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**The  
Papal Church  
The Pope  
and  
The Vatican.**

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# The Papal Church, the Pope and the Vatican.

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## Topics.

- The definition of Catholic, Vicar (vicarius) of Christ and the Holy See.
- Facts concerning the Vatican City, its income and its charities.
- The Popes income and Australia biggest private employer.
- The miracle of the Eucharist in Amsterdam and Offida.
- Protestant and Catholic rift and contentions.
- Vatican City meets Middle East leaders to call for peace and St. Nicholas.
- The final ungodly world power the two-horned beast and their wisdom.

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## A PERSONAL NOTE

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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

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This document briefly looks at the great prostitute woman 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 and looks at the global power and influence of the Pope, the Vatican and the Catholic Church.

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## CATHOLIC

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The word Catholic refers to the Roman Papal Church and comes from the Greek word (*katholikos*), which means universal. The Popes assume to themselves the position and title: "Catholic the Mother of all churches and universal authority in all religious matters."

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## VICAR (VICARIUS) OF CHRIST

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The title, "Vicar (vicarius) of Christ," is a title used almost exclusively of the Pope of Rome as successor of Peter, and of bishops in general and of priests. From various dictionaries the word, "vicarious," carries the following ideas:

- Something experienced in the imagination and emotions through the feelings or actions of another person.
- An action of suffering performed and undergone for another person as if one was taking part in the experience or feelings themselves.

- Serving as a substitute for another and taking their place.
- A situation in which one person performs part of the functions normally performed by another.
- Having sympathetic participation in another's persons experiences.

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## **THE HOLY SEE**

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The Holy See: refers to the Popes and bishop of Rome and for this reason the title, "Holy See," refers to the city-state of the Vatican, because it is the territory in which the Pope resides. However, the United Nations use the title, "Holy See," not to refer to the city of the Vatican, but to the government of the Roman Catholic Church, which is represented at the UN.

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## **FACTS CONCERNING VATICAN CITY**

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- By the fourth century the Christian religion was recognized as the official religion of Rome which over time gradually became the Papal religion.
- 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 (also believed to be the first Pope by the Roman Catholic Church).
- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world, it is encircled by a two-mile border with Italy, and is an independent city-state that covers just over 100 acres.
- It is governed as an absolute monarchy with the Pope at its head and prints its own euros, its own stamps and issues passports and license plates, operates media outlets and has its own flag and anthem.
- It has no taxation, and its museum admission fees, stamps and souvenir sales and contributions add to its revenue.
- The majority of Vatican City's 600 citizens live abroad as of 2011, the number of people with Vatican citizenship totalled around 600.

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## **THE INCOME OF VATICAN**

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No one can realistically assess how much the Vatican is worth in terms of billions of dollars, some report it owns one hundred billion dollars, worth of properties and other assets worldwide. It has big investments in banking, insurance, chemicals, steel, construction and real estate and pays no taxes on this income.

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## **CHARITIES**

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There are many thousands of good Catholics worldwide and the Catholic Church employs 180,000 workers in Australia which is obviously a good thing. The Vatican charities assist 1,500,000 children and provide some measure of food and clothing to 7,000,000 needy Italians.

According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, which publishes an annual list of the 400 biggest charities in the United States, Catholic Charities in the USA in 2010 spent between \$4.2 billion and \$4.4 billion in charity work.

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## THE POPES INCOME

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The Popes income is difficult to know according to Italian newspaper La Stampa he receives a monthly pension of 2,500 euros, which translates to almost \$3,300 per month. There are some articles that claim the Pope's income is in millions of dollars and others that say that though he does have access to hundreds of millions of dollars each year, which are intended for charitable use and Church activities. None of that money is to benefit him personally, so his salary is non-existent, but the Church ensures that all his needs in terms of clothing, shelter, and food are provided and his allowance for expenses is a hundred times greater. The extraordinary wealth of the Catholic Church contributes to its power: a power and wealth that many believe should attract the status of a corporation. It is an unincorporated association which means it cannot hold assets or property in its own name, so it places its assets in multiple property trusts of the different dioceses and religious orders which are enshrined in legislation that hold all the property, assets and wealth of the Catholic Church.

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## AUSTRALIA BIGGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYER

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The biggest private employer in Australia (2004) is the Catholic Church with 180,000 employees in its businesses, education, health and welfare services. It receives hundreds of millions of dollars each year in donations from its Australian parishioners and along with other religious organizations, has an elitist tax-free status, does not pay rates for its property or land tax and there is no capital gains tax on the sale of assets. If the Catholic Church were a corporation, not only would this provide victims of clergy abuse with a legal entity that could be sued, it would also attract a tax status like any other big business, which would contribute back to society.

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## EXTRAORDINARY MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST

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Around the year AD. 1225 a sorceress promised a married woman living in Santarem that her husband would return to his kind loving ways if she brought her a Consecrated Host. The wife went to Mass at the Church of St. Steven, and received Communion, but did not consume the Host. Instead, she immediately left the Church and took the Host out of her mouth, putting it into her veil intending to give it to the sorceress. Along the way, the Host began to bleed inside her veil. She was not aware of it until those passing by brought it to her attention, thinking she was bleeding she immediately went home instead of going to the sorceress' house. She placed the bloody veil containing the Host into the bottom of a trunk and said nothing to her husband. Later in the night she and her husband were suddenly awakened by mysterious bright rays of light that was coming from the trunk, penetrating the wood and illuminating the entire room. The wife then confessed her sin to her husband and they both knelt in adoration for the remaining hours until dawn, when the parish priest was summoned. News of this mysterious event spread quickly and attracted countless people who wanted to contemplate the miracle.

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## A MIRACLE UPON A MIRACLE

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The bloody Host (of the above miracle) was taken in procession to the Church of Saint Stephen, where it was encased in wax (to contain the blood and the Host) and secured in the tabernacle. Sometime later when the tabernacle was opened, another miracle was discovered. It is claimed

that the wax that had encased the Host was broken into pieces, and the Host was found miraculously enclosed in a crystal pyx (the container in which the consecrated bread of the Eucharist is kept) along with the blood. This was later placed in a gold and silver pear-shaped monstrance with a "sunburst" of 33 rays, in which it is still contained today. After this mystical phenomenon the Church of Saint Stephen was renamed "The Church of the Holy Miracle." On the Second Sunday of April, from the time of the miracle the incident was re-enacted every year by local actors from the house the miracle first began.

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## **THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST IN AMSTERDAM (1345)**

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Thrown into a fire, the Eucharist miraculously was not burned. In Amsterdam in AD. 1345, there was a tiny fishing village consisting of a few streets along the main canal with small modest fishermen's huts, a church, and a monastery (the largest building) in the village. A dying fisherman named Ysbrant Dommer called for a priest to come to his home to give him the last rites of the Church and Holy Communion. After having heard the man's confession, the priest blessed him and gave him Communion. It is claimed that as soon as the priest left the sick man the sick man began coughing so violently that he vomited up the Host, still intact. The man's wife cleaned up the vomit with the Host and threw it into the fireplace. The following morning, she went over to the fireplace and saw the Host sitting on top of a burning ember. It was not burned nor had it even changed colour, but had remained fresh and brilliant, lying among the coals. She carefully took the Host from the fire, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in a chest for safekeeping. She called a priest and he wrapped the Host in the cloth and placed it into a pyx (the container in which the consecrated bread of the Eucharist is kept) in the church of Saint Nicholas.

The following morning, the priest found the pyx empty, but the Host was later discovered by the same woman in the chest. She returned it to the priest and he again placed it in a pyx after another disappearance and discovery, the priest told the members of the clergy. They all agreed that it was direct proof of God's intercession, and a sign that the miracle should be openly honoured so that the Miraculous Host would be a light to shine over all Europe and a sign that Jesus wanted to use this miracle to awaken His sleeping people. To give the Lord the honour He deserved for giving such a rich gift to these humble people the priest with other priests carried the Sacred Host back to the church of Saint Nicholas. The fisherman who had been dying, who the priest brought the Eucharist to on the first night, didn't die. Due to these miracles his house soon became a sort of shrine, and afterwards a Chapel. On the 600th anniversary of the miracle, March 13, 1945, the Dutch Catholics attributed all the growth for which Amsterdam is now famous and progress of their city to this Eucharistic miracle.

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## **THE SECOND MIRACLE**

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Miracle upon Miracle, the second miracle of 1452: one hundred years later Amsterdam had grown much larger since the first miracle had taken place. In A.D. 1452 the entire city was engulfed in fire most buildings were destroyed and the Chapel of the Miraculous Host (the former fisherman's hut) collapsed and burned to the ground. It is claimed that the next day, people sifted through the ashes of the Church and found that the silk veil which covered the Miraculous Host and the Host itself had been saved from the fire. So, once again the Lord saved the same Host from fire in the same house in Amsterdam. The fame of the Eucharistic Miracle of Amsterdam, now recognized as a twofold miracle, spread beyond the Netherlands to all of Europe and a new chapel was built, more elaborate and more beautiful than the previous one. It is said, that the Hapsburg Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Maxmillian, went to Amsterdam in

pilgrimage to the Eucharistic miracle and prayed for a healing at the shrine, and because of his faith was healed. Amsterdam and the Eucharistic Miracle became a major place of pilgrimages and processions, but in AD 1665 it was taken by unknown thieves. The miracle of the Eucharist in Offida, Italy AD. 1280: occurred to a newlywed couple named Ricciarella and Giacomo (James) Stasio, their mule, and a sorceress. The story is told of Ricciarella, seeking the advice of a sorceress. who claimed to know of a way for her to achieve the loving and affectionate marriage that she deeply desired. The sorceress told her to go to Communion, but don't swallow the Host, but instead take it home, put it in the stove, and burn it. Then take the ashes and throw them into his wine or soup and her husband will immediately become more affectionate and loving towards her. Ricciarella followed the sorceress instructions, she received the Eucharist, and secretly let the Host fall from her mouth into the top of her dress. After taking it home she placed it on a container and placed it over a fire. When the sacred Host was heated, it began to turn into a piece of bloody flesh. Ricciarella attempted to stop the process by throwing ashes and wax onto the container, but it continued to make a large smear of blood in the container because the Host had turned to flesh, and blood continued to flow from it.

She took a linen tablecloth decorated with silk embroidery and lace and wrapped it around the container and the bloody Host and buried it outside amongst garbage from the house. It is claimed that in the evening her husband's mule, fell prostrate near the garbage heap almost in a position of adoration. For seven years the Miraculous Host remained buried beneath the garbage, and during that space of time the mule and the other animals went in or out facing the heap. Eventually Ricciarella confessed her sin to a priest, they went through the garbage and found that the table cloth and the contents of the container, the bleeding flesh and the Host, had remained incorrupt. The priest left Lanciano and took the Sacred Host to Father Michael Mallicani, who was the Father of the Augustinian monastery of Offida. He went to Venice and had a silversmith craft a beautiful reliquary in the shape of a cross to become the home of the Eucharistic Miracle and contain the miraculous Host and a piece of wood from the true cross of Christ. It was installed in the Church in Offida and remains there to this day on the top of the main altar of the Sanctuary of Saint Augustine in Offida. The Papal books are full of these types of mystical and imagined miracles which are listed in the records of the Catholic Church, which to the learned confirm the fraud of the false prophets.

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## **PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC RIFT AND CONTENTIONS**

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The Papal Roman Church grew out of the ruins of Rome, during these early years many faithful Christians who refused to accept the authority and teaching of the Catholic Church were imprisoned, tortured and killed and there has always been:

- Strong contention between Protestants and Roman Catholics.
- Unwavering anti-Catholic tolerance of Protestant toward Roman Catholics and vice versa.
- Protestants churches regularly teaching to their congregations the errors of the Roman Catholic Church.

John XXIII (1958) and the Vatican II Council changed the face and altered the image of the Papacy from one of deception, Scriptural error and suspicion to that of love and social justice. Prior to this anti-Catholic feelings were so strong amongst voters in America that many predicted it would be foolish for a major political party to field a Roman Catholic presidential candidate. Thirty years later the ecumenical climate was so favourable, because Pope John XXIII had so greatly changed the papal image that John Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, not only received his party's

endorsement but won the presidency. In the 1980s, Protestant Ronald Reagan correctly perceiving the growing popularity of the Papacy in America used it to increase his prospects of re-election amongst voters by meeting with Pope John Paul II, in Fairbanks, Alaska. A few decades earlier, such a meeting would have almost certainly doomed his re-election prospects. Added to this there was very little opposition to President Reagan's move to re-establish full diplomatic relations with the Papacy. From this time forward the relationship between the Papacy and Washington has so dramatically changed that American presidents now commonly visit the Pope. For decades the relentless advances of atheistic communism, had engulfed almost half the population of the world, and seemed to be an irresistible force that threatened to envelop the whole planet. Communism's advances were so spectacular that most overlooked the steady resurgence of the papacy. Only those who continued to diligently search Scriptural prophecy understood that it was not communism, but Catholicism that would be the major "player" in the events culminating in the return of Jesus. As communism was being dismantled in Eastern Europe, the religious world was relentlessly pursuing union, between Catholics and Protestants. The stage is being set for the great final test of loyalty to God.

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## POPE FRANCIS AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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Vatican City meets with Middle East leaders to call for peace. As war continues (2018) to threaten the land of Jesus' birth and to undermine the existence of Christian communities there. Pope Francis invited leaders of all Christian denominations in the Middle East to join him in an ecumenical meeting for peace" where the religious leaders could discuss "the dramatic situation of the Middle and how they can help bring peace to the region. The site chosen for the meeting was in the southern Adriatic port city of Bari, because it is home to the relics of St. Nicholas, who lived about 1,700 years ago in what is today Turkey. Nicolas is venerated in both the Western and Eastern branches of the Catholic church and in countries such as Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Lebanon in the Middle East and widely venerated among Orthodox Christians in Russia, which is Syria's ally.

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## ST. NICHOLAS

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St. Nicholas was born circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick and became famous for his kindness to children and later inspired the legend of Santa Claus. He later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre in Turkey and is known as the patron saint of children, sailors, and of prisoners who've been wrongly condemned. On the (7 July 2018) Pope Francis travelled by helicopter, he arrived in the early morning, and stood in front of the Basilica of St. Nicholas to host the day of reflection and ecumenical prayer for peace in the Middle East. After a private meeting with the heads and representatives of Christian churches and communities in the Middle East the Pope said:

- The international community must learn from the errors of the past and do more to bring lasting peace to the Middle East, and not forget the previous century; do not forget the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; do not let the land of the East, where the Word of peace arose, be transformed into a dark expanse of silence,"

Flanked by ecumenical church leaders, the Pope entered the Basilica and walked down to the crypt, where he bowed before the relics of St. Nicholas, who is venerated by both Catholics and Orthodox Churches after which a bus took them to the seaside for an ecumenical prayer service. Thousands of men, women and children cheered and waved as the Pope and his

company made their way to the stage overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Behind the Pope's chair was a large statue of Christ crucified with the words "May peace be upon you" etched above it. The pope began the service by welcoming the patriarchs and Christian leaders and thanking them for joining him in prayer for the Middle East, and then prayed for peace and unity in the Middle East and in Jerusalem, "the holy city beloved of God and wounded by men for which the Lord continues to weep."

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## THE FINAL UNGODLY WORLD POWER

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The book of Revelation describes the final latter days global religious world power as a great prostitute woman full of abominations and drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, with the name mystery, "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations," Written on her forehead, that is supported by a scarlet coloured beast full of blasphemous names with seven heads and ten horns. (Rev. 17:1-6).

The following two things should be kept in mind:

1. This final global religious and secular beast power 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, which are good things, but it will be mixed with twisted and distorted messages of Christ's teachings and of the Gospel to appeal to the masses and for this reason the world will see this final beast power as the saviour of the planet. This final global religious and secular power could be likened to the forbidden tree that Eve ate of which 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, government and empire appeared evil, the world would not be deceived by its appearance or by the deceptive messages its head speaks. The ungodly power influencing this final hostile antichristian world power, is 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 two-horned beast (Rev. 13:11) (also called the false prophet) (Rev. 16:13) and the man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:3) will be the embodiment and final manifestation of Satan disguising himself as an angel of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14).
2. Obviously, the church of Rome does do a lot of good charitable work throughout the nations of the world, especially amongst the poorer nations, and though the dream to bring about a better world with all nations under one religious umbrella is good, it is a fantasy to think that it can be achieved by embracing religions that are contrary to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Pope Francis is no doubt a good man, but by his call for the world to serve a common purpose for the well-being of humanity and the planet and his vast charitable works, is most likely without knowing it preparing the way for the final false prophet to come that the book of Revelation speaks of and for the religious body spoken of as: "the great prostitute woman full of abominations with the name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." Written on her forehead (Rev. 17:1-6) to appear in her full deceptive splendor, influence and power.

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## THE TWO-HORNED BEAST

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The book of Revelation speaks of a beast rising out of the earth, that had two horns like a lamb; spoke like a dragon; exercises all the authority of the first ten horned beast in its presence and makes the earth and its

inhabitants worship the first ten horned beast. (Rev. 13:11-12). This two-horned beast will derive his power by appearing as a lamb, meaning he will appear with meekness and mildness; but will speak as a dragon, meaning his messages will be full of deceit, lies and vain promises that eventually lead to destruction and ruin. Much like the Roman emperors, that desired to bring about a utopia world under the banner of Rome, usurped divine titles; practised idolatry and persecuted true worshippers of God and faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, who refused to submit to their idolatrous practises. Following are some of the traits and characteristics of the two-horned beast (also called the false prophet):

- He will be an ecclesiastical person who intermixes himself in civil affairs and a prime adviser to the beast with the ten horns (Rev. 13:1) exercising all the power (both political and military) of this ten-horned empire and thereby sustain an empire within an empire (like the Vatican City sits as a separate state in the Empire of Rome or Europe).
- He will claim worldly secular authority as well as a religious and spiritual authority, and establish his rules, principles and religious decrees by his government and civil magistrate and by clever oratory, vain promises and the military might of the nations in league with him.
- He appears as the authority and sovereign dominion of the first ten horned beast (Rev. 13:1) and confirms the sovereignty and dominion of the ten-horned empire over his subjects in such a manner that he causes those who dwell on earth to worship an image of the ten-horned beast. (Rev. 13:12).
- He is the central ecclesiastical power that, cements and unites all the distinct kingdoms of the Roman empire together. By joining himself to the first ten horned empire he produces in their followers a blind obedience to his religious doctrines, traditions and teachings and by this preserves the old Roman empire in a certain level of unity, name and strength, which would otherwise have been completely dissolved by the ravages of war and the many divisions and contentions amongst its emperors etc.

Since the word Catholic comes from the Greek word (*katholikos*), which means universal, many suppose that the beast rising out of the earth, that had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon to be a prediction of the Roman Papal Church and its Popes, arising up out of the ruins of Rome since the Popes assume to themselves the position and title, Catholic the Mother of all churches and universal authority in all religious matters and in the latter days will coexist, in unity with the ten-horned worldly empire and prompt it to persecute all who would dare to rise against or challenge its usurped position and dominion during the space of the final forty-two prophetic months. The book of Revelation clearly teaches that in the latter days there will be two beasts, one secular another religious working in unity together and appearing to the world as one singular kingdom, which rightly described as a kingdom within a kingdom, being a powerful global religious kingdom working within a powerful global secular kingdom. Daniel in his visions concerning the latter days fully defines the character of the little horn (Dan. 8:9-13) but is silent concerning the two-horned beast, in contrast to this John in his visions of the same space of time fully defines the character of the two-horned beast (Rev. 13:11-18) but is entirely silent concerning the little horn. However, when we read of the little horn and the two-horned beast like a lamb we discover that they both act in the same capacity; each exercising the power of the first beast before them and each perishing in one common destruction with him.

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## THE TWO BEASTS

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The wisdom of the two beasts (Rev. 13:11), both beasts rise from beneath, the first ten horned beast out of the sea, which represents the tumultuous impulses and passions of mankind, while the second (the two-horned

beast) rises-up out of the earth, signifying, the more fixed element of human, thought and wisdom, and of society disciplined by intelligence and culture. However, the wisdom, that guides both beasts is not wisdom from above which is pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere, but earthly, sensual and devilish wisdom, that arises from pride and selfish ambition, envying and strife, partiality and hypocrisy. It is wisdom that is unspiritual and false to the truth and causes disorder, chaos and eventually ruin and destruction. (James 3:13-18).

**It is interesting to notice:** that the ever increasing intelligence and knowledge of the world and its forever advancement of amazing technology, satellite GPS systems, internet and global communication and surveillance of the global world has the potential to produce a change in the collective thought of the mind and consciousness and behaviour of the populations of the world for the better, but the spirit of mankind (i.e., selfishness, pride, ego, the desire for worldly riches and the lust for power, fame and importance) remains unchanged.

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#### FOOTNOTE

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