The 'Man of Sin' of Bible Prophecy and his activities and career - Part VI

"Progress does not consist in increasing truth, but in liberating it from its veils." – Leo Tolstoy

Proper prophetic interpretations must fully harmonize with clearly-stated principles which are based on the nature and work of God, and satisfy all the specifications of the prophecy itself being studied. To humbly acquire this know-how and consistently employ such in the daily and systematic search for what initially appears to be esoteric and hidden mysteries that only the learned scholars have the privilege of understanding, will certainly surprise and delight every student with every truth essential for salvation the end of which is know Christ and Him only. The only qualification the divine "Teacher sent from God" requires is that he is willing to learn and be taught of God, entering into each study prayerfully and without preconceived ideas and opinions and prejudices.

William Miller learned to study the Bible, specifically the prophecies, the 2300-day prophecy of Daniel 8: 14 in particular, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and angels and his complete dedication and consecration of heart and mind towards the pursuit of the truth —not by learning from the theological and literary institutions.

The following is extracted from the Great Controversy, (1911 edition) by E. G. White, pp. 319-321, as recorded by the Sylvester Bliss in his autobiographical "Memoirs of William Miller," Leaves-of-Autumn Books, Inc., P.O Box 220, Payson, AZ, reprinted 1988. (These Memoirs were commenced by Joshua V. Himes, Boston, January, 1853):

- 1. He reasoned that if the Bible is a revelation from God, it must be consistent with itself; and that,
- 2. As it was given for man's instruction, it must be adapted to his understanding
- 3. He determined to study the Scriptures for himself, and ascertain if every apparent contradiction could not be harmonized
- 4. Endeavoring to lay aside all preconceived opinions, and dispensing with commentaries, he compared scripture with scripture by the aid of the marginal references and the concordance
- 5. He pursued his study in a regular and methodical manner; beginning with Genesis, and reading verse by verse, he proceeded no faster than the meaning of several passages so unfolded as to leave him free from all embarrassment
- 6. When he found anything obscure, it was his custom to compare it with every other text which seemed to have any reference to the matter under consideration.

- 7. Every word was permitted to have its proper bearing upon the subject of the text, and if his view harmonized with every collateral passage, it ceased to be a difficulty. Thus he found an explanation in some other portion of the Scriptures.
- 8. As he studied with earnest prayer for divine enlightenment, that which before appeared dark to his understanding was made clear. He experienced the truth of the psalmist's words: 'The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple [humble, margin].' Psalm 119: 130.
- 9. With intense interest he studied the books of Daniel and the Revelation, employing the *same principles of interpretation* as in the other scriptures, and found, to his great joy, that *the prophetic symbols could be understood*.
- 10. He saw that the prophecies, *so far as they had been fulfilled, had been fulfilled literally*;
- 11. That all the various figures, metaphors, parables, similitudes, etc., were either explained in their *immediate* connection, or the terms in which they were expressed were defined in *other* scriptures, and when thus explained, were to be literally understood. 'I was thus satisfied, ' he says,
- 12. That the Bible is a system of revealed truths, so clearly and simply given that the wayfaring [traveling, esp. on foot] man, though a fool, need not err therein." *Bliss, p. 50, quoted in Great Controversy.*

Bearing in mind these important Bible prophecy study guide and principles, let us continue keeping up with some of the published latest movements of the "man of sin" as he takes the world "by storm," as they say:

RECENT NEWS UPDATES With WGM Commentaries:

Pope urged to condemn gay unions as unnatural

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"Vatican City (AFP)- Nearly half a million Catholics have signed a petition urging Pope Francis to condemn same sex unions as unnatural and rule out allowing divorced believers who remarry to receive communion, organizers claim.

"The Filial Appeal on the Future of the Family, launched by a group describing itself as an alliance of lay Catholics and pro-life organizations, has also secured the backing of more than 100 senior clerics, including many bishops from the developing world and American cardinal Raymond Burke, and arch-conservative who has been sidelined in the Vatican hierarchy since Francis was traditionally teaching ahead of an October synod which will review how the Church relates to gay and divorced followers.

"The petition claims that a first synod held last year had caused 'widespread confusion arising from the possibility that a <u>breach</u>* had been opened in the Church that would accept adultery—by permitting divorced and then civilly-remarried Catholics to receive Holy Communion—and would virtually accept even homosexual unions when such practices are categorically condemned as being contrary to divine and natural law.'

"Francis made it clear he wants the Church to adopt a more inclusive, understanding approach to believers living 'irregular' lifestyles.

"He caused consternation amongst traditionalists last year when, asked about his attitude to gay Catholics, he responded: 'Who am I to judge?'

"Earlier this month, the pose said the Church had to provide a better welcome for those who have established a new relationship fater the failure of a marriage.

'These people are not <u>excommunicated</u>*And they absolutely must not be treated as such,' he said on August 5.

"Participants in last year's synod described a marked difference in the approach of generally-pro-reform bishops of Europe and more conservative prelates from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

"The petition urging Francis to stick to a traditional approach has been particularly strongly backed in the Philippines, where prominent supporters include serving and former archbishops and members of 47 Catholic organizations.

"Oscar Cruz, a retired archbishop who is the country's best-known figures, told AFP he supported the petition's goal and urged Francis not to be swayed by the developed world's agenda.

'When the Pope speaks, Catholics from all parts of the world listen. He will make it a huge impact,' Cruz said.

'We are suffering from what the Pope described as *ideological colonization*. Little by little, *our customs and traditions* are being penetrated by First World Countries." (end of news quote).

This AFP news release has 1,474 Comments! I obviously wasn't able to read all but only a couple. I immediately chose the following written by a certain Samuel A. Nigor, M.D. March 2014 (word count: 2038), entitled "*The Liberal Culture of Jaculasis (Masturbation)*...dirty minded schoolboys...." but wasn't able to finish copying it before it was taken off. Read it and you will see the reason why all these excitement over to approve or disapprove homo-sexuality and the LGBT community has a far deeper problem---that of plunging mankind deeper, quicker into moral depravity and the destruction of human society! This writer (Samuel A Nigor, M.D., may or may not realize E. G. White wrote extensively about 145 years ago (1870s) on the evils of "selfabuse" which she also referred to as "secret vice" or "solitary vice" (masturbation)

"Abstract: In nature, sexuality is a reproductive act between adult opposite sex members of the same species. Sex organs are genitalia and not hands, extremities, tongues, mouths, anuses, or any part of the body. In nature, while biochemical abnormalities can occur, sex is biochemically ruled by pheromones, especially in higher creatures. In subhuman nature, there is no 'love' but biochemical confluence resulting in copulation of high reproduction probability, Contemporary sexuality for humans is pollution in nature being out of synchrony with the planet, the animal kingdom, and the full human nature.

"Somewhere in Nazi literature is that statement that following brutal orders increased and religious traditions faded as deviant sexuality was promoted. Shakespeare says the same. 'Unnatural deeds do breed unnatural troubles. Infected minds to their deaf pillows will discharge their secrets. More need they the divine than the physician.'-(Macbeth).

"Masturbation is a basic theme of American culture today as created and promoted by the polluting press and media. Overtly and covertly self-stimulation is usually the beginning and end of whatever liberals want and promote, especially in the media and advertising. It is a gross social psychosis at worst, and a social obsession at least. It is the manifestation of 'body dismorphic disorders' wherein any body part can become the focus of obsessional stimulation to obtain pressure and relief associated with a preoccupation that something needs to be done to improve whatever body part is being obsessed about. Thus almost everything is 'ejaculation' prone from music to fighting---identified as 'jaculosis,' i.e., a pansexual psychosis of unnatural repetitive ejaculation sought obsessively. No-marital ejaculation is 'secretion' with sex as 'relief' rather than reproductive (1)

"SELF.

Basically, jaculasis and its excretions are results of Masters and Johnson's (2) teaching vaginal and clitoral stimulation to women. This has resulted in the epidemic of body dysmorphic obsessions out of synchrony with genuine femininity and femaleness on the planet, i.e., no other animal has its female members copying the ejaculatory sexual act of males. The feminist movement (more actually called the 'women's selfishness movement') embraced Master's & Johnson's female ______ of the male ejaculation response. Anatomically related and neurodevelopmentally analogous to male ejaculation the masturbation response for women offered a comparable habit-forming phenomenon. In fact, this is androgyny of women, not freedom. Regardless, the traditional role and pleasure of genuine femaleness on the planet, was subverted and replaced by male sexuality and its seeking. And it spread, because all humans are susceptible to habit patterns, obsessive compulsions, and body dysmorphia about almost anything capable of being stimulated, because of the lack of biochemical control by pheromones.

"In nature, with biochemical disorders excepted, sex is like nothing like what humans do today. If animals were to do sexually what humans do, it would be illegal animal cruelty. Like with oil, chemical, waste management and so many other activities, humans are out of synchrony with the planet. Indeed, today, most human 'sex' is pollution pure and simple. Manipulation by the Adolf Eichmans of the press and media dictating to the people that 'evil is good,' as was done in Nazi, Germany, people are easily convinced and made to obey authority when traditional (nature-based) sexuality and related mores are rejected.

"GENDER

The jaculosis epidemic deformed males too, as 'sex' became 'any way, anywhere with anyone or anything.' Male-female unitive-reproductive nature-based sexuality no longer exists for growing numbers. This really means that 'sex' no longer exists for those with jaculosis. Instead, sex is replaced by 'gender'—an intellectual, anatomical, philosophical fantasy that there is a 'gender' identity with whatever is preferred as one's body dysmorphic disorder.

"Until the desexualized pseudo-genderization of women, sex in nature for humans was basically as members of the same species at optimal reproductive-unitive times. Sexuality in the planet was quite well defined. *But it has been distorted by the masturbation mob*: the liberal press & media, the gay cult and the multiple-gendered polymorphous perverse. Thus America's masturbation mentality is now an epidemic of body dysmorphic disorders wherein a body part has become and obsessional preoccupation to satisfy by compulsive masturbation, even with gadgets and animals. Jaculasis can happen with about any body part if manipulated. *It is routine for the anus* of homosexual males, just as it often is for the vulva and vagina of the lesbians. 'Fisting' is what it is called—no doubt declared normal as 'fist-gendered' persons claiming to deserve 'marriage' as they perform. It has reached a point that a TV celebrity held his right hand up saying, 'Take a picture of my right hand which my girlfriend loves most about me.'---He went on to say that he has pictures of his right hand to give to his girlfriends.

"Body dysmorphic disordered people become maniacs about their preferred obsessions. Male homosexuals are penis maniacs and vagina-phobics." (Note: this is as far as this article goes before being cut off).

"What 'Scandalous' Changes Could Be Coming To The Catholic Church? It may or may not have something to do with LGBT Catholics." By

Antonia Blumberg, Associate Religion Editor, The Huffington Post. See http://www.huffingtonpost.com/pope-francis-scandalous-changes_559ebad6e401c2162a61864?ncid=bdinkusaolp00000592. Posted 07/09/2015

"Pope Francis began a weeklong trip to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay on Sunday, where he focused much of his attention on the church's <u>embrace of the poor</u>, as well promoting <u>ecological</u> <u>awareness</u>.

"But on the issues of the *family*, the pontiff hinted that '*scandalous' changes* could be on the Catholic Church's horizon after bishops gather in Rome for a meeting on the topic later this year.

"The <u>catechism</u>, or official teaching, of the Catholic Church states that 'homosexual acts are *intrinsically disordered*' and that *people attracted to the opposite sex must remain celibate*."

"The meeting is a continuation of a synod that began in fall in 2014 and which addressed contentious issues, *such as allowing communion for divorced Catholics and extending a welcome to people in the LGBT community.*"

<u>WGM Commentary</u>: What does the Bible call homosexual acts---are they merely "intrinsically disordered"? Lest anyone forget: God loves the sinners with perfect love but hates sin with perfect hatred for sin is what separated man from God, and necessitated the gospel and its plan of redemption on how to restore man to perfect obedience to God's laws in his fallen, sinful state. Indeed:

"The gospel is a system of practical truths destined to work great changes in human character. If it does not work the transformation in life, in habits, and practice, it is no truth to those who to those who claim to believe it. Man must sanctified through the truth. And said Jesus, 'Thy Word is truth' (John 17: 17). Unless the truth of God shall lift up man out of his depravity, his intemperate and profligate habits, and make him reflect the image of God, he is lost."- *E. G. White, Letter 14, mar. 13, 1884/ This Day With God, 1979, p. 81.*

By what clear terms are homosexual acts described in God's Word? Read Romans 1; 18-32 carefully and compare these with 1 Corinthians 6: 9, 10. These should be more than enough to leave no doubts in the mind or any room for guessing as to how God views and will judge all the sins and abominations cited in these verses, which include homosexual acts and the like. It solemnly concludes with: "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Rom. 1: 32. And the other: "They shall not inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6: 10.

"Pope Francis signaled a more understanding attitude, however, when he famously said, in 2013: '*If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge*?'

<u>WGM Commentary</u>: Pope Francis was right. Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees—the religious leaders of the Jewish nation in His day: "Judge not that thou be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measure to you again." Matt. 7: 1, 2, K.J.V. Was this the same attitude and official judgment of the papacy, of men who claimed to be the vicar of Christ on earth, verily to be "God on earth" towards the humble, godly, and truth-loving, commandment-keeping Waldenses of northern Italy, the Albigenses of France, the Huguenots—or French Calvinists, the Protestants of Europe, Africa, and all faithful Christians whose only "sins" were that of steadily refusing to accept Sunday as the Bible Sabbath and partake of the consecrated host as the very "body of Christ."

"In a sermon Monday in Guayaquil, Ecuador, the pope said the bishops will 'consider *concrete solutions* to the many difficult and significant challenges facing families of our time."

<u>WGM Commentary</u>: What are the Bible's concrete solutions from the beginning to the end regarding sins of the flesh?

" 'I ask you to pray for this intention,' he said of the search for solutions, ' so that Christ can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous and threatening, and turn it....into a miracle. Families today need miracles.'

<u>WGM Commentary</u>: Indeed! Families today need miracles? But what kind of miracles? The greatest miracle ever is the transformation of the carnal mind, the human heart of flesh by the work of the Holy Spirit with the sinner's whole-hearted participation and struggle against unsanctified desires and passions---overcoming the fleshly desires. That's the miracle that the individual, the families, and the church desperately needs to be accomplished before the person dies, and earth's probation closes.]

"Jesuit Priest James Martin cautioned that *it's still unclear what the pope meant, exactly,* when he said changes were on the horizon. 'Notice that he said that *God turns what we think is 'impure, threatening, or scandalous into something beautiful,*' Martin said in an email to Huffpost. '*That could mean almost anything.* Remember, though, that Jesus frequently went out to the people seen as 'impure' (tax collectors, prostitutes, the sick) and healed them and restored them to the community. The Pope may be asking us to remember that God can do the same today.

<u>WGM Commentary</u>: The Bible does it say that God in Christ, the Creator of all things and the Redeemer of fallen mankind, "turns what *we* think is impure, threatening, or scandalous *into something beautiful.*" It is true that *we*, with our fallen sinful, corrupt, self-serving, self-indulgent, rebellious, and dishonest nature indulge in things thoughts, motives, and deeds that are impure, threatening, scandalous, and some are outright abominations in His sight. Then, like Satan, we blasphemously use the name of God as having changed these abominable thoughts, deeds, and things into things that are "beautiful."

One shuddering example preserved in the books of history and written down in detail in the books of record in heaven was the St. Bartholomew's Massacre. Note:

"But blackest in the black catalogue of crime, most horrible among the fiendish deeds of all the dread, was the St. Bartholomew's Massacre. The world still recalls with shuddering horror the scenes of that most cowardly and cruel onslaught. The king of France, *urged on by Romish priests 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 martyrs. *For seven days the massacre was carried on in Paris, the first three with inconceivable fury.* And it was not confined to the city itself, but by special order of the king was extended to all the provinces and towns where Protestants were found. Neither age nor sex was respected. Neither the innocent babe nor the man of gray hairs was spared. Noble and peasant, old and young, mother and child, were cut down together. Throughout France the butchery continued for two months. Seventy thousand of the very flower of the nation perished.

"When the news of the massacre reached Rome, the exultation among the [Roman Catholic] clergy knew no bounds. The cardinal of Lorraine rewarded the messenger with a thousand crowns; the cannon of St. Angelo thundered forth a joyous salute; and bells rang out from every steeple' bonfires turned night into day; and Gregory XIII, attended by the cardinals and other ecclesiastical dignitaries, went into 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, 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. Gregory [the pope] sent Charles [the French king] the Golden Rose; and four months after the massacre, ... he listened complacently to the sermon of a French priest, ... who spoke of 'that 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." *Henry White, The Massacre of St. Bartholomew, ch. 14 par. 34. Quoted in the Great Controversy, (1911 ed.), by E. G. White, p. 273. Pacific Press Publishing Association, U.S.A.*

Jesuit Priest Martin has strangely left out Christ's warning to those He healed, specifically whose afflictions were a result of transgressing His moral and health laws: "Go and sin no more, lest a worst thing happen to you." "I change not," God declared of Himself. Jesus "is the same yesterday, today, and forever." The work and mission of Christ and the everlasting gospel was to "magnify the law and make it honorable." ignominious death by crucifixion at Calvary as "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world" was to reveal for time and eternity, and to reaffirm once and for all, to all created beings on earth and the unfallen universe. the immutability of His law—that the "wages of sin is death" so that if the law could be changed or abrogated in any way He should never have died as the sinner's substitute and surety.

"Marianne Duddy-Burke, executive director of Catholic LGBT organization DignityUSA, said she thought the pope's statement sent 'clear signals' that he recognizes the damage Catholic teachings does to LGBT families.

"It's high time, she argued, the church *amended* its stance on LGBT issues in order to better serve the Catholic flock.

"The current reality, where we are too often denied *sacraments*, means we are not full members of our Church,' she told the Huffington Post. 'It's time for the pain and alienation this causes be stopped.'

"The church has shown signs recently, she added, 'that there may be openness to reconsidering the official stance on LGBT people and our families, as well as other kinds of families currently alienated by Church's teachings.'

<u>WGM Comments</u>: The only way such cruel pain and alienation can be stopped forever is first of all, that the truth as it is in Jesus needs to be revealed to man lost and enslaved in sin, guilt, fear, and doubt, blinded by ignorance, superstition, false religion, and the false gospel. It is only the unvarnished truth and the true gospel that can set mankind free from gross ignorance and unshackled from the gross doctrinal errors perpetrated for centuries regarding how eternal salvation may be obtained full and free—not by any works, ceremonialism, and numberless "forms of godliness" but by the perfect, atoning, cleansing blood of Christ shed for the remission of sins repented of and His mediatorial work as our only merciful High Priest, Advocate, and Mediator in heaven, pleading His blood and mingling the merits of His sinless life with the sincere prayers of the sinners on earth that ascends as sweet-smelling incense into the sacred throne of the Father in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.

"Francis DBarnardo, executive director of LGBT Catholic organization New Ways Ministry, told HuffPost he wasn't expecting 'big *policy* changes at the Synod in October. But he added that the debate, which got underway at the 2014 synod, signaled an 'important and big first step towards *eventual changes* down the road.'

<u>WGM Comments</u>: On "policy changes on the way, etc." Diligent students of the Word should always remember that: policy and honesty never mix. E. G. White wrote: "Honesty and policy will not work together in the same mind. In time either policy will be expelled, and truth and honesty reign supreme, or, if policy is cherished, honesty will be forgotten. They are never in agreement. One is a prophet of Baal, the other is the true prophet of God." – *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 96. Sydney Smith, in *Catholic Question*, wrote: "All great alterations in human affairs are produced by compromise." Truth is never determined by majority of opinion or by compromise. "Jesus Himself never purchased peace by compromise. His heart overflowed with love for the whole human race, but He was never indulgent to their *sins*. He was too much of their friend to remain silent while they were pursuing a course that would ruin their souls,---the souls He had purchased with His own blood. He labored that man should be true to himself, true to higher and eternal interest. The servants of Christ are called to the same work, and they should

beware lest, in seeking to prevent discord, they surrender the truth. They are to 'follow after the things which make for peace' (Rom. 14: 19); *but real peace can never be secured by compromising principle*. And no man can be true to principle without exciting opposition. A Christianity that is spiritual will be opposed by the children of disobedience. But Jesus bade His disciples, 'Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul.' Those who are true to God need not fear the power of men nor the enmity of Satan. In Christ their eternal life is secure. Their only fear should be lest they surrender the truth, and thus betray the trust with which God had honored them." – E. G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 356.

The first prophesied great falling away of the early Christian church of the apostles was through compromise under Constantine, the savvy Roman politician-emperor who combined heathenism and Christianity and the rest is the sad history of the falling away of the Christian church necessitating revival, reformation, and yes, separation from—in order to preserve the truth of the true gospel until a purified commandment-keeping remnant emerges before the close of time.

"A drafted report released during the course of last year's meeting of bishops proposed greater openness toward **divorced Catholics** and members of the LGBT community. 'Homosexuals have gifts and qualities to offer the Christian community,' the document stated. 'Are we capable of welcoming these people, guaranteeing to them a further space in our communities?'

<u>WGM Comment</u>: What does the Bible teach regarding divorce? Here's a Biblical summary: I. <u>Old Testament Times</u>: permitted (Deut. 24: 1-3); divorced may not return to the first husband (Deut. 24: 4); denied to those making false claims (Deut. 22: 13-19); denied to those seducing a virgin (Deut. 22: 28, 29); unjust, reproved (Mal. 2: 14-16); required, foreign wives put away (Ezra 10: 1-16); disobedience, a cause among the heathen (Esther 1:10-22); a prophet's concern with (Hosea 2: 1-22); II. <u>New Testament Times</u>: Marriage binding as long as life (Mark 10: 2-9; Rom. 7: 2, 3); Divorce allowed because of adultery (Matt. 5: 27-32); Marriage of the divorced constitutes adultery (Luke 16: 18); reconciliation encouraged (1 Cor. 7: 10-17);

"Many applauded the report as a 'revolutionary's shift away from more condemning attitudes in the church, but celebration didn't last long. The bishops promptly backtracked on the document, rewording passages that seemed to stray too far from the *traditional teaching*.

<u>WGM Comment</u>. On "traditional teachings." – Jesus roundly condemned the scribes and Pharisees of "rendering the law of God of none effect by "traditions of the elders" and man-made religious laws as weightier than the law of God. The exact same problem is very much alive today and in greater magnitude in the Romish Church. Tradition over the Holy Scriptures.

"Pope Francis welcome the 'animated discussions' the document engendered at the time, but warned against 'hostile inflexibility, that is, wanting to close oneself within the written word, (the letter) and not allowing oneself to be surprised by God.'

<u>WGM Comment</u>: Where God's law is concerned, it was so authored by the divine Mind and so written by the divine hand that no rational human being, not even a child capable of understanding simple matters, will be surprised as to what it precisely means. Keeping the "spirit" of the law, and not merely its 'letter" simply means keeping and practicing its principles in everyday life applications not merely memorizing it and pontificating on it as did the self-righteous, hypocritical Pharisees and religious leaders of Christ's day and their numberless counterparts and antitypes do today. When the Decalogue was given by God to Moses atop Mount Sinai "the law was not spoken at this time *exclusively* for the benefit of the Hebrews [as is often erroneously alleged by antinomian Christians, "New Testament only Christians" and "grace only Christians."] God honored the Hebrews or Israelites "by making them the quardians and keepers of His law, but it was to be held as a sacred trust for the whole world. The *precepts* [practical rule, principles] of the Decalogue are *adapted to all mankind*, and they were given for the instruction and government of all. Ten precepts, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, cover the duty of man to God, and to his fellowman; and all based upon the great fundamental principle of love. 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.' Luke 10: 27; Deut. 6: 4, 4, 5; Lev. 19: 18. In the Ten Commandments these principles are carried out in detail, and made applicable to the condition and circumstances of man."- E. G. White, Patriarchs & Prophets, p. 305, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1890, 1913.

"Holy See press officer Tom Rosica said the pope asked for the entire document, including the rejected paragraphs, to be made public, 'to show the degree of maturity that has taken place and that which still needs to take place in the discussions over the coming year." – End of quote from HuffPost in smaller type)

<u>WGM Comment</u>: That's the clear difference between all man-made religious laws and God's law. The former is constantly changing, being amended, added to, taken away from, or outright "done away with" according to the false gospel proponents until this apostasy finally reaches its probation-ending climax, which is rapidly approaching: they will finally make void the law of God. As the psalmist wrote as a dire prophecy: 'It is time for Thee O Lord to work, for they have made void Thy Law." Ps. 119: 126. How will we know when this time has come?

"After the truth has been proclaimed as witness to all nations, every conceivable power of evil will be set in operation, and minds will be confused by many voices crying, 'Lor, here is Christ, Lo, He is there. This is the truth. I have the message from God, He has sent me great light.' Then there will be a removing of the landmarks, and an attempt to tear down the pillars of our faith. A more decided effort will be made to exalt the false sabbath, and to cast contempt upon God Himself by supplanting the day He has blessed and sanctified. This false sabbath is to be enforced by an oppressive law. . . . But while Satan works with his lying wonders, the time will be fulfilled foretold in the Revelation [ch. 18], and the mighty angel that shall lighten the earth with his glory [Holy Spirit in latter rain power], will proclaim the fall of Babylon [all the churches and denominations who keep the false sabbath], and call upon God's people to forsake her.

"When do *her* [the Mother Church and her apostate daughter churches and denominations] **sins reach unto heaven**? *When the law of God is finally made void by legislation.* Then the extremity of God's people is His opportunity to show who is the governor of heaven and earth. As a Satanic power is stirring up the elements from beneath, God will send light and power to His people, that the message of truth may be proclaimed to all the world." – E.G. White, *Maranatha* (Devotional), p. 189.

(Continued Next Month)