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Interesting Current News: (last month’s items):

On CNNMoney. Feb. 20, 2017. Republican Sen. John McCain, Arizona in an interview with Chuck Todd, anchor of NBC’s *Meet the Press*, Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 said in a clip of the show:

“If you want to preserve democracy as we know it, you have to have a free and, many times, adversarial press. And without it, I am afraid that we would lose so much of our *individual liberties* over time. [itals. mine]. That’s how dictators get started. . . . They get started by suppressing free press, in other words, a consolidation of power--- when you look at history, the first thing dictators do is shut down the press. And I’m not saying that President Trump is trying to be a dictator. I’m just saying we need to learn the lesson of history.”- *Sen. John McCain*.

3/2/2017 **“Report: Some Cardinals Want Pope Francis to Resign, Fear Schism Worse Than the Reformation.”** By Michael W. Chapman, HYPERLINK "http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/micahel-w-chapman/report-some-cardinals-want-pope-francis-resign-fear-schism-worse-reformatio" <http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/micahel-w-chapman/report-some-cardinals-want-pope-francis-resign-fear-schism-worse-reformatio>,

“According to a report in *The London Times* and best selling Catholic author and journalist **Antonio Socci**, about 12 cardinals who have supported Pope Francis since his *election* in March 2013 now fear that his *controversial reforms* may cause a *schism* in the Church, and so they hope to pressure the Pope to *resign*. “A large part of the cardinals who voted for him is very worried and the curia. . . . that organized his election and has accompanied him thus far, without ever disassociating itself with him, is cultivating the idea of a moral suasion to convince him to retire,” reported Socci in the Italian newspaper *Liberio*, as quoted in *The London Times* of March 2. The cardinals who want Pope Francis to resign are among the liberal prelates who backed Jorge Bergoglio (Pope Francis) four years ago, said Socci, and they would like to replace him with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican *secretary of state*.* “Four years after Benedict XVI’s renunciation and Bergoglio’s arrival on the scene, *the situation of the Catholic Church has become explosive, perhaps really on the edge of a schism, which could even be more disastrous than Luther’s (who is today being rehabilitated*

by the Bergoglio church),” said Socci.” He added, “The cardinals are worried that the church could be *shattered* as an institution, [what division?] because of the *major division now between the liberals and the traditionalists* of the Church. “There are many indirect ways in which the pressure [to resign] might be exerted,” said Socci. The *London Times* quoted a Vatican expert as saying, ‘A good number of the majority that voted for Bergoglio in 2013 have come to regret their decision, but I don’t think it’s plausible that members of the hierarchy will pressure the Pope to resign.’ “Those who know him know it would be useless,’ said the expert. [Why?] Pope Francis has a *very authoritarian streak*. [that’s exactly opposite the character of Christ who is “meek and lowly of heart” yet who is verily “the express image of the Father” and the Creator of heaven and earth]. He won’t resign until he has completed his *revolutionary reforms*, which are causing enormous harm.”

WGM Comments:

Schism in the Roman Catholic Church. Schism, according to Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth edition, Largest Abridgement of Webster’s New International Dictionary, Second edition, G. & C. Merriam Co., Publishers. Springfield MA: 1942, defines it as: “1. Division of separation. 2. Specifically ecclesiastical, formal division or separation in the [Roman Catholic] Church; also, the offense of seeking to produce division in a church.”

The “schism” being referred to in the foregoing news item, however, is allegedly between the so-called “liberals” and the “traditionalists” among members of the RCC hierarchy. But in the broader and higher realm of preserving and propagating the pure apostolic “truth as it is in Jesus”---the plan of redemption of the eternal gospel as fleshed out in detail in the sanctuary doctrine, and the appointed role of the New Testament Church established by Christ as its Foundational Rock---never Peter, though one of the Twelve, thus, an erring mortal---the Twelve apostles and the 120 disciples, empowered by the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the church, as the “bride of Christ,” would undergo seven successive spiritual stages symbolized by the “seven churches in Asia”(Revelation, chapters 2 and 3).

This “worrisome” potential of a calamitous “schism” is actually a smokescreen; a diversionary tactic, one of the many skillful distractions manufactured by the tireless papal apologists, as exposed by Bible prophecy and proven by both authentic church and secular history. There is actually no choice for the anything better between the two camps---“liberal” or “traditional,”---for both and all deny the inalienable truth that the Bible, the Word of God, is its own expositor and the final arbiter of eternal truth as convicted and enlightened by the Holy Spirit and ministry of angels, and can never be excelled by tradition or subjected to changes introduced by the Church Fathers and “corrected” or embellished by so-called “higher criticism.” The most basic truths of the gospel have been replaced or counterfeited with man-made decretals and traditions of men just like the national religion of the Jewish nation in Christ’s time, which He publicly declared

(and is recorded in the gospels) to be hypocritical and “made of none effect the commandments of God.” The standard of morality of the RCC is not based on the perfect law of God but by their own man-made multitudinous religious laws based on “merits” of self-righteous “works” in order to obtain pardon or justification instead of relying exclusively, by childlike faith, on the efficacy of the atoning blood of Christ and merits of His righteousness. Christ was prophesied by the gospel prophet centuries before His first advent as the promised Messiah, to “magnify and make it honorable.”

Christ fulfilled this and all the other prophecies regarding Himself, His mission and work, “in the fullness of time,” by demonstrating in His life of the flesh and blood human nature He adopted in His mysterious incarnation, the eternal principles of the Ten Commandments, particularly the fourth commandment that clearly specifies the seventh-day of the week as *the Sabbath day* set aside and rendered holy and sanctified by the Creator after 6 days of completed work of creation as the one and only *weekly memorial day* pointing all intelligent creation back to the Creator and the truth of creation; and, the second commandment that expressly forbids the “making of any graven or carved images of any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the waters under the earth” for the purpose of “bowing down to these lifeless images, statues, pictures, etc., in religious adoration and worship—all abominable in the sight of the living God! These, and countless others, both animate and inanimate, literal and spiritual, including self-worship, self-pleasing and sin-justifying opinions and doctrinal interpretations, as well as scientific theories that contradict the Word of God are the “other gods” referred to in the first commandment, the chief and mastermind of which is Satan, of course!

The RCC expunged the whole second commandment, which, word-wise in explanation, is the longest after the fourth of the Decalogue. The Church presents their altered Ten Commandments to its honest yet credulous votaries and adherents is that they “keep the Ten Commandments” but don’t emphasize to them, though they have it printed in their catechism and official literature, that they changed it as prophecy revealed this nefarious work and horrifying career of this fallen church, identifying it as: “the little horn power who speaks great words of blasphemy,” “the man of sin” and “son of perdition, the “beast” and its “mark” of usurped authority, the “Antichrist,” the “whore” and “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth” who is “drunk with the blood saints.”

It is the papal church that unabashedly and officially claims to have “transferred the sanctity of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment to Sunday, the first day of the week.” Yes, they know exactly what the Sabbath day exemplifies and what specific day it is---the seventh day of the week yet bears the pagan name *Saturday* after the Greek god, Saturn. Sun worship is the greatest of the pagan religions from the very beginning after the fall and was practiced in various forms and given different names throughout the land of the east known as the cradle of civilization. God’s chosen people--- ancient Israel--- repeatedly apostatized by

going after the gods of their enemies, the worst of which was the worship of Baalim and Ashtoreth---pagan gods, the former representing the male sun; the latter, the female moon.

The real schism within the Roman Catholic Church was the 40-year period euphemistically called “the great Western Schism” during which tumultuous and bloody period several popes representing the Latin, French Avignon, and Pisan lines were claiming to be the legitimate pope and hurling the charge against the other popes as being “anti-pope”!--- not antichrist—though when its principle is closely considered, it would be tantamount to that! This real Roman Catholic Church schism among those supposedly claiming to be the vicar of Christ took place 600 years before Pope Benedict suddenly resigned, and is still alive, holed up in the Vatican City where he enjoys the immunity (immunity from what in particular?) afforded by the smallest City-State in the world---clearly showing that the papal church, as revealed in the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation is the very epitome of the unbiblical amalgamation of church and state powers, which the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution still currently outlaws. But not for long. The signs of the times say so—if you know where and what to look for in the flooding cascade of both real and “fake news”! Hence, there are, for the first time in the history of the RCC, two living popes who are not venomously accusing each other as “antipope”! Benedict has been given the title “Pope Emeritus.” But nowhere will you ever find provision for such in the sacred Scriptures! You can read the 66 books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and will never find such a thing even remotely resembling a “Holy Spirit Emeritus”!!

(2) “The Threat of the Church being Shattered as an Institution.” – Best-selling Catholic author and journalist Antonio was reported as saying: (1) “The situation of the RCC has become explosive, perhaps really on the edge of a schism, which could be even *more disastrous than Luther’s [schism]*,” but “who today is being *rehabilitated* by the Bergoglio church.” These are not even thinly-veiled untruths! Luther’s work was not a schism but a *reformation* of the evils that the papal church was promoting particularly “trading in souls” through the blasphemous Doctrine of Indulgence. This was the famous 95 Theses that the godly Catholic priest Martin Luther nailed on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, in the fateful year 1517. Luther’s theses was the spark that lighted up the spiritual bonfire of the Protestant Reformation that rapidly spread throughout the papal states in Europe of the Old World, the global center of civilization then in God’s appointed time. The powerful Protestant Reformation happened about a quarter of a century before 1798, the end of the 1,260 years of papal supremacy when Gen. Berthier of Napoleon’s French Republican army inflicted the Papacy with a “deadly wound” with the capture of Pope Pius VI, and taken to Valence, France, where he died the next year. The whole world, particularly the theologians of the day and up to the latter part of the 18th and the early part of the 19th century, believed that with the death of Pius VI, the papacy

had met its death blow never to rise again. How terribly mistaken they were—and should be called the “Great Disappointment of the Protestants regarding the Papacy,” for indeed it could be called nothing else. Why? they strangely neglected to pay special attention to same prophecy of Revelation 13 revealing that the “deadly wound *would be healed*” and after that “the whole world would wonder (marveled and followed) after the beast.” Rev. 13: 3. Look at how the papacy has commanded the attention of both once Protestant church and denominations and the leaders of the nations referred to in prophecy as “the great men of the earth,” and “the kings of the earth.”

(3)Election of popes. The pope whom official Catholic literature has long asserted is “the Vicar of Christ,’ and even “very God Himself of heaven, earth and the region underneath the earth,” are “elected” into office. But Christ’s one and only vice-gerent on earth was never *elected* nor selected by a “curia of fallen mortals but the One and only divine being appointed in the plan of redemption conceived in the heavenly council before the earth was created, before the fall of man. Christ promised His disciples, then sent His vice-gerent on earth after His ascension in His adopted human nature to enter into His closing work as High Priest, Mediator, and Advocate in the holy places of the heavenly sanctuary from which the earthly tabernacle was patterned after in order to teach the plan of salvation in types---until such time as type would meet antitype at Calvary and at Christ’s last work in heaven for the salvation of man before He comes in all His glory with His corresponding final rewards—eternal life or eternal death.

Christ’s vicegerent is definitely not and never will be a fallen, sinful, mortal such as all the popes are, regardless if they are “canonized” as dead saints but the divine third Person of the Godhead, the *invisible* Holy Spirit while the Roman Church claims that their elected Pope is the “visible head of the church.” All these and much more, especially the nature of the works, personalities, and characters between the invisible vicegerent of Jesus and the popes who claim to be Christ’s vicegerent, and visible head of the Church, are worlds apart. Church and secular history declare and chronicle this stark truth! “By their fruits ye shall know them.”

“*State Lawmaker Backing Trump Calls Pope the ‘Antichrist.’*”

Political Monitor, AP Feb. 23, 2016. HYPERLINK "http://politics.concordmonitor.com/2016/02/gov-state-lawmaker-backing-trump-calls-pope-the-antichrist" <http://politics.concordmonitor.com/2016/02/gov-state-lawmaker-backing-trump-calls-pope-the-antichrist>. “Republican Rep. Susan DeLemus of Rochester, NH, Granite state law maker called the Pope the Antichrist. DeLemus wrote on her Facebook page: “The Pope is the Antichrist. Do your research! DeLemus, reached Monday, says she was referring to her long-held beliefs regarding the papacy and not reacting to what the pope said about Trump. She follows a Christian doctrine called *sola scriptura* that considers the Bible as the supreme authority.”

Now, is Rep. Susan DeLemus right or wrong? She’s is absolutely right. But do

your due diligence, and prayerfully and humbly search the Scriptures, making sure you enter each study with all preconceived opinions and sacred traditions, no matter how long believed in, held on, and practiced, be set aside. It will not be easy but not impossible, by God's grace. Let the Word of God speak to you, and the truth will be revealed to your heart and mind by the Holy Spirit.

“Insider: Pope’s Child Abuse Commission Is ‘Smoke and Mirrors.’”

By Jason Berry, Column: The True Confession. 02-22-2016

See on: www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/02/23/insider-pope-s-child-abuse-commission-is-smoke-and-mirrors.html. Jason Berry is author of “Render unto Rome: The Secret Life of Money in the Catholic Church,” and was co-producer of Frontline’s 2014 “Secret of the Vatican.” Here are portions of the news story:

“Pope Francis, speaking to reporters on the flight from Mexico City to Rome last week, gave his strongest comment yet on the clergy sex abuse crisis.

“Francis called such acts as ‘a monstrosity,’ according to the Associated Press. In the Holy See’s transcript, the Pope went beyond current Vatican policy in stating: ‘A bishop who moves a priest to a different parish if he detects a case of pedophilia is without conscience and the best thing for him to do would be to resign.’ But the official church policy on such bishops remains unclear, and the Vatican reform on this issue, charitably put, is a lurching work in progress.

“The pope echoed a Vatican Radio statement earlier in the week by one of his key advisors, Boston Cardinal Sean O’Malley, who chairs the Pontifical Commission on the Protection of Minors: ‘The crimes and sins of the sexual abuse of children [what about older women and men?] must not be kept secret any longer.’

“But in the view of **Peter Saunders**, and international leader of the abuse survivors’ movement who was *suspended* Feb. 5 from the commission O’Malley chairs *for giving candid media interviews*, Vatican policy is ‘smoke and mirrors.’

‘When I met with the pope and joined the commission [in December 2014] I thought Francis was serious about change,’ Saunders told the Daily Beast from London in a wide-ranging telephone interview. ‘*I don’t think so anymore. I don’t see any major reform achievement.*’

“The Vatican *historically has given de facto immunity* to negligent cardinals and bishops. Francis has *defrocked* two bishops who abused children. [Is that all? Ordinary citizens would have gone to jail. Why is there a double standard?].

“But in another case Archbishop Robert Finn of Kansas City, Mo., stayed in office more than a year after his conviction for a criminal misdemeanor. He had *sheltered* a priest who had child pornography and is now in prison for child abuse. [Good. Let’s have more of this deserved justice and punishment]. *Finn now ministers to a Nebraskan community of nuns.* [Seriously!]

“Former St. Paul, Minn. Archbishop John Nienstedt, who *recycled abusers* and resigned in a huge scandal, was working in a Michigan parish in January, according to the *National Catholic Reporter*.

“ ‘On the oversight of bishops, the Vatican has to set up rules regarding their

conduct in response to wrongdoing,” Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke told the Daily Beast. Justice Burke, a member of the Sovereign Order of Malta, was a founding member of the U.S. Bishop’s National Review Board, which advised the prelates on reform measures back in the early part of the last decade. Burke has been critical of American bishops for failure to abide by their 2002 youth protection charter which announced ‘zero tolerance’ for clergy sex offenders.

“Finn and Nienstedt flagrantly violated the charter; the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops voiced no criticism of them, waiting for a Vatican response. [Isn’t justice delayed, justice denied?].

‘They need world-wide rules for bishops’ [what about Archbishops and lower-rung priests?], says Burke. ‘An Archbishop over a given region needs rules that his bishops and he have to abide by. If they don’t abide by them, then there has to be a penalty. Catholic in pews must know what the rules are.’

[NOTE: All they need to do is to bring up God’s Ten Commandments, the law of heaven and the whole universe, and let all abide and be judge by them—if they refuse to be under the laws of civil government].

“Under Francis, *the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith* [the renamed *Office of the Inquisition!*] at the Vatican has established a special tribunal to deal with charges against bishops; but it has been *slow getting off the ground*. The credibility of any Vatican policy turns on two overarching questions: --

“[1] Will the tribunal accept legal findings damaging to bishops from court cases with democratic jurisprudence? [2] Will Pope Francis promulgate a law, under the church’s monarchical governing system [the papacy], specifying that cardinals and bishops lose their titles and priestly rights if found guilty.

“Many complicit bishops in Western countries remain in their positions, most notably **Cardinal Roger Mahoney**. From 2002 to 2006, Mahoney spent millions of dollars in legal fees to blunt a subpoena by the Los Angeles district attorney seeking files of clergy child molesters. The DA wanted to indict Mahoney for recycling predators; the cardinal claimed a freedom-of-religion privilege in refusing to turn over the files. [what a gross perversion by a supposedly a man of God, thus, with greater moral and legal culpability of “the freedom-of-religion privileges!]. Over four years, the appellate courts rejected the novel argument. Meanwhile the criminal statute of limitations ran out. The DA’s indictment strategy tanked.

“Mahoney personally met with and apologized [or asked forgiveness?] to many victims of priests. In 2007 the archdiocese agreed to **\$ 775 million in settlements to 554 survivors**. In 2013 Mahoney voted in the conclave that elected Pope Francis. Now retired, Mahoney is archbishop emeritus, a cardinal of good standing [!?.

NOTE: Aren’t Bible Christians relieved that God Almighty promised: ‘Vengeance is Mine; I will repay says the Lord.’

“**Peter Saunders’ unvarnished public criticism** of complicit bishops and cardinals put him at odds with 15 of the 16 other papal advisory commission members, and with O’Malley.

“In a previous Daily Beast interview, Saunders singled out one of the pope’s

close advisors, Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz of Chile as particular obstacle to justice. Errazuriz had called a prominent Chilean survivor activist, Juan Carlos Cruz, 'the serpent,' in an email to another cardinal which surfaced in the Chilean media. Cruz was under consideration to join the papal commission at the time; his nomination did not go forward. '*What the pope said and those cardinals said was dreadful,*' Saunders told the Daily Beast.

"Church officials denouncing, counter-suing or trying to muzzle survivors and whistle-blowers from the clergy is a theme threading through the decades-long crisis. The hierarchy has translated crimes into sins [which they claim they have a right to dispense], while putting the defense of pedophiles over justice and the human rights of children.

"Saunders's criticism of Errzuriz triggered a blow-back.

"The Daily Beast [interview] certainly got them riled up,' Sanders says of his colleagues on the papal advisory commission."

Saint Patrick was Never a Roman Catholic

Source: Facts of Faith by Christian Edwardson, "*Celtic Sabbath-Keepers*" chapter, pp. 137-146. Southern Publishing Asso.. Nashville, TN. 1943:

"We know from several sources that Christianity entered the British Isles in *apostolic times*. (Colossians 1: 23). Rev. Richard Hart, B. A., Vicer of Catton, says: 'That the light of Chrstianity dawned upon these islands in the course of the first century [the "Church of Ephesus stage, Rev. 2: 1-7], is a matter of historical certainty.' --'*Ecclesiastical Records,*' pp. vii. Cambridge: 1848. Tertullian, about 200 A.D., included the Britons among the many nations which believed in Christ, and he speaks of places among 'the Britons--*inaccessible to the Romans, but subjugated to Christ.*' ---'*Answer to the Jews, chap. vii.* Dr. Ephraim Pagit, in his 'Christianography,' printed in London, 1640, gives an interesting account of the early Christians in these islands.

"Before the church in the British Isles was *forced under the papal yoke* it was noted for its institutions of learning. The Rev. Mr. Hart says:

"That learning and piety flourished in these islands during the period of their independence [from the papal power] is capable of the most satisfactory proof, and Ireland in particular was so universally celebrated, that students flocked thither from all parts of the world.' --'*Ecclesiastical Records,*' p. viii.

"He says, some came to 'Ireland for the sake of studying the Scriptures.'
-- *Id., p. xi.*

The Coming of Patrick

"Patrick, a son of a Christian [Protestant, not Roman Catholic] in southern Scotland, was carried off to Ireland by pirates about 376 A.D. Here, in slavery, he gave his heart to God and, after six years of servitude, escaped, returning to his home in Scotland. But he could not forget the spiritual need of these poor heathen, and after ten years he returned to Ireland as a missionary of the Celtic

church. 'He had now reached his thirtieth year [390 A.D.]' – *The Ancient British and Irish Churches,* William Cathcart, D.D., p. 70.

"Dr. E. Pagit says that 'Saint Patricke had in his day founded 365 churches.' – *Christianography,* part 2, p. 10.

"Dr. August Neander says of Patrick: The place of his birth was Bonnaven, which lay between the Scottish towns Dumbarton and Glasgow, and was then reckoned to the province of Britain. This village, in memory of Patricius, received the name of Kil-Patrick or Kirck-Patrick. His father, a deacon in the village church, gave him a careful education.' – *General History of the Christian Religion and Church,* Vol. II, p. 122. Boston: 1855.

"Patrick himself writes in his 'Confession':

'I, Patrick, . . . Had Calpornius for my father, a deacon, a son of the late Potitus, the presbyter I was captured. I was almost sixteen years of age and taken to Ireland in captivity with many thousand men.' – *The Ancient British and Irish Churches,* William Cathcart, D.D. p. 127.

"Patrick Not a Catholic

"To those who have heard of Patrick only as a Catholic saint, it may be a surprise to learn that he was not a Roman Catholic at all, but he was a member of the original Celtic church. There is no more historic evidence for Patrick being a Roman Catholic saint, than for Peter's being the first Pope. Catholics claim that Pope Celestine commissioned Patrick as a Roman Catholic missionary to Ireland; but William Cathcart, D. D., says:

'There is strong evidence that Patrick had *no* Roman commission in Ireland.'

"As Patrick's churches in Ireland, like their brethren in Britain, repudiated the supremacy of the popes, all knowledge of the conversion of Ireland through his ministry must be suppressed by Rome, at all cost.' – *Id.,* p. 85.

"The popes who lived contemporary with Patrick *never mentioned him.* "There is not a written word from one of them rejoicing over Patrick's additions to their church, *showing clearly that he was not a Roman missionary So completely buried was Patrick and his work by popes and other Roman Catholics,* that in their epistles and larger publications, his name does *not once* occur in one of them *until A.D. 634.*' – *Id.,* p. 83.

'Prosper does not notice Patrick He says nothing of the *greatest success ever given to a missionary of Christ,* apparently because he was not a Romanist." – *Id.,* p. 84. NOTE: See Tito Prosper of Aquitaine on the internet.

'Bede never speaks of St. Patrick in his celebrated 'Ecclesiastical History.' ' *Id.,* p. 85. NOTE: See Venerable Bede, Father of English History, Durham World Heritage Site on the internet.

“But, writing of the year 431, Bede says of a Catholic missionary: ‘Palladius was sent by Celestinus, the Roman pontiff, to the Scots [Irish].’ – *‘Ecclesiastical History,’* p. 22. London: 1894.

“But this papal emissary [Palladius] was not received any more favorable by the church in Ireland, than was Augustine later received by the Celtic church of Scotland, for ‘he left because he did not received respect in Ireland.’ – *‘The Ancient British and Irish Churches,’* William Cathcart, D.D., p. 172.

“No Roman Catholic church would have dared to ignore a bishop sent to them by the pope. This proves that the churches in the British Isles did not recognize the pope.

“Dr. Todd says:

‘ ‘ The confession,’ of St. Patrick contains not a word of a mission from Pope Celestine. One object of the writer was to defend himself of the charge of presumption in have undertaken such a work as the conversion of the Irish, rude and unlearned as he was. Had he received a regular commission from the See of Rome, that fact alone would be an unanswerable reply. But he makes no mentions of Pope Celestine, and rests his defense altogether on the **divine call** which he believed himself to have received for his work. ‘ – *Id., pp. 81, 82.*

“Muirchu wrote more than two hundred years after Patrick’s death. His declaration is positive that he *did not go to Rome.*’ – *Id., p. 88.*

“**There are three reasons why Patrick could not have been a Roman Catholic missionary:** 1. Early Catholic historians and popes avoided mentioning Patrick or his work; until later *legendary histories represented him as a Catholic Saint.** 2. When papal missionaries arrived in Britain, 596 A.D., the leaders of the original Celtic church refused to accept their doctrines, or to acknowledge the papal authority, and would not dine with them (Compare 1 Corinthians 5: 11; 2 John 8-11.) They acted towards the Roman party exactly ‘as if they had been pagans.’ --- *‘Ecclesiastical Records’* by Richard Hart, pp. viii, xiv.

*These legendary histories of St. Patrick, written during the Dark Ages [538-1798], are so full of childish superstition and fabricated miracles, that they have to be rejected as actual history.

3. The doctrines of the Celtic church of St. Patrick’s day differed so widely from those of the Roman church, that the latter could not have accepted it as ‘Catholic.’ **Patrick must have been a Sabbath-keeper**, because the churches he established in Ireland, as well as the mother church in Scotland and England, followed the apostolic practice of keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, and working on Sunday, as we soon shall see. *But this was not considered deadly heresy by the Papacy.*”

Columba

“Another leader in the Celtic church deserved to be mentioned: Columba, who was born in Ireland, A.D. 521. Animated by the zeal and missionary spirit he

found in the schools established by Patrick, Columba continued the work of his predecessor, and selecting *twelve* fellow workers, he established a missionary center in the island of **Iona**. This early Celtic church sent its missionaries not only among the heathen Picts of their own country, but also into the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy. **This Sabbath-keeping church** (as did their Waldensian brethren) kept the torch of truth burning during the long, dark night of papal supremacy, *till finally they were conquered by Rome in the twelfth century.*”

(To be continued next month)

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