

Roman Catholicism and Bible Prophecy



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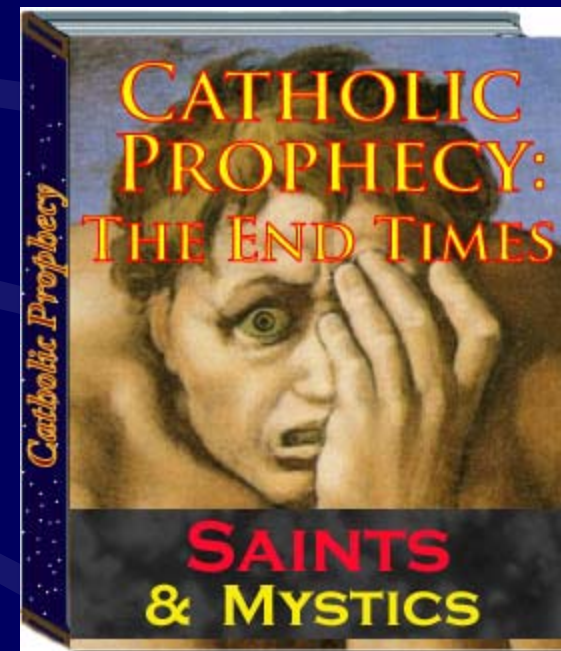
Many Will Deceive Many

"Take heed that no one deceives you.
For **many** will come in My name,
saying, "I am the Christ," and will
deceive **many**... **many** will fall away
...**many** false prophets will rise up,
and will deceive **many**.

Matthew 24:4-11

Roman Catholic Prophecies

- A Great Catholic Monarch will rule the entire world.
- The Holy Pope will convert the world to Catholicism and it will become the only religion.
- Together they will usher in a period of enlightenment, peace and prosperity.



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Roman Catholic Eschatology

- Amillennial, - rejects the literal thousand year reign of the Messiah on earth.
- No Rapture (conflict with Purgatory)
- Jesus Christ will return after the world has become Roman Catholic. Only then will they enter into eternity.
- This explains why the goal of Roman Catholicism is to unite the world under the authority of the papacy.

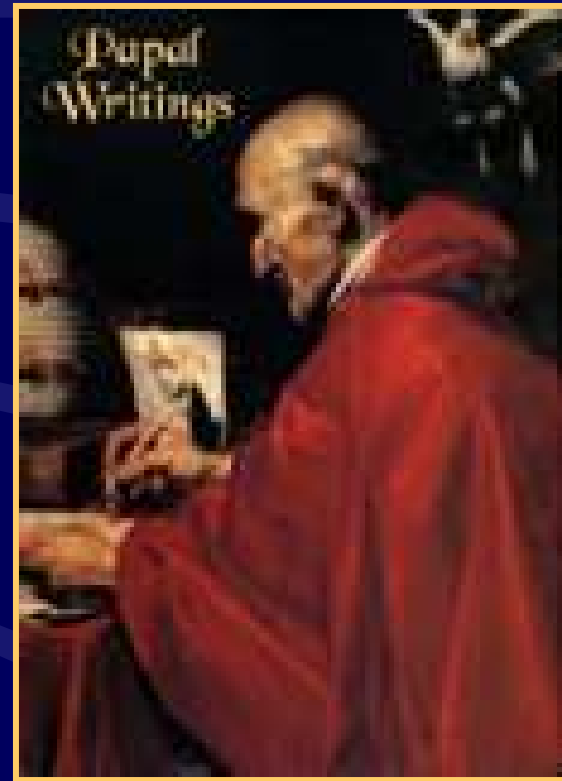


The Historic Goal of The Papacy

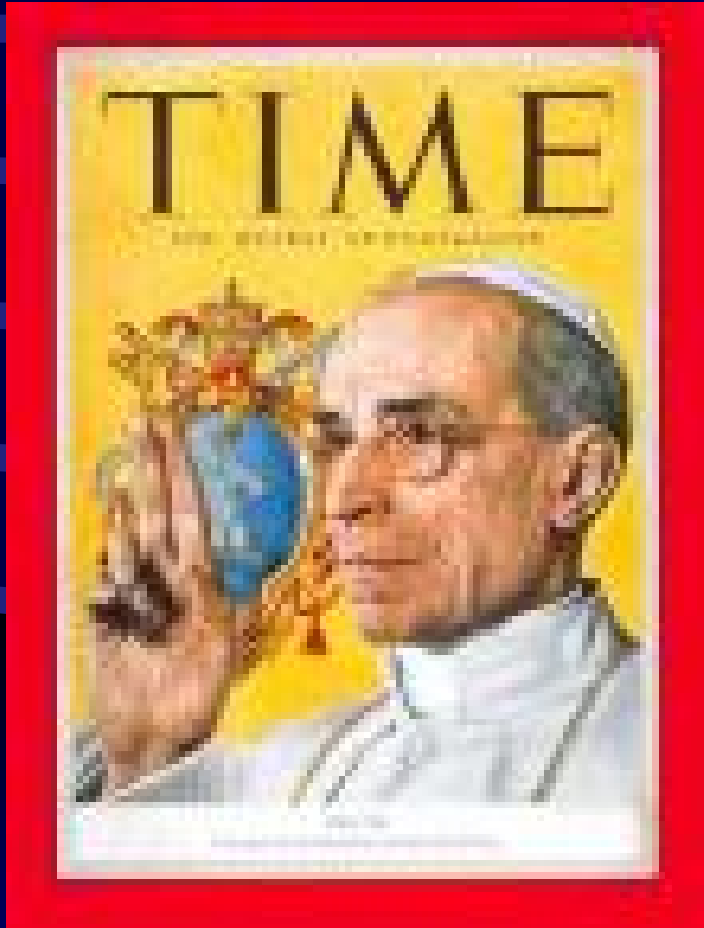
“It is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff.”

Pope Boniface VIII

(Unam Sanctam, 1302)



Unity Under the Papacy



“We must not pass over the truth of Catholic teaching...that the only true union is by the return of separated Christians to the one true church of Christ. Otherwise none can be assured of eternal salvation”

Pope Pius XII, 6/29/43

Pope John Paul's Intentions

- Was "to promote every suitable initiative... to increase the *unity of all Christians* until they reach full communion [and] to cultivate an authentic spiritual ecumenism" *through the Virgin Mary.*
Et Unum Sint, 1995
- "In the new Europe the Christian faith might be the cement which unifies."



Unity in Worship

"All who dwell on the earth will worship him [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written... in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain."

The false prophet "causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship" the false Christ

Revelation 13:8,12

How Will This Happen?

The one-world religion will be formed by a union of non-Christian religions with all professing Christians who have never been born-again.



The Worship of Antichrist

Abomination of
Desolation

2nd
Coming

Rapture

Apostasy
of
the Church

One World
Religious System

*Antichrist
Persecutes
the Saints*

(Church)

← 7 Year Tribulation Period →

Sanctified
by Truth



**True
Church**

**Professing
Church**

World Religions



United by Tolerance and Satanic Influences

World Peace Summit - 2000

The United Nations brought together, for the first time, thousands of the world's religious and spiritual leaders, a major step towards the creation of a global religious body.

World Council of Churches

Formed in 1948 - now has 342 denominations moving “towards the manifestation of the One Holy Church.”



Pope & Rev. Samuel Kobia
6/2005

When Will This Be Fulfilled?

...that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

2 Thes. 2:3-4

'Showing Himself that He is God'

Unholy Trinity

- **Satan** - seeks worship as God by using lying signs and wonders.
- **AntiChrist** – the “beast” will rule as King powered by Satan
- **False Prophet** - glorifies antiChrist by causing the earth to worship him

Holy Trinity

- **The Father** - seeks worshippers in Spirit and Truth
- **The Son** – Jesus Christ rules as the King of Kings
- **The Holy Spirit** – glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ

The Papacy Opposes and Exalts Itself Above God

- Steals titles from the Triune God - Holy Father, Head of the Church, Vicar of Christ
- Robs Christ of His power over souls
- Usurps God's infallibility
- Condemns all who believe God's Gospel
- Receives Worship due only to God



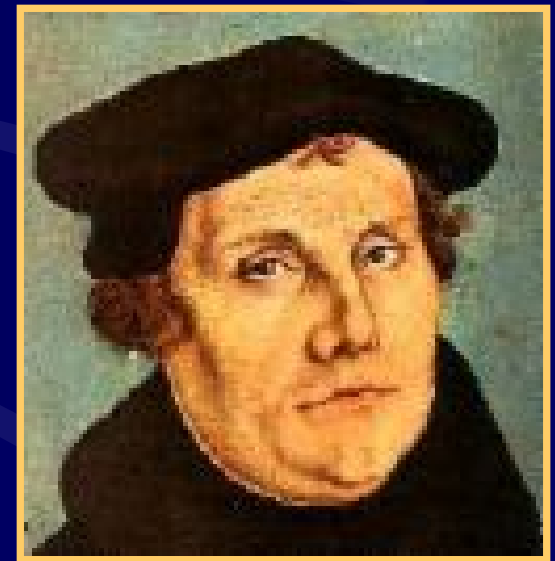
How Quickly We Forget

- Five hundred years ago, Protestant leaders were calling the papacy “antichrist” and were being tortured and killed for refusing to bow their knee to the pope or the Eucharist.
- Today, Protestant leaders are calling for unity with Roman Catholicism as they embrace the pope as the “Holy Father”.



The Reformers and The Papacy

“...the Pope is the very Antichrist, who has exalted himself above, and opposed himself against Christ because he will not permit Christians to be saved without his power...To lie, to kill, and to destroy body and soul eternally, that is where his papal government really consists “ Article IV, The Smalcald Articles



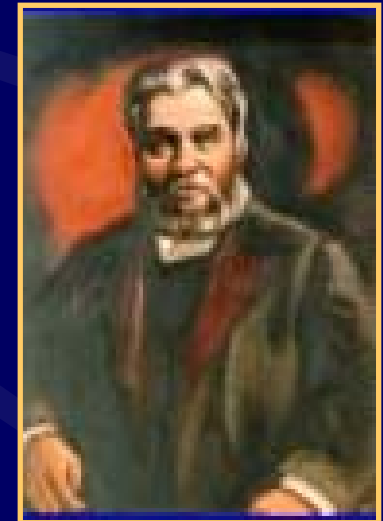
Martin Luther

Spurgeon and the Papacy

“Christ did not redeem his church with his blood that the pope might come in and steal away the glory. He never came from heaven... [to] purchase his people, that a poor sinner, a mere man, should be set upon high to be admired by all the nations.”

“Popery is as much the masterpiece of Satan as the gospel is the masterpiece of God.

(MTP Vol. 60 p. 592 & Vol. 20, p. 74-84)



Who Is The False Prophet?

- Religious leader who resembles a lamb but speaks as a dragon
- Has power to make the earth's inhabitants worship anti-Christ
- Deceives the earth's population by performing miraculous signs, even causing fire to come from heaven
- Kills all who refuse to worship the image (Rev.13:12-16)



Those Who Refuse to Worship the Image Are Put to Death

The principle reason the Pope ordered the Reformers to be burned to death was because they denied “the very body and blood of Jesus Christ” was literally and locally present in the Eucharist.

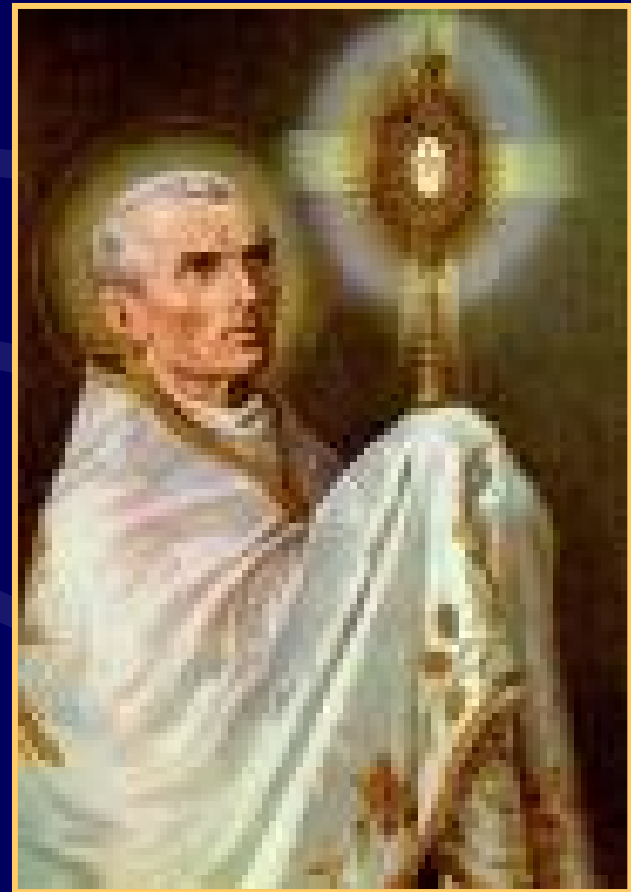
Bishop J.C. Ryle



Non-Negotiable Sign of Unity

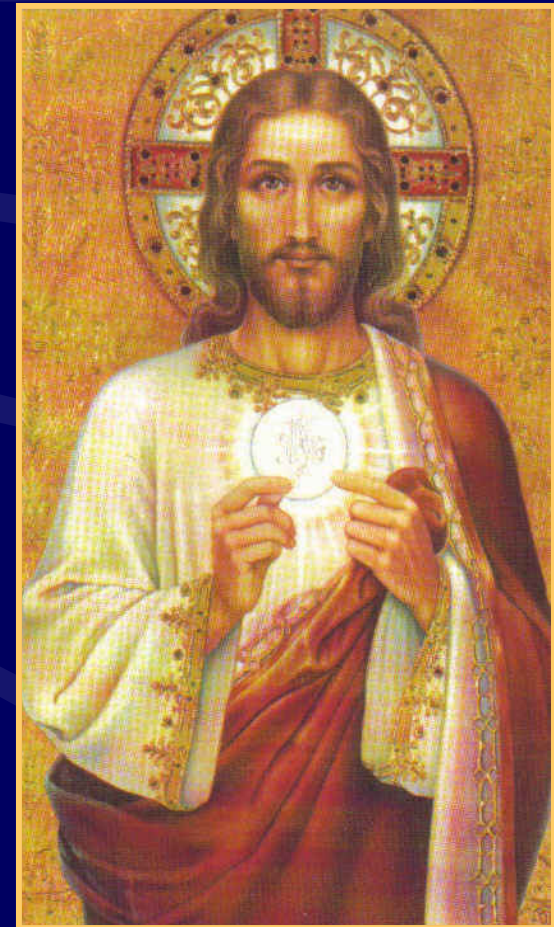
“All Christians will be gathered in a common celebration in the Eucharist, into the unity of the one and only Church. This unity subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose.”

Vatican Council II - 1965



Pope's Non-negotiable

“The road of ecumenism ultimately points towards a common celebration of the Eucharist which would only strengthen our resolve to love and serve one another in imitation of our Lord.” (CNA, 7/18/08)



The Eucharist



Benedict XVI, 3/9/08

“The transformation of the world is in the fragile, white, consecrated host - the real presence of Jesus. The only true medicine of immortality and the certainty of being loved by God is the Eucharist.”

The Eucharist is God



Benedict XVI
CNA, 5/25/08

“Fix our gaze on the holy Host: and thus on God. This is the beauty of true Christianity: The Creator and Lord of all things was made a grain of wheat in order to be sown on our earth. He was made bread to be broken, shared, eaten; he was made our food to give us his own divine life.”

Lying Signs and False Wonders

"Then if anyone says to you,
'Look, **here is the Christ!**' or
'**There!**' do not believe it.

For false christs and false
prophets will rise and **show great
signs and wonders to deceive**, if
possible, even the elect."

Matthew 24:23-24

The Wonder of Transubstantiation

“When the priest announces the words of consecration, he reaches up into the heavens, brings Christ down from His throne, and places Him upon our altar to be offered up again as the Victim for the sins of man. It is a power greater than that of saints and angels. The priest speaks and lo! Christ, the eternal and omnipotent God, bows his head in humble obedience to the priest's command.”

- Priest John O'Brien, *The Faith of Millions*



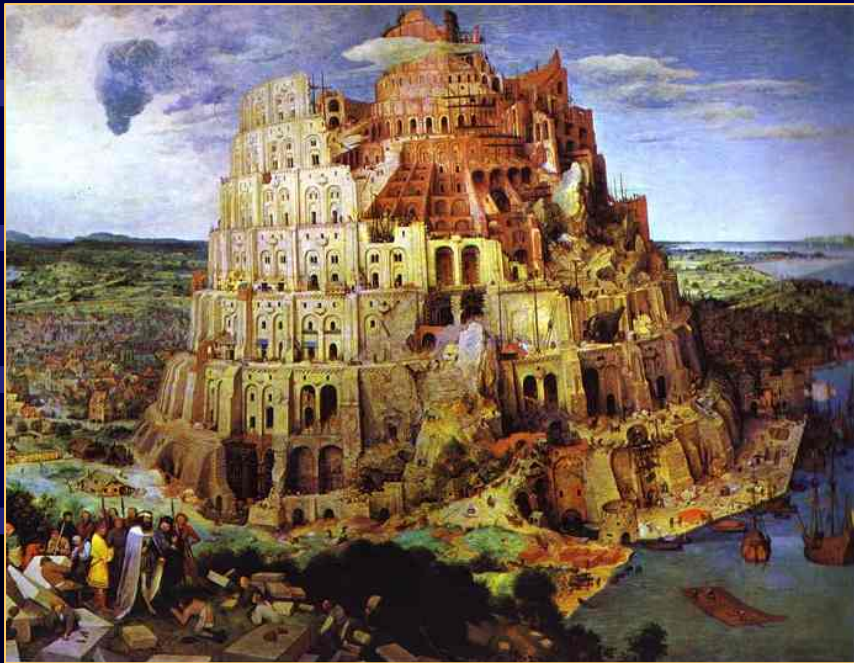
Religion and Government Together



“the great harlot...with whom the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality”

(Rev. 17:1-2)

Rebuilding the Tower of Babel



**The European Parliament “Euro-Babel”
Strasbourg, France**

Woman Riding a Beast



The European Union frequently uses an image of the mythical goddess Europa, a woman riding a bull as its universal logo.

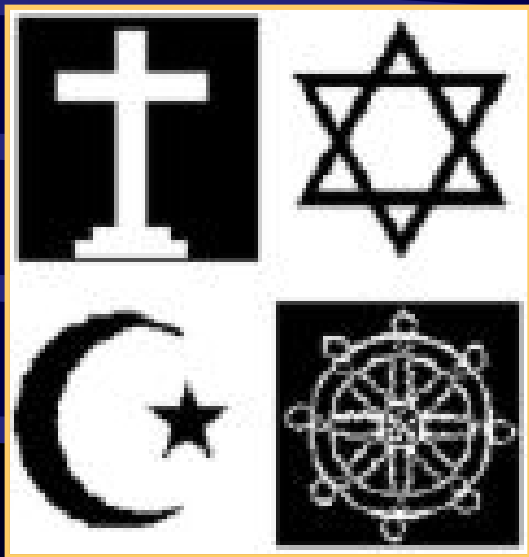
Woman Riding a Beast



Prominently displayed on European phone cards and currency and pictured with its flag



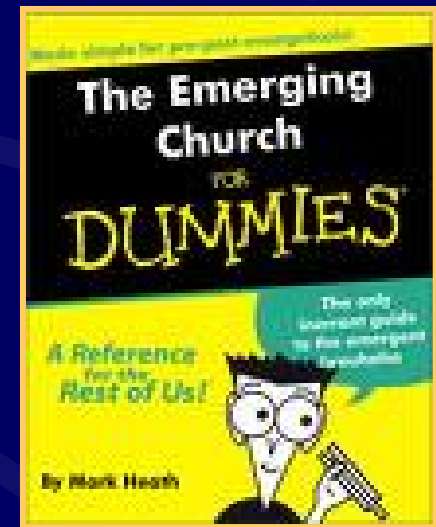
Two Kinds of Unity



- **Biblical unity** is a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit, not man, that demonstrates a common faith in the Gospel. (1 Cor. 12:13; John 1:12-13)
- **False unity** is a work of man's prideful ambitions and is accomplished by the compromise of doctrines and the tolerance of other faiths. (Genesis 11:1-9)

Catalysts for False Unity

- Emerging Church is denying the clarity and authority of God's Word.
- The Bible is being replaced by multi-sensory worship, incense, mysticism and icons.
- Biblical ignorance and lack of discernment is producing fertile ground for deception.
- Truth is being suppressed and the Gospel is being compromised to avoid being divisive.
- Biblical commands to expose false teachers are being ignored.



Common Bonds for Unity

God's Church

- Receives divine revelation from Scripture alone (2 Peter 1:20)
- Is called by God their Father, saved by Jesus Christ and sealed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit (Col. 1:9; Eph. 2:8; 1 Cor. 1:3)
- Saved by God's grace to do good works (Eph. 2:8-10)

Satan's Religion

- Receives "divine" revelation from demons (1 Tim. 4:1-4)
- Is blinded by the devil, their father, deceived by a false Christ and bonded by another spirit (2 Cor. 4:4; John 8:44; Rev. 9:20)
- "Saved" by works, but by their works they deny knowing God (Titus 1:16)

Common Bonds for Unity

God's Church

- Is uncompromising, believing there is only one way to God (John 14:6)
- Is baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Abides in God's word to build His Church (John 8:31-32)
- Is alive in Christ (Rom. 6:11)

Satan's Religion

- Is tolerant, believing there are many ways to God (Prov. 14:12)
- Is ensnared by another Spirit to do his will (2 Tim. 2:25)
- Abides in Satan's world to build his religion (1 John 2:16)
- Is dead in sin (Eph. 2:4)

Common Bonds for Unity

God's Church

- Contends for the apostles' faith (Jude 3)
- Is the Bride of Christ, united in love for the Savior (Rev. 19:7; John 13:35)
- Will worship and serve the true Christ when He appears in glory (Titus 2:13-15)
- Will rejoice in God's presence eternally (Rev. 21:4)

Satan's Religion

- Seeks common faith among all religions
- Is the harlot of anti-Christ, united in hatred for the saints (Rev. 17:6)
- Will worship and serve a false Christ when he appears in deceit (Rev. 13:12)
- Will weep in an eternal fire of torment (Mat. 13:42)

What Will Be the Role of the Roman Catholic Church?

- Well defined strategy to unite the world under the power and influence of the pope.
- Vatican boasts of being headquarters of God's Kingdom
- Great wealth, power and worldly influence



Unity Will Be on Vatican Terms

- In July 2007, Pope Benedict XVI reasserted the universal primacy of the Catholic Church saying Orthodox churches are defective and other Christian denominations are not true churches.
- “Christ ‘established’ only one church.” Others “cannot be called ‘churches’ because they don’t have apostolic succession the ability to trace their bishops back to the original apostles.”



A Reversal of the Reformation Is Part of Vatican's Strategy

Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT)

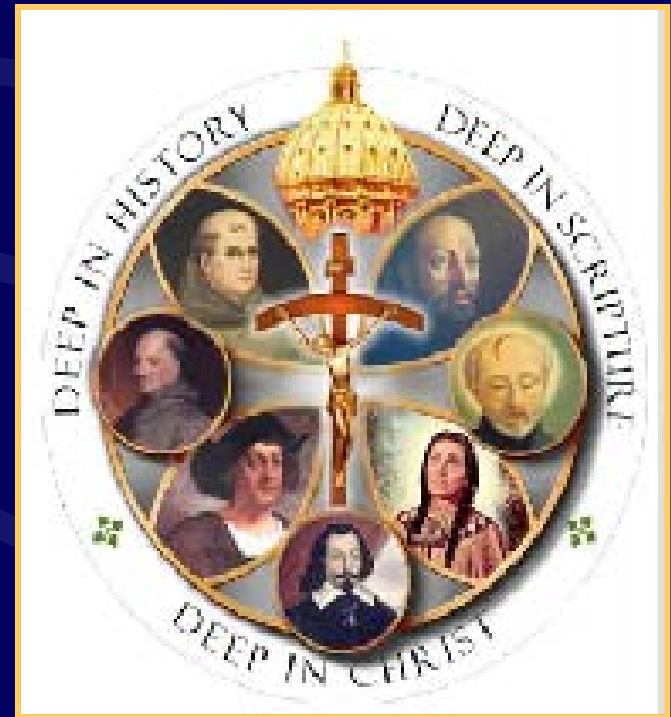
Accords in 1994, 1997, 2002, 2005

- "All who truly believe in Jesus Christ are brothers and sisters in the Lord and **must not allow their differences, however important to undermine this great truth.**"
- Baptismal regeneration, the Eucharist, sacramental grace, justification by works, purgatory, indulgences, role of Mary and the saints in salvation, and salvation for those not evangelized.



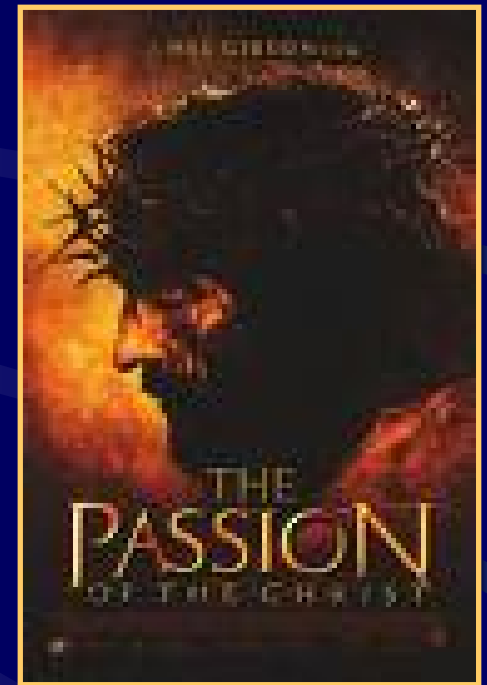
The Vatican's Push to Bring All Christians Under the Pope

- Catholics and Lutherans Joint Declaration on Justification - 1999
- Catholics and Evangelicals in Conversation Wheaton College - 2002
- Films, books, seminars and TV Programs

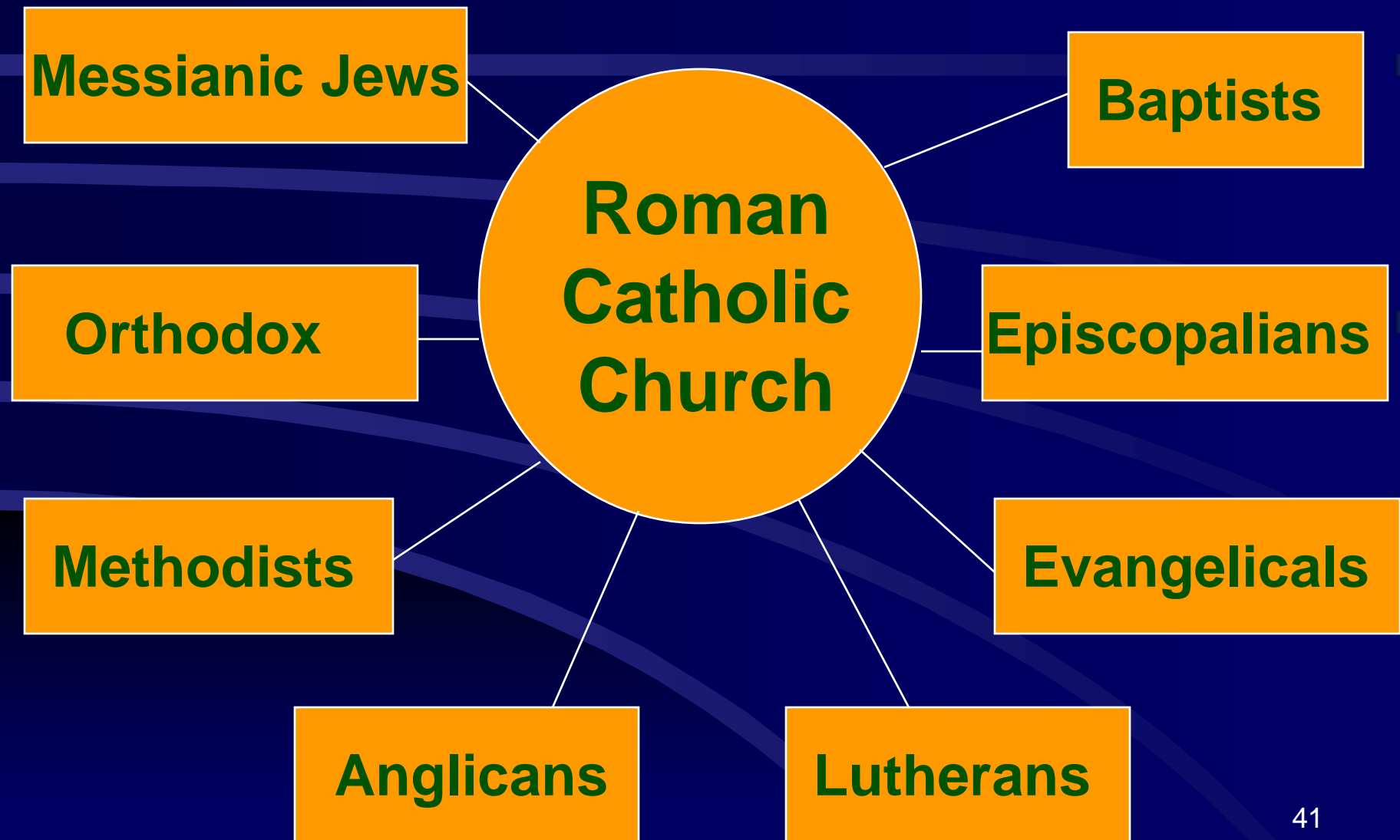


The Passion of the Christ

- Mel Gibson produced his controversial film as an evangelistic tool for the RCC. In an interview on EWTN, he stated his intention for making the film.
- “The goal of the movie was to shake modern audiences by brashly juxtaposing the sacrifice of the cross with the sacrifice of the altar, **which is the same thing.**”

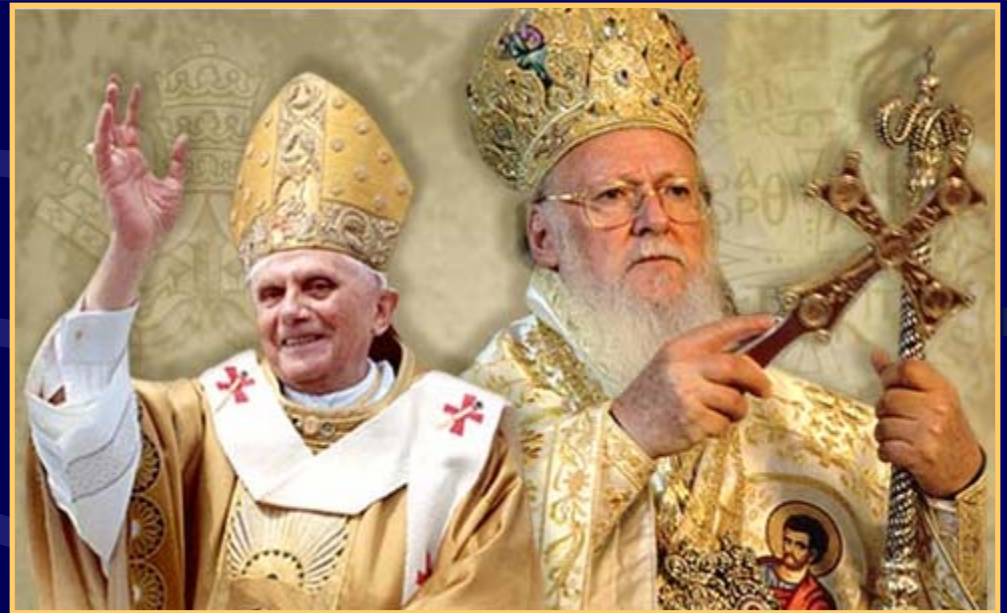


Ecumenical Bridges



Catholics and Orthodox

The two leaders will work towards restoring full communion between their two Churches. It is urgently necessary to "find a new language to proclaim the faith that unites us."
(11/2006)



Pope Benedict XVI and
Bartholomew I, the spiritual
leader of the Orthodox Church

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The Misuse of Scripture

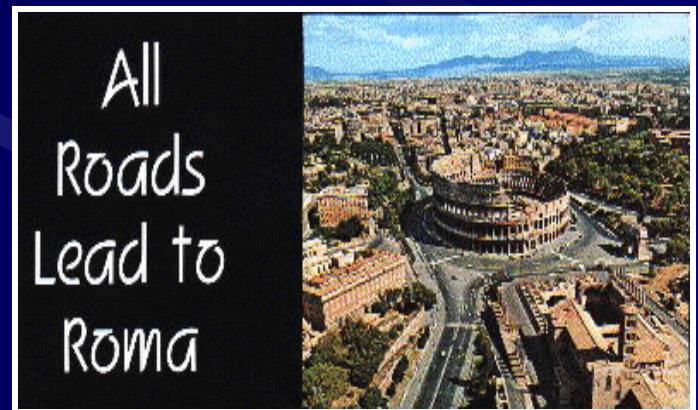


Jesus prayed “I come to You Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, **that they may be one** as We are... Sanctify them by Your truth Your word is truth.” (*John 17:11,17*)

Ut Unum Sint – “That They May Be One” - 1995²⁴

Rome's Strategy for Christian Unity

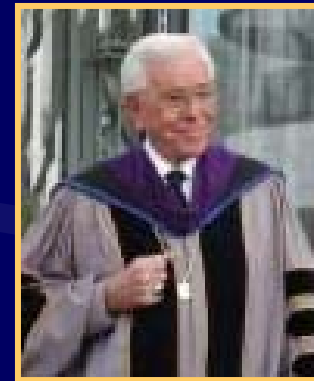
- Redefine evangelical terms to make them ambiguous, vague and acceptable to all.
- Beguile and confuse protestants with Catholic mystics and contemplative spirituality.
- Urge “separated brethren” to come home to “Holy Mother, the Church” for the *fullness* of salvation.
- Seduce highly visible evangelicals to promote Catholicism as a valid expression of Christianity.



How effective is their strategy?

Consider these quotes...

"It's time for Protestants to go to the shepherd [the Pope] and say, 'What do we have to do to come home?'" *Robert Schuller*



"I really do feel that these people [Catholics] are brothers and sisters in God's family. I am looking to build bridges with the Catholic Church."

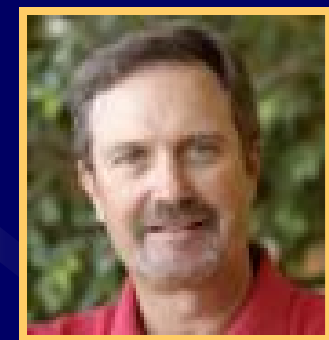
Rick Warren



- "We [evangelicals and Catholics] have differences, but on the ancient creeds and the core beliefs of Christianity we stand together." - *Chuck Colson*

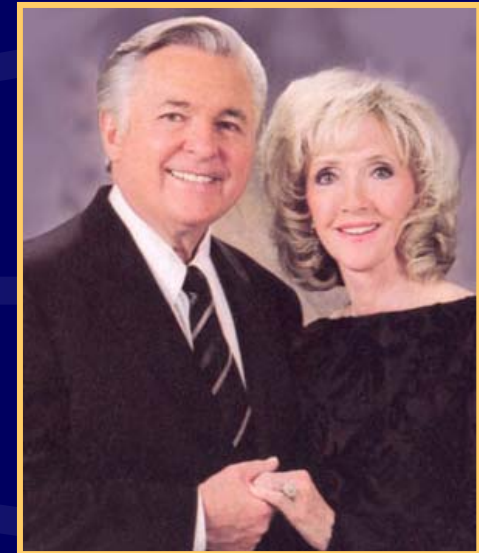


- "The rift that occurred between Catholics and Protestants 500 years ago is 'theological pettiness'. We'll have plenty of time in Heaven to figure out who was right about Purgatory and Mary. John Paul was a Man of God...whom all Christians should admire, thank and emulate."

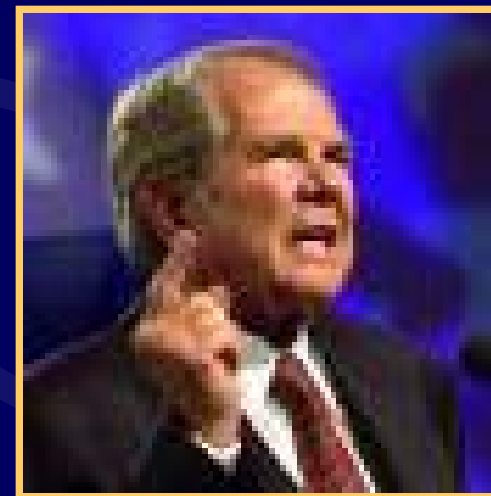


Pastor Andy McQuitty

- “I read the New Catechism, 1,800 points. I accept 99% of it. Why should we divide over 1%?” *Jack Van Impe, Televangelist (1/27/99)*



- “My meeting with His Holiness Pope John Paul II was very warm and...I pledged to work for Christian unity between Evangelicals and Catholics” - *Pat Robertson, Broadcaster*



How can Evangelicals encourage unity with Catholics when we are divided on...

- the essentials of the Gospel
- how one is born again
- how one is justified
- how one is purified of sin
- who can mediate between God and man
- the efficacy, sufficiency and necessity of Jesus Christ

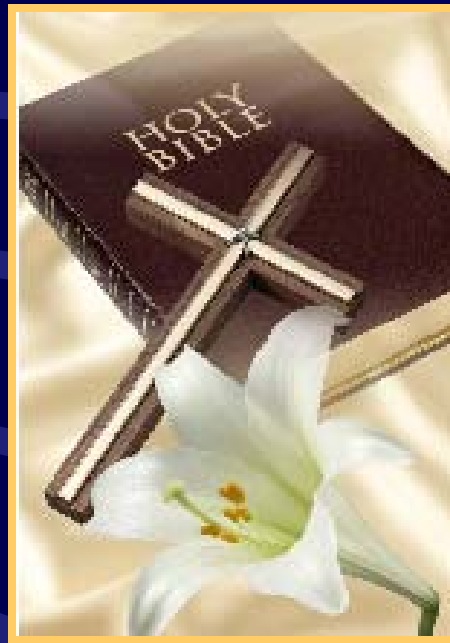
Divided in
Doctrine

Know Jesus - Know Peace



No Jesus - No Peace

Know Doctrine - Know Division



*Divine division
in truth is
infinitely
better than
satanic unity in
error*

No Doctrine - No Division

Dialogue With Non-Christian Religions

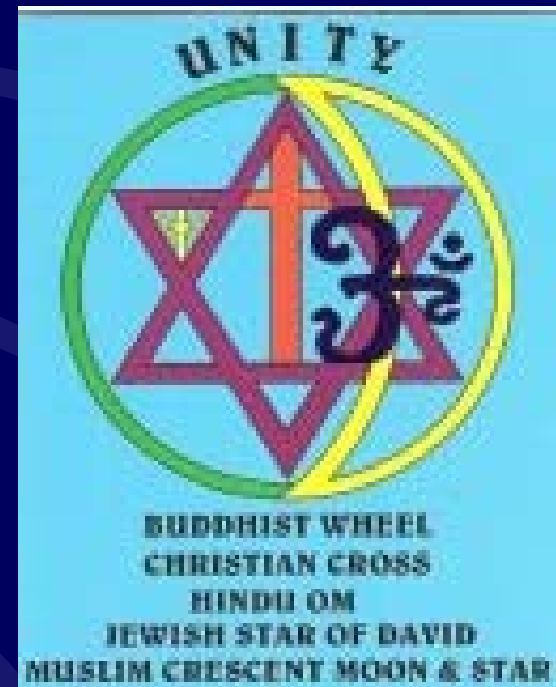
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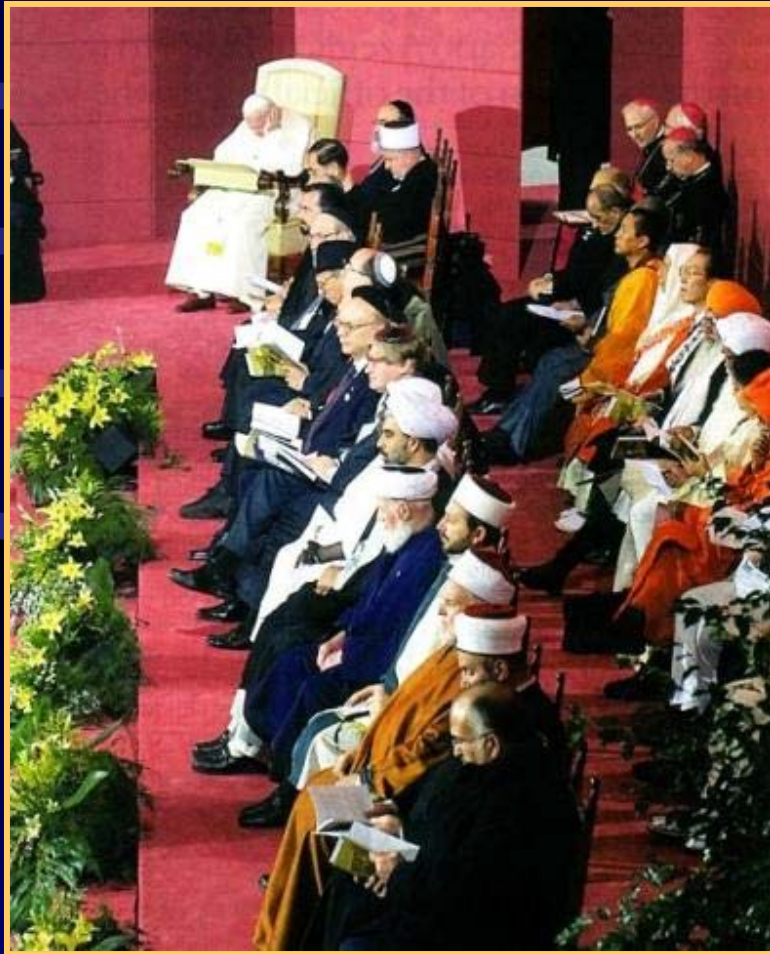
Seeking to Unite All Religions

Glimpse of a One-World Religion

The pope displayed his powerful influence by calling a meeting for peace in Assisi, Italy. Leaders from all major religions attended. 1/24/02



Diverse Religions United in Prayer



Pope John Paul II
leading a
syncretistic
prayer gathering
with a multitude
of religious
leaders at Assisi
in 1986

Catalysts for Religious Unity

- Demonic signs and false wonders including apparitions of Mary and Eucharistic miracles
- The deceptive activity and power of Satan
- A deluding influence sent by God to those who refuse to love the truth



**“That lawless one will be revealed...
the one whose coming is in accord
with the activity of Satan, with all
power and signs and false wonders,
and with all the deception of
wickedness for those who perish,
because they did not receive the
love of the truth so as to be saved.
For this reason God will send upon
them a deluding influence so that
they will believe what is false...”**

(2 Thes. 2:8-11)

Common Bonds of Unity Between Islam and Catholicism

- History of persecuting the Jews
- Revelation from extra-biblical sources
- Pope says they worship same God
- Salvation by works w/o Christ
- Prayer beads and pilgrimages
- Both seek world dominion
- Mary is highly revered and “Mother of All Humanity.”



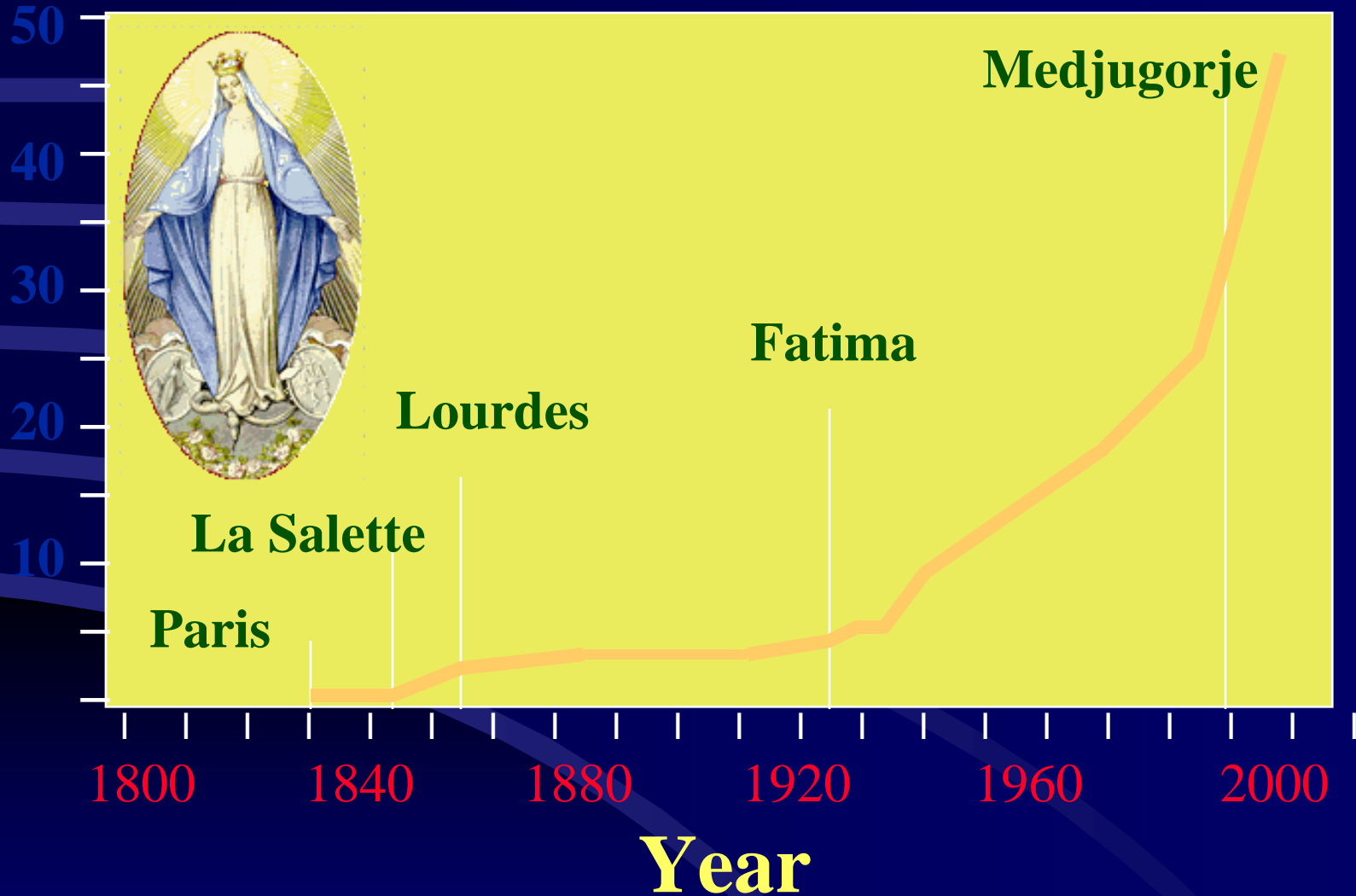
Islam's Attraction to Mary

- An entire chapter in the Koran pays homage to Mary
- Muslims esteem Mary as the most revered woman in history
- Apparitions appeared at Fatima
- Multitudes of Muslims visit apparition sites to honor her
- Will apparitions be one of the lying signs and wonders Satan will use to unite Islam and Catholicism?



Apparitions of Mary

Number of Major Apparitions



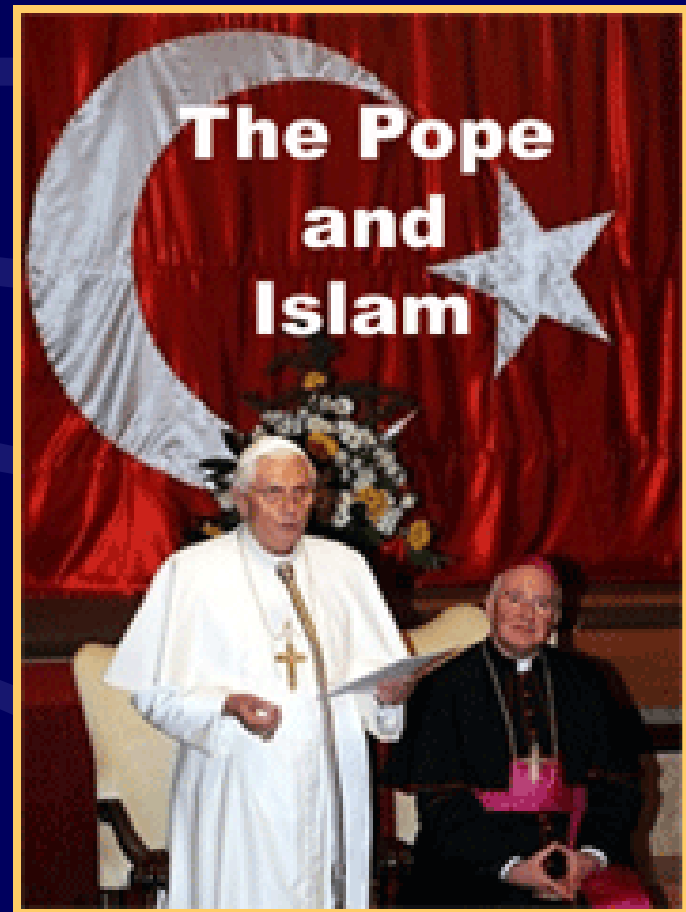
Messages from Apparitions

- “Mary’s” frequent message: *“If the world will convert to my immaculate heart, I will bring peace and give the world salvation”.*
- Look to Mary and the Rosary to unite the world into one religion and bring salvation and peace.



Catholics & Muslims

In March of this year, Pope Benedict XVI gave his approval to the creation of a permanent Catholic-Muslim interfaith forum “The goal is to “return to the roots of the faith and what we have in common.”



Pope Benedict XVI

Catholics & Muslims

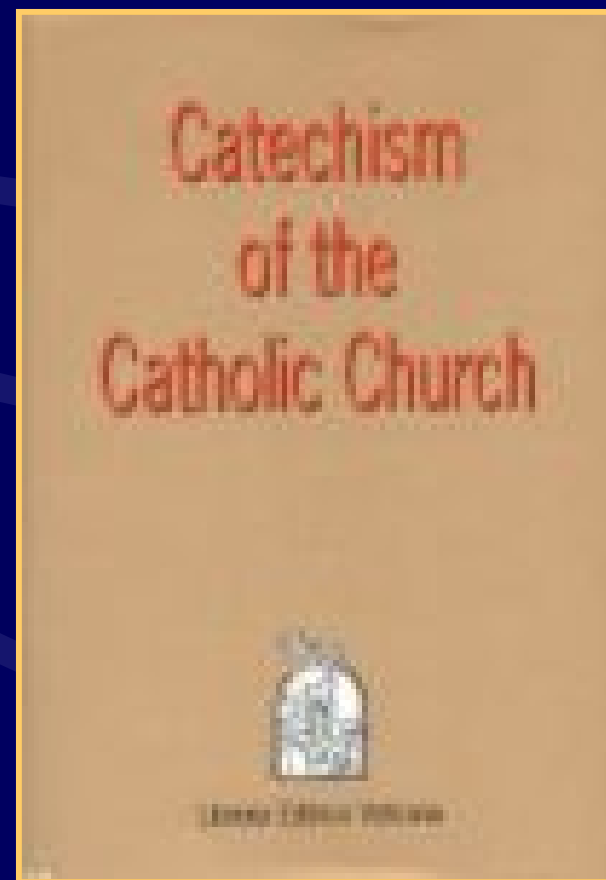
- The first Catholic church will be built in Saudi Arabia with King Abdullah's support. He became the first reigning Saudi monarch ever to visit the Vatican.
- Previously Islam was the only religion allowed to schedule public services and any possession of Bibles was forbidden.



Pope Benedict XVI
and King Abdullah

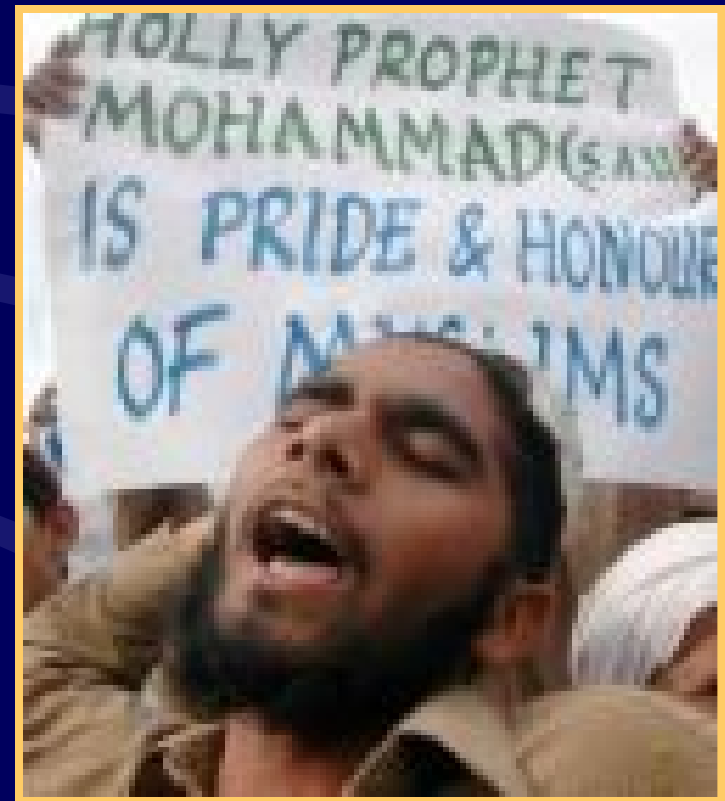
Catholicism and Islam

"The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the **Muslims**... together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day." (841)



“A Common Word Between Us and You”

This 2007 document “identifies some core common ground” seeks Christianity and Islam. Signed by 138 Muslims along with Bill Hybels, Rick Warren, Robert Schuler, Timothy George and others.



Conclusion

- It is fascinating how the Vatican's predictions of a one-world religion headed by a Catholic pope and a one-world government ruled by a great Catholic monarch are compatible with biblical prophecy.
- Although the culmination of these prophecies will be post rapture, the true church of Jesus Christ must contend earnestly for the faith and evangelize those who are perishing.

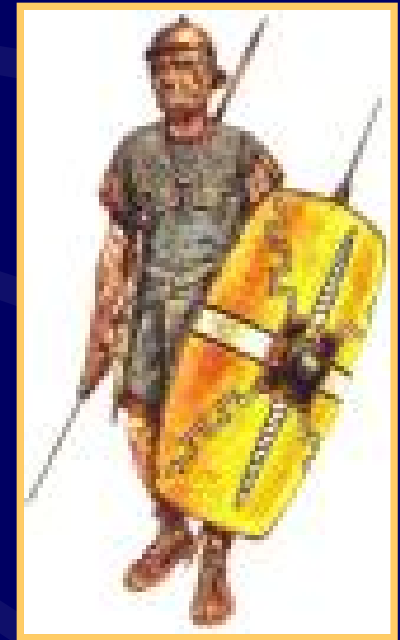
What Must We Do?

- Expose the deeds of darkness, and do not participate in them (Eph. 5:11)
- Be on your guard so you will not be carried away by the error of lawless men (2 Peter 3:16-17)
- Let no one deceive you. Test everything, warn others!



Contend for the Faith

Christians must not tolerate anyone who willfully misrepresents the character or attributes of Almighty God and His Gospel. A sound and loving rebuke, using scripture, is necessary to contend for the faith. To remain silent shows, either an indifference towards the Lord Jesus, or a greater loyalty to another person or institution.



Learn from the Apostles

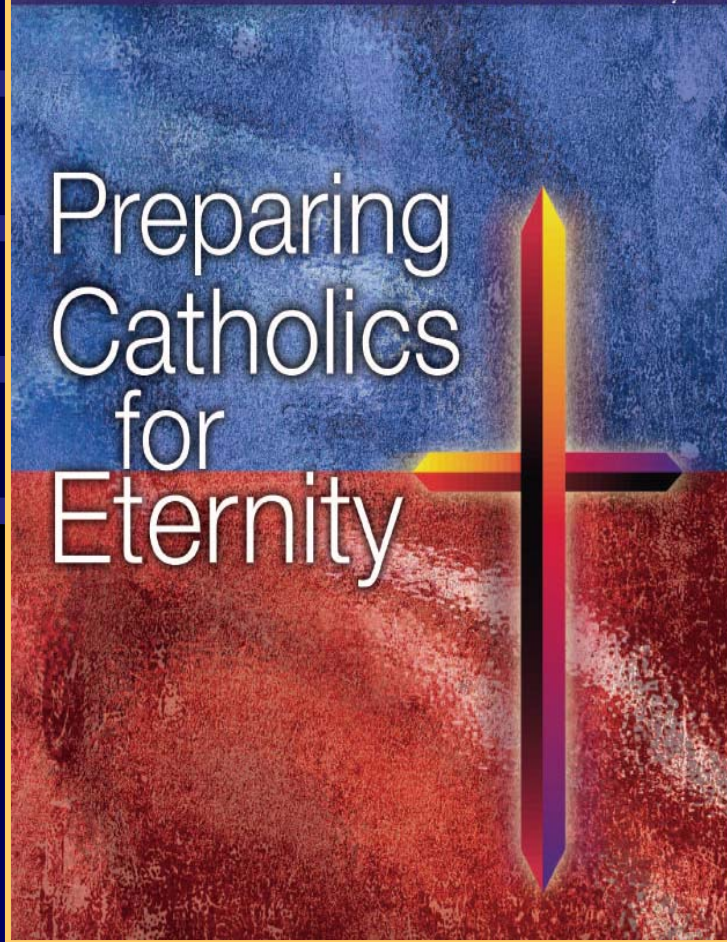
- Paul did not seek unity with the Judaizers who believed in Jesus but added to His Gospel
- John didn't call for unity with "those who went out" from the church.
- Peter didn't seek to join hands with false teachers who had forsaken the right way and gone astray.



GOSPEL RESOURCES

Carefully and convincingly, this helpful book demonstrates that the “gospel” taught in Roman Catholicism is not the true Gospel found in the Bible. I heartily recommend Mike Gendron’s work in these pages, as well as his continued ministry through Proclaiming the Gospel.

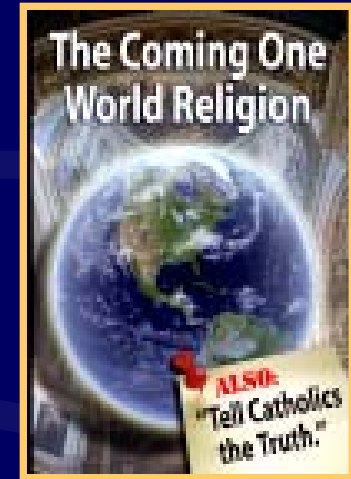
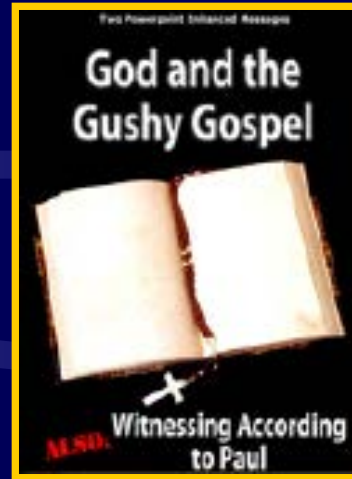
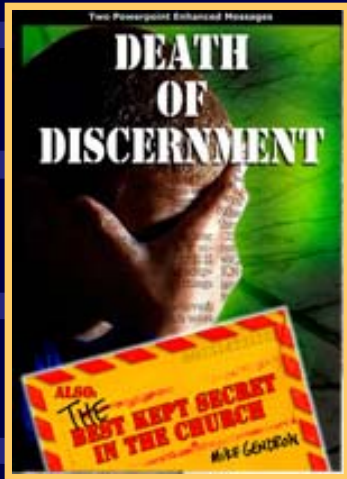
—Dr. John MacArthur, pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church and President of The Master’s Seminary



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