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CHAPTER 16

***ADVANCE OF ROMANISM
AND THE SECOND REICH***

Growth of the Oxford Movement

We will now return to the advance of the Church of Rome, which had begun in Britain with the Oxford Movement of Newman in 1833. A generation later the Movement had gained strength and was seriously undermining the Church of England. At first there were changes to the order of service in isolated parish churches (with a return to the symbolism of the Mass and the Church of Rome) and the founding of a few small convents. However, at the end of the 19th century the Rome-ward trend in the Church of England became very pronounced and widespread.

Most people in Britain have no conception of what parish churches would have been like before the Oxford Movement. A striking example is given in a little booklet about a parish church in Cheshire [1]. This provides the very rare example of a pair of photographs before and after alterations were made to the church by a ritualist vicar. Originally, at the front of the church was a raised pulpit with a lectern for readings from the Bible. On the wall behind the pulpit were wooden panels with the Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. The Word of God and the preaching of the Gospel were at the centre of the service. Subsequently, all these were replaced by a raised and decorated altar, an ornate cross and candles. The emphasis in worship was shifted away from the preaching of the Gospel towards the "Communion" service, which in most respects was a copy of the Mass.

The method in which the Oxford Movement was able to gain such a hold was by secret infiltration. Walsh in his history of the Oxford Movement [2] provides abundant evidence of a network of secret societies, which set about the systematic undermining of the Protestant position of the Church of England. These had the avowed aim of bringing the Church of England back into the Church of Rome. They operated through the strictest rules of secrecy, using secret symbols and holding closed meetings. Walsh comments upon the occult nature of these societies, and the way in which they pursued a secret agenda unbeknown to ordinary members and ministers in the Church of England.

The Rome-ward movement should have been dealt with by firm church discipline, with

those involved in this subversion being required to leave the Church of England. However, many in authority knew little about what was really happening, owing to the veil of secrecy and the Jesuitical policy of misleading for "the greater glory of God." [2, page 60]

Nevertheless, the public had a glimpse of the true nature of the movement in 1877, when Lord Redesdale exposed in the Westminster Parliament a guide for "Father Confessors," entitled "The Priest in Absolution." [2, page 93] This instructed ritualistic ministers how to conduct confessions, a practice that the Oxford Movement had reintroduced into the Church of England. Part 1 was first published in 1866 and caused little attention. However, Part 2 was only distributed privately amongst members of the secret Romanist societies in 1872. The reason for the secrecy was that Part 2 contained numerous immoral and indecent questions, that were to be put to women by male priests in the confessional, following the practice of the Jesuits. However, a copy fell into Protestant hands, and Lord Redesdale exposed the book by reading out portions of it in the House of Lords in 1877 [2, page 98]. So shocking were some of the contents he read out, that many quotations were not recorded in Hansard (the official record of parliamentary proceedings) or in the newspapers.

In the ensuing scandal, investigations were made into the origin of the book and its sponsor, "The Society of the Holy Cross." However, decisive action was not taken by the leaders of the Church of England. Apart from the difficulty in finding out the truth from members of these secret societies, who acted in the manner of the Jesuits, Walsh also presents evidence that they had already penetrated the ranks of the bishops in the Church of England. These bishops saw to it that any action was ineffective, being limited largely to a public reprimand [2, page 133]. In the course of time the scandal died down, and the Rome-ward movement within the Church of England continued to grow in strength.

It was not only in the Church of England that there was a falling away from the truth during the 19th century; this also occurred in non-conformist circles and in the Church of Scotland. The decline of the Church of Scotland, with the secession of a faithful minority to form the Free Church, was later followed by a falling away from the doctrines of the Westminster Confession within the Free Church itself. The Jesuitical practice of giving public assent to articles of faith to gain the position of a minister, whilst denying the substance of those articles, became widespread, just as it had in England [3].

Occult Explosion

At the same time as the Church of Rome was gaining ground in the 19th century, there occurred the so-called "Occult Explosion." This was a great proliferation of new occult societies and groups, including those who openly declared that they worshipped Lucifer and practised witchcraft. The book on Freemasonry edited by Dekker provides very detailed references and extensive evidence to show that all these occult groups were derived from and linked to the highest levels of Freemasonry [4]. As well as their common connection with Freemasonry, they all represented a return to the pagan religion of the Mysteries.

One of these groups that deserves note is the "Theosophical Society," which was founded by the Russian woman Helena Blavatsky in 1875; other senior American Freemason's (including Pike) were its leaders and early members [4, page 192]. Blavatsky herself was a Freemason; the popular view is wrong, that Freemasonry is exclusively for men. The use of a series of women leaders of the Theosophical Society gave an ideal cover for Freemasonry to pursue its aims without the public at large suspecting it [5, page 90].

Blavatsky wrote two books which became the foundation of the occult revival; these were "The Secret Doctrine" and "Isis Unveiled." The following blasphemous quotation by Blavatsky from "The Secret Doctrine" should be sufficient for readers to understand the satanic nature of the movement [4, page 191]. "The Great Serpent of the garden of Eden and the Lord God are identical. ... Thus Satan, once he ceases to be viewed in the superstitious, dogmatic, unphilosophical spirit of the Churches, grows into the grandiose image of one who makes of a terrestrial, a divine Man." This is the pure doctrine of the Mysteries that blasphemously seeks to reverse the roles of God and Satan. Blavatsky is regarded as the "Mother" of the New Age Movement, and we will look further at the New Age Movement in a later chapter.

The Bible Corrupted

The corruption of the English translation of the Bible from its faithful God-given Authorised King James Version began in the 19th century. The subtle undermining of the written Word of God ever has been a masterpiece of Satan to weaken the visible Church. Problems began in early 19th century, when moves to use corrupted Romanist versions for distribution abroad were pursued by the British and Foreign Bible Society [6, page 7]. This was followed by the appearance of a strong Unitarian element in the

Bible Society. They objected to the use of prayer at meetings, and in particular praying in the name of Jesus Christ [6, page 12]. This has striking parallels with the beliefs of Freemasonry. The suspicion of Masonic involvement is heightened by the frequent use of "Freemasons Hall" in London as a meeting venue for various religious societies at this period [6, page 59]. These Unitarian and Romanist influences undermined the unity of the churches in the distribution of Bibles.

Later in the 19th century there was a move to revise the Bible. This was initially supposed to be a limited revision, principally to update archaic words. However, the revision progressively became more extensive; it resulted in a significant departure from the "Received Text" used in the Authorised Version and Luther's German translation [7, page 9]. Rather than use the vast weight of manuscripts preserved by the Byzantine Church (later to become the Eastern Orthodox Church), the revised text made use of isolated ancient manuscripts, which were primarily derived from the Church of Alexandria [7, page 19] [8]. As we have seen previously, Alexandria was the centre for many serious errors in the Early Church, including that of the Gnostics, so beloved of Freemasonry. The prime movers in altering the underlying Greek text were Professor Westcott and Dr Hort. These changes had a consistent pattern of undermining the doctrine of the Trinity and the deity of Jesus Christ. This work resulted in the publication of the Revised Version (New Testament) in 1881. The Greek text of Westcott and Hort has been used by most new Bible versions (or rather perversions) ever since; this includes the very popular New International Version (NIV) [7].

Westcott and Hort were university academics; they were ordained as ministers in the Church of England in the 1850's, with Westcott later becoming the Bishop of Durham. They were also supporters of the Oxford Movement and had sympathies towards the Church of Rome [9, page 199]. However, in their younger days Westcott and Hort were involved in various occult clubs, including the "Hermes Club" and the "Ghostly Guild." [10, pages 400 and 617]

The exact extent of their involvement in the Occult and the philosophy of Plato is a matter of some controversy. Was this a passing interest whilst at University, which in more mature days was laid aside, or (as Riplinger claims [10]) did they continue their involvement in secret occult societies linked to Blavatsky and the Theosophical Society? Whatever the truth in this matter, Westcott and Hort introduced subtle error amongst the Protestant churches. Their spiritually unhealthy connections and interests were a far cry from the godly Reformers who translated the scriptures. The Authorised

Version has been of incalculable blessing to the English speaking churches. In contrast, the legacy of Westcott and Hort has sown confusion and given rise to error.

Lest any think that non-conformist circles were immune from the Occult in this period of the 19th century, a correspondent to the Gospel Standard in 1854, complained of a Baptist church in which occult rites were practised by minister, deacons and members alike ! [11, page 272]

Further attacks on the Bible and the seeds of confusion have been spread in recent generations by various religious cults that originated from the 19th century. It is interesting to note their connections with the Occult. For example, Joseph Smith the founder of the Mormons was involved in the Occult and was a Freemason; much of Mormonism is closely based on Freemasonry [4, page 7]. The founders of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Russell and Rutherford, were also Freemasons [5, page 111]. In light of the occult goal of a "New World Order," this would explain why the Jehovah's Witnesses' corrupted version of the Bible is called the "New World Translation."

The Second Reich

Let us now turn to the historical and political sphere. From the seeming disaster for the Church of Rome in 1870, when its friend Napoleon III was defeated by Prussia and the Italian state seized Rome from the Pope, the Church of Rome steadily rebuilt its influence during the next 40 years. This was despite the constant enmity between the Vatican and the Italian government, and the victory of nominally Protestant Prussia. Having lost his temporal power, Pope Pius IX re-asserted his absolute claim to spiritual power by his declaration of Papal infallibility. There then began a subtle interference in the affairs of the European nations.

Following the defeat of France and overthrow of the French Emperor, the Kingdom of Prussia absorbed the other weaker German states to form a new Empire, otherwise known as the Second Reich. The King of Prussia claimed the title of Emperor or "Kaiser." This was a return to the original concept of the Holy Roman Empire or Reich based upon Germany [12, page 32]. Over the following years the Vatican progressively aligned itself with Germany, ensuring that the balance of policies shifted away from those of Protestant Prussia towards that of a pro-Romanist German Empire, which forged an alliance with the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Austria-Hungary had long been a bastion of the Jesuits and the Church of Rome in Central and Eastern

Europe. Thus a very powerful Germanic block, favourable to the Pope, was established in Central Europe by the early 20th century [13, page 34] [14, page 114].

In France, following the defeat of Napoleon III, the Jesuits cunningly regrouped, and were the source of much intrigue and destabilization of the secular French republic that was formed after 1870. The secular nature of the French government was a great source of anger amongst the Jesuits and the Vatican [14, page 88]. Their destabilizing effect on the French republic led to legal restrictions being placed against the Jesuits in 1901 [14, page 110]. A further source of antagonism was that France made an alliance with Orthodox Russia and Protestant Britain, the great enemies of the Church of Rome [14, page 116]. This was opposed by the alliance between Germany and Austria, the historical allies of the Vatican in Central Europe. This set the stage for the great conflict in World War I [15, page 11].

We have neither the space nor the inclination to go into a detailed discussion of the background to the First World War. The French historian Edmond Paris exposes the role of the Vatican in starting the war as a means of regaining its influence in Europe [13, page 29] [14, page 116]. Of particular concern to the Vatican was the growth of Serbia and the Orthodox Church in Eastern Europe. The Vatican strongly encouraged Austria's attack on Serbia and harsh treatment of the Serbs; this was the prelude to the German onslaught against Belgium and France.

Paris shows that the Vatican had not calculated for the involvement of Britain, the Commonwealth and eventually the United States on the side of France. This miscalculation precipitated a protracted and horrific war in Europe. Ultimately, it left Rome's ideal of a Germanic Reich, a new Holy Roman Empire, in ruins. Because of the complicity of the Vatican in the war, the Pope was excluded from the negotiations that led to the treaty of Versailles following the war. This treaty created many new nations in Eastern Europe; an arrangement that was not to the liking of the Vatican.

Further evidence of Vatican complicity is provided by Close [16]. He documents Vatican and Jesuit involvement with Sinn Fein and the IRA at a crucial point in the war. As well as organising and aiding espionage for Germany, the Vatican was closely involved in the Irish Easter uprising of 1916. Furthermore, intelligence papers released after the war not only identified that the notorious IRA leader, Michael Collins, was involved in subversive and terrorist activities in support of Germany, but that he was priest in the Church of Rome [16, page 47].

Fatima

We must now observe another significant war-time event. This was the supposed appearance and prophecies of the Virgin Mary in the Portuguese village of Fatima during 1917. One of the most important parts of the prophecy was that Russia would be converted to the Church of Rome [17, page 25]. This supposed miraculous appearance was significant for a number of reasons. Rivera observes that the Jesuits chose the village of Fatima because it bore the name of Muhammad's favourite daughter, who was considered second only to Mary the mother of Jesus. Thus it was to be a means of drawing Muslims towards the Church of Rome [18, page 24].

However, there were other more immediate factors behind the Fatima appearance. Firstly, it boosted support for the Church of Rome in Portugal at a time when many were turning away from the Church in disgust, seeking political and religious freedom [18, page 25]. A further reason was far more momentous; namely, the prophecy of the conversion of Russia to the Church of Rome paved the way for a great onslaught against Rome's enemy, the Orthodox Church, the bastion of which was the Russian Empire. Russia was also an ally of France and Britain during the First World War. The Islamic connotations of Fatima are interesting, because the Russian Empire had a large Muslim minority. Furthermore, Germany and Austria-Hungary were allied in the First World War with the Muslim Turkish Empire. Appearing out of this is an underlying affinity between the Vatican and Islam, that we discussed in Chapter 10. Further examples of this arise when we consider Fascism in the next chapter.

Russian Revolution

It was not many months after the Fatima prophecy that the Bolshevik Revolution (or October Revolution) occurred in Russia. In 1917 Russia was already in turmoil; the Emperor had been forced to step down and the war with Germany was going badly for Russia. However, it may seem strange, even ludicrous, to link Lenin and the Bolsheviks with the Vatican, but the evidence is compelling. Not only were the Bolsheviks linked with Rome, but they were also connected with the Occult and Freemasonry. We will try to summarise this below.

Lenin was the leader of the Communist movement started by Mazzini and Marx, which was infiltrated and directed by the Occult [19, page 139]. Amongst various evidences, an example of the link with the Occult is provided by the name of "Spactacusts,"

which was the original name the Bolsheviks gave themselves. The name comes from the the pseudonym of "Spactacus" used by Weishaupt, the founder of the Illuminati. This connection between the Bolsheviks and Weishaupt was pointed out by Winston Churchill [5, page 117]. Let us also note that the symbolism of the Bolshevik revolution is the red flag (red is the special colour of the Babylonian Mysteries) and the five pointed star, the symbol of Lucifer and Venus.

Lenin's main compatriots in the revolution were Trotsky and Stalin. Prior to the revolution Trotsky was in exile in New York, working for a Communist newspaper entitled "The New World." He was to be assisted in 1917 in travelling to Russia with the financial backing of leading American financiers and Wall Street bankers [19, page 139]. Amongst the names of those who aided the Bolsheviks are those linked to illuminized Freemasonry; Still lists many familiar names who owned major oil and banking interests [19, page 143]. Even the US President's closest advisor helped Trotsky and his fellow revolutionaries. Not only did these Masonic bankers, industrialists and politicians support the revolution, but they provided consistent support for Communism from within the USA. Some of these associates of the revolution in course of time were exposed as spies for the Soviet Union [19, page 163].

Let us now look at the case of Stalin. It is remarkable to note that Stalin, before becoming a Bolshevik, trained as a priest in a Jesuit Seminary in Georgia [19, page 143] [20, page 25]. However, the seminary was riddled with the Occult. Stalin left the seminary after becoming involved with an occult society. In later years, after the death of Lenin, Stalin's fearful rule and total restructuring of Russia at the expense of millions of lives, bore all the hallmarks of the doctrine that the ends justify the means. The ends were to create a New World Order; the means were death and destruction. Stalin appears as a true son of Weishaupt, a ruthless product of the Jesuits and the Occult.

Germany provided crucial assistance, transporting Lenin and many of his revolutionaries into Russia via the infamous "sealed train." [19, page 140] At the time Germany was fighting Russia. Lenin gained the support of Germany on the understanding that Lenin, once in control of Russia, would make peace terms favourable to Germany, thereby freeing up German forces to fight in France. Although Lenin kept his agreement with Germany, he saw the chaos of the war in Europe as fertile ground for rapidly extending the revolution around the world.

We have seen previously how the activities of the Jesuits and the Occult have frequently gone hand in hand. Therefore, it is not that surprising to find direct evidence, apart from the coincidental timing and nature of the Fatima prophecies, linking the Vatican with the Bolshevik revolution of 1917. Both Manhattan [20, page 8] [21, page 124] and Rivera [15, page 13] provide this. Rivera presents evidence that the Vatican put forward a large amount of gold to finance the Bolsheviks. Rivera states that the Jesuits had infiltrated the Bolsheviks and had incited them to execute a ruthless destruction of the Orthodox Church in Russia. This entailed the massacre of Orthodox priests and the murder of the Russian Emperor, who was the protector of the Orthodox Church.

Manhattan notes that a few years after the Revolution, relations between the Bolsheviks and the Vatican were broken [20, page 8] [21, page 124]. Rivera supplies the reason for this. The Bolsheviks made an accommodation with the Orthodox Church, in return for the Czar's wealth. They also tricked the Vatican by keeping the vast quantity of Vatican gold used to support the Revolution. Rivera states that the Pope and the Jesuits were furious [15, page 15]. The Vatican had hoped to use the Bolshevik revolution as a means to extend Rome's power in Eastern Europe. Instead it helped to bring into being the monster of Soviet Communism, which was a persistent persecutor of Christians in Russia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe for decades to come.

Having created the monster of atheistic Communism in one of the great nations of the world, and seeing its plans brought again to ruins (along with much of Europe), the Vatican and the Jesuits created a new movement. This was to execute the revenge of the Vatican, to bring about the recreation of the Holy Roman Empire and to be a destroyer of Communism. The new movement used Freemasonry as a tool to be discarded and persecuted once in power, but was yet steeped in the symbolism of the Occult and heavily influenced by the Jesuits. This new movement was Fascism.

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CHAPTER 17**FASCISM*****Sequel to Communism***

After the failure of Communism to carry out the plans of the Jesuits and the Vatican, a new scheme was seized upon to avenge the Vatican following the First World War. This was the promotion of Fascism and Nazism. The Vatican sought to ride upon the back of this monster, as the Woman rode the Beast in Revelation 17. In remaining chapters we will see further how evil men, unbeknown to them, have fulfilled scriptural prophecy.

In this chapter we will summarise the main features of Fascism and its connections with the Church of Rome. A detailed historical account would be out of place here, but those who wish to look into the matter further, or who simply disbelieve these things, are directed to the references given. Almost all of the references are in print and available. They give extensive details from photographs, eye-witness accounts and contemporary documents, proving the Vatican's involvement in what is probably the greatest religious atrocity in history. The numbers murdered in the years 1939 to 1945 on account of their religion far exceeded the worst excesses of the Spanish Inquisition or the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 1572 [1, page 5]. The genocide of the Second World War is commonly reported today as being solely motivated by racial hatred. However, this will not bear the testimony of history.

The Vatican and Mussolini

Fascism is portrayed in our present day as the exact opposite of Communism. However, popular political classifications of left and right are misleading. There are far more similarities between Fascism and Communism than most would credit; but this is to be expected, given their common ancestry. Atkinson defines the relationship between Fascism and Communism as follows [2, page 21]; "Fascism in its economic and social structures unites both state socialism and corporatist capitalism. By taking the worst of both socialism and capitalism it constructs a powerful collectivist state in which the individual has no role except as a devotee of an approved movement or corporate body." Such absolute power of organisations over the individual is also a persistent characteristic of the Church of Rome.

The small step from Marxism to Fascism is shown by the actions of the Italian dictator Mussolini. During the first World War he was a leading Marxist campaigner [3, page 70]. Subsequently in 1919 he founded the "Fascist" group or party, which was based upon essentially Communist principles. However, a secret deal was struck soon after between the Vatican and Mussolini. In return for the Vatican's support for the Fascist Party, Mussolini agreed to advance the Vatican to the prominent position in Italy, it had enjoyed prior to 1870. The main agent in facilitating the union between the Vatican and Mussolini was his Jesuit father confessor, who was under special orders from the General of the Jesuits, von Ledochowski [4, page 125].

To ensure Mussolini gained absolute power, the Catholic Party (led by the Romanist priest don Sturzo) supported Mussolini in the Italian Parliament. In 1926 the Catholic Party disbanded on the orders of the Pope [5, page 8] [6, page 125]. In the years that followed, Mussolini became Rome's secular arm against its enemies. Freemasons, Jews and Protestants suffered in varying degrees under him. Mussolini's Blackshirts (so-called on account of their black uniform, which resembled the black dress of the Jesuits) were a militia based upon the same type of discipline and rule as that of the Jesuits [3, page 73]. Mussolini's Blackshirts were responsible for a trail of brutality and murder against any who dared to oppose them [7, page 17].

The very name "Fascism" has strong connections with pagan Roman authority. Tupper Saussy explains that it is derived from the Latin word "fasces," which is the name for the Roman legal device of "an axe-head whose handle is a bundle of rods tightly strapped together by a red sinew. It symbolizes the ordering of priestly functions into a single infallible sovereign." [8, page 6]

The consummation of the Vatican's support for Fascism was the Concordat (or Treaty) of 1929 between Italy and the Vatican. This granted to the Pope the territory of the Vatican City, thus restoring the temporal power of the Pope as an absolute monarch [3, page 74]. The Concordat also granted a vast amount of money, financial benefits and securities from the Italian state to the Church of Rome [6, page 125] [9, page 144]. This gave to the Pope a power base with which to expand Romanism throughout Europe and the world. The granting of nationhood to the Vatican City gave immense privileges to the Pope. He was now a head of state; his ministers could be treated as diplomats enjoying freedom of passage and immunity in foreign countries.

The donation of wealth from Italy to the Vatican in 1929 was entrusted to a banker

named Nogara [6, page 143] [9, page 145]. He was allowed to engage in all manner of financial speculation, completely divorced from any religious considerations. However, his investments were so spectacular that they bore the hallmark of inside knowledge [6, page 129]. In particular, the Vatican made a fortune by investing in war industries in the run up to the Second World War. Its special status as an officially neutral nation and its activities in war-relief allowed the Vatican to transfer funds between the opposing sides in the war, so as to ensure its investments ended up on the winning side. Mussolini's donation to the Pope has become the foundation of the Church's current financial influence and control, which has grown enormously since 1929 [6].

The Fascist regime of Mussolini became the springboard for the rise of Fascism throughout Europe. One important example is that of Croatia; Mussolini had ambitions of Italian domination in the Balkans. Both Mussolini and the Vatican had a common enemy in the Serbs and the new state of Yugoslavia. Mussolini directly supported the fervently Romanist "Ustashi," which was a Fascist Croatian terrorist group led by Pavelic. The Ustashi campaign of terror included the murder in 1934 of the King of Yugoslavia and the French Foreign Minister in Marseilles, as well as other acts of terror and assassination in Yugoslavia itself. The aim was the destruction of the Yugoslav state and the formation of the Romanist state of Croatia, of which we will say more presently [1] [5].

Hitler's Third Reich

During the early period of Mussolini's rule, Germany was still reeling from financial disaster in the aftermath of the First World War. The widespread sense of humiliation and despair was used by various revolutionary groups to advance their cause. One of these was the National Socialist German Workers Party (or Nazi Party) led by Hitler. This was at first a regional party in Bavaria, which called for separation from Germany. This policy fitted the concept of a block of Romanist nations in Central and Eastern Europe, espoused by the Jesuit General von Ledochowski [4, page 128]. Paris provides considerable evidence to show that Hitler was strongly influenced by the Church of Rome and supported by agents of the Vatican [3, page 85]. At the time of Hitler's rise in Bavaria, the Papal Nuncio (the Pope's official representative) in this part of Germany was Pacelli, who was later to become Pope Pius XII in 1939. Hitler owed his spectacular rise to the aid of the Church of Rome, and in particular to Pacelli. Shortly before Hitler's rise to power, Pacelli became Nuncio in Berlin; this coincided

with Hitler's ambitions rising to encompass the whole of Germany.

In 1933 Hitler became German Chancellor. This was achieved not only through the Nazi's many acts of intimidation, but in large part due to the increasingly open support of leading figures in the Church of Rome and the Jesuits [3, page 94] [5, page 151]. Apart from Pacelli, a key supporter of Hitler was the Pope's Privy Chamberlain, von Papen, who was a leading figure in the Romanist "Zentrum" or Centre Party. Von Papen forged an alliance with Hitler, so that when Hitler became Chancellor, von Papen was his deputy [5, page 147]. With the combined vote of the Nazi Party and the Centre Party, Hitler and von Papen dismantled the German constitution and democracy in 1933, establishing a one-party Nazi state known as the "Third Reich."

The new Nazi government was also quick to sign a Concordat with the Vatican; this granted special privileges to the Church of Rome within Germany [3, page 98]. Von Papen boasted to the world, "The Third Reich is the first power, which not only recognizes, but puts into practice, the high principles of the papacy." [7, page 20]

Indeed, the very term "Third Reich" speaks of the re-birth of the Holy Roman Empire. This was given great impetus by the union of Austria and Germany in 1938, achieved by Nazi subversion of Austria and the active support of the leading Romanist and Jesuit bishops in Austria [3, page 149] [4, page 139]. This act was significant, for it rejoined the two great Germanic nations once more. The crown and sceptre of the Holy Roman Empire were paraded at the Nazi Party Congress in 1938, symbolising Hitler's vision of a Romanist Europe ruled by Germany [3, page 159]. Hitler's brutal regime was an attempt to establish by force a united Europe. This was another form of the New World Order, but one that centred around Germany. In Chapter 19 we will see how the Nazi concept has been carried forward, albeit in modified form, as the European Union. We will see that there are disturbing similarities between the Third Reich and the European Union.

Franco's Spain

From Italy and Germany the Fascist terror spread to Spain in 1936. In the preceding years many in Spain had turned against the excesses and corruption of the Church of Rome, demanding a secular government [7, page 21] [10, page 28]. The Spanish republic began to restrict the overbearing influence of the Church over all aspects of Spanish life. The vast wealth of the Church of Rome and the Jesuits in Spain came

under severe threat [6, page 132].

In response, the Vatican and the Jesuits took fearful revenge on those who had sought to reform the activities of the Church of Rome. The Vatican's man to perform this was General Franco, backed by Hitler and Mussolini [3, page 113]. In 1936 Franco invaded Spain from Morocco with a largely Muslim army, but with the full backing of the leadership of the Church of Rome. Rivera reveals that Muslim support for Franco was secretly agreed between the Vatican and Muslim leaders, again showing the subtle links between the two religions [10, page 28]. Franco's final victory in 1939 was as a direct result of military support from Hitler. The Spanish Civil War left multitudes dead; many were professing Romanists who had opposed the purposes of Rome and the Jesuits.

Death of Pius XI

It is apparent in 1938 that the ageing Pope Pius XI was expressing deep regrets for his support of Nazism and Fascism. There were many in the Church of Rome who were suffering, and voices were being raised by pro-Communist elements in the Church of Rome for the Pope to change policy. This would have meant breaking with the pro-Nazi stance of Pacelli.

Pius XI had prepared a statement denouncing Hitler and Mussolini, which he was to read personally on 12 February 1939. However, just prior to this date his health rapidly declined and he died on 10 February. Manhattan goes beyond drawing simple parallels with the murder of Clement XIII and XIV on account of their decision to suppress the Jesuits. He provides evidence to substantiate the claim that the decline in health of Pius XI was deliberately speeded up; it is likely that Hitler's agents in the Vatican were involved [11, page 79].

Following the death of Pius XI, the pro-Nazi Pacelli was elected Pope Pius XII on 2 March 1939 [11, page 86]. The way was set for Hitler's onslaught to gain momentum.

Tiso's Slovakia

Only a matter of days after Pacelli became Pope Pius XII, Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia. The nation of Czechoslovakia, which was created after the First

World War to the distaste of the Vatican, was broken up. Slovakia became a puppet Nazi state led by the Jesuit prelate Tiso [3, page 159] [4, page 143] [5, page 198]. As head of the Slovak Nazi Party, the Jesuit Tiso declared, "Catholicism and Nazism have much in common, and they work hand in hand to reform the world." Tiso has the dubious distinction of being the first Nazi leader to deport Jews to Auschwitz. Tiso did not only deport Jews from Slovakia to the concentration camps, but also influential Protestants [3, page 163].

The final act of aggression that ignited the Second World War was the German invasion of Poland. Britain and France finally awoke to Hitler's true policies after a period of appeasement led by Chamberlain, the British Prime-minister. It is important to note that Germany's invasion of Poland was tacitly supported by the Vatican, despite the great suffering of a largely Romanist population [3, page 167] [4, page 140]. Not only did the Spaniards, but also the Poles, have to suffer and be sacrificed as pawns for the supposed "greater glory of God."

The involvement of the Church of Rome in support of Hitler is apparent through its role in the collapse and betrayal of France and Belgium in 1940. Paris, as a Frenchman, provides withering evidence of the role of Rome and the Jesuits [3, page 179] [4, page 155]. We have not space to go into this, other than to point out that Belgian Nazi's were known as "Rexists." This name came from the Romanist group "Christus Rex" (Latin for "Christ the King") which paved the way for Hitler's invasion of Belgium [3, page 127] [4, page 155].

The Croatian Holocaust

In 1941 Germany invaded Yugoslavia. Despite brave resistance, the nation and government had been infiltrated and quickly collapsed. In this section we will just give a brief summary of what followed. Whole books have been written by Paris, Manhattan and others on this subject. The events are described in detail, supported by eyewitness accounts, contemporary Croat newspapers, documents and photographs [1] [3] [4] [5]. Much of this information is too shocking to include here, but if the reader is in doubt, let him read Paris and Manhattan and weigh up the evidence.

Those that supported Hitler's invasion of Yugoslavia were mostly Croats; almost all Croats were devout Romanists. It was at this point that the Ustashi terrorists led by Pavelic came to the fore. Pavelic became head of a new puppet Fascist state called

"The Independent State of Croatia." Pavelic had the full and public support of Stepinac the Jesuit Archbishop of Zagreb, along with the hierarchy of the Church of Rome. The state of Croatia was more extensive than that of today, as it covered much of the the present territory of Bosnia.

Within days of the formation of the Fascist Croatian state, a murderous reign of terror began against not only Jews and Gypsies, but also the large Serbian minority. The persecution was not just racial, but was religious, since the Serbs were members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Clergy were systematically murdered followed by multitudes of men, women and children; church buildings were destroyed. Often the means of killing were brutal and sadistic in the extreme. The Romanist clergy and monks were foremost in encouraging and even participating in these atrocities. One of the most notorious examples was Franciscan Brother Filipovitch, who became chief of the Jasenovac concentration camp.

The policy of genocide against the Serbs was supported at the highest level by Archbishop Stepinac and the Papal Legate to Croatia. Paris and Manhattan include in their books photographs of Stepinac and the Papal Legate taking up official positions along side top ranking Ustashi, Fascist and Nazi military officers. The aim of the reign of terror was to rid Croatia and Bosnia of Orthodox Serbs. Those Serbs that survived either fled or were forcibly converted en masse to Romanism. In total, about three quarters of a million Serbs were murdered.

The Croatian Fascists had a tenuous alliance with the Bosnian Muslims, and encouraged them to participate in massacres of the local Serbian population; in revenge, groups of Serbs massacred Muslims. Let us note again a loose Romanist-Muslim alliance, as we described in Chapter 10 and identified in the Spanish Civil War. Thus we see the roots of the recent bitter conflict in the former Yugoslavia. However, these facts are withheld from the public by the media, which have put a consistently pro-Croat bias on the conflict.

From Croatia the onslaught moved on to Russia in 1941, with Hitler's massive invasion. This was supported by the Vatican; copious reference to the Fatima prophecies were made to justify the war against Russia. Pope Pius XII was very prominent in his devotion to "Our Lady of Fatima." Hitler's invasion was to be the tool for effecting the forcible conversion of Russia to Romanism. However, Russia withstood Hitler's attack, and ultimately inflicted catastrophic defeats on the Nazi armies. Many millions of lives were lost.

Hitler and the Occult

Having intimated the connection between the Third Reich and the New World Order, it will not come as surprise that Hitler was closely connected with the Occult. Hitler's terrible deeds mark him out as almost Satanic. His hatred of God's national people, the Jews, was like that of Haman in the Bible. If he could, Hitler would have overturned the prophecies of scripture by trying to destroy the entire Jewish people.

Hitler was initiated into to Occult by Eckart, to whom Hitler dedicated his book "Mein Kampf," which set out his blueprint for the Nazi Third Reich. Many of Hitler's close Nazi associates were also involved in the Occult. These, including Hitler, were strongly influenced by Blavatsky. After the war it was found that Hitler had a personal library of occult books, with his favoured reading being that of Blavatsky [13, page 595] [14, page 77]. He was profoundly influenced by Blavatsky's book "The Secret Doctrine." [14, page 191]

Hitler's abominable theories about the superiority of certain races were based on the root-race theory of Eastern Mysticism that Blavatsky had espoused [12, page 585]. Variants of this are seen in the Hindu caste system. Through this Hitler attempted to justify the Germanic races as superior, and some other races, especially the Jews, as inferior and sub-human. In part he justified his policy of extermination by the principles of evolution and the survival of the fittest [15, page 6].

The original symbol for the Nazi's was the skull and cross bones, which is of occult origins [13, page 135]. However, this was dropped in favour of the swastika, although the skull and cross bones was later chosen for Hitler's special forces, the SS [3, page 88]. The swastika is a form of the cross, which is used in Transcendental Meditation. In this form of Eastern Mysticism, a mantra or prayer is chanted in Sanscrit (an ancient Indian language) in front of a swastika [12, page 96]. The prayer is to the "shining one." In other words, it is a prayer invoking Lucifer or Satan.

The Nazi flag employs the swastika in the centre of a white disk set in a red background. This is the appearance of the sun set in the red colour of the Babylonian Mysteries. It bears a striking similarity to the round cakes or Romish host inscribed with a cross.

The swastika is also a Masonic symbol [7, page 20]. It was chosen by the Austrian magician Liebenfels in about 1907 as the symbol for a new occult society called "The

Order of the New Templars;" this was a Germanic version of the Knights Templar. Hitler was one of Liebenfels' pupils [16, page 161]. However, the swastika was also the heraldic sign of the administrator (a Romanist priest) of the Abbey at Lambach, where Hitler sang as a choir boy [4, page 176]. Again we see the path of the Occult and Rome join up.

Rivera states that other Fascist leaders, as well as Pacelli (the future Pius XII), were Freemasons [7, pages 20 and 32], yet the Fascist regimes bitterly persecuted Freemasons when in power [16, page 162]. It is concluded that Freemasonry was used to advance Fascism and the Church of Rome; then Freemasonry was attacked as a dangerous rival.

Nazism and the Jesuits

We have noted that Hitler's policies before he came to power reflected the strategic aims of the Jesuit General Ledochowski. We have also seen how, when in power, the Fascists had close connections with Jesuit bishops and priests. However, a more fundamental connection is seen by noting that Hitler's book "Mein Kampf" was written on Hitler's behalf by the Jesuit priest Staempfle [4, page 138] [17, page 133].

Hitler is quoted by Paris as saying [3, page 252]; "I learnt most of all from the Jesuit Order." This is further confirmed by the another quote from Hitler provided by Hunt [18, page 278]; "Above all I have learned from the Jesuits. And so did Lenin too, so far as I recall. The world has never known anything quite so splendid as the hierarchical structure of the Catholic Church. There were quite a few things I simply appropriated from the Jesuits for the use of the [Nazi] Party."

Hitler's feared SS troops and the Gestapo were also closely connected with the Jesuits. Himmler, who headed the SS, was referred to by Hitler as "our Ignatius of Loyola." [3, page 256] The SS in their black uniforms were modelled on the Jesuits, and many Jesuits participated in the SS [3, page 249] [4, page 163]. This included Himmler's uncle, who was both a senior SS officer and a Jesuit priest [4, page 168]. Furthermore, let us note that the symbol of the SS, the skull and cross bones, appears in the ceremony of the Jesuit oath quoted in Chapter 15.

The anti-semitic policies of Hitler also point to the Jesuits. For a number of years prior to the rise of Hitler the Jesuits had been encouraging anti-semitic feelings throughout

Europe [4, page 103] [7, page 10]. Anti-semitism had been a frequent policy of the Church of Rome, ever since the days of Constantine. The Romanist policy of persecution of Jews is a long and bloody one, and Hitler's Holocaust was simply an extension of it [18, page 265].

Perverted Christianity Justifies the Holocaust

The Church of Rome had long taught that the Jews deserved to die on account of their crucifixion of Jesus Christ. However, Rivera points out that behind this absurd and vile facade lay the real purpose of the Vatican, which was to try to gain control of Jerusalem. The Jews who were seeking to re-establish a Jewish nation in Palestine, were a serious obstacle to the plans of the Vatican [7, page 10]. The prospect of a Jewish state was also opposed by Muslims and was another uniting factor between them and the Vatican [10, page 30]. Pearce backs the claims of Rivera concerning the links between the Vatican and Islam, stating that the Vatican's ultimate aim is to control Jerusalem [19, page 81].

In addition to the use of evolution, Blavatsky's root-race theories and Rome's anti-semitism, Hitler sought to justify the extermination of Jews by use of supposedly Protestant theologians. In Nazi Germany and other Fascist states the authorities tried to control all areas of life, including the churches. Rivera states that after 1933 the Church of Rome pursued a policy of infiltrating the Lutheran Church. This deliberate action ensured that Jews were denounced by professed Protestants as well as Romanists. As a result, Jews today widely associate the Holocaust not with Rome, but with Christianity [7, page 21].

Independent corroboration for this is provided by the eye-witness account of an English lady, who was trapped in Norway during the war [20]. Shortly after the German invasion, the Norwegian Nazi leader Quisling tried to ensure that every aspect of life was run in accordance with Nazi principles. This included the Lutheran Church. However, the Lutheran bishops refused to propagate Nazi teaching. They were then removed from office, and pro-Nazi bishops put in their place. These substitute clergy would not oppose the brutal treatment of Norwegian Jews. However, the ordinary people shunned these false pastors.

One leading German theologian who sought to justify the Holocaust was Kittel [12, page 591]. In many ways his theology was the same as Westcott and Hort; similarly,

Kittel was involved in the Occult. From 1933 onwards Kittel was a member of the Nazi Party, during which he publicly expounded and justified Hitler's persecution of the Jews. Just as Westcott and Hort had undermined the Authorised Version of the Bible in English, Kittel sought to replace Luther's German translation of the Bible with a revision tainted with Gnostic bias [12, page 596].

It was also in 1933 that Kittel started work on the "Theological Dictionary of the New Testament." This great work was almost complete when Kittel was imprisoned for war crimes after Hitler's defeat [12, page 597]. Nevertheless, Kittel's Greek Dictionary is widely revered in Evangelical theological circles and regarded today as a standard work. However, this Dictionary is biased towards the occult and Mystery interpretation of words. Hence, it is a powerful means of altering the pure meaning of the word of God [12, page 602]. The new translations of the Bible including the NIV, so widely revered by churches today, have been strongly influenced by Kittel's work [12, page 591]. Little do ordinary Christians realise that Kittel produced his Dictionary whilst promoting the Holocaust. Thus we see that new Bible versions are not only influenced by the errors of Westcott and Hort, but also by the Nazism of Kittel.

Since the war various Fascist groups have realised that trying to justify the Holocaust will not gain them support. Therefore, they have turned to denying the existence of the Holocaust, using bogus historical methods, to persuade people that some form of Jewish conspiracy has concocted an enormous hoax. This vile teaching is then used to incite hatred of the Jews and other ethnic minorities. However, such teaching is often covered with a veneer of Christianity, where publications mix neo-Nazi propaganda with "Bible studies." [21] Such perversion of the Gospel is alarmingly rife, and many do not realise the danger of so-called Protestant publications that subtly put forward anti-Jewish sentiments.

The Vatican Switches Sides

When it became apparent in 1943 that Hitler was losing the war, the Pope and the Vatican subtly shifted policy towards the Americans, so as to avoid the ultimate disaster for the papacy. The USA represented a great world power and one which would carry forward the crusade against Russia and Communism. The Vatican was also able to switch much of its wealth and investments to America, on account of its special international status [6, page 140].

The influence of Pius XII and Cardinal Spellman in the USA were crucial in inflaming the Cold War immediately after Hitler's defeat. Many leading figures in the USA, including John Dulles (Secretary of State) and his brother Allen Dulles (first head of the CIA), were devout Romanists. They were strongly influenced by Pius XII, Cardinal Spellman and the Fatima prophecies [5, page 185] [22, page 30]. The anti-Russian frenzy that they whipped up nearly brought about a nuclear conflict. In the West, the population was told of the great threat posed by Soviet Communism. However, the influence of the Vatican behind the US government and other Western European powers, following the Vatican's previous alliance with Hitler, puts a very different perspective upon the Russian build up of arms after the war.

Despite the papacy switching sides to the US towards the end of the war, it ensured that its faithful Nazi servants gained sanctuary following Hitler's defeat [1, page 259] [3, page 279] [5, page 173] [18, page 309]. Monasteries were extensively used to shelter Nazi fugitives. The Fascist governments in Spain and in South America, which had remained officially neutral during the war, were havens for Nazi refugees. What is more sickening is that the USA and other Western agencies secretly assisted many of the fugitives to escape, including the Croatian Fascist leader Pavelic [5, page 142] [18, page 320]. Many other Nazis were given immunity on the basis that they gave intelligence or technical assistance to the USA in the fight against Communism and the Russians.

The Vatican was careful to intervene regarding the Nazi and SS prisoners after the War. Although a great deal of pastoral care was given to the SS prisoners, no such concern was expressed towards their victims in the concentration camps [3, page 264]. At the war-crimes trial at Nuremberg, the Vatican interceded for many of those on trial that were Romanists. The Pope's Privy Chamberlain von Papen, who was instrumental in putting Hitler into power in 1933 and who secured the Concordat with Nazi Germany, was acquitted at Nuremberg. This followed vigorous representations from the Vatican [3, page 271] [5, page 146]. Numerous other lesser war criminals were saved by the intervention of the Church of Rome.

In Communist controlled Eastern Europe, the Vatican had no such influence over the judicial process. Archbishop Stepinac was found guilty of war crimes by the Yugoslav authorities, and was given a long jail sentence. In response Pius XII excommunicated all who had participated in the trial. Stepinac was later made a Cardinal and turned into an anti-Communist hero [1, page 278] [3, page 229] [5, page 128]. Likewise Tiso, the Jesuit leader of the Slovak Nazi state, was tried and found guilty by the

Czechoslovak authorities. Tiso was executed; whereupon Pius XII protested, that Tiso had been a martyr for "religious freedom." [5, page 198]

Since 1945 the Vatican has waged a vigorous propaganda campaign to convince people, that it was not responsible for Nazism and the Holocaust. Rivera explains that during the war, the Vatican and the Jesuits laid contingency plans should Hitler be defeated [7, pages 21 and 24]. By keeping its agents on both sides of the conflict, the Church of Rome claimed that it was not directly involved and had remained neutral. Further credence was given to this by the murder and imprisonment of many honourable members of the Church of Rome opposed to Fascism and the Holocaust. However, we have seen previously that the Jesuits believed it was right to persecute members of their own church, if it was for "the greater glory of God." Despite the denials, the Vatican's guilt in respect of Nazism and the Holocaust is manifest.

Nevertheless, there were important figures in the Church of Rome who disliked Fascism [11, page 79], but they were bound to follow the Pope, who to them was in the place of God. However, the death of Pius XII in 1958 gave the opportunity for a change in policy.

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CHAPTER 18

**THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT AND
THE NEW AGE**

New Vatican Policy

After the death of Pius XII in 1958, the anti-Communist stance of the Vatican markedly changed. Both his successors, John XXIII (1958 - 1963) and Paul VI (1963 - 1978), were favourable to Communism and distanced themselves from the cold-war policies of Pius XII [1] [2, page 163]. The position of the Jesuits also shifted towards Marxism, given that Communism seemed invincible in its advance against the West [3, page 24] [4, page 28]. The Jesuits became the power behind the so-called "Liberation Theology," in which the teachings of Jesus Christ were mixed with those of Marx and Lenin [1, page 129]. Given the common links of Fascism and Communism to earlier Jesuit policies and the Babylonian Mysteries, this switch is not as strange as it might otherwise appear.

Second Vatican Council

The advent of John XXIII, and then Paul VI, led to another very important change in direction. This was initiated by John XXIII when he called the Second Vatican Council in 1962, which was completed in 1965 under Paul VI [4, page 4]. The pronouncements of the Council were heralded as a fundamental shift by the Vatican away from the old policies of persecution, the claim to universality and the use of various archaic rites (for example, Latin in church services). Those outside of the Church of Rome were now called "separated brethren," rather than "heretics." The Second Vatican Council marked the point at which the Church of Rome openly joined the Ecumenical Movement [5, page 24]. However, as we shall see, appearances are deceptive.

De Semlyen in his study of the Ecumenical Movement traces its roots back to Newman and the Oxford Movement [5, page 20]. The increasing influence of liberal theologians and pro-Romanist elements within the Church of England was a powerful force towards compromise on vital doctrinal differences with Rome. Walsh provides a wealth of evidence that the aim of the secret societies operating within the Church of

England was to achieve union with Rome. Their enmity towards Protestant teaching was very strong [6].

De Semlyen notes that the modern Ecumenical Movement grew from the World Missionary Conference of 1910 in Edinburgh. Another milestone was the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948. However, it was not until the Second Vatican Council that Rome became openly involved [5, page 21].

Behind the outward facade of the Ecumenical Movement is discerned the hand of the Jesuits in sowing confusion and error within the Protestant denominations [7, page 2] [5, page 193] [8, Introduction]. All the time the Ecumenical Movement grew, respect and love for the Bible declined. May we ever remember that compromise on vital doctrine is quite alien to the commandments of God, which call for a clear separation from error (2 Corinthians 6. 14-18).

Persecution when Rome Dominates

De Semlyen notes that where Romanists are in the minority and democracy is strong, the Church of Rome appears moderate and tolerant. However, where Rome is in control and democracy is weak or non-existent, a policy of persecution is followed. This is a feature of some countries in America and Africa in the 1980's and 1990's, despite all the Ecumenical statements made to the wider world by the Vatican [5, page 64].

A recent report from Mexico further demonstrates the awful persecution that believers may face, where they live in a country dominated by Romanism [31, page 4]. In remote parts of southern Mexico systematic religious violence by traditionalist Romanists have led to 30,000 professed Christians being expelled from their homes. Romanist village leaders in this part of Mexico "practise a bizarre blend of ancient Mayan religion and unorthodox Christianity, and loathe evangelicals for their refusal to honour pagan deities or participate in drunken festivals." It is again instructive to observe how paganism and Romanism merge, bearing a bitter hatred of the gospel.

Such reports of persecution rarely gain publicity outside Christian publications. Is it because there are forces in the media that are strongly sympathetic to Rome? We fear this is so. It is of the Lord's mercies that such persecution is for the most part restrained in western Europe. May the Lord in mercy be pleased to confound the evil plans of

the servants of Satan, and lengthen out gospel liberties !

Today, the public statements of the Vatican are making it clear that unity is being sought on Rome's own terms [11]. Rome is using the Ecumenical Movement as a ploy both to entice professed Protestants and to weaken their churches. Then full blown Romanism is demanded, with just a few superficial concessions, as the terms of union.

Ecumenism and New World Order

Let us now consider what is meant by the word "Ecumenical" or "Ecumenism." Few examine its true meaning; most assume that it about mutual love and union amongst professing Christian churches and believers. Yet the word is derived from the Greek word "oikoumene" [5, page 21], which means "world" or "earth" in English [12]. Thus we see that the Ecumenical Movement is a "world" movement. It is about creating a one-world government and religion, and is another version of the New World Order of the Occult. Just like with Freemasonry, the ordinary followers of the Ecumenical Movement have no idea of the movement's true aims and sinister connections. It is dressed up in a facade of Christianity, so as to deceive.

The Ecumenical Movement in reality seeks the union of all religions, and not only Christian denominations. A current example of this is the European Union's "Soul for Europe" project [13]. The idea that all religions, including Christianity each have an element of the truth, originated with Gnosticism, and has since been carried forward by Freemasonry. Like all of the most insidious errors, they are based on a half-truth. As we have shown, in previous chapters the occult religions, Paganism, Islam, Romanism and Eastern Mysticism are all ultimately derived from the religion of Babylon. They therefore have a spiritual basis for unity, but this is to be found in the false religion of Nimrod and the Mysteries. The union spoken of by the Ecumenical Movement is not one in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Globalism in the USA

A number of authors trace the current movement for a global government and a single world religion to illuminizied Freemasonry [14] [15] [16] [17]. We saw in Chapter 15 how European and American Freemasonry united under Pike and Mazzini in 1870. Since this time illuminizied Freemasonry has grown considerably in influence within

the USA. Its control is not open, for that would alarm the population at large, but is exercised behind the scenes. One method is through Masonic connections; for example, most US presidents or their vice-presidents have been Freemasons. Another powerful method is through endowed foundations, which have been set up by wealthy industrialists who were key figures in the Occult [14, page 51]. These foundations have shaped much of US education and social policies, and have consistently provided the advisors and key officials to the US administration. The foremost of these is the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Another key organisation is the Federal Reserve System founded in 1913; contrary to popular opinion it is not a state owned bank that controls the US dollar. It is in fact a privately owned bank, largely controlled by illuminized Freemasonry [14, page 29] [16, page 146].

Thus the heart of the US economy and administration is linked to the Occult and Freemasonry. These measures have been brought in step by step. Those Congressmen who have sought to expose the undermining of US democracy have been shut out of the media; for indeed these same interests have also gained control of the media [14, page 56]. A number of key campaigners within Congress against globalism have also died in strange circumstances, just as they were exposing the power and influence of the secret societies [14, pages 16 and 47].

The US people elect presidents and congressmen, but behind the scenes the policies of globalism are subtly advanced, regardless of who is in power. However, the main hindrance to their purposes is the US constitution; which the globalists would dearly love to amend to their advantage.

It is of note that the Masonic promoters of globalism at the end of the 19th Century were linked to associates of Westcott, Hort and Blavatsky. There was a network of occultists in high places, including senior Anglicans and Balfour, the British prime minister [18, page 420]. After the major success for the Occult in the formation of the Federal Reserve, the next enterprise was too ambitious. This was the formation of the League of Nations in New York after the First World War, as a prototype world government [16, page 155]. However, the US Congress rejected membership; the absence of the USA and the growing contempt shown by Fascist regimes in Europe led to the downfall of the League of Nations. This is another example of how the different proponents of the New World Order have opposed and fought each other. In this we can trace the Lord's sovereign hand. He has in mercy set bounds upon Satan and his agents. The Lord often preserves his people and the cause of the Gospel by turning the counsels of the ungodly into confusion (2 Samuel 17). However, we shall say more of

this at the end of the next chapter.

Following the defeat of Hitler in 1945, a further attempt at a prototype world government emerged in the form of the United Nations. Finance and support for the creation of the United Nations in New York was provided by leading Masonic figures. The United Nations has ever since been significantly influenced by globalism and the Occult [16, page 173].

Kah exposes a series of interlinked organisations, such as the Club of Rome and the Bilderbergers, that stem from illumined Freemasonry [14, page 38]. These span many nations, and each has its specific world region in which to pursue the globalist agenda. Through the power of international banks, multi-national corporations and non-governmental organisations the sovereignty of nations has been weakened and their leaders constrained to follow the globalist agenda [17]. The overall plan involves dividing the world into ten regions. This exactly reflects the ancient plan stemming from the Mysteries to recreate the system of ten kingdoms of the legendary Atlantis [14]. As we noted in Chapter 15, it is an attempt to recreate that evil society that the Lord destroyed in the Flood recorded in Genesis.

The New Age

Alongside the growth in political and financial power of globalism, there was a steady promotion of occult teaching. The key organisations in this were Freemasonry and Blavatsky's Theosophical Society [14] [15] [16] [18]. In about 1920 Alice Bailey, one of Blavatsky's successors, established the "Lucifer Press" to promote the blasphemous worship of Lucifer, the supposed enlightener of mankind. In the wake of public scandal, it was later renamed to the less obvious "Lucis Trust." Kah reveals that the Lucis Trust has now achieved significant influence within the US government and the United Nations [14, page 77].

It is from the interlinked occult organisations of Theosophy and Freemasonry that the New Age Movement appeared in the late 1970's [14, page 67]. Despite the name, there is nothing new in its teaching, but it is a re-launching of the Occult, witchcraft and Eastern Mysticism under an appealing name [15] [18]. The concept of the New Age comes from Freemasonry. This is best exemplified by the 33rd Degree Masons' publication entitled the "New Age Magazine." [14, page 87] Again, the name of this publication has since been changed, so as to conceal the connection between

Freemasonry and the New Age.

A key feature of the movement is the belief that the coming of the new millennium would usher in the "New Age." [19, page 537] Much of the current pressure to change the established order for the new millennium is a device to make people believe that change must be for the better, and thereby to be willing to accept the New World Order.

The god of the New Age (i.e. Lucifer) is the supposed illuminator of mankind, and is taught to be a "force" that can be used for good or evil. Lucifer is regarded as having a dark and a light side. Therefore, the contrast of black and white forms a common theme for secret symbols of the New Age [14, page 69] [15] [16, page 31] [18].

Within the New Age Movement it is believed that man can communicate and draw power from the spirit world, and step outside the limitations of the human body. The New Age is seen as a step in man's evolutionary development towards mastering the spiritual dimension [14, page 73] [15, page 81]. The greatest spiritual power is seen as being available when mankind around the world is united and one with nature. New Age teaching denies a personal and sovereign God. Man is not accountable, and there is no ultimate arbiter of what is right or wrong, apart from oneself; for it is believed, like in Freemasonry, that man can become god [19].

Altered States of Consciousness

The New Age Movement displays one of the prime features of the Occult, namely, entering into what are termed "altered states of consciousness." This is the means by which communication is made with the spirit world and the full power of the "force" becomes available. It goes without saying that this is witchcraft and necromancy (dealings with the dead), a terrible sin in God's sight. We must briefly, yet carefully, consider how these altered states of consciousness are attained to. It is shocking to find that these methods appear in everyday life today, disguised as supposedly innocent activities [14, page 69] [19].

Firstly, there are various forms of meditation. In these the mind is emptied and made pliable to receive communication from seducing spirits. In Transcendental Meditation a mantra may be repeated in Sanscrit to "the shining one" or Lucifer [18, page 96]. Many of these and other forms of meditation, such as Yoga, are put forward as

harmless and not religious. However, one only has to read Hunt to find terrifying accounts of demonic possession that has arisen from Transcendental Meditation [19, page 165]. Many have been led by seducing spirits into committing suicide, who have suggested to their victims that it is time for them to enter into the next stage of their evolution upwards into a higher plain of development. This is the basis for the famous mass suicides of various cults [19, page 389]. The prevalence of the occult form of meditation, rather than the Christian meditation on the Lord Jesus Christ and the blessed works of God, is alarmingly common today [19].

Another method of entering an altered state of consciousness is hypnosis. Both hypnosis and meditation in different guises are used in alternative medicine [19, pages 267 and 441]. Hypnosis is very dangerous, as it is a technique by which others can be influenced and made susceptible to the power of seducing spirits. We have mentioned on several occasions the connection between the Jesuits and this type of occult practice; Loyola being a master in these black arts. There is evidence that these techniques were used by Hitler to gain the remarkable influence he held over people [18, page 425]. The hand of the Jesuits in spiritism, Voodoo, hypnosis and psychology is a frightening example of the powers of darkness in positions of authority within the Church of Rome [20] [21].

Rhythmic drumming, a feature of many tribal acts of occult worship and witchcraft, is another means of entering an altered state of consciousness. Rock music has widely introduced this to countless millions of people today. Closely related to this are the use of drugs to achieve an altered state of consciousness [14, page 72]. Pop music, drugs and meditation are an everyday feature of our evil generation, and are linked to the New Age Movement [19, page 157] [22].

Let us consider the remarkable effect and hold that the television has over people. The combination of colour pictures, sounds and background music all combine to transfix the viewer [18, page 426]. The television essentially uses the principles of hypnosis. It also bears more than a passing resemblance to the use of sound and lights in the ceremonies of the Mysteries and the Jesuit initiation of the Spiritual Exercises. It is therefore no surprise to find that Rome and the Jesuits have extensive influence over the media and television [5, page 103]. Likewise, Kah reports extensive control of the media by the Masonic advocates of the New World Order [14, page 56]. Therefore, Christians are strongly advised to rid their homes of the television. It brings spiritual deadness into the soul and is means of subtly introducing into the family error and a delight for sin. Likewise, the greatest caution is needed when permitting computers or

the Internet into the home. Many, both young and old, are snared with fruitless time-wasting searches, whilst others are caught up with the unspeakable filth that is readily available on the Internet at the click of a button.

Evolution

The New Age principle of striving to attain a new higher spiritual development is connected to the Theory of Evolution. Both are derived from the doctrine of reincarnation of Eastern Mysticism [14, page 73] [18, page 249] [19, page 19]. The advancement of the scientifically absurd Theory of Evolution, and the systematic silencing of almost all reasoned objections against it, are signs of the power of the New Age, and indeed before it, of illumined Freemasonry. Thus we see this God-dishonouring theory is straight from the Occult; it is another attack on the Genesis account of creation and the fall of man. It is also no coincidence that the Pope likewise advocates the Theory of Evolution [19, page 21].

One of the proponents of Evolution in the 20th century is also regarded as a key figure in setting forth New Age thinking. This man was Teilhard de Chardin [14, page 41] [18, page 249]. His methods were far from honest, as he was closely associated with the fraudulent discovery and promotion of the Piltdown Man, a supposed ancestor of man [23, page 328]. This faked set of bones was instrumental in advancing Evolution to an almost unassailable position in public education and science. Nevertheless, a generation later it was revealed as a hoax, yet the theory it supported has remained a dogma within society. Yet who was Teilhard de Chardin, a philosopher much beloved of the New Age ? Let the reader note that Teilhard de Chardin was a Jesuit Priest ! [14, page 41] [23, page 258]

Another aspect of New Age teaching is the belief in the oneness of nature, of which humans are part. This concept of unity with nature is expressed in the worship of Gaia, who is the "Mother Goddess" or "Mother Earth." [18, page 76] [19, page 195] Gaia is yet another form of Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod [5, page 98]. From this stems a worship of the creation, rather than the Creator, and a religious zeal to preserve nature. Hence, it is no surprise to find that the Green Movement is linked to the New Age [5, page 91] [19, page 195]. Although many of the environmental causes are just, the connections with the Occult mean that Christians are well advised to avoid the Green Movement.

Alternative Medicine and the Occult

A further belief of the New Age and the Occult is that mysterious and non-physical forces can be manipulated to effect healing [19, page 268]. This is seen today in holistic medicine ("holistic" refers to the treatment of the whole person: mind, body and spirit). Examples of holistic medicine are homeopathy, reflexology and crystal healing. Hunt says, "We can only recommend the trend towards better nutrition and away from the oversubscription of drugs. However, through its reliance upon the mysterious, non-physical forces for holistic purposes, Western health care has been invaded by the Occult." [19, page 269]

The author has no objection to traditional and well-tested herbal remedies, when used under medical direction and advice. However, the reader should be warned that behind many branches of alternative medicine lie the principles of Transcendental Meditation and reliance on the spirit world for healing. Hunt quotes advocates of holistic medicine, who openly state that it is a modern form of witchcraft [19, page 270].

Many readers may be shocked by the reference above to the popular practice of homeopathy. Despite the belief by many Christians that homeopathy is benign, an examination of its origins show it to be yet another example of how the Occult puts forward a pleasing facade to deceive the unwary. The founder of homeopathy was the German mystic physician Hahnemann. Hahnemann was a Freemason and deeply influenced by the Occult, including the techniques of Mesmer, the founder of mesmerism and hypnosis [24]. Hahnemann lived between 1755 and 1843; thus making him a contemporary of Weishaupt.

Let us be clear, homeopathy is quite distinct from herbal medicine [30]. In homeopathy the ingredient is repeatedly diluted, until no molecule of the original agent remains. This process of dilution and shaking of homeopathic medicines is referred to by Hahnemann as the "ritual of potentiation." Hahnemann said of this: "The healing power is coming from cosmic power transferred to the remedy through the ritual of potentiation." This "power" is also called the "vital force," which is a supposedly divine and living force existing in all creation. This manipulation of the "force" is straight from occult philosophy. Therefore, it is no surprise that homeopathy forms part of the New Age Movement [24].

It is important to realise that the promotion of "Health Foods" and natural remedies is

frequently used as an entry point for the Occult and the New Age Movement [14, page 67]. The unsuspecting Christian or unbeliever may be lured into something plausible and seemingly harmless. Many are justifiably unhappy with the abuses of modern medicine and the unhealthy aspects of modern eating habits. However, behind the pleasing facade lies the Luciferian doctrine of the Occult [19] [25]. Step by step people are led deeper into these dark teachings. Christians are solemnly warned to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Ephesians 5. 11)

Destruction of the Family

From the earliest days, the Biblical principle of marriage and the family established in the Garden of Eden has been under attack from the Babylonian Mysteries. The gross immorality of the Mysteries and the Occult strike at the sanctity of marriage. New Age teaching has introduced countless young people into immoral and unseemly relationships. Kah and others have traced the perversion and manipulation of the education system, so as to influence children and teachers, back to the forces of globalism and Freemasonry [14, page 59] [15, page 36].

The destruction of the family was proposed by Plato in his Communist Republic of ancient Greece [16, page 152] [18, page 521]. Generally there have been few in recent generations who have been so bold as Plato. However, in the 20th century there has been remorseless underhand pressure to separate parents from their children, so as to replace the scriptural responsibility of married parents with the responsibility of the state for bringing up children. This is primarily achieved through pressuring mothers into work, which in turn is assisted by enticing young people into debt and expensive life styles before they have children. Thus many married couples are unprepared to bring up children on the father's income alone. This is backed up by the state encouraging parents to give up children at an ever earlier age for pre-school groups and nurseries. Thus the child's bond to its parents is weakened in its formative years.

At the other end of schooling, young people are increasingly pushed into extended periods of further education, rather than going into work. The temptations for loose living and getting into debt then ensnare many students. Let us note the similarity with the Jesuits of Poland (see Chapter 12), who kept children in education as long as possible, so they could best mould their young minds. May Christians search their Bibles and seek to find grace to walk in God's commands, rather than bowing to the

fashions and pressures of this present evil generation.

Rome's Links to the New Age

We now come towards the end of this chapter and would seek to conclude with the common thread that runs through the Ecumenical Movement and the New Age; namely, the links with the Church of Rome and the Jesuits. We will firstly note that many leading figures in the USA connected with illumined Freemasonry and the New Age mentioned by Kah and Still [14] [16], are also named quite independently by Manhattan in his investigation into the enormous influence of the Vatican [26]. This should come as no surprise given the role of the Jesuits behind the Illuminati [27]. Secondly we will briefly mention another common denominator; namely, the Charismatic Movement.

One of the principal bridges in the last 40 years between the Church of Rome and Protestant denominations has been the Charismatic Movement [5, page 25] [28]. This is because the same supposed gifts of the Spirit have appeared across the religious divide. Many have seen this as a sign that God is working in both, and is calling for union. However, Rivera states that the Charismatic Movement has been a device of the Jesuits to undermine Protestant churches and to bring about union with Rome [9, page 18] [10, page 28]. Rivera also concludes that the powers of the Charismatic healers in the Church of Rome are using the "force" of the Occult [20, page 32]. One prime example he gives is Kathryn Kuhlman, who has been widely revered by professing Christians. However, she was both a hypnotist and a secret agent of the Church of Rome [10, page 27]. Another terrifying example is Jim Jones, who was a Romanist with many influential friends in high office. As well as being connected with the Ecumenical and Charismatic Movements, he was secretly a Jesuit and a warlock (male witch). His hypnotic and occult influence led away thousands to follow him as a cult leader. Ultimately he ordered thousands of his followers to commit mass suicide in Guyana [10, page 30].

Hunt provides independent evidence of the similarities between the teaching and practices of many of the current American Charismatic leaders and the New Age [19]. De Semlyen and Riplinger [5] [18] [29, page 417] also show that the Church of Rome has common links to the Ecumenical, New Age and Charismatic Movements. Apart from direct claims of infiltration by Rome and the Jesuits [4, page 30] [8, introduction] [9, pages 18 and 28], there are many signs that these movements have a common direction, which is to raise the Pope to be the head of a world religion.

Further independent confirmation is provided by O'Brien, who gives eye-witness testimony of the Jesuits' hand in attempts to implement the evil principles of the New World Order in the USA. Having been brought up as a Romanist, she gives an extremely disturbing account of how she was manipulated by techniques of mind control for the vile gratification of those in positions of power. She gives numerous references to the influence of the Jesuits [21].

In response to this tide of evil, let us turn to the word of God in the Bible as our infallible guide. The errors of the New Age and the Charismatic Movement involve trusting in experiences of mysterious spiritual forces, without trying the spirits against the testimony of God. However, we must beware which "Bible" we turn to. Riplinger concludes that all the modern versions are biased (to a greater or lesser degree) towards New Age teaching, being corrupted with the leaven of Westcott and Hort. They systematically undermine the doctrine of the Trinity and the deity of Jesus Christ [18]. Rome likewise has its hand in these Ecumenical versions of the Bible [5, page 200] [18, page 142].

The ultimate aim is a "Bible" for the New Age, so that when professed Christians read these perverted Bibles, they will be led to think they are being faithful to God; whereas in reality they are led to follow the Pope and the New Age religion of Lucifer. As with the Babylonian Mysteries, Satan and God will have been subtly and blasphemously interchanged. Let us therefore hold fast to the faithful Authorised Version of the Bible, which makes plain the destruction of Lucifer and truly glorifies Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God.

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CHAPTER 19**THE EUROPEAN UNION*****Rome's Influence in Post-War Europe***

In the previous chapter we looked at the origins of the Ecumenical and New Age Movements, and their links with illumined Freemasonry and the Church of Rome. We will now turn to consider events in Europe in the aftermath of the defeat of Hitler. Most would think that following 1945, Fascism was eradicated from mainstream European politics, apart from the Fascist regimes in Spain and Portugal that survived until the 1970's. To the outward appearance this is true, but in reality it is not.

We saw in Chapter 17 the influence of Rome behind Fascism, and how Rome cleverly shifted its policies as Hitler's defeat approached. This allowed the Vatican to re-establish with public respectability new Romanist political parties under the general name of "Christian Democrats." [1, page 36] [2] Despite the outward appearance of support for democracy, Rome never renounced the terrible statements against religious and political freedom in the "Syllabus of Errors" proclaimed by Pius IX in 1864 [3, pages 126 and 205]. Likewise, the Church of Rome continued to benefit from the Concordats signed with various Fascist regimes; for these Concordats and Rome's dominance remained in force after the war [3, page 218] [2, page 67] [4, page 193].

Following the war, new Romanist political leaders came forward that had not been associated with the horrific deeds of Fascism or Nazism. The foremost was the first West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer. Yet for all this, Adenauer served as a Privy Chamberlain to the Pope, alongside the Nazi war criminal, von Papen [5, page 309]. At the same time post-war France was led by the devout Romanist, Robert Schuman.

On 9 May 1950, Schuman and Adenauer signed an agreement to establish the European Coal and Steel Community, which was the first step in linking the economies of West Germany and France [6, page 163]. This was the first concrete step in the process of creating a new Europe. Symbolising this, the European Union celebrates "Europe Day" on 9 May. Adenauer and Schuman were to play a key role in the creation of the European Union. A measure of their favour with the Vatican is that fifty years later, they are being put forward as candidates for eventual canonization (i.e. being made into a "Saint") [1, page 39].

A year earlier in 1949 the Council of Europe was formed by ten European nations, including Britain. Its stated aim was to promote cooperation between European nations, to achieve a closer union, and to promote their common heritage [7, page 3.] The Council of Europe now includes almost all European countries, including those of Eastern Europe. Even as long ago as 1952 it was calling on member governments to create a European super-state. It is evident that the Council of Europe has acted as the propagandist arm of the European Union, with which it is closely linked. It is not unreasonable to assume that the Council of Europe has been a means to pull nations together in preparation for full-blown membership of the European Union.

European propaganda would try to convince people that the coming together of the European nations is a new beginning, a necessary measure to bring reconciliation to a Europe torn by war. However, the concept of the European Union is far from new; it is founded upon the Holy Roman Empire [1]. As Hitler's Third Reich failed, a new Reich was conceived.

Globalism and the Bilderberg Group

Leading figures in France, Germany and other European states were not alone in their plans for a united Europe after the war; crucial backing for this came from the USA [6] [8]. The American proponents of a united Europe include names that we have met before, such as the Romanist head of the CIA, Allen Dulles, and his brother John Dulles, US Secretary of State [9, page 17] [6]. Atkinson and Jenkins also name leading American industrial and financial figures in the movement for creating a European superstate [6, page 128] [10, page 81]. However, these are exactly the same as those identified by Kah and Still as the central powers in illumined Freemasonry, that were pushing for the creation of the occult New World Order [11] [12].

The key organisation committed to the implementation of the new Europe is the secretive Bilderberg Group [9, page 16] [10, page 81]. It was instrumental in bringing about the Treaty of Rome in 1957, which led to the creation of the European Economic Community (EEC), later to be known as the European Union. The attendance list of past and recent Bilderberg meetings is breath-taking and shocking. The names of illumined Freemasonry appear alongside the highest placed politicians, trade unionists, and industrialists from Britain, Europe and the USA.

The Bilderberg group was officially formed in the Netherlands in 1954 by Prince Bernhard of the Dutch royal family [10, page 82]. However, a central figure behind the

scenes was the Polish born Joseph Retinger, who had long been involved in intrigues to create a united Europe. Atkinson and McWhirter provide a telling description of Retinger [9, page 15]: "At various times he was rumoured to have been an agent of bodies as various as the Socialist Internationale, the Freemasons, the Vatican and the government of Mexico. Retinger was a compulsive intriguer and a behind-the-scenes political wheeler-dealer." In a later pamphlet, Atkinson states that Retinger was a Jesuit [13]. From what we have seen in previous chapters, it is no surprise that Retinger should have been involved in such organisations, as each have a common basis in the Babylonian Mysteries and the Occult.

In his exposure of illuminized Freemasonry and the New Age Movement, Kah explains that the Bilderberg Group is a branch of illuminized Freemasonry and sister organisation of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) [11, page 38]. The Bilderberg Group has the task of implementing the New World Order in Europe, as part of the creation of a one-world government. Above the Bilderberg Group is a more select and powerful group formed in 1968, called "The Club of Rome." According to Kah the Club of Rome "has been charged with the task of overseeing the regionalization and unification of the entire world;" [11, page 40] it involves key figures behind the Occult and the New Age Movement. The Club of Rome has divided the world into ten regions, of which Europe is one.

Britain Ensnared in the European Union

Many of the post-war supporters of the European Movement in Britain also have interesting connections. Atkinson shows that before the war many of these people were involved in the appeasement of Hitler, and in many ways sympathised with Fascism [10]. They were consistent supporters of the principles of one-world government with links to the CFR [6] and a sister organisation in London, the Royal Institute of International Affairs [10] [11, page 50].

After several unsuccessful attempts by British politicians, Britain finally joined the EEC in 1972 [6, page 197]. The British public was deceived as to the true nature of the EEC. Politicians gained the support of a majority of the public by claiming that the EEC was only a trading alliance. However, the leading pro-Europeans knew it was not, and the deception succeeded. Step by step Britain has been drawn into that ever closer union, which the Treaty of Rome calls for. A trading alliance has grown into an organisation that dictates to the British Parliament. A crucial step in this process was the Maastricht Treaty [9]. This has overturned British democracy and the nation's Protestant constitution, which has been the bulwark of political and religious freedom.

Parliament must now enact laws as demanded by Europe.

The British political establishment has been steadily undermined. Although voters may vote for the three main parties, the policies all seem to head in the same direction. There is a remorseless shift towards integration with Europe. Any opposition to Britain's membership of the European Union is for the most part shut out of the media. On the other hand, massive funds are used by the European Union to spread propaganda and to indoctrinate the nation's children [1, page 193].

The Fourth Reich

We must now look at the parallels between the European Union and the Third Reich. Atkinson and McWhirter identify that the overall policies of the European Union to create a collectivist European State, with a single economy and currency, are remarkably similar to the Nazi plan of 1942 for a united Europe under the control of Germany [9, page 119] [10, page 51]. Even the Nazi's name of the "European Economic Community" has been retained.

The fall of Communism in Eastern Europe has brought the unification of Germany and the rapid expansion eastwards of the European Union and NATO. A unified Germany has become the dominant force in central Europe, revealing a disturbing parallel with the growth of the Third Reich. Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia, with the Czech Republic being closely associated with Germany. Austria then joined the European Union, mirroring the Anschluss with Germany in 1938.

A more serious development has been the disintegration of Yugoslavia, with Germany giving strong support to Croatian and Bosnian independence. The new Croatian state, just as in 1941, declared the minority Serbs to be aliens [13]. The new Croatian flag resembles that of the Ustashi flag of the 1940's; the Jesuit war-criminal Archbishop Stepinac is now honoured as a national hero and has been "beatified" by the Pope [2, page 159] [14, page 8]. At the same time Tudjman, the first leader of Croatia, publically tried to cast doubt on the extent of the Holocaust [15, page 7]. Nevertheless, an Islamic Bosnian state allied with Croatia has disturbing parallels with the alliance between the Croat Fascists and the Bosnian Muslims in the genocide of Serbs between 1941 and 1945.

It is therefore not surprising that the Serbs have been provoked into a brutal response. Nevertheless, the author in no way condones or excuses the barbaric acts committed by any side of the Yugoslav conflict. However, it is noteworthy that any "ethnic

cleansing" by Serbs has been strongly opposed and featured prominently in the media; on the other hand the complete removal by Croatia of 200,000 Serbs from the Krajina region has been tacitly accepted. The reason for this is that Croatia is a Romanist nation, strongly supported by Germany and the Vatican, as well as other members of the European Union. By driving out the Krajina Serbs, the Croatian government has achieved the ethnic and religious "purity" which Pavelic and Stepinac failed to complete under their reign of terror in the 1940's. The humiliation of the Orthodox Serbs has been a strategic objective of the Vatican for the last 100 years [11]. The recent events in Kosovo are an extension of this policy. The extent of Serb atrocities, in response to terrorist acts, was exaggerated. This encouraged a NATO show of strength that brought Serbia to submission. The end result has been the depletion of the Serb population in Kosovo [16, page 49].

A further parallel with Hitler's Third Reich emerges. Under Hitler the conquered nations' gold was confiscated by Germany. Now under the Single Currency nations' gold reserves are transferred to the European Central Bank based in Frankfurt [17]. Hitler destroyed the sovereignty of nations. Today, through the Maastricht treaty, national independence has been virtually abolished in favour of a European superstate, bearing an uncanny resemblance to Hitler's Third Reich [9].

The next wave of countries to join the European Union may include the Romanist countries of Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. It is therefore little wonder that Russia looks on with alarm at the eastward march of the European Union and NATO.

Symbols of Rome and the Mysteries

If the reader doubts the preceding comments, let him now consider the symbolism of the European Union. This reveals a shocking connection to the Vatican and the Mysteries.

Hilton explains the Romanist origin of the flag of the European Union, the circle of 12 stars on a blue background [1, page 55]. "The design of the European flag was inspired by the halo of 12 stars around pictures of the Madonna [who is dressed in blue], and appears prominently on the Council of Europe stained-glass window in Strasbourg Cathedral. The window was unveiled to the world on 11th December 1955." This date is close to the Romanist feast of the Immaculate Conception. However, it is also a strange coincidence that 11th December is the saint's day of "St. Damasus," [18, page 1120] who we saw in Chapter 5 was the Bishop of Rome that first took the title of

Pontifex Maximus, thereby becoming head of the Mysteries.

The Church of Rome claims that Mary with the halo of 12 stars, reigning as the supposed Queen of Heaven, is the woman with "a crown of twelve stars" spoken of by the Apostle John in Revelation 12. 1. However, numerous Protestant commentators (for example [19, page 82] [20]) show that the woman does not represent Mary the mother of Jesus, but is symbolic of the true Church of Christ. It is in contrast to the harlot riding the beast in Revelation 17, which represents the false church.

The European flag is not only Romish, but is also symbolic of the Occult. Let us first note that each star is five-pointed, which is symbolic of Lucifer and the Queen of Heaven (see Chapter 14). Moreover, they are twelve in number forming a circle, which represents the Babylonian Zodiac. The circle or halo itself represents the sun god, and is the mystery symbol of Tammuz, the deified Nimrod (see Chapter 7). The number twelve is also highly significant in many aspects of the Occult [21, page 289] [22, page 416], being a solemn perversion of the Biblical twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles.

As well as a flag, the European Union has an anthem. This is the prelude to "Ode to Joy" in the last movement of Beethoven's 9th (Choral) Symphony. Officially, the adopted anthem has no words. However, the German words of the "Ode to Joy" written by Schiller, with which the anthem is associated, should be carefully considered. The English translation reads as follows [23]:

"Praise to Joy, the God descended
 Daughter of Elysium.
 Ray of mirth and rapture blended,
 Goddess, to thy shrine we come.
 By thy magic is united
 What stern custom parted wide,
 All mankind are brothers plighted
 Where thy gentle wings abide."

Let us note that "Elysium" is the heaven of Greek mythology (i.e. the Mysteries) [24]. Therefore, we see that the "Ode to Joy" is in praise of the god of the Mysteries. It is a call for the union of mankind in the New World Order of the Occult. We also note in the anthem a strange confusion of the male and female divinities. This is something we will look at further in the final chapter, when we consider the prophecy in the Book of Revelation concerning the beast and its image.

In 1984 the elections to the European Parliament were marked in Britain by a set of stamps with two designs. The first design showed an indecently dressed woman riding a beast or bull led by a winged boy, which was riding over seven hills or waves of the sea. An explanation of this is found in Hislop, who refers to the pagan legend of the goddess Europa, who Jupiter led away in the form of a bull [19, page 85]. We have already seen in Chapter 3 that the bull was one of the mystery symbols for Nimrod. Furthermore, Hislop shows that the god Jupiter was also symbolised by the winged boy, and is identified with Bacchus [19, page 140]. Apart from the use of the symbols of the Babylonian Mysteries, this design bears a shocking resemblance to the description of the woman riding the beast in Revelation 17.

The second design on these stamps was a bridge, with the word "Europa." According to the European Union the bridge symbolises communication among the people of Europe and with the rest of the world. Various designs of bridges, alongside windows and doors, will also appear on Euro bank notes [1, page 149]. However, one can not help but observe, that the Latin word "Pontifex," meaning "Pontiff" or "High Priest," comes from the two Latin words "pons" (bridge) and "facio" (make). Therefore, "Pontifex" literally means the "Bridge-Maker." [25, page 75] This symbolises the hand of the Pope behind the European Union.

Rebuilding the Tower of Babel

The most blatant symbolism of Babylon is seen in a Council of Europe poster. This was produced to promote the concept of a united Europe with the message "Europe: Many Tongues One Voice." [7] The poster shows the construction of a tower, above which the heavens are dominated by 12 five-pointed stars. The stars, which are the symbol of the Babylonish Queen of Heaven, are in the satanic inverted form.

One immediately calls to mind the words of those ancient builders of the tower of Babel; "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." (Genesis 11. 4) The Lord "confounded their language" and "scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth." However, we do not need to rely on mere coincidences with this poster depicting a tower.

Owers [7] places a copy of the Council of Europe poster alongside the painting entitled "The Tower of Babel" by 16th century Flemish artist Pieter Bruegel the Elder. The resemblance between the two is breath-taking. The conclusion is inescapable; the

Council of Europe chose to modernise Bruegel's painting to symbolise that the European Union is attempting to reverse the judgement of God against the nations at Babel. This is further seen in the design of the new European Parliament building at Strasbourg, which is likewise modelled on Bruegel's painting of the Tower of Babel [26, page 13]. The Parliament building is commonly known as "The Tower."

Persecution Looms

If Britain remains part of the European Union, the hand of repression and persecution will sooner or later descend upon the true churches of Jesus Christ. The Maastricht Treaty classifies the British people as European citizens. However, the duties of a European citizen are not defined, but would be ultimately decided by the European Court, which is a political court committed to the concept of the European Union [9]. There are proposals now emerging for a common legal system within the European Union, which, if implemented, would curtail the right to trial by jury, introduce detention without trial, and undermine the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. This system is based upon the Napoleonic system of justice, which was itself derived from the Inquisition [1, page 128] [27, page 6].

There is seemingly a never-ending series of treaties, the latest being the Treaty of Nice, which are putting in place the structure of the European superstate and preparing the powers that could be used for authoritarian repression. The signs are becoming more clear as time passes. A recent decision of the European Court of Justice has stated that the right to freedom of expression does not extend to criticism of the European Union, which is regarded as sedition [28].

There is also a pronounced trend in Europe towards only permitting religious freedom for state-approved denominations. Those that remain outside the mainstream Ecumenical Movement will find themselves classified as "sects," against whom the police will have special investigative powers [1, page 119]. The reader may be assured that faithful Protestant churches will be regarded as "sects." The days of religious liberty, which for many generations have been enjoyed in Britain, are about to end, unless the Lord look in mercy upon a guilty nation.

The Lord Sitteth in the Heavens

Whatever success the enemies of the Lord may seem to have, may we see by faith that the Lord will ultimately triumph. Time and again we have seen that the works of the ungodly have been brought to confusion. To what extent the European Union will be

permitted to develop, we do not know. However, the successors to the Roman empire have always been "partly strong and partly broken." (Daniel 2. 42) They have prospered for a season, only to fall apart. Let us consider the words of the Psalmist; "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing ? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." (Psalm 2. 1 - 7)

When Martin Luther stood in all his human weakness against the power of the Emperor Charles and the Holy Roman Empire, he was mighty in faith. Luther put not his confidence in princes, armies or alliances, but rather looked unto the Lord in fervent prayer. He knew that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." (2 Corinthians 10. 4) The Lord delivered Luther, frequently bringing the mighty of the earth to confusion and embarrassment [29].

In our current solemn position the Christian must remember that these tribulations have not come by chance. The Lord has warned the true Church through the prophecies of scripture, that we might see the Lord's sovereign hand and recognise the "signs of the times." May we heed the solemn warning given to flee from the spiritual Babylon; "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." (Revelation 18. 4 - 5) May we see by faith, that as the prophecies concerning the spiritual Babylon are being remarkably fulfilled, so will those glorious prophecies about the Christians' prospect of heaven also come to pass. "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21. 28)

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CHAPTER 20

THE MAN OF SIN

Introduction

Previous chapters have examined the origins of the Church of Rome in the Mysteries, and its connections with the Occult. Furthermore, we have considered the terrible persecution and wars that Rome has been responsible for. Now in conclusion, we will turn once more to those scriptures, which we briefly looked at in Chapter 9 concerning the "man of sin." As this is a controversial subject, even amongst members of Protestant churches in our present day, this book has sought to present detailed evidence before drawing conclusions.

It is tempting to think that the momentous prophecies in the books of Daniel, 2 Thessalonians and Revelation either entirely refer to the future or, on the contrary, were completely fulfilled long ago. One may then be misled into believing they are of little immediate relevance to the churches today. However, the Apostle Paul states, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3. 16) Furthermore, the Apostle John writes at the beginning of the book of Revelation; "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." (Revelation 1. 1) Therefore, it is safely concluded that much of the book of Revelation was fulfilled in the following centuries, and is still being fulfilled today, with very clear lessons and warnings for the Church. With this in mind, we will now look a little further in these last two chapters at some of the scriptures relating to Babylon and the Church of Rome.

Usurping the Place of God

In the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, Paul not only prophecies a falling away and the revealing of the "man of sin," but also provides a description, so that the Church in future generations may know his identity.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so

that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things ? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." (2 Thessalonians 2. 3-9)

Here Paul uses guarded language concerning, "he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." This was clearly understood within the early Church as referring to the Roman Empire. To predict the fall of the Empire publicly could have been construed as treason, and would have brought further and unnecessary persecution on the young Church. Wordsworth and Turretin show that this was the understanding of the early Christian writers, such as Irenaeus, Jerome and Augustine [1, page 9] [2, page 23]. We have shown in previous chapters, how the papacy rose as the Roman Empire declined. Gill [3] and other Reformed commentators also draw the same conclusion.

There are other passages of scripture that are important in this context. In particular, the words of Daniel about the "little horn," which were discussed in Chapter 9 and shown to fit the papacy. Of this "little horn" the scripture says; "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High." (Daniel 7. 25)

Another important scripture in this context is that concerning Satan and the king of Babylon, who was at the head of Satan's religious system. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning ! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations ! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." (Isaiah 14. 12-15) Here we see the king of Babylon given the name "Lucifer." He was exalted above the other kingdoms of the world, and would even try to exalt himself into the place of God. By comparing these scriptures we see the similarity with the description of the "man of sin" in 2 Thessalonians 2. The Pope as the head of the Babylonian Mysteries sits in the place of God exalting himself, just like the king of Babylon in ancient times. To prove this, let us consider the claims and ceremonies

surrounding the papacy.

In earlier chapters we saw that throughout the Romanist system, a superior was in the place of God to his subordinate, ending ultimately with the Pope, who was supposedly infallible. When the Apostle Paul states concerning the "man of sin," that "he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God," (2 Thessalonians 2. 4) Paul does not refer to the literal temple at Jerusalem. This was destroyed before the "man of sin" was revealed [3]. However, Paul means by "the temple of God" the Christian Church. Wordsworth [1, page 5] explains that the Greek word "naos," which is translated "temple," is the one used figuratively in the scriptures to denote the heart of a believer or the Church of God. For example Paul spoke to the Corinthians, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God." (1 Corinthians 3. 16) Gill states of the "man of sin," referring to the Pope [3]; "it was a true church in which he first appeared, over which he usurped power and authority; though it has been so corrupted by him, as now to be only nominally so; here he sits, and has homage done by his creatures, as if he was a god."

However, there is a more immediate sense in which the Popes down the ages have fulfilled this prophecy. Wordsworth quotes from the "Ceremoniale Romanum" or the "Book of Sacred Ceremonies" of the Church of Rome, published in 1516, which describes a papal enthronement. After prostrating before the altar, praying before it, declaring its sanctity as the seat of God, the Pontiff elect is then enthroned. Wordsworth provides the following translated extract from the "Ceremoniale Romanum" to describe what happens next [1, page 21]. "The Pope rises, and, wearing his mitre, is lifted up by the Cardinals, and is placed by them upon the altar - to sit there. One of the Bishops kneels, and begins the "Te Deum." [An ancient Latin hymn to God] In the mean time the Cardinals kiss the feet and hands and face of the Pope." Wordsworth goes on to say: "This ceremony has been observed for many centuries; and it is commonly called by Roman writers the "Adoration." It is represented on a Coin, struck in the Papal mint with the legend, "Quem creant, adorant," - "Whom they create (Pope), they adore.'" [1, page 22] It should be realised that on the papal throne, the Pope sits above the altar, and is beneath the great sun-burst image in St. Peter's Basilica. Thus the new Pope was literally worshipped as God, sitting above the altar. This practice continued up until 1978, when John Paul I refused to be crowned in this blasphemous manner [4, page 236]. We will consider the fate of John Paul I later.

Despite taking the place of God, both in the hearts of the ordinary members of the Church of Rome, and literally in that church, the Popes have led some of the most

scandalous and immoral lives. The selling of indulgences and the confessional have had an influence for evil in those nations dominated by the Church of Rome. We have given numerous examples throughout this book of the evils that have come from the papacy. Thus, the application of the title "man of sin" to the dynasty of Popes is most appropriate.

We have only presented a brief discussion here. For a detailed and scholarly exposition of 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 17, the reader is directed to the short books by Bishop Wordsworth [1] [5] and the 17th century Swiss theologian Turretin [2]. The evidence that they present against the Church of Rome is very compelling.

The Antichrist

The Reformers and many Protestant ministers in later generations, seeing the terrible pollution, violence and error of the Church of Rome, publicly declared that the Pope was the Antichrist [6, page 127]. The word "antichrist" means someone who not only opposes Christ, but who also takes the place of Christ [2, page 4]. Since Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person in the Trinity, to take the place of Christ is also to take the place of God. However, let us consider some of the declarations that Popes have made themselves, to see whether they testify to these things.

Firstly, we will repeat the official pronouncement of Boniface VIII in 1302; "We, therefore, assert, define and pronounce that it is necessary to salvation to believe that every human being is subject to the Pontiff of Rome." [6, page 87] Not satisfied with this, Boniface VIII went on to declare the fearful blasphemy: "That which was spoken of Christ... "Thou hast subdued all things under His feet," may well seem verified in me. I have the authority of the King of kings. I am all in all and above all, so that God, Himself and I, the Vicar of God, have but one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do. What therefore, can you make of me but God ?" [7, page 32] Commenting on 2 Thessalonians 2. 4, Gill [3] also states that John XXII was called "our Lord God the Pope." Turretin provides numerous other references to where the Pope was called "God." [2, page 57]

More recent papal pronouncements also follow the same blasphemous teaching. During the Vatican Council of 1870, which proclaimed that the Popes were infallible (a characteristic that truly belongs to God alone), it was proclaimed concerning Pius IX; "The Pope is Christ in office, Christ in jurisdiction and power ... we bow down

before thy voice, O Pius, as before the voice of Christ, the God of truth; in clinging to thee, we cling to Christ." Pius IX also blasphemously applied to himself the words of Jesus Christ, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14. 6) [8, page 138] Leo XIII said in 1894, "We hold upon the earth the place of God Almighty." [6, page 95] In 1922 Pius XI declared, "You know that I am the Holy Father, the representative of God on earth, the Vicar of Christ, which means that I am God on the earth." [6, page 128]

Let us now examine the title that the Pope bears, namely "the Vicar of Christ." The word "vicar" comes from the Latin word "vicarius," which is given as meaning "substitute, deputy; successor." [9] This is illustrated by the word "vicarious" in respect of Christ's sacrifice on the cross; this means that Jesus Christ suffered in the place of the Church. Thus we find that "Vicar of Christ" literally means the "Substitute of Christ." Hunt points out that in Greek "anti" is the equivalent of the Latin word "vicarius." Therefore, "Vicar of Christ" means "Antichrist." [8, page 45] This is confirmed by Turretin [2, page 4].

The Apostle John states, "He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." (1 John 2. 22) Of this, De Semlyen comments; "The line of Popes has denied the Father and the Son by taking their place. The Pope of Rome has claimed throughout Christian history to represent Christ as "Vicar of Christ" and to be "Holy Father," known today to countless millions of the faithful as "Papa." [10, page 100] Furthermore, John states "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." (2 John 7) Whilst this immediately refers to the Gnostics, who mixed the Babylonish religions with the Gospel, it also applies to the Pope. For he is at the head of the spiritual Babylon, the Church of Rome, teaching in the Mass that Jesus Christ is present as a wafer of bread.

It is concluded that, whilst many others have been overtaken by the spirit of antichrist, there is none other that fits the description so perfectly of the "man of sin", the Antichrist, as the Pope of Rome. The ultimate one to seek to usurp the place of Christ is Satan, who has put forward Nimrod as the pretended messiah in the Babylonish Mysteries. The Pope is the legitimate and actual successor to the head of the Mysteries, being the high priest of Nimrod or Lucifer; yet he claims to be the head of the Church of Christ.

However, why is it that so few Protestant churches and ministers in our present day believe that the prophecies concerning the Antichrist and the "man of sin" are fulfilled

by the papacy ? Many today look to some man who is yet to come, or confuse these matters with Islam; others are unsure and rarely speak of these things. In most Protestant churches, what are known as futurist theories of the Antichrist have prevailed since the 19th century. These teach that the Antichrist or "man of sin" is yet to be revealed.

This shift away from the teaching of the Reformers coincided with the decline of the Protestant churches and the resurgence of Romanism. Let the reader consider that these futurist theories, which contend that the Pope is not the Antichrist or the "man of sin," originated with the Jesuits. They were first propounded by Jesuit theologians in the 16th century, so as to deflect the force of the Reformers' doctrine [10, page 193] [11]. This error was also introduced by Newman, the founder of the Oxford Movement, in his "Tracts."

The widespread acceptance of this Jesuit doctrine is further evidence that the Jesuits have infiltrated and undermined Protestant denominations. It has laid the foundation for the acceptance of the Church of Rome within the Ecumenical Movement, and has lulled other non-ecumenical churches into a false sense of security. Confusion or silence reigns in many churches at a time when the papacy is set to overthrow Britain's very existence as a nation, along with our religious freedom. The trumpet, for the most part, gives forth an uncertain sound, and few are prepared for the battle ahead, or even sense the danger they are in.

The Man of Sin and the Mysteries

Let us now examine further the case against the papacy. We considered in Chapters 4 and 5 that the Bishop of Rome took the symbols and position of the high priest of Janus, the Interpreter of the Mysteries. We saw that Janus was another form of the fish god Dagon. Now the direct connection between the Pope, the Mysteries and the "man of sin" is exposed by Hislop [12, page 273]. The name "Janus" is derived from the Chaldee "Eanush," which means "fallen man." However, Janus was also worshipped under the name of "Atys" or "Attes." Hislop identifies the origin of this name as the Greek word "Até," which signifies "error of sin;" it is ultimately from the Chaldee "Hata," which means "to sin." Hislop concludes [12, page 274]: "If, therefore, the Pope occupies, as we have seen, the very place of Janus "the man," how clear is it, that he equally occupies the place of Attes, "the sinner," and then how striking in this point of view the name "man of sin," as divinely given by prophecy (2 Thessalonians 2. 3) to

him who was to be the head of the Christian apostasy, and who was to concentrate in that apostasy all the corruption of Babylonian Paganism ?"

Ultimate Apostasy of Rome

Many in our present day think that the Church of Rome has fundamentally changed from the abuses of the past. The previous chapters in the book have shown that this is not the case. On the other hand, others have recognised the abuses, but have tried to reform the Church of Rome from the inside. Amongst these were some of the godly Reformers, who had to conclude eventually, that the Church of Rome was in irrecoverable apostasy. Indeed this is the testimony of the book of Revelation and 2 Thessalonians 2, in that the spiritual Babylon, the Church of Rome, will ultimately be destroyed by the mighty coming of God in his glory. The exhortation of scripture to the Lord's people is not to attempt to reform, work alongside or collaborate with the spiritual Babylon, but to be separate. The Lord's command is, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Revelation 18. 4)

Let us also consider in this context the well known verse from the Bible; "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots ? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jeremiah 13. 23) Young's Concordance [13] states that the Hebrew word rendered "Ethiopian" literally means "Cush," the father of Nimrod, or "Cushite;" now the Hebrew word "Cush" means in English "black." Both Cush and Nimrod were deified under the Babylonish Mysteries. A further remarkable observation is the similarity between "Namer," the Hebrew word for leopard [13], and the name "Nimrod." Concerning this, Hislop points out that the word "Nimrod" is derived from the Chaldee for "Leopard tamer." [12, page 44] This ties in with the account in Genesis that Nimrod was a mighty hunter. Hislop notes that the leopard skin has a special significance in branches of the Mystery religions, being symbolic of a priest. Thus we see that the leopard unable to change his spots or the Ethiopian his skin, symbolises that the religion of Nimrod and Cush in the Mysteries will never change from evil to good. Ultimately, the Mysteries are Satan's system of religion; Satan to the last will oppose all that is godly.

Let us finally consider a tragic example of the futility of trying to reform the papacy from within. In 1978 Albino Luciani was unexpectedly elected Pope John Paul I. He had been a humble, honest and hard-working priest, who had risen to become

Archbishop of Venice. When elected Pope, Luciani wished to be a pastor, not a pontiff. He refused to be enthroned in the traditional manner in St Peter's. He desired to give the church's wealth to the poor, deploring the corruption, links to the Mafia, banking fraud and Freemasonry in the highest ranks of the Vatican. The night before he was to announce sweeping changes, he died suddenly; he had only been in office for 33 days. Both Manhattan [14] and Yallop [4] show that John Paul I was murdered. Under his successor, the present Pope John Paul II, the proposed changes were not implemented and those in danger of dismissal by John Paul I were confirmed in office. Just as Clement XIII and Clement XIV were killed for their opposition and actions against the Jesuits in the 18th century, the life of John Paul I was cut short in terrifying circumstances. We look in vain for any true improvement in the system of Antichrist.

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CHAPTER 21**666 - THE NUMBER AND IMAGE OF THE BEAST*****Introduction***

If the identification of the "man of sin" or the Antichrist in the previous chapter is correct, then this will be confirmed by the number, image and mark of the beast. The various beasts in Daniel and Revelation symbolise Satan, his kingdoms and his religious system, at the head of which is the "man of sin." Let us first quote from the Apostle John.

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (Revelation 13. 11 - 18)

The conclusions from interpreting the meaning of the fatal number 666, the image and the mark of the beast are far reaching for the churches. Many will be surprised by these things, as these scriptures are seldom examined or expounded today. Let us heed the Lord's warning at the end of the book of Revelation. "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (Revelation 22. 19) To silence the warnings of the book of Revelation in the Church of God is exceedingly solemn. Although many of these things are obscure to our natural eyes and we are in want of much spiritual teaching, let us prayerfully

examine the number, the image and the mark of beast. For it is of great significance in exposing the mystical Babylon in our midst.

Numbers in the Bible

The key to understanding the significance of the fatal number 666 is the nature of numbers within the biblical languages. In Hebrew, Chaldee and Greek every letter in the alphabet represents a number [1, page 427]. This is lost in the modern English language and mathematical system. However, it is partly retained in Latin, where M = 1000, D = 500, C = 100, L = 50, X = 10, V = 5 and I = 1; the other letters have no numerical significance. The original Greek, translated "Six hundred threescore and six" (Revelation 13. 18) simply consists of the three Greek letters that represent 600, 60 and 6 [2] [3].

Since every single letter in the original language of the Bible represents a number, it therefore follows that all of the words in the Bible have numerical significance. Mathematicians have studied these numbers in the Bible, finding remarkably consistent patterns across both the New and Old Testaments, that can not be explained by simple coincidence [1, page 427]. This has been rightly interpreted as evidence of divine inspiration. It is therefore interesting to find that the last 12 verses of Mark's gospel, long attacked by modernists as a later addition, follow the same numerical pattern as the rest of scripture, thereby showing their authenticity. However, the books of the Apocrypha, which the Protestant churches reject as part of the canon of scripture, show no such numerical pattern [1, page 434].

In the study of these numerical patterns, it has been found that there is a spiritual significance attached to many numbers. For example, 7 is regarded as a perfect number, symbolising spiritual perfection. On the contrary, the number 6 has the significance of "man and his sin." [1, page 435] Thus, we start to see the meaning of the words of the Apostle: "Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (Revelation 13. 18)

The Number of the Beast

We must now turn to consider what words correspond to the fatal number 666. However, it should be recognised that by choosing words and expressing them in different languages and lettering, many words will equal 666. Therefore, it is important

to keep closely to the scriptural context of the Mysteries of Babylon when examining the meaning of 666.

We will begin by quoting Hislop [4, page 269]. "Osiris, or Nimrod, whom the Pope represents, was called by many different titles... Among these innumerable names, how shall we ascertain the name at which the Spirit of God points in the enigmatical language that speaks of the name of the beast, and the number of his name ? If we know the Apocalyptic [i.e. within the book of Revelation] name of the system, that will lead us to the name of the head of the system. The name of the system is "Mystery" (Revelation 17. 5). Here, then, we have the key that at once unlocks the enigma. We have now only to inquire what was the name by which Nimrod was known as the god of the Chaldean Mysteries. That name, as we have seen, was Saturn.... As Mystery signifies the Hidden system, so Saturn signifies the Hidden god. To those who were initiated the god was revealed; to all else he was hidden. Now, the name Saturn in Chaldee is pronounced Satur."

Hislop then goes on to show that the Chaldee name "Satur," which means in English "god of Mystery," consists of four letters, and these add up to 666. Hislop states [4, page 270]; "If the Pope is, as we have seen, the legitimate representative of Saturn, the number of the Pope, as head of the Mystery of Iniquity, is just 666. But still further it turns out ... that the original name of Rome itself was Saturnia, "the city of Saturn."" Furthermore, Gill notes [3] that the letters of the related Hebrew word "sethur," meaning "mystery," also add up to 666.

In the early centuries of the Church, even before the rise of the papacy, Irenaeus proposed the Greek word "lateinos" in connection with the name and number of the beast. The letters of the word "lateinos" add up to 666, and it means in English, "Latin man." [3] [5, page 9] [6, page 75] Thus we are directed once more to Rome as the seat of the beast and the "man of sin." However, there is a deeper meaning in the word "lateinos" or "Latin man." As we showed in Chapter 4, Latin is the mystery or hidden language, for the word "Latin" comes from the Latin word "lateo," which means "lie hid." "Lateo" in turn comes from the Chaldee word "lat," which also means "lie hid." Thus the words "lateinos" and "Satur" are synonymous, both having the number 666, and both representing the great god of the Mysteries [4, page 270].

There are still further words, whose letters add up to 666, that point to Rome and the papacy. The Hebrew word "Romiith," meaning in English "Roman" or "Roman Empire." There is also the Greek word "apostates," meaning "the mark of apostasy." [3] [7, page 59] [8, page 95] Finally, let us consider the title of the Pope as "Vicar of

Christ," when expressed as the Latin "Vicarius Filii Dei." In English this means "Vicar of the Son of God" or "Substitute of the Son of God;" as we saw in the previous chapter, this is equivalent to "Antichrist." Remembering that in the original Latin script, "U" is written as "V," the letters in "Vicarius Filii Dei" add up to the fatal number 666 [3] [7, page 59] [8, page 95]. Therefore, we see in all these names, the number of the beast points to the Pope of Rome as the "man of sin," reigning in the place of God over the supposed universal or "Catholic" Church of Christ. There is also that clear connection to the Mysteries, the head of which is the Pope ruling as "Pontifex Maximus" or "Supreme Pontiff."

Wealth and Tradition

Now let us turn to the words directly quoted in the Bible that have the numerical value of 666. King Solomon was turned aside from following the commandments of God through his many wives, who worshipped various Babylonish gods (1 Kings 11). Solomon's great wealth led to many snares and temptations. Regarding the wealth Solomon received each year, a remarkable statement is made. "Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold." (1 Kings 10. 14)

Turning to the New Testament [8, page 96], we make the remarkable discovery that the Greek word "euporia," which is translated "wealth," adds up to the number 666. "Euporia" is only used once in the Bible [2], but in a most striking context regarding the opposition to the preaching of the Gospel in Ephesus. "For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth [euporia = 666]." (Acts 19. 24 - 25) As was shown in Chapter 4, the goddess Diana was a form under which Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod, was worshipped.

Woodrow [8, page 96] states that there is only one other Greek noun in the Bible, other than "euporia" which adds up to 666. This is "paradosis," which is translated "tradition." It is usually used in the sense of the tradition of men taking precedence over the word of God. A more apt summary of the errors of the Church of Rome could not be found than that of wealth and tradition. Both attributes have the fatal number 666.

Let us examine ourselves in this respect. The Protestant churches today are generally weak and have fallen from the truth. However, what can be said of the remnant that

have not been drawn into outward error and compromise with Rome ? For the most part there is a lightness in religion and a lack of a deep living and spiritual knowledge of Jesus Christ, especially among the younger generation. The word "euporia" not only means "wealth," but also "prosperity" and "affluence." [2] Unless sanctified and used rightly in God's sight, wealth, prosperity and affluence are a curse upon the churches. It is feared that many have fallen into the snare of seeking after expensive clothes, cars, houses, well paid jobs and career moves ahead of seeking the kingdom of God. Therefore, there is little spiritual fruit. The wearing of jewellery is also becoming more apparent, despite the words of the Apostle Paul. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." (1 Timothy 2. 9 - 10)

Turning to tradition, we find that denominational and family traditions are held to tenaciously, even when they conflict with the commandments of God. Therefore, let us each seek a true spiritual repentance and a return to the truth and simplicity of the gospel. If we love the Lord, then there will be practical evidence of this; for the Lord Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14. 15) Let us therefore seek to put away the marks of 666, wealth and tradition, that are stamped upon many churches today.

The Image of the Beast

Having discussed the number of the beast, we must also consider the "image of the beast." We have previously seen that the beast with seven heads and ten horns in an outward earthly sense represented the Roman Empire. Therefore, the "image of the beast" may be interpreted as signifying the Holy Roman Empire, which was a new empire in the image of the old [6, page 27]. However, there is a deeper meaning which we must explore. This may at first appear obscure, but Hislop's examination sheds much light on the subject.

Hislop states [4, page 264]; "In the old Babylonian Paganism, there was an image of the Beast from the sea; and when it is known what that image was, the question will, I think, be fairly decided. When Dagon was first set up to be worshipped, while he was represented in many different ways ... the favourite form in which he was worshipped ... was that of a child in his mother's arms. In the natural course of events, the mother came to be worshipped along with the child, yea, to be the favourite object of worship. To justify this worship ... that mother, of course, must be raised to divinity, and divine powers and prerogatives ascribed to her. Whatever dignity, therefore, the son was

believed to possess a like dignity was ascribed to her. Whatever name of honour he bore, a similar name was bestowed upon her." Hislop then gives many examples of Babylonish worship, in which Semiramis had equal honour to Nimrod.

Furthermore, Hislop goes on to observe concerning the beast, or Nimrod [4, page 265]; "He, after being killed by the sword, was fabled to have risen again, and ascended up to heaven. She, too, though history makes her to have been killed with the sword by one of her own sons, was nevertheless, in the myth, said to have been carried by her son bodily to heaven, and to have been made Pambasileia, "Queen of the Universe." Finally, to clench the whole, the name by which she was now known was Semelé, which, in the Babylonian language, signifies "The Image." Thus, in every respect, to the very least jot and tittle, she became the express image of the Babylonian "beast that had the wound by a sword, and did live.""

Let us also note that a version of the name "Semelé" appears in the Bible. Ezekiel 8, which we looked at in Chapter 3, gives a description of various forms of Babylonish idolatry practised in the very temple at Jerusalem. Ezekiel is shown in his vision "the image of jealousy." On enquiring into the original Hebrew word translated "image," we find that it is "semel." [2]

Following the fall of the pagan religions in the 4th and 5th centuries, the Church of Rome set up the Virgin Mary as the Madonna, the "Queen of Heaven," the "Mediatrix" [female mediator]. The Virgin Mary took the place of Isis, Diana and other forms of the mother goddess, the deified Semiramis. In the Babylonish worship of the Church of Rome, the Virgin Mary has taken on all the attributes of Jesus. She is supposed to be sinless, she is a mediator for sinners, she is to be prayed to, she reigns in heaven, and so on. Yet the Jesus that is worshipped in the Mass of the Church of Rome, is a false Jesus, an imposture. It is, as we have shown in earlier chapters, Nimrod or the beast, who is worshipped under the name of Jesus Christ. This awful blasphemy is compounded by the setting up of the image of the beast, appearing as it were the mother of Jesus. First the Jesuits, and now more generally the Church of Rome, even teach that Mary suffered on a level with that of Jesus at Calvary [4, page 267]. Hislop states concerning the papal decree of 1854, "we read in the Pope's decree of the Immaculate Conception, that that same Madonna, for this purpose "wounded with the sword," rose from the dead, and being assumed up on high, became Queen of Heaven." Hislop concludes that from this point in time the Romish Madonna combined all the features of the Babylonish "image of the beast." [4, page 267]

Throughout the occult and Babylonish religions there is this confusion of the male and

female divinities, of Nimrod and Semiramis. The full consequences of this confusion of male and female must be excluded here, as the Apostle Paul commanded, "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." (Ephesians 5. 12) Nevertheless, the ultimate power behind the Mysteries is Lucifer or Satan, who may appear as either a god or a goddess. The occultist Blavatsky states concerning Satan; "Is he not ... Sanatsuyala, another name of Mother ... the Celestial Virgin - Mother of the Invisible Universe, also called the Great Dragon." Furthermore, Blavatsky states; "the Great Magic Agent ... the Astral Light ... the Sidereal [ie. concerning the constellations or fixed stars] Virgin - is that which the church calls Lucifer." [9, page 104]

In the many supposed appearances of the Virgin Mary, there have been momentous prophecies and instructions uttered by the Virgin [9, page 103], who is symbolised by a sacred heart thrust through with a sword [4, page 266]. Let us compare this with the prophecy concerning the beast, who "had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (Revelation 13. 15) We have already referred to the terrible events flowing from the Fatima prophecies, which predicted the conversion of Russia to the Church of Rome. We also must note the parallels with the recent supposed appearance and prophecies of the Virgin Mary at Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, preceding the terrible carnage in the former Yugoslavia. The supposed appearances of Mary at Fatima and Medjugorje have both been used to call for the union of religions and to bring Muslims towards the Church of Rome [10, page 54].

Riplinger quotes a witness of one of the visions at Medjugorje as follows [9, page 104]: "He was ugly, horribly ugly. You cannot imagine how ugly, he almost killed me with his gaze, I almost fainted... Then Satan went away and our Lady came..." Thus we see an example of how "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11. 14) Indeed, a common feature of these visions of the Virgin Mary has been that they have begun with the appearance of light, just as in the ancient accounts of the visions of the Mysteries [9, page 114]. This further identifies the Virgin as Lucifer, the god of the Mysteries, who is Satan himself, who may appear as both male and female, as the beast or its image.

It is of great concern that the confounding of male and female has also taken root in the professed churches. This may be traced in part to modern translations of Bible. The advance of this confusion today is exemplified by the new Methodist Worship Book for the millennium, which includes the blasphemous prayer, "God our Father and our

Mother, we give you thanks and praise." [11, page 6]

Such blatant New Age influence may not be in those churches that profess to be Protestant and hold to the Bible. Yet the unmistakable signs of the New Age are within many congregations. Apart from the influence of various occult forms of alternative medicine and Freemasonry, which we considered in earlier chapters, there is a confusion of male and female. Many are turning away from the clear biblical distinctions between a man and a woman in marriage (Ephesians 5. 22 - 33), in dress (Deuteronomy 22. 5), in the length of hair (1 Corinthians 11. 14 - 15), in the head covering in worship (1 Corinthians 11. 3 - 16) and positions of authority within the church (1 Timothy 2. 11 - 12). These doctrines of the word of God are often despised or held in mere formality, being given as little attention as will pass for an acceptable profession in the sight of other Christians. It is to be feared that conformity with the world and the occult New Age Movement is undermining many churches.

The Mark of the Beast

If the beast has an image, it also has a mark which is to be received by its followers. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." (Revelation 13. 16) This is literally followed by many Buddhists and Hindus, who have a mark on the forehead, and in some cases also on their hand [9, page 102]. This is also practised by the Church of Rome, where the sign of the cross on the forehead is made with water in baptism. The Church of Rome is insistent that all should be baptised in this manner. Furthermore, the mark of the cross with ashes is made on the forehead in the ceremony of Ash Wednesday. We saw in Chapter 7 that the cross is the symbol of Tammuz, another form under which the beast is worshipped. Riplinger also quotes one of the apparitions of the Virgin as stating; "I am the Sign of the living God. I place my sign on the forehead of my children." [9, page 103]

Many commentators, for example Gill [3] and Turretin [6, page 68], have noted the spiritual significance of the statement, "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Revelation 13. 17) In much of the oppression and persecution that the Church of Rome has practised on supposed "heretics," there has been a prohibition on trade. However, Hislop concluded that the full force of the prophecy was yet to come in his day (the late 1850's), since it was to follow the setting up of the image of the beast, accomplished by the declaration of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 [4, page 267].

Events of the 20th century point to a further fulfilment of this prophecy concerning the mark of the beast. Hitler's Nazi regime, that was closely linked to the Church of Rome and the Jesuits, insisted that the swastika appeared almost everywhere. This Babylonish symbol of the Occult was another form of the cross, and was often set against the background of a round disc, depicting the sun. Although Hitler was defeated and the swastika has fallen into disrepute, we now see the same insistence on the use of occult symbols by the European Union. The European Union is the successor to Hitler's Third Reich, being both part of the occult New World Order and another attempt to rebuild the Holy Roman Empire.

It is European Union policy that all publications and documents associated with the Union, as well as any organisation that has been assisted financially, must display the flag of the twelve stars. This flag not only represents the crown of the Virgin Mary reigning as Queen of Heaven, but is also the circle of Tammuz formed with twelve five-pointed stars. This, as we have previously seen, is highly symbolic of Nimrod and Lucifer. This mark of the European Union will appear on all Euro banknotes, without which buying and selling will eventually be impossible in member states. Yet we shudder when we consider that this mark symbolises Nimrod and his wife, the beast and his image. Even the design of the Millennium Dome in London has a twelve-fold symmetry that copies the flag of the European Union.

Elsewhere in the symbolism of the European Union we see the male and the female, the beast and the image of the beast. The words to the anthem of the European Union confound male and female deities (see Chapter 19). Furthermore, the picture of the goddess Europa riding a beast has appeared on official stamps celebrating elections to the European Parliament [12]. Dr Paisley has also testified to seeing this symbol of the woman riding a beast used within the European parliament buildings themselves [13]. The solemn connection with the vision that the Apostle John saw in Revelation 17 is inescapable.

Symbols of the New Age

Having considered the number of the beast in the context of the Church of Rome and the Mysteries, let us turn again to the New Age Movement. As there is that common link with the Church of Rome in the Mysteries, then one would also expect the fatal number 666 to be of significance within the New Age Movement. The Luciferian, Alice Bailey states; "the number 666 has to do with ... the Greater Initiation ... the initiate is defined as one who has ... expressed 666." Another New Age classic calls upon the reader to use the sequence 6-6-6 as frequently as possible, as a form of

invocation of the god of the Occult and to attract spirit influences [9, page 102].

Riplinger states that the very popular New Age book, "The Aquarian Conspiracy," has a Möbius symbol on its cover that consists of the number 666 [9, page 101]. A similar symbol, with the number 666 around the inside of a circle, is used today for organic food. Let us also observe that a common symbol for recycling, a dark arrow wrapped around a white arrow, is very similar to the occult symbol used for holistic medicine. The origin of this symbolism is the representation of the light and dark side of Lucifer.

Let us remember that the call to return to nature is a favourite one of the New Age; and indeed it was one of the calls of Weishaupt, the revolutionary leader of the Illuminati in the 18th century (Chapter 15). It is remarkable how many goods that are bought today have one of these occult symbols upon them. Furthermore, the five pointed star that symbolises Lucifer and the Queen of Heaven appears almost everywhere. Not only do these symbols secretly inform the initiated, but they are claimed to be a means of communicating the power of the Occult [9, page 101].

Therefore, what as Christians shall we say to these things ? Truly, the godly are "strangers and pilgrims on the earth." (Hebrews 11. 13) May we in this evil world be as the worthy saints, of whom the Apostle Paul speaks; "they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." (Hebrews 11. 16)

The Sword of the Spirit

We must now draw the book to a conclusion. The answer to the errors of the Mysteries in all their forms is simple, and it lies in the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. It is the author's earnest desire that professing Christians in this evil day should turn to the Bible, earnestly seeking grace that the scriptures may be opened up to them by the Holy Spirit. The days are upon us when men will not tolerate sound doctrine, yet the Christian must be steadfast and unmoved by these things, being separate from the ways of darkness. Let us therefore find grace to walk out the exhortation of the Apostle Paul to put on the whole armour of God.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to

withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6. 10 - 17)

We have seen frequently throughout the book that Satan is worshipped as Lucifer, supposedly having a light and a dark side. Therefore in contrast, may we meditate on the following words of the Apostle John, which are very poignant. May the reader know these things personally, and walk according to the Gospel, untainted by the dark forces of the Church of Rome and the Occult.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1. 3 - 9)

"And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." (1 John 5. 19 - 21)

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