

Study for the Month of June 2017

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

THE THREE BABYLONS NO. XIV

‘The Catholic Plan for America’-Part 5

We repeat—in order that we not be inadvertently or intentionally misunderstood, mischaracterized, besmirched, and falsely accused---as others have already experienced who have been sharing similar unpopular yet vital information and messages that have long been and continue to be suppressed—but not endlessly.

Our original intention and goal in bringing forward such information and messages are simply for the love of and in defense of “the truth as it is in Jesus” (Eph. 4: 21; cf. John 17: 17) in this long running series that are deemed especially vital in understanding the true nature of the final global crisis portrayed in the end-time Bible prophecies, particularly of the closing chapters of Daniel and Revelation that continue to unfold before our very eyes in America and in the world until all shall have been fulfilled to the letter and spirit. Then shall the end come with Christ’s promised glorious return and eternal truth of the genuine gospel finally triumphs gloriously over unrighteousness and evil since Adam and Eve fell six thousand years ago!

We are not and never will be prejudiced, fanatical, irrational, “radicalized anti-Catholics ”

A list of websites on the internet is provided hereunder for the reader to access and read for himself the viewpoints of the authors of the subject of anti-Catholicism, fairly or unfairly, prejudiced or unbiased.

They are, as you read through, except for the last one listed here (there are others) largely anti-Protestant in that these articles either deliberately or unintentionally fail to point out the true history or driving force of the anti-Catholic sentiment in the New World, particularly America during a certain part of its early history, was the horrific experience of the Dark Ages in the Old World, Europe, where the Church of Rome controlled, for over a thousand years, the civil governments and the collective and individual consciences of the kingdoms and nations of Europe.

1. The American religious Experience, Student Center, American Nativism, 1830-1845 by Sean Baker/WVU Undergraduate

<http://are.as.wvu.edu/baker.html>

2. Anti-Catholicism in the U.S. – Wikipedia
[www.wen.wikipedia.org/Wiki/Anti-Catholicism_in_the U.S.](http://www.wen.wikipedia.org/Wiki/Anti-Catholicism_in_the_U.S.)
3. When America Hated Catholics – POLITICO Magazine
www.politico.com/.../09/when-america-hated-catholics-213177
4. Anti-Catholicism-United Sates American History
www.us-history.com/pages/h4070.html
5. Ant-Catholic Sentiment in the United States
www.umich.edu/~aahist/pain_antcath.html
6. America’s dark and not-very-distant history of hating Catholics
www.theguardian.com > world > Catholicism
7. The Latest Acceptable Prejudice?/America Magazine
www.americamagazine.org/History/B_0001_colonies.html
8. America’s War Against Catholicism – First Things
www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2014/08/...
9. ANT ANTI-CATHOLIC LAW’S TROUBLING LEGACY- Catholic Legacy
www.catholic/league.org/an-anti-catholic-laws-troubling
10. What are the origins of anti-Catholic sentiments in the U.S.
www.reddit.com/AskHistorians/comments/4qx5ug/...
11. America’s. True History of Religious Tolerance
www.smithsonianmag.com/history/america’s-true-history-of...
12. The Anti-Union Sentiment- Catholic American Thinker
www.catholicamerican.thinker.com/anti-union-sentiment.html
13. The New Anti-Catholicism-Philip Jenkins-Oxford University
[global.oup.com/academic/product/the-new-anti . . .](http://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-new-anti...)
14. United Sates Presidential Election of 1928/United Sates
[www.britannica.com/event/united-states](http://www.britannica.com/event/united-states...)

After reading the foregoing websites (as much as you can) compare to the following website that contains heart-rending information, records, pictures, and illustrations that are not for the weak-hearted but nevertheless present the stark truth long revealed in the Bible prophecies and recorded by courageous, truth-loving historians and messengers of God—that the masses who have been

deceived may see the light of truth—only in the love and wisdom of God, enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and guidance of the holy angels and understand the true nature of the great controversy and precisely closing issue of religious liberty, freedom of conscience, and worship---that will determine each one's eternal destiny. All the hidden things, secrets, lies, and falsehoods from the fall to the close of earth's probation, are faithfully recorded in its intricate details with no false or lacking entries, in heaven's book of records by the recording angels.

All its perpetrators who persistently refused heaven's merciful invitation to repent and have all their sins, no matter how dark, forgiven and finally blotted out by the blood of the Lamb exclusively through the all-powerful atoning sacrifice of Christ at Calvary and His subsequent intercession and mediation as High Priest, Advocate, and Mediator---while the door of mercy and probation *in the most holy place in the heavenly sanctuary*---not in the Vatican---remained open. These records of sins will testify and condemn the finally impenitent and wicked ones in their arraignment and final judgment which is both merciful and just. Indeed, "all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14: 10; 2 Cor. 5: 10; John 5: 22; Heb. 9: 27; 10: 27; Eccl. 12: 13, 14, etc.

See the following on the internet:

‘THE HORRORS OF THE HOLY INQUISITION’
www.bibliotecapleyades.net/vatican/esp_vatican29.html

This website reveals of the Inquisition:

‘The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF)
(Congregation pro Doctrina Fidei), previously known as the
“Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition”
(wherefrom arose the names Roman Inquisition or Holy Inquisition used in
Reference to the 16th century tribunals against witchcraft and heresy),
and after 1904 called the
‘Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office,’
Is the oldest of the nine congregations of the Roman Curia.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/congregation_for_the_Doctrine_of_the_Faith

We also urge you to read the following in the internet as well. I included the chapter titles to whet your inquiring minds. They are more than just a good read:

“BULFINCH’S MYTHOLOGY
(From Bulfinch Anthology website)

A History of the Inquisition In the Middle Ages
By Henry Charles Lea [I have quoted some of his authentic and intellectual works in previous issues]

Book I. Origin and Organization

Preface

Chapter I: The Church—Domination of the Church in the Twelfth Century

Chapter II: Heresy—Awakening of the Human Intellect in the Twelfth Century
 Chapter III: The Cathari –Attractions of the Dualist Theory
 Chapter IV: The Albigensian Crusades—Policy of the Church Towards Heresy
 Chapter V: Persecution—Growth of Intolerance in the Early Church
 Chapter VI: The Mendicant Orders—Material for Reform within the Church
 Chapter VII: The Inquisition Founded—Uncertainty in the Discovery and
 Punishment of Heretics
 Chapter VIII: Organization – Simplicity of the Inquisition
 Chapter IX: The Inquisitorial Process—Inquisitor both Judge and Confessor
 Chapter X: Comparative Unimportance of Witnesses
 Chapter XI: The Defense—Opportunity of Defense Reduced to a Minimum
 Chapter XII: The Sentence—Penance not Punishment
 Chapter XIII: Confiscation—Origin in the Roman Law
 Chapter XIV: The Stake—Theoretical Irresponsibility of the Inquisition.” (end
 quote)

See also, if you can, on Amazon (8 formats and editions):

“Holy Horrors: An Illustrated History of Religious Murders and Madness”
By James A. Haught

Amazon’s introduction reads:

“When you think of saints, you envision stained-glass pictures of piety. But the truth can be horribly different. Consider Saint Pius V. As Grand Inquisitor, he sent Catholic troops to kill 2,000 Waldensian Protestants in southern Italy. After becoming pope, he sent Catholic troops to kill Huguenot Protestants in France. Pius also launched the final crusade against Muslims, sending a Christian [Catholic] naval armada to slaughter thousands in the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. And, he intensified the Roman Inquisition, torturing and burning Catholics whose beliefs varied from official dogma. After his death, Pius was canonized a saint. Heaven help us.” (end of quote).

Saints, according to the Biblical definition—not the Church of Rome’s definition, particularly in these last days of earth’s history and closing hours of mankind’s probation, were shown to John the beloved by Christ Himself where the former was banished by the cruel Roman emperor Domitian on the bleak Island of Patmos. John described them as: *“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”* Revelation 14: 12, Authorized Version.

INTOLERANCE AND PERSECUTION

The worst and most diabolical forms and implements of torture ever invented by the corrupted human minds, while blasphemously invoking the sacred and holy names and titles exclusively belonging to Almighty God the Father in heaven, ty were introduced during the darkest period of human, the earth, and church’s history. Jesus forewarned His first disciples of this terrible period in His mini apocalypse and dual-application prophecies recorded by Matthew and partially

by Luke (who also wrote the book of Acts). Christ's reply was to answer two-part question asked by the anxious disciples as they sat on the top of Mount Olives viewing their beloved but doomed temple and its buildings that He had departed from for the very last time. The disciples' follow-up question when He told them the terrible dual application prophecy they could hardly accept: that "that there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Matt. 24: 2. They, as with the whole Jewish nation believed their temple was indestructible and impregnable; many worshipped it as an idol, choosing it over Jesus Himself, the promised Messiah. Their question was framed in this setting:

"And as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately [in secret], saying, Tell us, *when* shall these things be? And *what* shall be the sign of Thy *coming*, and the *end* of the world?" v. 3.

Jesus cited a list of things that would take place shortly as well centuries later, one of which was:

"And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days? But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days be should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*" vs. 19-22. (emphasis mine)

The "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" that was mercifully "shortened" "for the elect's sake, lest "no flesh be saved" was the Dark Ages that was 1260 day-year prophecy.

The messenger-prophet of God for these last days wrote:

"The scriptural ordinance of the Lord's supper has been supplanted by the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass. Papal priests pretended, by their senseless mummerly, to convert the simple bread and wine into the actual 'body and blood of Christ.' – *Cardinal Wiseman's Lectures on 'The Real Presence,' Lecture 8, par. 26. With blasphemous presumption, they openly claimed the power of creating God, the Creator of all things.* [the Papal doctrine of "transubstantiation."] Christians were required, on pain of death, to avow their faith in this horrible, Heaven-insulting heresy. Multitudes who refused were *given to the flames*.

[Appendix Note: PURGATORY. – Dr. Joseph Faa Di Bruno thus defines purgatory: 'Purgatory is a state of suffering *after* this life, in which those souls are for a time detained, who depart this life after their deadly sins have been remitted as to the stain and guilt, and as to the everlasting pain that was due to them; but who have on account of those sins still some debt of temporal punishment to pay; as also those souls which leave this world guilty of venial sins.' – 'Catholic Belief,' page 196 (ed. 1884: imprimatur Archbishop of New York).] p. 681 *General Notes*.

"In the thirteenth century was established the most terrible of all the engines of the papacy---**the Inquisition**. The prince of darkness wrought with the leaders of the papal hierarchy. In their secret councils, Satan and his angels

controlled the minds of evil men, while unseen in the midst stood an angel of God, taking the fearful record of their iniquitous decrees, and writing the history of deeds too horrible to appear to human eyes. 'Babylon the great' was 'drunken with the blood of the saints.' The mangled forms of millions of martyrs cried to God for vengeance upon that apostate power.

"Popery had become the world's despot. Kings and emperors bowed to the decrees of the Roman pontiff. The destinies of men, both for time and for eternity, seemed under his control. For hundreds of years the doctrines of Rome had been extensively and implicitly received, its rites reverently performed, its festivals generally observed. Its clergy were honored and liberally sustained. Never since has the Roman Church attained to greater dignity, magnificence, or power.

"But 'the noon of the papacy was the midnight of the world.' (Wylie, *History of Protestantism*, book 1 chap. 4). The Holy Scriptures were almost unknown, not only to the people, *but to the priests*. Like the Pharisees of old, the *papal leaders* hated the light which would reveal *their* sins. God's law, the standard of righteousness, having been removed, they exercised power without limit, and practiced vice, without restraint. Fraud, avarice, and profligacy prevailed. Men shrank from no crime by which they could gain wealth or position. **The palaces of popes and prelates were scenes of the vilest debauchery.** *Some of the reigning pontiffs were guilty of crimes so revolting that secular rulers endeavored to depose these dignitaries of the church as monsters too vile to be tolerated.* For centuries **Europe** [the Old World] had made no progress in learning, arts, or civilization. *A moral and intellectual paralysis had fallen upon Christendom.*

"The condition of the world under the Romish power presented a fearful and striking fulfillment of the words of the prophet Hosea: 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee . . . seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.' Hosea 4; 6, 1, 2. 'There is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.' - *Ibid.* Such were the *results of banishing the word of God.*" – *Ellen G. White, Great Controversy, 1911 ed., pp. 59, 60, Pacific Press Publishing Assn. Mt. View, CA.*

The Office of Inquisition was not merely "Spanish," as is erroneously repeated and perpetuated but is the Roman Church's creation of fear to those who opposed her false doctrines and usurped divine authority by claiming to be the "Vicar of Christ"—instead of the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, whom Christ Himself introduced and promised His disciples prior to His death and ascension as recorded in John chapters 14 and 16, as well as claiming to be "verily God on earth."! The purpose and function of the Office of the Inquisition remain unchanged throughout its dark history since its inception even as the Church of Rome and its hierarchy—the papacy, and its fundamental antichristian doctrines and decretals remain unchanged, as prophecy long revealed to the Christian

church. It has only been named and renamed euphemistically and deceptively as pointed out above. Once more, see on the internet what Wikipedia, free encyclopedia, says of the Office of the Inquisition and its various names.

AIMS OF THE PAPACY FOR AMERICA & THE WORLD

GC 563-5:

“Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. (See above on American Anti-Catholicism]. In those countries where Catholicism is not in the ascendancy [yet], and the papists are taking a [supposedly] conciliatory course in order to gain influence, there is an increasing indifference concerning the doctrines that separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy; the opinion is gaining ground, that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that *a little concession on our part* will bring us into a better understanding with Rome.

“The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the *liberty of conscience* which had been so dearly purchased. They taught their children to abhor popery [and it certainly was not because of prejudice or “anti-Catholicism” as you very well can see by now], and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed [Note: this edition was published in 1911, and its original edition was in 1884!].

“The defenders of the papacy declare that the church has been maligned [??]; and that the Protestant world are inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the church of to-day by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness. They [the horribly persecuted churches!] excuse her horrible cruelty [as the Vicar of Christ?] as a result of the barbarity of the times, and plead that the influences of modern civilization has changed her sentiments.

“Have these persons forgotten **the claim of infallibility** put forth for *eight hundred years* by this haughty power? So far from being relinquished, this claim was *affirmed in the nineteenth century with greater positiveness than ever before*. As Rome asserts that the church ‘**never erred**,’ nor will it, according to the Scriptures, **ever err**,’ how can she renounce the principles which governed her course in past ages? (quoted from Mosheim, “Ecclesiastical History,’ book 3, cent. 11, part 2, ch. 2, par. 9, note 1).

“The papal church will *never relinquish her claims 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 [ideally and specifically the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution], and Rome be reinstated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution.

Watch out for Papal Encyclical Letters of Past, Present, and Future!

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

“There are many who are disposed to attribute any fear of Roman Catholicism 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 [specifically civil and religious liberties] or find nothing portentous in its growth. Let us, then first compare some of the fundamental principles of 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 VI., in his Encyclical Letter of Aug. 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 assert 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 into effect without peril to the Catholic world.’ . . . The archbishop of St. Louis once said: ‘Heresy and unbelief are crimes; and in Christian countries, as in Italy and Spain, for instance, [such are *Roman*, not Christian in substance, doctrine, and practice-- Christian meaning, Christ-like] religion is an essential part of the law of the land, and they are *punished as other crimes*.’ . . .

“Every cardinal, archbishop, and bishop in the Catholic Church takes and oath of allegiance to the pope [not 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 utmost persecute and oppose.’” (*Strong, Dr. Josiah, ‘Our Country,’ ch. 5, pars. 1-3*).

“It is true there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed access to His word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between the 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.

“But *Romanism as a system* is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in 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 on every side. See the increasing number of her churches and chapels in Protestant countries [particularly America]. Look at the popularity of her colleges [and universities] 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.

“Protestants have tampered with and patronized popery; they have made compromises and concessions *which papists themselves are surprised to see, and fail to understand* [because they do not understand the special prophecies of Revelation 13 regarding who “the beast with lamblike horns is initially, that will transform into “one speaking like a dragon,” as “the image to or of the beast” who will enact and enforce “the mark of the beast”!] Men are closing their eyes to the real character of Romanism, and the dangers to be apprehended from her supremacy. **The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.**”

NOTE: From these clear Biblical, historical, and secular truths and revelations, it becomes quite evident today that the current national hysteria and anxiety over the influx/immigration of Muslims and Islam into the U.S. and the specter of “sharia law” being adopted in certain states is, in reality, a skillfully-crafted and carefully-orchestrated fear-mongering campaign, a giant smokescreen to distract the attention of the once-Protestant America from what the founding Fathers knew and warned of as the real enemy of Americanism and its twin fundamental foundations and secrets of its peace and prosperity---civil and religious liberties! Hence, “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, etc.!”

“Many Protestants suppose that the Catholic religion is unattractive, and that its worship is a dull, meaningless round of ceremony. Here they mistake. While Romanism is based upon deception, it is not a coarse and clumsy imposture. The religious service of the Roman Church is a most impressive ceremonial. *Its gorgeous display and solemn rites fascinate the senses of the people, and silence the voice of reason and of conscience.* The eye is charmed. Magnificent churches, imposing processions, golden altars, jeweled shrines, choice paintings, and exquisite sculpture appeal to the love of [temporal] beauty. [the “church of the poor” as Pope Francis recently described?!]. the ear is captivated. The music is unsurpassed. The rich notes of the deep-toned organ, blending with the melody of many voices as it swells through the lofty domes and pillared aisles of her

grand cathedrals, cannot fail to impress the mind with awe and reverence. [Ah! so well described!]

“This *outward* splendor, pomp, and ceremony, that only mocks the longings of the sin-sick soul, is an evidence of *inward* corruption. **The religion of Christ needs not such attractions to recommend it.** In the light shining from the cross, true Christianity appears so pure and lovely that no external decorations can enhance its true worth. It is the beauty of holiness, a meek and quiet spirit, which is of value to God.

“Brilliance of style is not necessarily an index of pure, elevated thought. High conceptions of art, delicate refinement of taste, often exist in minds that are earthly and sensual. They are often employed by Satan to lead men to forget the necessities of the soul, to lose sight of the future, immortal life, to turn away from their infinite Helper, and to live for this world alone.

“*The religion of externals is attractive to the unrenewed heart.* The pomp and ceremony of the Catholic worship has a seductive, bewitching power, by which many are deceived; and they come to look upon the Roman Church as the very gate of heaven. None but those who have planted their feet firmly upon the foundation of truth, and whose hearts are renewed by the Spirit of God, are proof against her influence. Thousands who have not an *experimental knowledge* of Christ will be led to accept the forms of godliness without the power []. Such a religion is just what the multitudes desire. [This is the religion that Marx and Engels, founders of atheistic socialism and communism referred to as “religion being the opium of the masses,” and not simple, pure Christianity that Christ, as its Cornerstone and Foundation, and His apostles established].

“The Church’s claim to the right to pardon, leads the Romanist to feel at liberty to sin; and the ordinance of confession, without which her pardon is not granted, tends also to give license to evil. He who kneels before fallen man, and opens in confession the secret thoughts and imaginations of his heart, is debasing his manhood, and degrading every noble instinct of his soul. In unfolding the sins of his life to the priest,—an erring, sinful mortal, and too often corrupted with wine and licentiousness, ---his standard of character is lowered, and he is defiled in consequence. His thought of God is degraded to the likeness of fallen humanity; *for the priest stands as a representative of God.* **This degrading confession of man to man is the secret spring from which has flowed much of the evil that is defiling the world, and fitting it for the final destruction.**

“Yet to him who loves self-indulgence, it is more pleasing to confess to a fellow-mortal than to open the soul to God. It is more palatable to human nature to do penance than to renounce sin; it is easier to mortify the flesh by sackcloth and nettles and galling chains than to crucify fleshly lusts. Heavy is the yoke which the carnal heart is willing to bear rather than bow to the yoke of Christ. [This is the real, contemptible “righteousness by works,”!] “- *Ibid*, pp. 563-568.

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