the world, both monotheistic and polytheistic including all forms of spiritualism and mythology].

"The spirit of compromise and conformity was restrained for a time by the fierce persecutions which the church endured under paganism. [Paganism was the state religion of Rome of the emperors]. But as persecution ceased, and Christianity entered the courts and palaces of kings [and emperors], she laid aside the humble simplicity of Christ and His apostles for the pomp and pride of pagan priests and rulers [access specific subjects in the internet and from National Geographic and History Channel on antiquities and religions, etc.]; and in the place of the requirements of God, she substituted human theories and traditions.

"The *nominal conversion* of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century, caused great rejoicing; and the world, cloaked with a form of righteousness, walked into the church.

"Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror. [That's why is far easier to be "converted" from *any* pagan religion to Roman Catholic Christianity. It is simply Romanized Christianity and/or Christianized paganism. Her [paganism's] spirit controlled the church. Her <u>doctrines</u>, <u>ceremonies</u>, and <u>superstitions</u> were <u>incorporated</u> into the faith and worship of the professed followers of Christ.

"This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of **the 'man of sin'** foretold in prophecy [specifically of Paul] as opposing and exalting himself above God.

"That gigantic system of false religion is a masterpiece of Satan's power,---a monument of his efforts to sit himself upon the throne to rule the earth according to his will.

"Satan once endeavored to form a compromise with Christ. He came to the Son of God in the wilderness of temptation, and showing Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, offered to give all into His hands is He would but acknowledge the supremacy of the prince of darkness. Christ rebuked the presumptuous tempter, and forced him to depart.[See Matthew 4: 1-11].

"But Satan meets with greater success in presenting the same temptations to man. To secure worldly gains and honors, <u>the church</u> was led to seek the favor and support of the great men of earth; and having thus rejected Christ, *she was induced to yield allegiance to the representative of Satan,---the bishop of Rome*.

"It is one of the leading doctrines of Romanism that the pope is the visible head of the universal church ["catholic" means universal] of Christ, invested with supreme authority over bishops and pastors in all parts of the world. More than this, the pope has been given the very titles of Deity. He has been styled 'Lord God the Pope'[see Appendix], and has been declared infallible. He demands the homage of all men. The same claim urged by Satan in the wilderness of temptation, is still urged by him through the Church of Rome, and vast numbers are ready to yield him homage.

"But those who fear and reverence God meet this Heaven-daring assumption as Christ met the solicitations of the wily foe: 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.' [Luke 4: 8]. God has never given a hint in His word that He has appointed <u>any man</u> [any mortal] to be the head of the church. The doctrine of papal supremacy is <u>directly opposed</u> to the teachings of the Scriptures.

"The pope can have no power over Christ's church except by *usurpation*. Romanists have persisted in bringing against Protestants **the charge of heresy**, and willful separation from **the true church**. But these accusations **apply rather to themselves**. They are the ones who laid down the banner of Christ, and departed from 'the faith which was once delivered to the saints.' Jude 3.

"Satan well knew that the Holy Scriptures would enable men to discern his deceptions and withstand his power. It was by the word that even the Savior of the world had resisted his attacks. At every attack Christ presented the shield of eternal truth, saying, 'It is written.' To every suggestion of the adversary, He opposed the wisdom and power of the Word. In order for Satan to maintain his sway over men, and establish the authority of **the papal usurper**, *he must keep* them in ignorance of the Scriptures. The Bible would exalt God, and place finite men in their true position; therefore its sacred truths must be concealed and suppressed. This logic was adopted by the Roman Church. [Note: It is "Roman," not Christian Church]. For hundreds of years the circulation of the Bible was prohibited. The people were forbidden to read it or to have it in their houses, and unprincipled priests and prelates interpreted its teachings to sustain their pretensions. Thus the pope came to be almost universally acknowledged as the vicegerent of God on earth, endowed with authority over church and state." – Ellen G. White, "Great Controversy," 1911 ed., Review & Herald Publishing Association, pp. 49, 50, 51.

## A Brief History of How and When the Heavy Twin Yokes of Political Tyranny and Religious Bigotry of the Old World Were Eliminated and the New World Was Born:

Source: *Facts of Faith* (Revised) by Christian Edwardson, "*The United States in Prophecy* (A Beautiful Picture), "*Making America Catholic*," pp. 243-255. [emphasis mine]:

"Many of the nobler minds had grown tired of *political tyr*anny and *religious bigotry*, and determined to throw off both yoke in one stroke. On June 7, 1776,

<u>Richard Henry Lee</u> introduced a resolution in the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, Pa., declaring:

'That these United Colonies [later became the *United States*] are and of right ought to be free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiances to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Britain [read today, "the Vatican State"] ought to be totally dissolved.'

"A committee consisting of <u>Thomas Jefferson</u>, <u>Benjamin Franklin</u>, <u>John</u> <u>Adams</u>, <u>Roger Sherman</u>, and <u>Robert R. Livingston</u>, was appointed to draft a formal Declaration, which was penned by Mr. Jefferson, and on June 28, Congress proceeded to consider it.

"The discussion that followed was a tremendous struggle.

"On July 2, Lee's resolution was voted, and **the bell in the tower of Independence Hall**, where they assembled, **rang out the joyful news**. <u>This</u> bell bore the now prophetic inscription '*Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.*' *Leviticus 25: 10.* 

"In all the colonies, indeed, the Declaration was hailed as *the passing away of the old world and the birth of the new.*" – *'Great Events of the Greatest Century,*" *R.M. Devens, p. 29/ Christian Edwardson, Facts of Faith, p. 236.* 

**NOTE** : In stark contrast to the joyful tolling of the bell in the tower of Independence Hall, hailing the "passing away of the old world and the birth of the new" was the "blackest in the black catalogue of crime, most horrible of the fiendish deeds of all the dreadful centuries" which received the appropriate description by the Holy Spirit-guided historians as "**St. Bartholomew's** *Massacre*" in France. That, in the fullest, most accurate, and revolting sense of the word, is a most proper description of what took place under the instigation and directions of the hierarchy of the apostate church of prophecy shown to John in prophetic vision and whom he described in the Revelation. We will quote enough of the passages to better provide the reader its context, particularly those reading it for the first time, unmistakably pointing out the nature of the apostasy and abominations perpetrated by the apostate church, symbolized as a spiritual whore:

## The Whore Sitting on a Scarlet-Colored Beast

"In <u>the seventeenth of Revelation</u> is foretold the destruction of all the churches who corrupt themselves by idolatrous devotion to the services of the Papacy, those who have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication [Rev. 17: 1-4 quoted].

"Thus is presented the papal power, which with all deceivableness and unrighteousness, by outside attraction and gorgeous display, deceives all nations; promising them, as did Satan our first parents, all the good to those who receive its mark and all harm to those who oppose its fallacies. The power which the deepest inward corruption will make greatest display, and will clothe itself with the most elaborate signs of power. The Bible plainly declares that this covers a corrupt and deceiving wickedness. Upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots and the Abominations of the Earth.- *Ellen G. White Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 983; Review & Herald Publishing Association.* "

Footnote: "Chapter 17 [of Revelation] consists of two distinct parts: (1) the symbolic version of verses 3-6, which John saw, and (2) what he was told (v. 7). In explanation of it as recorded in verses 8-18. Part one sets forth the crimes of Babylon, and thus constitutes Heaven's bill of indictment, a declaration of why the divine sentence is to be pronounced upon her (see on verse 6). Part two sets forth the sentence itself and the means by which it is to be executed. *Babylon's criminal career reaches a climax under the sixth plague (see on ch. 16:12-16)*, whereas the sentence decreed is executed under the seventh (see on chs. 16: 17-19; 17: 13-17; 18: 4, 8; 19: 2). Accordingly, part one is concerned most particularly with events under the sixth plague, and part two with those under the seventh.

"Thus ch. 17 is a delineation of the final crisis, when Satan puts forth his supreme effort to annihilate God's people. (cf. ch. 12: 17) and when all the powers of earth are arrayed against them (cf. *Great Controversy*, p. 634). God permits Satan and the human agencies allied with him to carry forward to the *verge* of success their plot to annihilate the [commandment-keeping] saints. But at the moment the blow is to be struck God intervenes to deliver His people [as He has always done in the past in every grand milestone of crisis recorded in Scripture]. The hosts of evil, arrested in the very act of attempting to slay the saints, stand without excuse before the bar divine justice (see Dan. 12: 1; cf. *Early Writings*, pp. 282-285; *Great Controversy*, pp. 635, 636; *Life Sketches*, p. 117).

"Little wonder that John was filled with amazement as beheld the climax of the great drama of the mystery of iniquity (see on ch. 17: 6)."- Footnote on Revelation 17:1, An Exhaustive E.G. White Commentary on Revelation, Vol. 2, p. 1058, Review & Herald Publishing Association..

While the Bible represents the Papacy as "the *man* of sin," "the *son* of perdition," (2 Thess. 2: 3, 4), "In Revelation 17 Babylon is represented as a *woman---*a figure which is used in the Bible as the *symbol of a church*, a virtuous woman representing a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church.

"In the Bible the sacred and enduring character of the relation that exists between Christ and His church is represented by the union of marriage. The Lord has joined His people to Himself by a solemn covenant, he promising to be their God, and they pledging themselves to be His and His alone. He declares: 'I will betroth thee unto Me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies.' Hosea 2; 19. And, again: 'I am married unto you.' Jeremiah 3: 14. And Paul employs the same figure in the New Testament when he says: 'I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as *a chaste virgin to Christ.*' 2 Corinthians 11: 2.

"The unfaithfulness of the church to Christ in permitting their confidence and affections to be turned from Him, and allowing the love of worldly things to occupy the soul, is likened to the violation of the marriage vow. The sin of Israel in departing from the Lord is presented under this figure and the wonderful love of God which they thus despised is touchingly portrayed: [Ezekiel 16: 8, 13-15, 32; Jeremiah 3: 20 quoted].

"In the New Testament, language very similar is addressed to professed Christians who seek the friendship of the world above the favor of God. Says the apostle James: 'Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.' James4: 4."- *Ibid, "Great Controversy," 1911 ed., pp, 381-2.* 

However, to describe and now permanently tag a disgraceful political and impeachable misdeed by a president of the United States (Richard Nixon) as a "Saturday Night *Massacre*" rightfully belongs to the realm of sensationalism if it is not an intentionally crafted idea to confuse or diminish the truly revolting, inhuman, and, in fact, demonic nature of human beings massacring innocent and helpless fellow human beings including precious babies in the name of the "Christian" religion and church authority, who, at that time, as prophesied, wielded secular and military power to enforce her *religious* decrees and sustain her institutions in bold defiance of God's laws and Christ's teachings.

What were these men, women, and children guilty of? Faithfully obeying the commandments of God and having the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 14: 12), and refusing, at the risk of horrible persecution and death, which they did suffer with Christ, to yield their allegiance to unbiblical and pretended "truths" which were nothing but man-made anti-biblical and antichristian laws as the multitude of Rabbinical laws in Christ's time—these are the "heavy yoke of law"—not the Ten Commandments of God. They were those who, together with the early disciples, the godly Reformers and their humble followers, others today, and those in the days or short years ahead will continue to attest to the truth that indeed, "All who live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3: 12.

"Persecution in its varied forms is the development of a principles which will exist as long as Satan exists and [genuine Bible] Christianity has vital power. No man can serve God without enlisting against himself the opposition of the hosts of darkness. Evil angels will assail him, alarmed that his influence is taking the prey from their hands. Evil men, rebuked by his example, will unite with them [evil angels] in seeking to separate him [the godly man] from by alluring temptations. When these [temptations] do not succeed, then a compelling power is employed to force the conscience." – *E.G. White, Great Controversy (1911 ed.), The Final Warning ch. 38, p. 610.* 

Hereunder is quoted from the same book by Ellen G. white, chapter "The Bible and The French Revolution," pp. 271-253, citing the real massacre recorded in the sacred records of heaven, and a brief background leading to St. Bartholomew's Massacre." (all emphasis and comments mine) :

"Century after century the blood of the saints had been shed. While the <u>Waldenses</u> laid down their lives upon the mountains of Piedmont 'for the word of

God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ,' similar witness to the truth had been borne by their brethren, the <u>Albigense</u>s of France.

"In the days of the Reformation, its disciples had been put to death with horrible tortures. Kings and nobles, high-borne-women and delicate maidens, the pride and chivalry of the nation, had feasted their eyes on the agonies of the martyrs of Jesus. The brave <u>Huguenots</u>, battling for those rights which the human heart holds most sacred, had poured out their blood on many a hardfought field.

"The **Protestants** were counted as outlaws, a price was set upon their heads, and they were hunted down like wild beasts.

"The '*Church in the Desert,*' the few descendants of the ancient Christians <u>that still lingered in France in the eighteenth c</u>entury, hiding away in the mountains of the south, still cherished the faith of their fathers. As *they ventured to meet by night on the mountain-side or lonely moor*, they were chased by dragoons, and dragged away to life-long slavery in the galleys. The purest, the most refined, and the most intelligent of **the French**, were chained, in horrible torture, amidst robbers and assassins. [Scott, Vol. I ch. 17] Others, more mercifully dealt with, were shot down in cold blood, as, unarmed and helpless, they fell upon their knees in prayer. Hundreds of aged men, defenseless women, and innocent children were left dead upon the earth *at their place of meeting*.

"In traversing the mountainside or the forest, where they had been accustomed to assemble, it was not unusual to find 'at every four paces, dead bodies dotting the sward, and corpses hanging suspended from the trees.' 'Their country, laid waste with the sword, the axe, the fagot, 'was converted into one vast., gloomy wilderness.' '

"These atrocities were enacted . . . . in no dark age, but in the brilliant era of Louis XIV. Science was then cultivated, letter flourished, the divines of the court and of the capital were learned and eloquent men, and greatly affected the graces of meekness and charity.' [Wylie, b. 22, ch.7].' – Ibid, p. 272.

"But the blackest in the black catalogue of crime, most horrible of the fiendish deeds of all the dreadful centuries, was the <u>St.</u> <u>Bartholomew's Massacre</u>. The *world* [that is, those informed of these historic events as fulfillment of prophecy, and continue to exert effort to enlighten and remind others to remember and understand its significance to the salvation, as we humbly do] <u>still recalls with shuddering horror the scenes of that most</u> <u>cowardly and cruel onslaught</u>. The king of France, <u>urged by the Romish priests</u> and prelates, lent his sanction to the dreadful work.

"A bell, tolling at dead of night, was a signal for the slaughter. Protestants by thousands, sleeping quietly in their homes, trusting to the plighted honor of their king, were dragged forth without a warning, and murdered in cold blood. "As Christ was the invisible leader of His people from Egyptian bondage, so was Satan the unseen leader of his subjects in this horrible work of multiplying [real, biblical] martyrs. **For seven days the massacre was continued in Paris**, the first three with unconceivable fury.

"And it was not confined to the city itself, but by *special order of the king* [urged by the papal priests and prelates, of course], was extended to all the provinces and towns where *Protestants* were found. <u>Neither age nor sex was</u> respected. <u>Neither the innocent babe nor the man of gray hairs</u>. <u>Noble and</u> <u>peasant</u>, <u>old and young</u>, <u>mother and child</u>, <u>were cut down together</u>. <u>**Throughout France** the butchery [real massacre!] continued for two months [where were all the so-called enlightened nations and their leaders?]. <u>Seventy thousand of the</u> <u>very flower of the nation perished</u>."- *Ibid*, p. 272.</u>

Now note the following, which clearly reveals the real, unchanged nature of that apostate church and its career and activities from beginning to end, identified as the "little horn power" in Daniel, the "man of sin and son of perdition" by Paul, the "leopard-like beast," spiritual "Babylon," "the whore," "The Mother of Harlots and the Abominations of the Earth," and "the beast" of prophecy so prominently exposed in Revelation and by the faithful Protestant reformers, intelligent, thinking, and courageous men and women of church and world history:

"'<u>When the news of the massacre reached</u> **Rome** [what was its reaction?], <u>the</u> <u>exaltation among the clergy knew no bounds</u>. The cardinal of Lorraine rewarded the messenger with a thousand crowns [currency of the time]; the cannon of St. Angelo thundered forth a joyous salute; **the bells rang out from every steeple**;' bonfires turned night into day; and [pope] Gregory XIII, attended by the cardinals and other ecclesiastical dignitaries, went in long procession to the church of St. Louis, where the cardinal of Lorraine chanted a *Te Deum*...

"A medal was struck to commemorate the massacre [irrefutable evidence!], and in the Vatican may still be seen three frescoes of Vasari, describing the attack upon the admiral, the king in council plotting the massacre, and the massacre itself. [irrefutable evidences that testify against their perpetrators for all time till the Father in heaven and Christ, the Judge of all the earth pass judgment and divinely avenge God's faithful followers of all generations from the fall to the close of earth's probation!]

"Gregory sent Charles the Golden Rose; and four months after the massacre, . . he listened complacently to the *sermon* of a French priest, . . . who spoke of '<u>that</u> day so full of happiness and joy, when the most holy father received the news, and went in solemn state to render thanks to God and St. Louis.' (*White, Henry, 'The Massacre of St. Bartholomew,' ch. 14, par. 34 (ed. 1871)/ ibid, p. 273).* 

"The same master-spirit that urged on the St. Bartholomew's Massacre led also in the scenes of the [French] Revolution. Jesus Christ was declared to be an impostor [as the Jewish leaders did their condemnation of the Messiah], and the rallying cry of the French infidels was, '**Crush the Wretch**,' **meaning Christ**. "Heaven-daring blasphemy and abominable wickedness went hand in hand, and the basest of men, the most abandoned monsters of cruelty and vice, were most highly exalted [?!]. **In all these, supreme homage was paid to Satan**; while Christ, in His characteristics of truth, purity, and unselfish love, was crucified [again!]." *Ibid, p. 273*.

**NOTE**: Some press, media (regular and alternative media such as blog sites on the internet), as well as presidential historians see a strong parallel between Richard Nixon's disgraceful Watergate downfall highlighted by the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre" and the sudden firing of FBI Director James Comy by the president, even as the former led a deepening probe into alleged collusion of the campaign surrogates of and possibly Donald Trump with Russia campaign, to allegedly tilt the election results to Trump's favor or even to disrupt the American democratic electoral process both before, during, and after the presidential election. The political, diplomatic, and legal nightmarish roll-out of the Donald Trump unprecedented presidency is yet unfolding as of our writing.

Source: "Making America Catholic" chapter, "*Facts of Faith*" by Christian Edwardson, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, TN, 1943: pp. 243-245:

"The Roman hierarchy knew that the *older Protestants*, who had read about the persecutions of the Dark Ages, and who knew some of the inside workings of the papal church, would never become Catholics. Rome's hope lay in capturing the younger generation. If the papacy could cover up those dark pages of history, when it waded in the blood of martyrs, and could appear in the beautiful modern dress of a *real champion for liberty*, as a *lover of science, art, and education*, it would appeal to *the American youth*, and the battle would be won.

"The **Jesuits**, who through years of experience in <u>Europe [the Old World]</u>, have become *experts in molding young minds*, are now establishing schools everywhere\*, that are patronized by thousands of Protestant youth. They have also undertaken the delicate task of *Romanizing the textbooks of our public schools*, and *books of reference*, in order to cover up their past, and to *whitewash the Dark Ages*.

"That Romanists desire to cover up their past record of bloody persecution is acknowledged by that honorable Roman Catholic author, **Alfred Braudillart**, Rector the Catholic Institute of Paris. After giving a frank statement of the many persecutions of which his church is guilty, he says in the words of Mgr. d'Hulst:

' 'Indeed, even among our friends and brothers we find those who dare *not* look this problem in the face. They ask permission from the Church to ignore or even to deny all those facts and institutions in the past, which have made orthodoxy compulsory. '`---"*The Catholic Church: the Renaissance and Protestantism,*' *Alfred Archeveque Cardinal Baudrillart, pp. 183, 184/ FF 243.* 

"ROMANIZING TEXTBOOKS. In the first place, all general histories used in our **public schools and high schools** had to be revised to eliminate every trace of the objectionable issues from their pages. Plain historical facts of the Middle Ages,---such as the popes' interference with public government (as in the case of Henry IV, Emperor of Germany, A.D. 1077, and King John of England, A.D. 1213); the persecution of the Waldenses, Albigenses, and Huguenots; the Inquisition; the sale of Indulgences; and the Reformation,---all had to be eliminated or rewritten so as to exonerate the Papacy [but not in the books of records in Heaven! See Eccl. 12: 13, 14; etc.], and brand its opponents simply as political offenders and revolutionists, *who suffered at the hand of civil government, instead of being persecuted by the Church for their religion.*"

*"Such radical changes could never have been accomplished so quietly if Protestants had not been asleep.* At times it became necessary to create public sentiment against a certain textbook through newspaper articles written by some learned catholic professor, and then pressure was brought to bear on school boards to eliminate it, substituting for it a Romanized book. Thus Swinton's 'Outline of History' was thrown out of the schools, and 'Anderson's History' was blacklisted, but later revised according to Catholic wishes, and brought back to take the place of Swinton's.

"Myer's 'Medieval and Modern History' was also censored. At first the author refused to change it, claiming 'history is history,' but later it was revised and came into quite general use for a time. *Not all this was done in the dark*. As one example of protest we refer the reader to Senate Document on Public Hearing before the United States Committee on Education and Labor, Friday, February 15, 1889, and Friday, February 22, 1889, on 'Senate Resolution No. 86 ('Liberty," Vol. V, No. 3, Third Quarter, 1910, pp. 30-32) Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Respecting Establishment of Religion and Free Public Schools,' which unmasks some of this work. We shall now point out two of the vital changes made in our textbooks:

"(1) The Catholic Church will never acknowledge the Reformation of the sixteenth century as a *reform*, but brands it as a *'revolt'* against the authority of the pope, and as a *'revolution.'* A sure earmark, therefore, of all Romanized textbooks is the fact they never speak of the Reformation as a work of reform but as the 'Protestant's Revolt, 'the Protestant Revolution,' 'the so-called Reformation,' or what is called the Reformation.' Let any one look it up in the schoolbooks used by his children, and see for himself."-*Ibid, pp 243-245.* 

We end this month's report/study with a message of comfort, and then pick up next month where we left off on this sobering subject of great future import:

"And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." *Luke 18: 7, 8.* "In all ages, God has wrought through His holy angels for the succor and deliverance of His people. Celestial beings have taken an active part in the affairs of men . . . The precious Savior will send help just when we need it." – E. G. White, *With God at Dawn*, p. 191.

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