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JOHN 17 MOVEMENT

The John 17 Movement is a call for all Christians to embrace and respond to the message of unity according to the following prayer of Jesus, in which he prayed that those who believe in him:

- May all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21).
- May be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:22-23).

This prayer of Jesus is the reason Roman Catholics and a variety of Protestant and Charismatic Christians and many others met together on May 23rd, 2015 in Phoenix, Arizona. On this day those in attendance made a declaration to see the Church in Phoenix become relationally unified in a way that would make the prayer of Jesus visibly seen and felt by those within and outside of the church, so that the church in all its rich diversity can live and work as one family in the unity of the Holy Spirit. (Cited from Joe Tosini Founder, John 17 Movement). The John 17 movement describes the global church at this present time as the divided family of God caused by deep wounds due to centuries of conflicts and harsh judgements that professing Christians have made amongst its body.

The aim is to heal these wounds and bring about worldwide unity and fellowship of all churches. This is a good goal, but true biblical unity can only be achieved if all parties were able to set aside their egos and pride and their hold on power and sit down with the Bible and reason together for the purpose of discovering and embracing the true teachings of Jesus and the apostles for only by accepting the true message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can there be the unity Jesus had in mind when he prayed, that we may all be one in the Father and the Son.

To expect religious leaders in high positions of authority that have been solidly established in their belief and their doctrines to examine what they believe is a dream rather than a reality, for this reason to achieve a global unity amongst all churches there must be a down play in Scripture and the Gospel and a greater focus upon political issues such as the well-being of humanity and the poor and the wellbeing of the planet, which are all good things in themselves, if that was all the John 17 movement was trying to achieve, but its underlying theme is to bring all churches under the umbrella of Christianity, and this can only be achieved by a downplay on Scripture. The worldwide ecumenical movement will no doubt continue to increase and grow since many do not see Scripture as authoritative, but the basis for true and lasting unity is not in simple conformity, but a call to faithfulness to the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary,

the Gospel and the Bible. For the church to embrace unbiblical teachings and religious practices to present itself as the one happy united Christian body and thereby make itself more appealing to the world is not what Jesus had in mind when he prayed, that we would all be one, just as he and the Father, are one. There is no doubt this type of global church unity would be considered by the world to be something of beauty and appealing, but from heavens view it may look more like the global false religious empire that the book of Revelation predicts will arise in the last days.

THE THEME OF THE JOHN 17 MOVEMENT

The theme of the John 17 Movement meetings are founded upon the following prayer of Jesus to his heavenly the Father for unity:

- I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:21).

There is no question that church unity is a good thing, but can such unity be established by overlooking Scriptural teaching. To find the answer to this we need to put Jesus prayer in the context of his entire prayer starting at verse six.

- I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. (John 17:6).

This clearly highlights the fact that the people Jesus is praying for is those who, "kept his word," which means it cannot apply to Catholicism because they do not keep the words of Jesus or the Gospel of Christ, but twist, corrupt and distort much of it, and base their practices on the Old Testament Levitical Priesthood and its ceremonial rites.

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Throughout history the Popes, bishops, cardinals' priests and clergy have done a masterful job in deceiving the world into thinking that the Vatican and its Popes are the head of Christianity and spreading the lie that their practices are somehow in line with the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. The Lord Jesus Christ's prayer in John seventeen is specifically meant for those who hold to the truth of the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus, not to those who twist, corrupt and distort it as the following words of Jesus show:

- Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. (John 17:7-9).

Jesus says that he has given to those he is praying for the words that his heavenly Father gave him, and that they received them. The problem with applying this prayer to the Roman Catholic Church and its Popes. To apply this prayer to the Papal Church and unite with them overlooks the fact that they have greatly corrupted the words of Jesus and the Gospel.

- All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. (John 17:10-11).

When unity is given greater importance than the teachings of Jesus and the Gospel it is only natural that those who place such value on unity will overlook false doctrines for the sake of uniting with the Vatican and appearing as one happy global family in Christ. Paul warned the Corinthians of those who claimed to work on the same terms as the apostles calling them:

- False apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. (2 Cor. 11:12-14).

Jesus warned his disciples that in the latter days, the deception will be so great that even the faithful could almost be deceived:

- False christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. (Matt. 24:24).

As, yet we haven't reached the point where these signs and wonders of miracles are widely known, so the deception will become far more deceiving than it is today. Those who hold fast to the true teachings of Christ and the Gospel should be continually vigilant and ever-cautious of deceitful workmen (especially those who love fame and power) who will try to unite the true church of Christ to themselves. Over one million people gathered with huge tents and banners to welcome Pope Francis with gladness in a massive celebration. The following words of Jesus show that this is the exact opposite of what the word of God says that Christians should expect from the world.

- I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (John 17:14).

Not only does much of the world like Pope Francis, but many of his followers idolise and give praise to him as though he is a god, which shows that he is not proclaiming the true words of Christ or the Gospel. It should be mentioned here this does not mean that he does not have a kind and generous heart, it is very clear that amongst much of the Christian world and the secular world he is a very likeable person. The Judgments made in this study are not against him personally but against the teachings of the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church, which sadly he is the head of. Those who do not exalt Christ's words and the Gospel above all things and imagine that godliness is a means of gain are easily deceived into thinking that the great beauty of Vatican City with its magnificent architecture, famous paintings, opulence, grandeur and vast wealth are a sign of God's blessing upon the Papal Church. However, Paul warned Timothy of this kind of thinking saying:

- People who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagine that godliness is a means of gain. (1 Tim. 6:5).

Jesus continued his prayer in John chapter seventeen saying:

- They (those in Christ) are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:16-17).

The word sanctify means set apart, in the same way that Jesus set himself apart from the world and the head religious leaders of his generation, likewise he prays that those who follow him would also set themselves apart according to the truth of his teachings. Jesus idea of unity is that we would be set apart from all things contrary to his word and the Gospel and in this way, be gathered together in true biblical unity. (i.e., set apart in truth) (John 17:19).

The unity the Pope and the religious evangelical organizations speak of not only seems good and looks good, but many of those who support it will be very likeable, good intentioned, giving and kind, which are the attributes of what a sheep should be in Scripture, but it is a unity that is contrary to the teaching of Jesus and underneath its outer layer are deceitful workmen leading many into a religious global empire that is not biblical. Concerning those things that are contrary to the word of God the apostle Paul said: "since Satan disguises himself as an angel of light it should be no surprise that his servants appear as servants of righteousness." (2 Cor. 11:14-15). The Catholic church does not believe in being washed clean by the blood of Jesus Christ once for all sins, but rather trust in the false miracle of transubstantiation whereby it is

believed that at the taking of communion during Mass the wine in the cup is changed into the literal blood of Christ, and they repeatedly drink from this cup of abomination for the payment of sins. In Catholic terminology this is called the Eucharist, which is a direct denial of the once and for all saving blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all Catholics are required to believe and participate in this abomination.

The Catholic Catechism proclaims that the sacrifice of the mass by which the Lord is appeased must be done over and over again for by it he grants grace and He pardons wrongdoings and sins, even grave ones. John A. Hardon. (The Catholic Catechism 1975). Catholic teaching is that a believer must at the mass drink Christ's blood to maintain eternal life.

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis, in a letter to the John 17 Meeting wrote: "from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon, I will be with you spiritually and with all my heart. We will search together, we will pray together, for the grace of unity. The unity that is budding among us is that unity which begins under the seal of the one Baptism we have all received. He is considered legendary as a man of outreach and has visited a Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka a meeting at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall during the first day of his papal visit to South Asia. Francis was greeted at the hall by members of Sri Lankas Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Christian communities. He works with the Anglican church, Pentecostal churches, Hindu religion, Buddhist, Jewish, Shiite and Sunni Muslims

Following are Pope Francis statements concerning unity:

- a) The unity we are seeking along a common path, is the spiritual unity of prayer for one another. It is the unity of our common labour on behalf of our brothers and sisters, and all those who believe in the sovereignty of Christ.
- b) Dear brothers and sisters, division is a wound in the body of the Church of Christ, and we do not want this wound to remain open. Division is the work of the Father of lies, the Father of discord, who does everything possible to keep us divided.
- c) There is someone (referring to the devil) who knows that, despite our differences, we are one, it is he who is persecuting Christians today, and he who is anointing us with the blood of martyrdom, for he knows that Christians are disciples of Christ: that they are one, that they are brothers."
- d) Jesus doesn't care if they are Evangelicals, Orthodox, Lutherans, Catholics or Apostolic, he doesn't care they are Christians." It is true that the Lord does not have a denomination, but it is also true we are to judge truth by the standard of the word of God.
- e) Catholic theologians: state, there is only one God and that we all worship the same God, and generally believe that, Christians, Jews, and Muslims worship the same God and that Jews and Moslems can be saved without converting to Christianity as long as they love God and love their neighbour as themselves.

It is easy to see, why Pope Francis is so appealing to the world and to those who do not exalt the teaching of Jesus and the Gospel above unity, but rather exalt the idea that belonging together is more important than what people believe. Any prayer we might pray for the Pope should not be that he would increase in his ministry, but that he would be humbled, come to repentance and have his eyes opened to the true teachings of Christ and his Gospel. It is almost certain that Pope Francis is a good and kind man, and it is unlikely that he will be the final Pope, but, no matter

how nice and kind he may seem, he is promoting religious practises and teachings contrary to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and knowingly or unknowingly preparing the way for the final false prophet to appear.

SHEIK MOHSEN ALI

The Director of the House for the Diffusion of Islam Sheik Mohsen Ali said, "Argentine Muslims have welcomed the election of Argentine cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Francis) as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. He always showed himself as a friend of the Islamic community and visited the At-Tauhid Mosque (located) in the neighbourhood of Floresta and the Arab-Argentine Ali Ibn Abi Talib School strengthening our relations.

BISHOP TONY PALMER

Bishop Tony Palmer said, "The connection between Kenneth Copeland Ministries and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is the hope of the church."

POPE BENEDICT

Pope Benedict said, "You, charismatics are the hope of the church, I believe God has brought me here in the spirit of Elijah."

THE TEACHING OF THE ROMAN CHURCH

The Roman Church falsely teaches under the guise of Christianity, it appears to the world to be a bringer of peace and good tidings, and for this reason attracts new-age televangelist charismatics like Kenneth Copeland, who gets excited when a Catholic Pope and Bishop together tell him that Charismatics and Catholics are of the same yoke. As this world gets worse the growth of the ecumenical movement will increase.

Those who remain faithfully true to the Gospel and the teaching of Jesus and the apostles will have tribulations but will be rewarded in the New World to come.

THE DOCTRINE OF TRANSUBSTANTIATION

The doctrine of transubstantiation which denies the Lord Jesus once and for all offering, and teaches the bread and the wine changes into the literal blood and body of Christ more aptly fits the teachings of an occult than Christianity. Uniting all religions together under one umbrella regardless of their teachings are not the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirits idea of Christian unity. However, it should come as no surprise that the Pope would yoke himself to as many Christian churches and religious organizations as he can since a one-world ecumenical church is the Vatican's ultimate-goal:

NOTE: it should be mentioned here, though the final Pope and the Vatican with its Cardinals, Bishops, priests and clergy will be the head of the final global false religious empire symbolised by the prostitute woman spoken of in Revelation chapter seventeen (Rev. 17:1-6) it does not mean that every believer under its umbrella will be judged and condemned. None of us can judge the eternal salvation of an individual, since none of us can see the true motives of the heart, however we can discern the collective spirit of an organisation (secular or religious).

Though the true church of believers is hidden and dispersed in and amongst the visible outward church, the division that separates the prostitute woman from the true invisible spiritual church are not denominational nor external but can only be spiritually discerned. It is almost certain that God will have people in the global religious empire symbolised by the prostitute woman, that has the name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations written on her forehead" (Rev. 17:5), but a warning is given to all who expect mercy that they should separate themselves from this latter-day world religious world empire. (Rev. 18:4-6).

EVE AND A BEAUTIFUL TREE

It should always be kept in mind, that the tree Eve ate of did not appear harmful, corrupted or poisonous in any way, if it had she would never have eaten of it, but rather when she looked at it she saw a tree that was good for food, and that was a delight to the eyes, and a tree that was to be desired to make one wise. (Gen. 3:6), likewise the final beast empire will appear to the eyes of the world as something, beautiful, good and to be desired, in contrast to this it will appear as an abominable beast from heavens view.

LEADERSHIP MEMBERS OF THE JOHN SEVENTEEN MOVEMENT

Leadership members: amongst the vast ministries, gifts and talents of those leading the John seventeen movement:

- Are highly educated men having Bachelor of Arts Degrees in philosophy; Master's Degrees in practical theology from Oral Roberts University and Masters of Divinity degrees from the Pontifical College.
- Are extremely passionate men with a rich experience in leading teams for mission-based endeavours, including Christian organizations and private businesses, with the goal of making a difference in the world.
- Are those who speak different languages; are ordained Roman Catholic priests and Bishops of the Catholic church that serve the Roman Catholic Diocese and involved in the Roman Catholic charismatic renewal movement.
- Are those who work closely with the American Bible Society and alongside the largest Bible agencies in the world to accelerate the digitization of existing translations and the development of new translations and with publishing companies working for the Catholic Church in the area of the formation of faith.
- Are gifted communicators that travel the world preaching and leading worship concerts and ministers, pastors and evangelist of Catholic, Charismatics, Anglican, Protestant and other religions, negotiating at global conferences in the United States, France, Assisi and Rome to bring about unity amongst all religious denominations and religious organisations.

The focus of the global ecumenical call to unity is upon creating an active and intentional Catholic Christian Culture in the home and building a united Christian community worldwide. The Community is committed to a three-fold ministry of:

- Worship.
- The reconciliation of Christians.
- Evangelism.

It has received Pontifical right in the Catholic Church, the Vatican and the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Charismatic Communities and Fellowships and many leaders within other denominations. The united prayer is for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, "Lord, renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost". They lead through friendship and teachings that give a strong belief that any person, no matter how ordinary one feels, can choose to do extraordinary things. The Council of the Papal Church calls all Catholics to commit to the ecumenical work for the common cause of church unity amongst all Christians and the transformation of the world.

FOOTNOTE

Though the central focus has been upon the Roman Papal Church since the Vatican is the only city in the world that visibly represents Christianity to the global world and that claims to be the Mother of all Churches worldwide, it should not be thought that the Vatican is the only Church that comes under the umbrella of the title: "The Great Prostitute Woman," (Rev. 17:1-6) since the title embraces all religious organisations, denominations and churches whether Christian or otherwise that: -

- Teach doctrines contrary to the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary and the Gospel and that salvation is by self-effort, good works and by adhering to holy days, ceremonial rites and keeping religious customs and traditions.
- Confess to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, but, have no inward love toward him, and are therefore hypocrites that outwardly attend to religious duties, but live a lifestyle that dishonours God and brings shame to the name of Jesus,

The entity described in the book of Revelation as, "a great prostitute woman with the name, "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations," written on her forehead, pictured sitting on a scarlet coloured beast that is full of blasphemous names, with seven heads and ten horns. (Rev. 17:1-6) will not appear to the world as a beast, but as a system of splendour and wonder that has the power to bring peace to earth and save the planet. This is because its underlying foundation will be driven by the spirit of humanism, meaning, the well-being of mankind and the planet, but at the expense of holding fast to the true teachings of Jesus, the apostles and the Gospel. The world will see the final head and counsel of this global body as a good thing that has the potential to bring peace to earth and save our planet.

This final global religious body and world government could be likened to the forbidden tree that Eve ate of, because it looked good for food, a delight to her eyes, and appeared to be a tree that was to be desired to make one wise. (Gen. 3:6). If the tree had looked evil Eve would not have been deceived, likewise if this final world power appeared evil, the world would not embrace it or be deceived by it. It should not surprise us that the latter days ungodly beast power will appear as a kingdom of wonder and splendour since the underlying spirit influencing it will be the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:1-3).

The latter days two-horned beast (Rev. 13:11) (also called the false prophet) (Rev. 16:13) and the secular man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:3) combined-together will be the embodiment and final manifestation of Satan disguising himself as an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14).

- Popes Declare Salvation is Only Found in the Catholic Church.
- Papal Church, the Pope and the Vatican.
- Rome, its Religion and Ten Renowned Emperors that Persecuted the Church
- Ten-Horned Beast and the Man of Sin.

FOOTNOTE

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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