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The Great Prostitute Woman and Mystery Babylon.

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The Great Prostitute Woman

And

Mystery Babylon.

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A PERSONAL NOTE

Though I have always loved reading and studying the Scriptures and have now walked with Christ and in God's grace for around fifty years the following studies should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter since I am fully aware that my mind is limited by mortality and that greater understanding of God's revelation is continually becoming clearer before our eyes as we move closer to the time of Christ's glorious return in glory.

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INTRODUCTION

This study is focused upon the great prostitute woman drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations with the name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations," written on her forehead, that is pictured sitting on a scarlet beast full of blasphemous names, that had seven heads and ten horns. Though the central focus is upon the Roman Papal Church since the Vatican is the only City in the world that outwardly represents Christianity to the global world and the Catholic Church is the only Church that claims to be the Mother of all Churches worldwide, it should not be thought that the Catholic Church is the only Church that comes under the umbrella of the title: "The Great Prostitute Woman," 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 teach 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.

Nor does it mean that every believer under the umbrella of the Roman Papal Church 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. 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 is not denominational nor external but can only be spiritually discerned. At this present time God may have a people in the global Church signified by the names, the prostitute woman (Rev. 17:5) and Mystery Babylon. (Rev. 18:4-6), but a warning is given to all that expect mercy from God, that they should separate themselves from this latter-day global religious empire.

THE GREAT PROSTITUTE WOMAN FULL OF ABOMINATIONS

- **Revelation 17:1-6:** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, ²with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." ³And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. ⁵And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." ⁶And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

Though there are two major entities mentioned in these verses:

1. The great prostitute woman full of abominations.
2. The blasphemous scarlet beast with seven heads and ten horns.

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The focus of this study is primarily upon the great prostitute woman. The ten-horned beast symbolises ten secular latter-day kingdoms or an alliance of ten sovereign countries, perhaps something like NATO today. For further information concerning these ten-horned kingdoms click or tap [Overview of Topics in Revelation](#) and select the title: The Ten-Horned Beast and the Man of Sin. The woman is pictured sitting on the secular scarlet coloured beast with seven heads and ten horns full of blasphemous names (v3).

This highlights how worldly this woman (symbolizing corrupt Christianity worldwide), has become, for the One she confesses to be her Saviour, calls his people to come out of the world, whereas she like a beautiful prostitute full of charm and allurements entices the world to join with her in spiritual adulteries. (i.e., worshipping the Virgin Mary and praying to the dead that have been exalted to sainthood, the Eucharist bread mystically turning to the literal flesh of Jesus and the wine to his blood and such like things).

THE BIRTH OF THE WOMAN

When the Roman Empire started, there was no such religion as Christianity. In the 1st century Pontius Pilate the prefect of the Roman province of Judaea had Jesus the founder of the Christian faith crucified. It took his followers a few centuries to gain enough strength that they were, able to win over Roman support which began in the early 4th century with Emperor Constantine, who was actively involved in Christian policy-making. He ended all forms of Christian persecution, established religious tolerance in the Roman Empire and took on the title of Pontiff (meaning, Pope as leader of the Roman Catholic Church).

The word Catholic means universal, all-embracing, diverse, wide, broad it was used to describe the Christian Church and emphasize its universal scope. Emperor Constantine gave Christians privileges and oversaw major Christian religious disputes. Over time Christianity superseded the old Roman religions and gods and Christian church leaders, became increasingly influential, eroding the emperors' powers until AD 390 when Christianity became the official religion of Rome. After Rome's decline and the fall of the seat of the empire, and the successive loss of its opulence and provinces, its magnificent edifices were exposed to ruin and decay and the land of the once glorious empire was practically reduced to a barren land so much so that the name of Rome might have been erased from the earth, if from her ashes the city had not been revived by the influence of the Papacy of Rome. It could be rightly stated that the Pontificate, resuscitated Rome as with a second birth and saved it from becoming a total waste. the Papal Church has now by far surpassed the power authority and influence (both secular and religious) worldwide that ancient Rome had. Nations and people all over the world came to adore and worship the Popes of the Papal Church as the perpetual head and the successor of Rome, of which they claim, that the apostle Peter is the supreme pontiff of the Church and in the latter days its influence will extend over kings, princes, nations and a sea of people worldwide.

NOTE: it should be highlighted here that though the culmination of the things mentioned are all found in the Papal Church of Rome, it is not limited to the Papal Church only, but embrace all churches (Roman, Greek, Protestant etc,) that have twisted and distorted the Gospel and to those who have abandoned the love they first had (Rev. 2:4) toward Christ, the heavenly Bridegroom, and given their affections to worldly pomp and idols, worldly riches and fame, power and importance.

THE GOLDEN CUP FULL OF ABOMINATIONS

The golden cup full of abominations of the Roman Pontiff have been abundantly multiplied throughout the world as have the Vatican's erroneous teachings and practices of which the following are just a few: -

- The Catholic Church claims to be the true church and the Mother church over all the earth and universal church over all nations and all churches and believes its Popes are the head and foundation of the church on earth.
- The vain practice and high exaltation of the Pope during the ceremony called by Romish writers, "the adoration" in which the cardinals' after placing the Pope to sit near or on the altar in God's temple in Vatican City kneel and kiss his feet.
- The Popes assigning to themselves the title, His Holiness, the Infallible (i.e., perfect and flawless) Sovereign of kings and kingdoms and Christ's Vicegerent on earth.
- The Popes and Bishops arrogantly claiming divine authority and right over all people and that the law they gave came by God's authority and is absolute.
- The Popes imposing their own laws and doctrines on the consciences of its followers.
- The unbiblical practise of worshipping the virgin Mary and praying to her.
- The claim that the wine mystically turns to the literal blood of Christ and the bread to his flesh during the Eucharist (Communion during Mass).

- The assertion that attending mass and strictly adhering to the church's holy days, ceremonial rites and keeping its religious practises and traditions secures a person's salvation.
- The erroneous doctrine of celibacy and forbidding priests to marry and the teaching that purgatory is a place or state of suffering where the souls of sinners go to atone for their sins before going to heaven.
- The deceiving doctrine that states believers must confess their sins to a human priest to receive forgiveness of sins.
- The ungodly worship of the dead exalted to heavenly sainthood and praying to them for help and the teaching that priests have power to pardon sins and Popes have authority to exalt the dead to sainthood.

Added to these false teachings and practises is the outward show of pompous, hypocritical and theatrical religion and followers highly esteeming and exalting the Pope for his supposed infallibility and holiness and the splendour of the Vatican and its worldly riches, grandeur and pomp. The same self-exalting superior religious spirit the Popes manifest is the same spirit the head (called a false prophet) of the great prostitute woman and the man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:1-4) (an antichrist and the son of destruction) (1 John 2:22) the head of the ten horned beast will manifest in the latter days and the same adoration the Popes receive from their followers, is the same adoration the false prophet and the man of sin and lawlessness will receive from his followers.

PONTIFEX MAXIMUS

Pontifex means bridge-builder, while maximus means greatest. It was originally the title of the high priest of the Ancient Roman College of Pontiffs which was the most important position in the ancient Roman religion. It gradually became politicized and beginning with Emperor Augustus was incorporated into the Imperial office and became one of the many titles of the Roman Emperors. The titles Pontifex Maximus and Summus Pontifex were later adopted by the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, the Bishop of Rome also known as the Pope. The Pope after Christ himself is, considered to be the high priest.

THE MOTHER OF CHURCHES

Catholic teachings distinguish their Church as a Mother of all churches worldwide.

THE BRIDE

In the same way that the Bible teaches that Christ is the heavenly Groom and the faithful church his Bride, Catholic teaching identifies the members of the Church as the Bride of all Catholic Popes, bishops, cardinals and priests which means that the heads of the Church are spiritually married to the members of the Church, this is one of the reasons they are forbidden to marry.

ST. PETER'S BASILICA

The exact spot where St. Peter's Basilica stands today, in Vatican City, is over the historical site of the Circus of Nero, which was the site of the first organized, Roman sponsored martyrdoms of Christians in 65 AD. Because of this some claim that the Roman Catholic Church is built on unholy

ground, since it stands on soil that is soaked with the blood of Jews and Christians, which was wilfully and deliberately shed by the Romans. However, in fairness, it could also be taken by others to be a memorial to the dead, much like we place a symbolic stone or build some type of architectural statute on the spot where innocent people have been killed, to act as a monument that honours their name and memory.

MYSTERY BABYLON

Though the ten monarchies symbolized by the ten horns are a separate entity to the Papal church, they are both united together to form one beast empire influenced by the great dragon, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:1-15). The great prostitute woman full of abominations is said to be a city (Rev.17:18) and the city is said to be the woman (Rev.18:21) (Rev.19:2). The woman and Babylon are two separate entities, but work together as one, shown by the fact the woman is pictured riding the beast which clearly shows that they are individual entities, with the ten-horned empire supporting the woman.

This, is why the woman is spoken of as, "Mystery Babylon," together these two global empires embrace, both religious and ecclesiastical and commercial and civil aspects. The central power of Rome is the Vatican, its Popes' bishops, cardinals and priests, while the central power of Babylon is worldly riches, commerce and trade, which means they can be both embraced in the title: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." (Rev. 17:5), with one being religiously great (though corrupt and false) and the other being great in a secular and worldly manner and as such are often signified symbolically as one great city.

CHRISTIANISED ROME AND THE GREAT CITY BABYLON

When the great city of Christianised Rome under Emperor Constantine (at his peak he ruled over a million square miles), and the city of Babylon are symbolically picture as one great city, the city embraces the following traits:

- A confused religious mixture of Paganism, Judaism and Christianity.
- Superstitious faith, multiplied idolatries, and cruel persecutions of the faithful.
- Hostility toward and those who oppose their doctrines and ungodly civil laws and authority.
- Self-ambition, pride haughtiness, oppression, tyranny and cruelty.
- Self-pompous adornment, enormous wealth, luxurious living and indulgent excess.
- Worldwide power, authority and influence over people of all nations.

It is because of these things the great city is also likened to Sodom, because of its ungodly corruption and to Egypt, because of its many idols, pagan gods and resistance toward the true God. All, of these traits are summed up in the title, Mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." (Rev. 17:5). This great city figuratively embraces both Rome and Babylon.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE EAST AND THE WEST

Though the individual Catholic Churches in the East and West have their own distinctive customs, practises and traditions (i.e., in language, liturgy, spiritual tradition, and ecclesiastical doctrine and discipline), together they form the universal Catholic Church.

FACTS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- By the fourth century the Christian religion was recognized as the official religion in Rome.
- Emperor Constantine began construction of the original basilica over a maze of catacombs and the ancient burial ground that is believed to be the tomb of the apostle Peter (who the Roman Catholic Church believes was the first Pope).
- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world, it is encircled by a two-mile border with Italy, and is an independent sovereign city-state that covers just over 100 acres. It has a little over 900 people living inside (2018) and has its own army, currency (euro), embassies and passport.
- It is governed as an absolute monarchy with the Pope at its head and mints its own euros, prints its own stamps, issues passports and license plates, operates media outlets and has its own flag and anthem.
- It is one of the oldest religious institutions in the world, and the largest Christian church, with more than 1.29 billion members worldwide.
- It has played a prominent role in the history and development of Western civilization headed by the Bishops of Rome known as the Pope.
- Its central administration, the Holy See, is in the Vatican City surrounded by the sovereign territory of Rome within Italy.
- It teaches that it is the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic church founded by Jesus Christ, that its bishops are the successors of Christ's apostles and that the Pope is the successor of the apostle Peter to who pre-eminence was conferred upon by Jesus Christ.
- It maintains that it practices the original Christian faith reserving infallibility passed down by sacred tradition.
- Its doctrines are summarized in the Nicene Creed originally adopted in the city of Nicaea by the First Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325.
- Its communion during Mass called the Eucharist is the principal sacraments of its seven, celebrated sacraments, it is believed that through consecration by a priest the communion bread becomes the literal flesh of Christ and the wine the literal blood of Christ.
- The Virgin Mary is venerated as Mother of God and Queen of Heaven, honoured in dogmas and devotions.
- Its social teaching, emphasises support for the sick, the poor, and the afflicted through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and is the largest non-government provider of education and health care in the world.
- It has influenced Western philosophy, culture, science and art.
- Through missions, diaspora, and conversions Catholics live all over the world, with the majority residing in the Southern hemisphere since the 20th century, due to secularization in Europe and increased persecution in the Middle East.

- It has no taxation and its museum admission fees, stamp and souvenir sales, and contributions are added to its income.
- The majority of Vatican City's citizens that work and serve within it, live outside the city.
- From the late 20th century, the Catholic Church has been criticised for its doctrines on Celibacy (the state of abstaining from marriage and sexual relations), its refusal to ordain women and its handling of sexual abuse cases.

The Holy See: the word 'See' as a noun means, "the seat or office of a Pope." 'Holy See' means the See of the Pope of Rome. Therefore, the title, "Holy See," refers to the city-state of the Vatican because it happens to be the territory in which the Pope resides. It is the universal government of the Catholic Church that operates from Vatican City, a sovereign, independent territory. The Pope is the ruler of both Vatican City State and the Holy See. The title, "Holy See," is used by the United Nations to refer to the government of the Roman Catholic Church, and it is this government, not the Vatican City, which is represented at the UN.

FACTS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VATICAN

- It is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, with over one billion adherents worldwide and its boundaries and territories are internationally recognized even though the country is located entirely within the city of Rome.
- It is home to approximately 900+ full-time residents who maintain passports from their home country, it has its own diplomats and, approximately 3000 people work at Vatican City and commute into the country from the greater Rome metropolitan area.
- It has the two main entities, the Holy See, which governs the Catholic Church and the Vatican City State, which governs the Vatican City and the Vatican bank which is a separate entity from the Vatican itself.
- It has an organized economy; regulates foreign and domestic trade; issues money and has large foreign investments.
- It has vast influence of religious education worldwide and its own government and sovereignty and power over its country and territory. The Swiss Guards are its internal police while the external defence of it against foreign enemies is the responsibility of Italy.
- Its Pope and his advisers are recognized internationally to direct the worldwide Roman Catholic Church and it is recognized as a national territory under international law.
- The Holy See (the government of the Roman Catholic Church) maintains formal diplomatic relations with 174 nations and maintains 106 permanent diplomatic missions to nation-states around the world and though an independent State is not a member of the United Nations, but an observer.

THE PAPAL CHURCH AND 666

The Catholic Church of Rome is commonly known as the Latin Church of which the Pope of Rome is its head; his seat and the Vatican is in the Latin empire; its official language is Latin; all church documents were normally published first in Latin and then translated into other languages; their services were always in the Latin language and their Bible that is kept from the common people is kept in that language.

The ancient Greek word for a Latin speaking person was Lateinos which is made up of the following numbers.

L ----- 30
A ----- 1
T ----- 300
E ----- 5
I ----- 10
N ----- 50
O ----- 70
S ----- 200
Total -- **666**

NOTE: it should be pointed out here that throughout history there have been many other names of powerful rulers (religious and secular) whose names or titles have been shown to add up to 666 and no doubt there will be more to come. For further information concerning the number 666 click or tap [Overview of Topics](#) in Revelation and select the title 666.

THE VATICAN BILLIONS

The Vatican has large investments with the Rothchild's of Britain, France and America and with the Hambros Bank and with the Credit Suisse Bank in London and Zurich. In the United States, it has large investments with the Morgan Bank, the Chase-Manhattan Bank, the First National Bank of New York, the Bankers Trust Company, and others. Added to these it has billions of shares in the most powerful international corporations such as Gulf Oil, Shell, General Motors, Bethlehem Steel, General Electric, International Business Machines, T.W.A., etc."

A member of the New York Catholic Conference, stated:

- His church probably ranks second only to the United States Government in total annual purchase.

And a nationally published Catholic priest stated:

- The Catholic church, must be the biggest corporation in the United States. We have a branch office in every neighbourhood. Our assets and real estate holdings must exceed those of Standard Oil, A.T.&T., and U.S. Steel combined, and our roster of dues-paying members must be second only to the tax rolls of the United States Government.

When all the assets of the Catholic Church are put together, it can be rightly said to be the most formidable stockbroker in the world. The Wall Street Journal said that the Vatican's financial deals in the U.S. alone were so big that very often it sold or bought gold in lots of a million or more dollars at one time." Its treasure of solid gold has been estimated by the United Nations World Magazine to amount to several billion dollars. A large bulk of this is stored in gold ingots with the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank, while banks in England and Switzerland hold the rest. But this is just a small portion of the wealth of the Vatican, which in the U.S. alone, is greater than that of the five wealthiest giant corporations of the country. When to that is added all the real estate, property, stocks and shares abroad, then the staggering accumulation of the wealth of the Catholic church becomes so formidable it is almost impossible to calculate. It is the biggest financial power, wealth accumulator and property owner in existence and a greater possessor of material riches than any other single institution, corporation, bank, giant trust, government or state of the whole globe. The Pope is the visible ruler of this immense amassment of wealth and as such is the head of the richest financial power of the twentieth century. No one can realistically assess how much the Vatican is worth in terms of billions of dollars. It is interesting to note that Jesus the founder of Christianity was the poorest of the poor and today Roman Catholicism, which claims to be His church, is the richest of the rich, the

wealthiest institution on earth. Its empire is so top-heavy with riches that she can rival and put to shame the combined might of the most formidable and impressive financial trusts, of the most powerful industrial super-giants, and of the most prosperous global corporation of the world? (Taken from Avro Manhattan, book titled, "The Vatican Billions)."

WAYS THAT POPE FRANCIS IS CHANGING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- He does not hesitate to criticize global leaders and policy-makers and opened the doors of the Catholic Church to people who have historically been excluded from the church, including people who are divorced, unmarried couples and their children and gay people.
- He champions environmental reform stating, that transforming the environment is a global social justice issue and links the lack of climate change to greed and financial interests saying that in an economy where money rules, the earth suffers.
- He is committed to a respectful interfaith dialogue (i.e., constructive and positive interaction between people of different religious faiths and/or spiritual or humanistic beliefs, at both the individual and institutional levels) and seeks to unify all religions and nonbelievers, on important global topics. For example, in November 2012 he brought leaders of the Jewish, Muslim, Evangelical, and Orthodox Christian faiths together to pray for a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis.
- He has a positive relationship with the Eastern Orthodox Churches; he has friendly meetings with Evangelical Protestants and he has long been recognized as a friend of the Jewish and Islamic communities.
- He welcomes the gay community into the church and stated in September 2013 that the church had grown obsessed with abortion, gay marriage, and contraception (challenging long-held doctrines of the Catholic Church) and that he chose not to focus on those issues but instead wanted to create an inclusive church, a "home for all."
- He is known for having a humble approach to the Papacy and chooses to reside in a modest apartment, instead of the Apostolic Palace used by his predecessors and to wear simpler vestments with little or no ornamentation and arrives in a fuel-efficient Ford Focus to important meetings.
- He aggressively criticizes profit and greed both of the Roman Catholic Church itself, as well as the world's financial systems as drivers of the world's largest problems and speaks of institutionalized greed and the world's indifference to the destruction of the planet as they pursue short-term economic gains and has spoken of money as, "The devil's dung."
- He is restructuring the Vatican to break up its entrenched blocs of power; and appointed a commission to seek out corruption and money laundering within the Vatican Bank and states that the current global leaders have been making the wrong decisions.
- He criticizes the harmful influence that politics, large corporations, and financial interests have had on the environment and human life and calls for a new world political authority, saying that, the Church does not presume to settle scientific questions or to replace politics, but he is moved to encourage an honest and open debate so that interests or ideologies will not prejudice the common good. Environmental protection is a central feature of his doctrine, for he rightly believes: "If we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us."

Experts of Yale University say that his papal letter (the Laudato Si) sent to all bishops of the Roman Catholic Church. has the potential to transform the global discussion on climate change for Catholics and non-Catholics alike by projecting the planetary crisis into moral and religious terms. It calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action," and criticizes consumerism, irresponsible development, institutionalized greed, and fossil fuels. The Pope cites these as the causes of a relentless exploitation unprecedented destruction of the environment with serious consequence for all of us. The document speaks of how the poorer countries suffer at the hands of the rich and how our dominant technological age has not only become so dominant that it would be difficult to do without its resources but has also become countercultural to choose a lifestyle whose goals are even partly independent of technology. The letter points toward a radical transformative change of the very institutions that form the basis of our modern culture, such as economic and financial change political change and profound social change. Many agree that the Pope's message is uniquely inspiring because it echoes the same call for a revolution that we are hearing now from the United Nations, the Dalai Lama, and social justice and activist groups from around the world. The new world is not going to tolerate the current state of existing affairs regarding governments and political regimes controlled by corporate interests, that are built upon upholding the privileges of the rich. These extreme injustices will not be tolerated, individual people and civil society will rise-up to create a profoundly new way of seeing the world. Concerning the future, the Pope states that there is reason to hope that humanity will chance for the better, and his call for such a revolution is unmistakeable throughout this letter.

THE GOAL OF ROMAN ECUMENISM

A century ago, the Catholic Church refused any involvement in the growing ecumenical movement that was born among Protestants. Today, (2018) especially under the leadership of Pope Francis, the Catholic Church is perhaps the foremost advocate of ecumenical unity. The Catechism (a summary of Roman Catholic doctrine) plainly states that, the Church is Catholic because Christ is present in her, and goes on to say that this is manifested visibly in the following three primary ways:

1. Correct and complete confession of faith.
2. Full sacramental life.
3. Ordained ministry in apostolic succession.

CONCERNING THE SECOND IN THIS LIST

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that the heart of the sacraments is the Eucharist, all sacraments revolve around the Eucharist as around the sun. To live the sacramental life is to be all Eucharistic. All other sacraments show the whole life is ordered to the Eucharist while the new birth is the entrance into the Eucharistic Church. According to their teachings the bread and wine offered in the sacrifice of the sacrament of the Eucharist during the Mass, becomes in reality the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The belief is that in some mysterious way that surpasses understanding the bread becomes the literal flesh of Christ and wine becomes the literal blood of Christ during the Eucharistic offering. These changes are commonly referred to as being transubstantiated (their substance having been changed), into the body and blood of Jesus Christ during the celebration of Mass.

THE THIRD IN THIS LIST

Ordained ministry in apostolic succession, meaning the line of Catholic bishops stretches back to the lineage of the apostles, and the line of the Popes stretches back to lineage of Peter who is believed to be the first Pope. This means (according to Catholic teaching) that only ordained ministry that is in apostolic succession can guarantee the integrity and value of the Church of Christ. Therefore, the Catechism, citing Vatican II's *Lumen Gentium*, affirms that the Roman Pontiff by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both, of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful and as such has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered. Devoted and committed members of the Church are bound to profess that they belong to the Church that Christ founded which is governed by the successors of the lineage of Peter and the other Apostles.

Though all other churches and religious denominations are embraced the apostolic hierarchy is so foundational to Catholic identity that they are not considered by Rome to be churches in the proper and true sense, but rather viewed as being incomplete, in this way the Papal Church can view them as separated brethren in partial communion with the Mother Church (which she claims to be) that have not yet reached full maturity. Roman Catholicism's clear sense of mission is the unity of the whole human race under its umbrella as one family in God. It does recognise that saving grace can exist outside the visible boundaries of the Catholic Church among the separated churches, but the Holy See declares that it is only Christ's Catholic Church, that has the all-embracing means of salvation (*Lumen Gentium* 3). For further information concerning the Catholic Church and salvation click or tap [Overview of Topics in Revelation](#), and select the title, "Popes Declare Salvation is Only Found in the Catholic Church."

POPE FRANCIS

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Prior to Pope Francis, the emphases of previous Popes were generally upon the difference between the Church and the world, while Pope Francis seems to be shifting the emphases from doctrine to more inclusive topics and human issues which find appeal across the global world. By shifting the focus in the direction of political, humanism and cultural matters he is effectively giving the Papal Church a far more welcoming image and a far greater appeal to a much wider range of people far beyond the borders of Christianity. In inter-faith circles he is increasingly considered to be the highest representative of Christianity and the most authoritative figure in the religious world. Some religious leaders (e.g. from the Muslim world) go as far as saying that the Pope represents the whole of humanity when he advocates for the poor of the world or when he makes appeals for peace. The fact that many secular people, though not recognizing the outward religious teachings of the Papacy, are ready to acclaim the Pope as a 'star' (at least when he makes politically correct statements) is a further indication that the reach of the Papacy goes far beyond the traditional intra-ecclesiastical boundaries.

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

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,²¹ that 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. 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

In a letter to the John 17 Meeting Pope Francis 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 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 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 Spirit's 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:

LEADERSHIP MEMBERS OF THE JOHN SEVENTEEN MOVEMENT

Amongst the leadership members and 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.

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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.

NOTE: 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 full of abominations," (Rev. 17:1-6) since the title embraces all churches and religious organisations and denominations 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.

It should also be highlighted here, that this does not mean that we can dogmatically state that everyone under the umbrella of the title, "The Great Prostitute Woman," will be judged and condemned, because 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 is 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 great 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 empire. (Rev. 18:4-6).

This entity fully described in the book of Revelation as, "a great woman with the name, "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations," written on her forehead, is 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 will seem to have the will, the authority and 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, which are good things, but it will be 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 secular 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 horrible, unpleasant and obnoxious 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).

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