

Revivals And Church History :: Is the Roman Catholic Church really rooted in EVIL?**Is the Roman Catholic Church really rooted in EVIL?, on: 2012/5/26 16:59**

BE VERY HAPPY YOU WERE NOT BORN BACK IN 1232 A.D.

As on this very date back in 1232, Gregory IX issues the Bull Declinante jam mundi, bringing the papal inquisition to any that will not kiss the ring, in which the sole purpose was to root out and punish with torture any heretics in their dioceses and like cancer it spread fast and hard, with the end death.

We point fingers at the Muslims and the bloody history from that religion but non is liken to the Roman Church which killed oceans of humans in this 350 year period and would have had their way with many of us on facebook for our stance or even just reading the Bible.

I have read hundreds of emails, blogs, websites and posts where believers would say how they see persecution coming and they are ready, frankly I do think they would be persecuted much as most of what they say is done via a keyboard and these believers that type hard words with their computer would not have the boldness to do so publicly.

You want persecution, Jesus made that very clear as per John 7:7 and we don't mind going to heaven, we just don't want to die to get there.

Here are a couple of links where you could see the torture instruments used during the inquisition, just be advised these death tools can be shocking to the average American who does not even want to speak against the sin of abortion or sodomy and these Catholics make the Nazi's look like girl scouts selling cooking at your front door.

Rueben Israel..

Edit note: I deleted two sites that showed the torture devises used against the "heretics" during the long Catholic inquisition . After viewing them myself, they were so devious and inhumanly sadistic that I started to get nauseous; only demons could have invented them.

If you are interested, you may google them. The point I am making is that this organization surely took up the Devil's crown to attack the true body of Christ. Wow!....and another wave like this is on the way; Muslim I believe.

Re: Is the Roman Catholic Church really rooted in EVIL? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/5/26 18:18

QUOTE:

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These devices of torture make the guillotine look humane, does it not?

Re: Is the Roman Catholic Church really rooted in EVIL?, on: 2012/5/26 18:30

It is possible that the Roman Catholic Church in it's infancy was no doubt primitive and may have started off well. Like most of Christianities denominations they all started off in a good way but look at them today they are divided, their doctrines have all changed to suit the times. It's hard to believe that even in our own Pentecostal/Baptist varieties there is persecution. Could this be what the RCC was in the beginning? Is it possible in it's starting points there was repentance, revival came and over a period of time pride set in men who knew not God anymore began appointing instead of God anointed men, if we were to live long enough we could see the Pentecostal Assemblies become like the RCC persecuting and killing those who oppose her, (if we could live that long to see it).

As for the devices used to torture, I cannot bear the thought of it. I gave myself to seeing these things a few years back, I was so engrossed in them that I fell into a depression believing that one day I would stand on the precipice of some me at grinder and being told to deny Christ or live, the thought overwhelmed my spirit that I couldn't say yes or no. I was deli

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rious, God had to intervene or through my own strength I would have denied the Lord that saved me. It was a fearful time, I lived in fear believing that this was my lot in life, the purpose as to why I was saved was to be killed in this manner. I do not want to go back to that again.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/5/26 20:17

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All one has to do is read Revelation 2,3 to see how quickly this happened after Pentecost.

It seems the devil cannot stop a revival but he can help make people comfortable in their culture and depend on it for their salvation. Then while they are comfortable he sneaks in with damnable heresies...it does not happen overnight, just gradually to desensitize people slowly in preparation for the big one. Happens all the time.

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2012/5/26 20:48

I don't believe the Lord wants us to think on everything that has happened or even to think on evil or persecution but to meditate on his word and promises. I believe we are to be filled with the Holy Ghost and rejoice in the Lord always.

We need to be caught up in the Lord's love and presence and to know that the baptism of the Holy Ghost will empower us to endure anything and also will keep us from all harm. He says nothing shall by any means harm us if we are filled with his Spirit and follow the leading of His Spirit.

Re: , on: 2012/5/26 20:56

Saints you are looking at one part of history where believers were tortured by the RCC. Yes it was evil and cruel. But how was it any different from the protestant reformers who burned anabaptist brothers at the stake. Or drowned anabaptist sisters who were tied together and were drowned because of their believers in believers baptism. Is this any less cruel than what the RCC did.

In Eritrea believers are cramed by the hundreds into shipping containers in some of the most inhumane conditions. In North Korea believers are sent to death camps where they are worked to death on meager rations. They pick through rat droppings to find kernals of corn to eat. Those in hiding eat grass and tree bark. Christians that are captured and shot are the blessed ones. Those tortured could be tied up and laid and rolled over by a steam roller. Three generations of a believers family could be executed this way.

Mukem extremist will beheaded believers and show it on the internet. Others are tortured by drugs and beatings. A bullet would be merciful.

The cruelty of torture comes from hearts that are given to Satan. It is not just the RCC. But any institution that is controlled by the evil one and despises Christ. Be they governments or religious entities their hearts will always devise insidious ways to harm the people if Christ.

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/5/26 20:57

hi, it is obvious to me that roman catholicism is rooted in Christ with a lot of demonic inclusions which happened in 400 a.d. when constantine included the religions of the empire and made it the state religion of rome. it got worse during the dark ages and was one vote away from electing a pope who was a salvationist(grace not works)during the time of michaelangelo who was a salvationist.we must realize that the people in the church including some of the leadership love Jesus with all of their heart and as i have seen millions of catholics turn to Christ in my lifetime and be filled with the Holy Spirit who fill a lot of evangelical churches today.we must use wisdom and kindness toward the people who are entrapped in this system so that the gospel can set them free. we must allow the Holy Spirit to convict them and lead them in their exodus.jimp

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Murders were different in the sense of Volume, not specifically. We are talking about possibly MILLIONS of saints murdered and terrorized in this period of the Catholic Inquisition; which was actually a power grab for the Entire Earth. They failed, because God was not Yet Ready for the great trial. One day, He will allow it, for His glory no less.

Thank you for your insightful question....Tom

Re: Were some of the Protestant extremes as BAD?...Yes; I'm sorry. - posted by brothagary, on: 2012/5/27 1:41

its interesting to see the close ties with the carsamatasism and the catholic church

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwnQ>

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/5/27 3:55

hi, early in the sixties the pope who was elected because he was sickly and would not last long had the world pray for a new pentecost ... he also did many other things that shook up the college of cardinals. in the usa, at notre dame ind.,loyola new orleans and ann arbor mich...people started being filled with the Holy Spirit... i was at loyola at the time and was baptist and was welcomed into the meetings of ten to twenty in the danna center.from this small beginning God moved in a great way saving and filling millions of catholics with the Holy Spirit around the world.as these people were moved on to leave God was baptizing baptist and other denominations with the Spirit and this is the history of the charismatic beginnings.my home church that started with 5 people is still going strong. john osteen,derek prince ,bob mumfort etc.were the original leaders in that day.jimp(a southern report)

Re: , on: 2012/6/1 8:03

Amen Jimp; There was a Revival that swept the World in the late 60s and early seventies. It is difficult to me to ascertain the exact beginning or the end of it, but my guess is 1967-1977; again, I am guessing. I was saved and baptized in the Spirit in this Revival, along with millions. I was born again on a street corner in Boulder Colorado in 1972.

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These are the affects of true Revival. It is counted in souls redeemed, and obvious in the change displayed in them. I carried the sins of murder, gross immorality, theft and filthy hate, and so on, without end. I rose from my kneeling that day free, and holy. I then began my walk. I was revived to God; Re-alived if you will.

Revival, however, is like a seed. The sower, God Almighty, walked my way, and cast Himself into me. After that, I went my way, to allow, or not to allow that holy seed to root, and bare fruit, to be conformed or not to that Jesus, whose spirit entered me. This phenomena happened to millions in America, including masses of Catholics.

Catholic people are no different than any other dead religion as EverestoSama pointed out on another thread about Charismatics.

Consider these:"

A Christian, Spirit filled Buddhist.
A Christian, Spirit filled Muslim.
A Christian, Spirit filled Hindu.
A Christian, Spirit filled Satanist.
A Christian, Spirit filled Voodoo practitioner.
A Christian, Spirit filled Mormon.
A Christian, Spirit filled Catholic.

"We wouldn't buy the validity of the first five (and hopefully not the sixth, though times are changing), but the seventh we feel a little more comfortable with, even though their religious establishment is just as lost and deceived as any one of the prior six?"..Everestosama

His point is that if one is truly born again, he would no longer be involved in Pagan practice and worship. The Roman Catholic religion does so. The Pope is not the one and only Vicar, Ambassador of Christ on the Earth, and is not infallible. This idea is no less than Satanic.

Mother Mary is not the mediator between God and mankind, and does not live forever to make intercession for them, as she cannot receive continual prayer forever from the billions. The Catholic Mary is a demon; Astarte, who was assigned the title Queen of Heaven by Satan himself millenia before Peter and Paul and the holy church.

The Priesthood of this power does not have the magic power to turn wine into blood, nor bread into holy flesh to serve mankind with mercy. They too, are servants of their master, the Prince of Darkness. They are, as the synagogue of Satan, not a church at all, as they twist the image and doctrine of the true church into the devil's will.

Into this God reached down and SAVED!..Praise Him!..as he did me, and I am so grateful. I know several FORMER Catholics who came out of her Redeemed.

The Charismatic movement was intertwined within this Revival, along with many false conversions and lying spirits that embedded themselves there. God is sorting them out, yet, and this will continue until He returns.

" Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.".....Jesus

And so it is with Revival; Catholics and filthy hippie ex-Marine scum like me.

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Quote from brothertom

This is a good testimony brothertom and I am glad you told it like you remembered it without polishing it up to leave out some important details. I noticed you said some things that happened to you that I know would go against others theology and even good sound biblical theology as some would say. This goes to show you that God reveals himself to people many times without them having any real depth in theology or understanding of God's way of salvation and holiness of lifestyle. The bible says that as we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. When we are in Christ we are a new creation and old things are passing away and all things becoming new. We are to put off the old man and be renewed in the spirit of our minds and put on the new man which is created after holiness in the image of Christ.

We must be careful to teach the way of God along with godly correction without condemnation. God did not call us to judge and condemn people but to reprove and rebuke with all long suffering and doctrine to preach the Word at all times.

Something else I want to point out is that I don't believe the Lord wants us to over emphasize the wrongs in the past to excite emotions in people toward other people to the point of exciting anger toward people who had nothing to do with what happened back then.

This same thing has happened to many African American people who have been filtrated year after year with the suffering their forefathers endured at the hands of the white man in the past. I mean people can even be hated and can be looked at differently because of what others have done. I don't believe this is what God wants us to do to put a blanket of judgment on every class of people. I want to minister to everybody without prejudgment. I want the Holy Spirit to lead me and show me how to bring people to Christ and how to teach them the things of God. I want the glorious gospel and the good news that Jesus brings to bring hope and healing to all people. There are things that have happened that is very grievous, but we don't have to hang out there and brew over it. We must not let it make us bitter but more desirous to get the good news out there that will deliver people so we don't have a relapse. I know that sometimes things in the past need to be mentioned but we don't have to camp out there. We don't have to dwell on them. Paul did terrible things before he came to Christ but he was redeemed to forever be grateful to His Lord. He had an overwhelming love for the Jewish people and wanted to see them saved. He was always following hard after Christ to know Him in all His fullness. He said he hadn't reached there yet but one thing he does is forgetting those things which are behind him and reaching to those things that are before him he was always pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I do not want to spend the bulk of my time criticizing but only to expound on the Word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit that will set the people free to truly Love God and their fellow man.

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Re: , on: 2012/6/1 10:22

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I understand what your saying brother, however, is it any different than the worship of idols that we have in our Pentecostal Churches? We fight and devour one another over our idol doctrines. We have our gods of men, "he so anointed", "We have the Truth!" and no one else does mentality. (followed up with a smug).

The Charismatics that I know don't worship Mary or the Saints, they worship Christ. Yes they stay in the Catholic Church because their worship services are in the basement of the Church. Yes, they attend mass but they know the truth and they feel compelled or may be even obligated to stay right where their at. They are enemies to the RCC because they have a voice and only eternity will tell us what impact they have had on others who were bound within it's walls and now see the light because of their word that was fitly spoken. What is this need to come out all the time? If we have the truth, why not stay as a light?

If we are altogether in one place as believers our light is pretty dim mixed with everyone else's, but take that same individual light into a dark place and shine there, your going to have a different response. Your going to see things flee and your also going to see things come closer. It was said of D.L.Moody being in a train station people started dropping to their knees saying "you have convinced me of sin", and the preacher hadn't said anything.

When I read about the verse in the book of revelation, about "come out from among her and be ye separate", I see that as anything that takes the place of grace. Become unattached from it's religious ideas of how to come to God, get away from the flesh that is trying to please God and awake in the Spirit which is the only way to come to God. Your testimony of salvation on the street corner proves this very thing. You've come out of your way and just embraced by faith His way. In doing that, the plague has staid, death no longer has dominion over you.

Re: , on: 2012/6/1 10:44

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I consider the RCC to be way more dangerous to the Christian than the other two because on the surface the RCC seems to be close to the truth... until you start to really look at what it teaches and why it teaches it. Then you realize just how far from the truth the RCC really is.

The RCC is not apostate, which is what people imply when they speak of Christians who dont leave it so they can "make a difference". The RCC is not going to suddenly come around to the truth. In fact in the last 40 years or so since Vatican II the RCC has done nothing but strongly reinforce it's doctrines of demons.

The RCC is not apostate... The RCC is anti-Christ! The child of God is to not partake of it. Thats a Biblical command.
Krispy

Re: What is a true Church!, on: 2012/6/1 17:30

Quote:
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It would be difficult to imagine a Jehovah's Witness getting saved for real and then being able to stay in the Kingdom Hall. Simply because JW teaching is a claim that Christ was Michael the Archangel becoming a man. Doing the work of God and thereby becoming Christ. Just an office not the Word made flesh. This is so blasphemous that it cannot be sat down with in any way. The christ of JW's is a claim that Christ was an angel made man; that he was spiritually raised from the dead and returned to heaven to once again become Michael, an arch angel.

The Mormon heresy is that Jesus is the brother of Satan. Enough said.

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As Tom shared in another post, Rome was present in the move of God in the 60's and 70's in the USA in which many people got soundly saved. They were the ones who came out of Rome. Yet many others stayed in Rome and their influence of charismatic thinking and effects has been real and well documented. The links are real. I guess this is a claim that Rome is manipulating even the little flocks with a mixture of truth and deception leading to an end time reality.

Andrew

Edited for spelling and grammar.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/6/1 21:43

hi, yes...God will save a mormon,hindu,jw,moslem,atheist,murderer,even a democrat... Jesus came to save sinners and gave us a job to go into all the world and make disciples of every ilk.we need to quit criticizing and go do our job of demonstrating the love of Jesus to the world.jimp

Stop criticizing! Be positive! That is the real gospel., on: 2012/6/1 21:54

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men."

"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

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Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Therefore watch!
and remember!

...that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears!"...

...Three years day and night eh? He needed to quit criticizing and be positive, I suppose.

Some things need to be shouted from our roof-tops, because they consume men.

Re: , on: 2012/6/1 22:26

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We should all come out from all religions, even the ones that are considered okay. But, that is not going to happen. I know of a Full Gospel Church that used to be on fire for God. It was where all Pentecostal churches in this city originate. That FGC now is way off base. Prophets have been sent to warn it but they have pushed them away. They want their word of faith garbage. But people feel obligated to stay there, they have false doctrine and I know people that go there, saved people, but they are no different than the Catholic who stays where there at.

Now my brother Krisp, I completely understand your words and your take on this and I believe what you are saying is right. But there is a component that enters the equation that will rightly divide between us and them, that being persecution. A voice in the JW's will not be tolerated too much longer until they thrust you out for evil. I have been literally thrown out of a catholic church by a mad man who seemed to me to be mad with religion and I was just a visitor visiting the cathedrals in Montreal enjoying the interior of the building. Sitting there in the pew this man comes over to me uttering something in french telling me to get out and finally I had to make my way to the door and then he just pushed me out. I had no idea what happened. The only thing I could think of was that the level of demonic activity was higher here than it was in my small town.

Now that was just being in the building saying nothing, how much more if a man or woman opens their mouth and speak truth, perhaps they would get a slap across the face and thrown out and beaten.

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2012/6/1 22:54

great post concerning the apostle Paul's words brotherhood until you got to the end!

I have read and spoken those scriptures many times in my life time and take them to heart. If you would notice Paul was a broken man and shed many tears over the welfare of the church. The concern of the church was upon him daily and how we need more ministers with this attitude including myself needing more tears over the welfare of the church. I also find Paul telling us to forbear with people in love and forgive others as Christ has forgiven us. I do not find Paul's writings as being negative minded and critical of others but very positive with a real and sincere warning for the church.

Augustine again - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/6/1 23:33

The new Foxes Book of Martyrs John Fox rewritten updated by Harold J chadwick p.56

referring to Papal persecutions and the Inquisition

/They justified the horrors they committed by wresing Old Testament Scriptures, and by appeal to (Augustine), who had interpreted luke 14:23 as endorsing the use of force against heretics: "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'"

Re: The Spirit of Religion is MIXTURE., on: 2012/6/20 11:18

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Brilliant ArmKelly: I hadn't considered John the Revelator "wondering in great awe!" as he beheld the spiritual reality of the Roman apparition as the wicked claptrap she is, and at the same time considering her naming herself as the One and holy church of the Lamb. Thank-you for that; it solidifies my convictions.

In his position, I would wonder in great amazement too. In John's time, there were 1300 Satanic, demon worshipping temples in Rome, practicing the ancient mass, and praying to the Queen of Heaven, by name; Astarte. .

Several hundred of the ranking demon-gods were given specific days and feasts to be honored. Is it a coincidence that those exact days and feast days were transcribed to the Roman church, and celebrated today as "Saints days"? It makes you wonder.....

How could a holy brother or sister endure such mixture in their worship?; Half Satan, half God; But, some do.

Holy acting while murdering the true. This is the RCC.

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I consider the RCC to be way more dangerous to the Christian than the other two because on the surface the RCC seems to be close to the truth... until you start to really look at what it teaches and why it teaches it. Then you realize just how far from the truth the RCC really is.

The RCC is not apostate, which is what people imply when they speak of Christians who dont leave it so they can "make a difference". The RCC is not going to suddenly come around to the truth. In fact in the last 40 years or so since Vatican II the RCC has done nothing but strongly reinforce it's doctrines of demons.

The RCC is not apostate... The RCC is anti-Christ! The child of God is to not partake of it. Thats a Biblical command.".... KrispyKritter.

Excellent point Krisp, and one that needed to be said. The RCC is a satanic cult, with no other ideology rooted below than to utterly resist and devour the truth of Jesus, His doctrines, and His holy seed; the true Church. If she repented to her first love, she would rest in the heart of Lucifer as he shook his fist at the Lord attempting to murder him, the moment he was given his second name; Satan.

Not a good thing to repent to, eh?

- posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/6/21 20:45

I have heard the RCC caled Babylon,The Harlot,the anti-Christ and I am not so sure that I would argue, even though I do not think from my observations that I would limit those statements to just the RCC.

At what point in history did this become?

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Always the bad seed. , on: 2012/6/23 10:26

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In Rome, at the time of the apostles, there were 1300 or so satanic temples, each of which offered direct engagement with a demon, demoness, or a group or council of devils.

The author of "Two Babylons", Alexander Hislop, "demonstrates that almost all of the practices of the Roman Cult have

been brought over from Paganism. when we come to see that the worship of the virgin Mary is really the worship of Venus, and that it comes from Babylon, the center of the system is revealed to be satanic."

"The Jesuits, the warring arm of the RCC, also push for the error that there is one mediator between God and Man, and that is the mediatrix, Mary."

Hislop writes and proves; "That Rome is in very deed the Babylon of the Apocalypse, and the essential character of her system, the grand objects of her worship, her festivals, her doctrine, her discipline, her rites and ceremonies, her priesthood, her orders, have ALL been derived from ancient Babylon, and finally that the Pope himself is truly and properly the ideal representation of Belshazzar."

All of these 1300 temples mentioned above, shortly after the death of the apostles, were then merged into the rites, structure, mass and ceremonies of the Roman Cult, which is erroneously called a church. It has nothing to do with God, and everything to do with the destruction of God's work on Earth.

It is estimated that over one billion people today worship at the feet of this prostitute Venus, all in the symbolic nature of an omnipotent goddess they call the mother of God, while honoring the vicar of the Lord of Christ as head..

It seems that throughout modern history, from the year of our Lord, the RCC has been evolving in and out, twisting to gain more power. She may have peaked near the end of her last great inquisition, which ended about 1600.

Re: Always the bad seed. - posted by proudpapa, on: 2012/6/23 11:20

Thank you brotherTom for the reply. I have never read Alexander Hislop but am familiar with him, I have wanted to get his book for several years but have not thus far.

If The Catholic Church is the Mother of Harlots whom is her offspring??

The Babies of Babylon., on: 2012/8/24 9:24

"If The Catholic Church is the Mother of Harlots whom is her offspring??" Proudpapa

Her cup is a cup of MIXTURE! Her offspring are of those who partake of the same drink.

"For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them."..Psalm 75

" So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth."..Revelation 17

The RCC has her roots in pure Satanism, and the worship of "THE HOST OF HEAVEN." This Host are the fallen angels; that became known as demons and devils. Before she settled in Archetype of the Roman, more symbolic order, she existed in more direct communion with Devils.

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There were 1300 temples worshipping these wicked personalities in Rome alone, at the time of Paul the Apostle. There have always been Priests of Baal, and "Nuns" of different wicked order throughout time that tend to the order, and maintain and spread this worship unto mankind.

The clandestine brilliance of HOW the RCC pulled this off, is stunning; A direct Symbol of Worshipping God, and His Christ, while actually offering worship to the Devil and his brethren.

One infiltration would be the acceptance of Transcendental Meditation; CONTEMPLATIVE/MEDITATIVE inward gaze, as a true form of communion with God. It is not; it is satanic in nature, and of the church of the darkness; always has been.

It does however, lead you into awareness and "enlightened experience", as a counterfeit to authentic Holy Spirit manifestation, as the Catholic Mystics write about, and espouse. These are but carriers of that ancient satanic cult, established way back at Babel; and ensuing Babylon.

I would say that ALL of those in Christendom who teach these doctrines of prayer as holy, and the monastic "sacrificial" life that must accompany them as a deeper and more valued life, are of the Whore: Her children.

Does it mean that these movements and people involved are LOST? Not necessarily, but if followed continually, without repentance, probably. Why? Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth is a requirement to Know Him and He rejects those who do not.

Re: The Babies of Babylon. - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/24 12:19

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This is true regardless of religious affiliation – theologically ideal or not. Of course, people are much more than a composite of their religious influences. They may in fact, be more shaped by their society than their church's formal beliefs.

Really denominational distinctions are paper-thin walls – human constructs that can dissolve in times of upheaval and testing. Recently I heard a documentary by a Catholic about the persecution in Romania under the communist regime. As we know, communists see religion as the enemy, and so they ensured that religious leaders - like priests and nuns were persecuted extra severely. While many of them died, there were many who survived and lived to tell their testimony. They confessed deep gratitude for their suffering – because that is how they learned to trust God deeply. They had nothing else! (and that means all the religious paraphernalia) They had come to experience God's wonderful assuring presence - and that was worth it all.

Can we not rejoice with these Catholics and embrace them as our brothers and sisters? Or can we only see them as "those others" – people separated from us by monstrous religious walls that are as rigid as the wall of Berlin was... while we'd rather cling to our suspicions about them all.

Considering that a rather high percentage of Americans claim to be born again, and that a shockingly low percentage of those in evangelical affiliations even read the bible or pray – we would do best by keeping silent when it comes to attacking the evils of the "other camp". For our camp may not be much better in God's eyes.

The propensity to drift from grace-and-faith living into law/ritual-and-fear living happens across all religious affiliations... .. including web site communities! Right? mmmmm

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Is our God's arm too short that he cannot reach certain groups at all? And who are we to designate the name "Babylon" to any people group? It is surely not time yet to separate the wheat from the chaff!

Diane

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/24 12:40

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This has become such a difficult topic for me. Here is my trouble, my mother whom I love very much will talk of her devotion, and deep love for the LORD JESUS. She speaks of how HE is working in her life and how close her walk with HIM now is, she talks of repenting of her sins and then she picks up her rosary and spends two hours each day praying to Mary. She worships Mary with devotionals and prayers as well as lighting candles and praying to dead saints. She believes Mary was born free from sin and shared in the sacrifice of JESUS as co-Redeemer with JESUS CHRIST. These teachings are right out of the RCC catechism books. So where does that leave my mother?? IF those who practice faithfully the RCC tradition are brothers and sisters in CHRIST then how much of the Bible do we have to throw out to embrace that idea...

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/24 14:40

Quote:
----- So where does that leave my mother??

Your mother is uniquely your mother, and cannot be defined by those I spoke about, can she? The better question may be: "Mom, where would your faith be if you could no longer practise those things? Perhaps you may wish to tell her about the persecuted Catholics who were stripped from all their religious connections and learned to trust in Christ alone AND enjoy his presence in a dirty prison.

We may be repulsed by Mary-reliance, yet unable to see our own false trusts – like ourselves, our church habits, our ideals, our sense of right-ness, etc. Personally speaking, I did not see that in me till it was all stripped away from me through illness and crisis. It is amazing how many idols we can carry unconsciously – and don't see it until the Lord reveals it through testings. As they say, humans are idol factories. Of course it's always easier to see it on others – especially when it is an established outward tradition. Growing deeper in our trust of God is a life long journey – and if we think we have arrived, we likely don't know ourselves.

Much is being said here on SI about great coming persecution – but we must also recognize and value the testings that come to us in our daily walk. This too is a way that the false gets sifted from the truth within us. Trials – and the victories of faith have a way of defying religious boundaries. Is that not true?

Diane

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/24 15:15

by roadsign on 2012/8/24 8:40:38

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You are right my mother is unique and I should not have entered into this discussion. I knew better...

God Bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2012/8/24 15:46

My sentiment about the last four posts.

Many have died or suffered in the name of integrity, their ideals, and religion but never for Christ.

To gain Christ we must forsake our family, country, ideals, and religion_ and be willing to be forsaken and persecuted by them.

Has anybody encountered the phrase 'cerrado catolico', in essence it is an expression or sort of a motto among the RC that no matter what, they will remain RC and will never not turn from their religion.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/24 19:17

I am sorry if my last post came off as disrespectful of what you were sharing. I did not mean for it too. You are right my mother is different then the Catholics that you were referring too and I should have acknowledge that difference. I hope you will forgive me if there was offense taken.

My mom has not suffered persecution but she is completely devoted to her faith. So much so that to her holding firm to her faith in the RCC is the same as holding to her faith in JESUS. She can not and will not separate the two. She has said that the only way they will take her Catholic Bible and rosary from her is when they remove it from her lifeless hands. At this time I believe she means that.

I have prayed for her for a long time and I still continue to but in the end if she refuses to repent and seek to follow JESUS only then she is not my sister in CHRIST. It does break my heart to say that about her, I love her so much but her faith is in something other then JESUS and HE alone is the Way, the TRUTH, and the LIGHT.

I do agree that all of us have idols in our lives. I know GOD in HIS mercy has shown me many of my own so that I might repent. Having said that though I think the difference that I see is that Roman Catholics do not see their faith in Mary or the church as an idol they see it as being the same as having faith in JESUS.

God bless
mj

Edited: I edited my post. I hope to make it more clear in conveying my thoughts with you.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/24 20:19

Mary Jane, It must be disheartening to see your mother so dependent on her religious practices – when you know she could be enjoying the sweet grace of Jesus Christ if she could just meet him. And to think - He’s there in the very Bible she holds! It seems that she, like so many, take the common path: lean on the church, and it will surely be all right. Faith in the church’s faith without questioning can seem so right –... until one is hurt and disappointed by that church. (that’s true for any denomination)

So then there are the hoards of Catholics (and we meet them all the time) who are disillusioned by the church – even intensely angry. They turn their back on anything “religious” – even God. Now I ask: Will they benefit from hearing more about the wicked evils of the church or will that merely reinforce and justify their resentment. How can we encourage such people to move towards forgiveness? Yes: forgiveness of those who let them down. Because, after all, forgiveness is essential in the path to Christ’s sweet grace. Of course we want to empathize with their hurt and acknowledge it, but in such a way that we shift their eyes from the empty half of the cup (what they missed) to the full half – that is Christ – and all He has to offer - which is far beyond what any human organization can offer.

Diane

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/8/24 22:16

hi, the important thing to me is the catholic person, who needs Jesus like anyone else. it is stupid to attack their belief system if we intend to tell them the gospel. i have seen hundreds of catholic people get saved(most left their church eventually)Jesus died for catholics, mormons, jws, gays, lesbians and ugly old men like me.jimp

Re: The Babies of Babylon. - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/25 0:33

Quote:
-----Does it mean that these movements and people involved are LOST? Not necessarily, but if followed continually, without repentance, probably. Why? Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth is a requirement to Know Him and He rejects those who do not.

Exactly.

Can you be a Christian and a Catholic?

Yes.

Can you be a Christian and REMAIN a Catholic?

Not on your life.

"Come out of her My people." (Rev 18:4)

He confirms that they're His people, but He commands that they must come out. No two ways about it.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/25 8:18

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Strong anti-Catholic rhetoric is fear driven – much like we see in Jesus day where the Jews hated the Samaritans. They stayed away from them thinking that would keep them pure. Why the need?

Jesus got close to real people - and you can't do that when you stay on the other side of the fence which you have created and hurl generalizations about their wickedness.

I wonder, Do we assume that extending graciousness to our perceived "enemy" means we must compromise our faith, or that we must support everything they teach. I hope not!

We do well to remember that we Protestants took much with us from their Catholic roots – good and bad. And even today both "sides" have similar propensities – (as I noted earlier). Our common ground is our human nature - and a God who rules the universe and shows no partiality when it comes to his gift of salvation.

A real life of faith on our part means that we drink deeply from the Living Water – the abundant and eternal supply. It means that we walk in the Promised Land. We trust God and stop fearing the "giant" enemies in the land.

Regarding the monstrous Catholic Church, if we continue to respond with this prevailing fear-drivenness we risk becoming just like them - those without faith.

Instead, let us walk in faith and move forward into the Promised Land, enjoy and share the wonderful blessings. That is the only way we distinguish ourselves from those who do not walk in faith. And it is the way we invite them to the Living Spring. That is being truly evangelical.

Diane

Diane - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/25 8:18

Diane

I agree that attacking the Catholic faith or the religious traditions themselves does nothing to draw a person to CHRIST. I have had long lengthy discussions with my mother about the traditions and beliefs she follows but that has only caused her to dig in deeper. I do my best to share JESUS with her but when she asks me to pray for the dead I tell her I can't do that. When she shares with me her prayers and devotionals to Mary I tell her I can not receive those things. I do all of this with as much love and kindness as the LORD gives me. I do not want to hurt her or belittle her, I want her to know that I love her and pray for her. As she gets older and has health issues it very hard but I know GOD is in control and I trust HIM. My mom is so completely devoted to the Catholic church and Mary that I have come to realize there is nothing that I can say that will change that so I pray...

I will just add I do believe that those who are Catholic can be saved and become born again Christians just like anyone else but as was mentioned by others I do not believe someone who does choose to follow JESUS and submit onto HIM in all things will remain following the Catholic traditions and beliefs.

Thank for sharing with me and allowing me to share my heart for my mother. You have been very kind

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/25 8:26

Diane

I just saw your post it must have come through as I was posting. I understand some of what your saying. Again I do not believe we attack Catholics with word or attitude but as a Christian I can not attend Mass with my mother in good conscious or pray for dead people or to mary...do you at least see that these things are not of GOD and can and do cause a wedge there when it comes to fellowship? Doing any of these things with a Catholic would compromise a Christians faith wouldn't it?

God bless
mj

Re: Diane - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/25 8:41

Quote:
----- I have had long lengthy discussions with my mother about the traditions and beliefs she follows but that has only caused her to dig in deeper.

This response is the natural outcome of our attempts to point out someone's errors. They use up their mental energy to reinforce what is embedded in their conscience. That's why it is counterproductive to focus on the wrongs of the other. We merely reinforce the opposite of what we want to achieve.

In focusing on the wrongs, we either we make them more resolved in their practice... or if they are already disillusioned, we intensify their resentment.

Mary Jane, you are wise in making Christlikeness your own goal – that you may have his love towards your mother. Even as you grieve deep within, you will exude the joy of the Lord as your strength. When your mother faces trials, she may yet discover for herself that only Jesus holds her up. Your love and prayers are your gift to her.

Diane

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/25 9:00

I think our posts are crossing each other, Mary Jane. I'll comment on your words:

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That is a personal heart matter, I think. Even Paul, who taught that circumcision was a compromise, also had Timothy circumcised. What was the ruling law in both cases?

Last year I attended two different Catholic Church masses in Toronto while visiting the city. In the first one I knew in my heart I could not take the Eucharist. Yet at the second, the Lord invited me to do so. The difference between those two parishes was phenomenal – not only in the message, but also in the physical symbolism. In the second, I saw no statues, no Mary's, no beads, no pope-like processions. And the Bible was upheld. There was a well-rehearsed worship ban. When we sang Purify my Heart, I was moved to tears. The church was packed with people of all ages and races. I sensed God's presence. This was a Catholic Church.

I've seen this astonishing difference in Anglican churches too: The parish on one side of the street is dead ritual, on the other side is evangelical vibrancy.

All that to say that, what we may interpret as compromise may in the heart be authentic worship of Christ. And the reverse is true too. We can't necessarily know the true heart of another based on their practices and their place of worship.

Diane

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/25 9:56

by roadsign on 2012/8/25 3:00:22

I think our posts are crossing each other, Mary Jane. I'll comment on your words:

Perhaps they are. I think we will just have to disagree on somethings and leave it there. I trust GOD will continue to work in both our hearts and reveal HIMSELF in this.

I do think that there is a difference in the example you gave of Paul though then what the RCC teaches and believes. Just to begin with praying to another besides GOD is forbidden in the Bible and the Catholic church teaches their members to pray to Mary as well as dead saints...

As for me having been raised as a Roman Catholic and knowing how far off their beliefs and traditions are I can not take part. To me I can not reconcile praying to Mary, or for dead people, praying to dead saints, confessing my sins to a priest, and submitting myself to the pope who calls himself the vicar of CHRIST. These things are all in direct conflict with Biblical teachings of JESUS.

Thank you again for your gracious communication with me. It has helped me understand better where your heart on this issue is :)

God bless you
maryjane

edit: once last thought, I do agree that many Protestants traditions were brought over from the RCC and I tend not to take part in those either. I think on this we will agree only a heart that is truly seeking to follow JESUS as LORD of their life, submitting unto HIM in all things will ever spend eternity in Heaven. Anything else whether it be following RCC traditions or any religious traditions will not save us from the depths of hell. JESUS alone is the Way, the Truth, and the LIGHT. The heart can not be divided....

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/25 13:15

Disclaimer: Sorry but this is gonna be a long one.

Quote:
-----This is unsubstantiated on two counts: First of all, it is based on what has been read INTO the biblical text. And second, it cannot be validated as true.

This is not the case. The whore of Babylon and her cup are well pictured the way Brothertom shared in one of his previous posts. Babylon is pictured as an image of spiritual adultery, and that is what her cup of mixture is. The Catholic church itself doesn't get the full rights to this title though. This whore's (in Greek the word used for harlot is the same when used for spiritual adulteries) umbrella is large enough to cover all of the worlds false and mixed religions, including many of today's apostate protestant ones. Even the title written on her head "Mystery" is a reference to the mystery religions of Babylon (as the Greek shows as well), and in Greek many of the titles given to her in Revelation 17 are direct references to idolatry.

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That sounds really nice and all, but it's a straw man argument. We do not base any truth upon subjective experience, church history, our expectations etc. etc. Our truth is defined quite simply on what the Word says about it. Not even how people receive or respond to the truth, but simply what the truth is. The Word condemns the practices of the Roman Catholic church as false and idolatrous. I'm not one to argue with it, as I didn't write it.

The Lord detests a mixture in worship of Him. This is quite clearly pictured when He was giving the law from Sinai. He was also very specific on HOW He was to be worshiped. Read through Deuteronomy 12 and you'll see how He explicitly forbids the Hebrews to worship in the way that the pagan countries around Him worship Him. He demands to be worshiped by the standard that He sets: The Truth.

Let's take a look at some Roman Catholic "truths";

Mary, Mother of God (a phrase not even found in the Bible) also born without sin (even though in Luke's Gospel she says that she needs a savior), perpetually a virgin (even though Jesus had siblings) equal with Jesus, co-Redemptrix, and Mediatrix.

Lie.

In communion the bread becomes (by faith now, though before they believed it was literal until science debunked it) the LITERAL body of Christ and the wine becomes His LITERAL blood, prayed to and then consumed (cannibalism and vampirism), even though the apostles specifically condemned the consumption of blood (For the record I don't think that Roman Catholics are actually cannibals or vampires, but apparently they think that they are).

Lie.

The blood of Christ does not cover all of your sins but instead you have to pay in purgatory for your own.

Lie.

Prayers to the dead (the sin of necromancy) and bowing down in front of statues (the sin of idolatry) are acceptable acts of worship.

Lie.

The forbidding of marriage for the priesthood and the nuns, even though Paul referred to such practices as the doctrine of demons.

Lie.

Isaiah 2:6

For You have abandoned Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are FILLED WITH INFLUENCES FROM THE EAST, And they are soothsayers like the Philistines, And they strike bargains with the children of foreigners.

Influences from the east? The RCC has that one in spades.

I could go on and on...

These are not simply "minor doctrinal differences". The Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormon's probably have more in common with our beliefs than the RCC, but we're quite quick to distinguish them both as a cults (and rightly so), yet accept that born again believers can take part in Roman Catholic worship and fellowship. We have a pretty vicious double standard.

ard I'd say.

And like I said above, the Catholics do not have the exclusive rights to the title of Babylon. They have Methodists, Anglicans, Lutherans, and many other largely apostate groups clamoring for rights to that title these days. I'm not saying this is true of every member of every one of those groups, but soon there will be a line drawn in the sand, as we're seeing more of these denominations fall into apostasy with ordinations of homosexuals, ecumenism, denial of basic Christian doctrines, etc. etc. They're becoming quite willing to share in her immoralities, which is why the Lord calls them out, lest he throw them onto a bed of sickness, though He has given time for repentance.

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That bears no essence on the issue at hand, again, truth is not defined by how people act (no matter what title they give themselves), but simply upon what the Bible defines as truth. If these children had the truth, they would share it with the Catholic children, out of concern for them, not avoid them like the plague.

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I'm glad that you've brought this point up. In the account we have in John 4 of Jesus with the Samaritan woman He deals with this exact issue. The Samaritan woman wanted the living water, but before He would give it, He addressed her sin. Then to divert the issue, she tries to play the same game that's being played these days saying, "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

The Samaritan's of antiquity and of modern times, treated the Torah in a similar fashion to the way the RCC handles the New Testament. They disregard it's specific commands on how the Lord was/is to be worshiped, and instead substitute it for their own invention. Same God (so they claim), but just a little bit different way of doing it.

How does Jesus respond to this though? Does John say that He commended her for giving it her all, and talk about the limitations of her experience, knowledge about Jewish history, and expectations of what God can do in the world?

Nope.

"You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for SALVATION IS FROM THE JEWS. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit AND truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him MUST worship in spirit AND truth."

Sorry Mormons. Sorry Jehovah's witnesses. Sorry Roman Catholics. Your forms of worship didn't make the cut, even though you use the same names when talking about God and Jesus.

To say something to the contrary or to claim that God is somehow pleased with worship mixed with pagan idolatry and lies is simply to argue with the Words of Christ. Nothing less.

This is not "fear driven anti-Catholic rhetoric" that puts them on the other side of the fence, and keeps us away from the truth. This is the truth. The truth that sets free. If we didn't love Catholic people we wouldn't tell them the truth. We would just say, "Go ahead and continue in your abominations, we both serve Jesus, right?"

One cannot be a true doctor and not hate sickness and disease. One cannot be a true officer of the law and not hate lawlessness. One cannot be a follower of Christ and not hate the things that separate others from Him (like false religions).

My closest friend in Japan is a former Catholic. He'll be the first to tell you that the reason he converted is because someone loved him enough to tell him that he was following a lie. And he struggled through it. He rejected it at first, but the Tr

uth set him free, and he came out from amongst Babylon because God calls His own out from her. The former Roman Catholics I know would be offended at the idea that one would stay within such idolatry, and they'd be the first to say so.

This is truth. Speaking the truth does not make one popular. Jesus said He came and was born into the world to testify to the truth. So they crucified Him for it. If one loves the Truth and proclaims it like He did, then they shouldn't expect anything less. He told us to expect it.

So all in all, I'm sorry to put it bluntly, but in all humility I have not read anything into the text that wasn't there. You've done the opposite though, and taken something away from Christ's words that were.

-Grant

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/8/25 16:10

hi, Jesus said "i have not come to condemn the world ,but to save it."sinners need a saviour.it does not matter what tags are placed upon them... catholic, mormon etc.the Holy Spirits job is to convict and lead them . we are to tell them the truth in wisdom ... there is only one mediator between God and man,Jesus and show them in the scriptures in wisdom... the light dispels darkness.we need not major on all the darkness but present the truth in love and kindness.i have seen this work hundreds of times with roman catholics in my life. my own mother disowned me when i left the church and my wife left me when i entered the ministry.20 years later my mom was praying with me the sinners prayer. i ministered with the catholic charismatics in its beginning and also with a priest/evangelist who had invitations to allow the people a saving knowledge of Jesus.jimp

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/25 22:09

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2 Corinthians 6:14-17

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Ephesians 5:6-11

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. THEREFORE DO NOT BE PARTAKERS WITH THEM; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and TRUTH), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, BUT INSTEAD EVEN EXPOSE THEM,

If we refuse to come out, we must remain in the sin, and judgment of it., on: 2012/8/26 22:14

"I hope by that you mean that you ministered TO these Catholics and not in cooperation WITH them."EverestoSama

Sadly, this is a prevailing attitude in many Charismatic circles. It is the cliff top of Ecumenicalism; the plateau where you begin to launch your slide into the "One God of all religion who loves all."

At the bottom, there is neither sin, nor holy conviction of it. There exists only a loving God that promotes happiness and permissiveness as a lifestyle, forged into whatever religious practice you deem best for you, AND FELLOWSHIP THERE

E IN BECOMES DEFILING, AS HOLY DOCTRINES ARE TRAMPLED UPON IN PRACTICE!

Mary Worship and Papal worship are "ok", and at times various genuflections toward the favorite saint of the day around your neck, or the statues surrounding the Roman temple Catholica; "It is just my way of worshipping in my faith!" The Word advises us differently.

"COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE!"

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

" And I heard another voice from heaven, saying,

Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

" For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

That is lovingly advising them that they MUST repent, and turn to Jesus alone as they turn their back on idolatry, to rest and remain in God. There will be no salvation or any other way in this situation.

Re: If we refuse to come out, we must remain in the sin, and judgment of it. - posted by jimp, on: 2012/8/26 22:46

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Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/26 22:54

by jimp on 2012/8/26 16:46:38

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Jim

I am not saying a Catholic can not be saved. I am praying for my own mother to repent of her faith in the Roman Catholic church and seek JESUS. I believe that Catholics can repent and be saved but I don't see how a person who was a Catholic (as I was) who embraced all the pagan false traditions can go on in that idolatry after coming to know JESUS as LORD and Savior. Someone who is truly living for JESUS is not going to keep praying to Mary, dead saints, following the Pope or placing their hope and faith in Mary. Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Light.

God bless
maryjane

Edit: I wanted to just add I don't think attacking the RCC is the way to reach out to those lost in that religion. I do believe we must speak in love and let the LORD lead us in sharing with those in the Catholic church or the lost in general.

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Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/26 23:01

Quote:

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If they got saved into the saving grace of Jesus Christ through faith in Him OUT OF the Catholic church than this is incredible. If they were led into or to continue in the Catholic Church, then this would not be a revival. This would be an abomination.

Jim, respectfully, unless you can show me WITH SCRIPTURE why it's acceptable for any born again believer to participate in idolatry, and to encourage others to do the same, I frankly could care less about your personal experiences whether I was there or not. We will not be judged by the truth we created out of the understanding of our own experiences. We will be judged by the standard of His Word. If you cannot show me from the Word why it's acceptable to remain in the Roman Catholic church, then I must conclude that you have no real argument or say in the matter.

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You're 100% correct. Don't let anyone ever try to convince you otherwise. Every ex-Catholic I know will tell you that they're so glad someone had the love to tell them to come out of the false religion of Roman Catholicism, and showed them the truth. It's only those who hate Catholics that think you don't have to tell them that they're involved in idolatry, doctrines of demons, blasphemy, etc. etc. by remaining in the Catholic church. They think that as long as they use the name "Jesus" for their god it's all OK, isn't it?

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/8/26 23:32

hi, let me be clear... i am not trying to impress you or anyone else. i serve Jesus and not any man or group.read romans 8 a few times. unless the Holy Spirit builds the house then the house is built in vain.if you preach the truth in love, you can have revival in your life. i am to share the good news of Jesus, not the condemnation(krino) of man. krino not lest you be krinoed.did i tell you about the horrible day when we brought a whole convent of nuns to our church to be baptized.paul at mars hill used the unknown god of the greeks to preach Jesus. this is what is called wisdom.if your mother is rc sit down with her and recite the apostles creed with her and remember catholic means universal. lead her to Jesus for He is the saviour. you dont have to tell her about a piece of bread being her God and if she eats of it she is eating her god.jimp

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/26 23:38

On Mars Hill Paul also told the Greeks that their gods were false, and commanded that everyone repent. And yes, this is what is called wisdom.

What he DID NOT say though was,

"Well, looks like you guys probably serve the real God as well as the false ones. You maybe serve Him in a way that's a little different than my own, but as long as He's at least among the ranks of those you serve that's good enough for me. You say you have spiritual gifts too (and the Greeks had plenty of counterfeits of their own)? That's fantastic! Let's join hands and try and convert the Romans!"

And I can see that you really don't have any Scriptural evidence to show that it's OK for a Christian to continually participate in idolatry. You won't find any either.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/8/26 23:56

hi, did you hear anyone say those things that you wrote? the Holy Spirit does lead us and guide us to all truth. if you can talk a Malaysian into something than someone else can do the same. tell me about your experience of seeing many truly converted. the apostles came to Jesus and told Him that they saw others preaching the gospel of the kingdom and proudly said so we forbade them. Jesus said forbid them not for whosoever that is not against us is with us. jimp

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/27 0:14

You're not staying on topic, but skirting the issue to go down rabbit trails. I'm not talking about preaching the Gospel. I'm talking about whether or not a born again believer can remain in idolatry. Simple as that.

So, can they?

I just want this question answered with Scripture. Not with personal stories, experiences, challenges, comparisons, or ad hominem. It's quite straightforward. Just show me the answer from the Scriptures to this question;

CAN A BELIEVER CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN IDOLATRY AFTER THEY ARE BORN AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/27 7:48

Quote:
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You go shopping sometimes do you not?

Diane

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/27 8:09

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I have prayed about this and I am going to withdraw from this thread. It is clear that some believe that there is no issue with being Catholic and following the traditions and teachings of men in that religious system. I came into this thread because on some level I think I was hoping someone could show me in scripture that it wouldn't really matter if my mom prays to Mary, or divides her heart between JESUS and Mary but honestly that was all self on my part. I love my mom and the thought of her dying and spending eternity in hell separated from GOD breaks my heart but I am not going to ignore the Biblical truth of the situation either. Too much is at stake her salvation her eternity is at stake. I am going to pray and keep sharing with her as GOD gives me words and leading to do so. I am going to do my best to point her to JESUS and no other. I will do this in love with CHRIST leading but I'm not going to pray with her to Mary, or the dead saints. I am not going to support her notions that if she is good enough she will earn GODS favor. I am not going to follow the Catholic rituals with her and pretend that is loving her. I love my mother too much to lie to her or to just pretend everything is ok. I did that with my dad, I just can't do that again...

God bless
maryjane

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Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/8/27 8:22

hi, it was and is amazing how when rcs get excited about Jesus and what He did for them on a personal way how the saint and mary thing faded. jimp

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/27 11:51

Quote:

-----You go shopping sometimes do you not?

Sure do. Don't sweat much about either.

1 Corinthians 10:25-27

Eat anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake; FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS. If one of the unbelievers invites you and you want to go, eat anything that is set before you without asking questions for conscience' sake.

But what I'm talking about is addressed earlier in the chapter;

Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY."

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

Since I've answered "yes" to your bait-and-switch question, could you answer mine with Scripture?

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/27 11:53

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I pray that God blesses you and your testimony to your mother for your love of His truth.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/28 9:20

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Since I've answered "yes" to your bait-and-switch question, could you answer mine with Scripture?

Sure! Firstly, I trust that you are not reading into what I write any suggestion that it is quite acceptable to worship idols and God at the same time. I have not said that. But idolatry is a heart issue, and is not equated with our surroundings. Eating with pagans does not make you a pagan idolater. Avoiding them does not mean you are free from idolatry in your heart. I know you believe that to be true, and also that Jesus called us to be in the world, but not of it. Speaking of the world, I'd like to return to the Babylon imagery. Here are a few "clips" from Rev. 19

Woe! Woe to you, great city,
where all who had ships on the sea
became rich through her wealth! Å.....

The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from herÅ.....
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!

You see no reference to any religious icons in Rev. 19. Babylon is a world system Å– rooted in materialism. DoesnÅ’t t
his sound like the same world you and I live in and breath in every day. We live according to this system in many ways.
We go shopping. We exchange money. We collect material possessions. Since you and I are among the few privileged
who have a computer Å– we are likely smack in the middle of Å“BabylonÅ”. How shall we leave Babylon? Go to a poor
country? Of course not. We leave Å“BabylonÅ” by entering the Å“Promised LandÅ” Å– that is, the Kingdom of God thro
ugh ChristÅ’s redemption.

Let me tell you a personal story: When I returned from the mission field I was shocked over the materialism that had cre
pt into the lives of GodÅ’s people. Å.... Or was it that I had become accustomed to the way of poverty? You see, when i
t comes to judging Å– we must be careful. That applies not only to the materialistic habits of the world, but also for the r
eligious habits of people. For example: Being a musician, I get extremely troubled by the way music is used in an idolatr
ous way in our churches (in my opinion). But the worshipers see it as a way to get closer to God. I see this music as the
protestant version of the Catholic rosary Å– in my opinionÅ...

And we wonÅ’t talk about the possibility of self-righteous pride on my part. :-/.

HereÅ’s the question: Because you and I acquire our possessions and even have jobs in this system Scripture calls Å“B
abylonÅ”, does that make us idolaters? Well, only God knows. And His testings can reveal our heart. Oh, of yes, we ha
ve consciously put our trust in Jesus Christ. But how deeply that trust is compromised by other trusts Å– wellÅ..... only
God knows. We can fool ourselves. So before we condemn an entire people group according to the system they walk in
, it is best to let God work on the speck in our own eye. Then our vision is clearer.

WellÅ.... enough of my rambling.
Thank you for bearing patiently with me.

Diane

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/28 9:28

For futher discussion: Indisputably the Roman Catholic Church arose out the system of "Babylon" on the back of Consta
ntinian Christianity. It was an attempt to revive the Roman Empire. Since then what Empires have risen up out of the sys
tem of "Babylon" (other "Babel Cities") And how has the kingdom of God functioned within these powers?

Diane

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/8/28 11:21

Thank you for your response Diane, but I see it to be rather apples and oranges. The verses about the scarlet woman and her cup have clearly been outlined earlier in this thread. We are not talking about those who live in a corrupt system. We are talking about those who WILLINGLY continue to share in a cup of demons. The Scriptures are completely clear on this issue.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/8/28 12:13

EverstoSama

I wanted to thank you for your encouragement where my mom is concerned.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/28 13:04

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Yes but unfortunately Biblical clarity is not necessarily the same as "clarity" in people's minds. It's quite amazing what this "cup of demons" has contained. There was a time when the major third interval was "clearly" straight from the devil. So where violins because they were used in 'worldly' places. Thus they were forbidden in church. Same with icons. And on it goes.

Don't you think we have a tendency to judge others according to OUR criteria for evil. Certainly that's been the basis of a lot of divisiveness in the church – for centuries.

Now consider our world system of commerce? Is that not from the cup of demons according to Rev. 19? Maybe our life style is less godly than we assume. You see there is always the propensity to judge someone else's habits while justifying our own - quite WILLINGLY (to use your word). But in doing so, we may be less aware of how we are violating other commands.

On the matter of volition: There are indeed many who have willingly left the institutional church because of its corruptness. But no one can leave their own heart – wherein corruptness dwells.

I have learned that people's religious behaviors – using worship music or rosary – is not necessarily the distinguishing mark of authenticity. The difference is Christ's presence within through regeneration. And that is an individual matter – which you can only discern through relationship with that person, and you can sense the unity in the Spirit. When it's there, it is truly awesome! Where the Spirit rules, you have no bitterness, no resentment, no dead prayers, no guilt-induced ritualism... You have joy, peace, and love... and LIFE. LIVING people can be found – yes, even in dead, demonic religious/political/economic systems! Amazing!

Diane

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/8/28 13:06

Mary Jane, I am blessed by your tender heart towards your mom. You continue to love her, and bear the pain of her spiritual neediness. May God touch her with his love through you - that she may find vibrant LIFE in Him... and in her conscience be freed from the lifeless forms of religious devotion.

Diane

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/8/28 19:21

hi, there is no question that roman catholic theology is ungodly.coredemtrix of mary,infalibility,(some on here think they are infalible by the way they write)transsubstanciation,etc.the ultimate separation of the priesthood and laity. the people are duped and believe beyond a shadow of doubt that they are correct in every way of worship and doctrine. most of the priests are duped and think that they are the only ones with the truth.they all need Jesus. my mother denounced me when i left the rc church and was baptized at the 1st baptist church in new orleans. i lost my wife and four children when i surrendered to the ministry.they are blinded by tradition and religion and can be just as pharisaic as a fundamentalist. just as harsh and just as wrong. these people need mercy that only God gives.jimp

Mercy without repentance is useless., on: 2012/9/5 11:43

"these people need mercy that only God gives."..jimp

It is true, and I try and approach them in that way, but it seems the hardest part is "TO COME OUT FROM HER!"..and I imagine it is because of the incredible maze of Dogma they ingest everyday as the only truth.

After being saved, without coming out all the way, you revert back to the lies; like a little bit of poison won't kill you. I have asked Roman Catholics that I was praying for to directly renounce demonic worship practices, like some of them you have described below, and have seen dark forces rise up in them, with all kinds of manifestations.

They struggle with a spiritual indoctrination that has directly fed them with authentic "doctrines of demons", and valid manifestations of those one and same demons. They are often very hard to break without being baptised in the holy Spirit. Mercy! is right.