

# “The Beast Empire”

## Part 10

In the previous sections, I have covered all references to the “**Beast**”, both in the book of Daniel and Revelation. There is no question where I am on the meaning of this term. I am confident enough to believe it cannot be anyone, any system, any state, but the Vatican and the Jesuit-controlled Roman Catholic Institution. To call it a church would be dishonest in that the Roman Empire under Constantine passed powers and authority off to the RCC never endemic to the Christian Church by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many would suggest that the Roman Catholic Institution changed with Vatican II. That is a misnomer at best and a fabrication and misrepresentation at the worse. In my years I have been told many times that the RCC has changed. That is not true and at its core, it has not changed one iota. The pope is declared infallible, which means he cannot make error, and all doctrines and teachings no matter how old that come out as “councils” or “declarations” still exist in the church. Take indulgences as an example. Martin Luther exposed this doctrine as wrong and wicked some five hundred years ago, but this doctrine still continues in Catholic churches today, i.e., the pope’s “Year of Mercy” (2015-2016 indulgences were sold)!

For all intent and purpose, the world acknowledges the pope as being “God on Earth”. Consider just a few quotes making my point about the “Beast” being the Jesuit-controlled Vatican. I will be focusing on many of the doctrines taught by the RCC. This is extremely relevant at this particular time as many mainline Protestant churches have been in dialogue with the Vatican for as much as twenty years. Two years ago, the Lutheran Churches in America reached a point of compromise to which it was willing to put the Reformation behind it in religious history. All of this will most likely result in the mainline Protestant denominations surrender to Papal authority after the Rapture of the Bible-believing Christian community. Since most Protestant denominations continued in the manner of Catholic eschatology, holding to the view of Amillennialism (no Millennium) much of Protestantism will return to the Mother Church of Rome, the Whore of Babylon post-Rapture.

*“The Pope is not simply the representative of Jesus Christ. On the contrary, he is Jesus Christ Himself. Under the veil of the flesh.” -(*Evangelical Christendom*, January 1, 1895, pg. 15, published in London by J.B. Philips)..*

*“Against this background of love towards Holy Church, ‘the pillar and bulwark of the truth’ (1 Tim. 3:15), we readily understand the devotion of Saint Francis of Assisi for ‘THE LORD POPE’, the Daugherty outspokenness of Saint Catherine of Siena towards the one whom she called SWEET CHRISTIANITY ON EARTH’.” (Pope John Paul II, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Consecrated Life and its Mission of the Church and in the World, to the bishops and clergy, religious orders and congregations, societies of apostolic life, secular institutes, and all the faithful, given in Rome, at Saint Peter’s, March 25, 1996*)*

*“The Pope is of so great dignity, and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God and the vicar of God.” (Ferraris Ecclesiastical Dictionary)*

*“All names which in the Scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that He is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope.” (On the Authority of the Councils, book 2, chapter 17)*

*“The Pope and God are the same, so he has all power in Heaven and earth.” (Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, Chapter XXVII, pg. 218, “Cities Petrus Bertanous”)*

*“To believe that our Lord God the Pope has not the power to decree as he is decreed, is to be deemed heretical.” (The Gloss “Extravagantes” of Pope John XXII Cum inter, Tit. XIV, Cap. IV. Ad Caliem Sexti Decretallum, Paris, 1685)*

*“Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions.” (Ferraris, “Prompta Bibliotheca,” 1763, Volumn VI, ‘Papa II’, pg. 26)*

*“The Saviour Himself is the door of the sheepfold: I am the door of the sheep,’ Into this told of Jesus Christ, no man may enter unless he be led by the Sovereign Pontiff; and only if they be united to him can men be saved, for the Roman Pontiff is the Vicar of Christ and His personal representative on earth.” (Pope John XXIII in his homily to the Bishops and faithful assisting at his coronation on November 4, 1958)*

*“This is our last lesson to you: receive it, engrave it in your minds, all of you by God’s commandment salvation is to be found nowhere but in the Church: the strong effective instrument of salvation is none other than the Roman Pontificate.” (Pope Leo XIII, Allocution for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his election, February 20, 1903; Papal Teachings: The Church, Benedictine Monks of Solesmes, St. Paul Editions, Boston, 1962, par. 685)*

### **Read some of the statements affirming the Pope’s infallibility:**

*‘The Pope takes the place of Jesus Christ on earth ... by divine right the Pope has supreme and full power of faith, in morals over each and every pastor and his flock. He is the true vicar, the head of the entire church, the father and teacher of all Christians. He is infallible ruler. The founder of dogmas, the author of and the judge of councils; the universal ruler of truth, the arbiter of the world, the supreme judge of heaven and earth, the judge of all, being judged by no one, God himself on earth.’ (Quoted in the New York Catechism)*

*“The Roman Pontiff, head of the college of bishops, enjoys the infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as Supreme Pastor and teacher of all the faithful – who confirms his brethren in the faith ... he proclaims by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals .... The infallibility promises to the Church is also present in the body of the bishops when, together with Peter’s successor, ‘they exercise the supreme Magisterium, ‘above all in an Ecumenical Council. When the Church through its supreme Magisterium proposes a doctrine ‘fore belief as being divinely revealed, ‘and as the teaching of Christ, the definitions ‘must be adhered to with the obedience*

of faith.’ This infallibility extends as far as the deposit of divine revelation itself.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #891, 1994 edition) - **Note the date of this Catechism!**

### **We turn now to the issue of popes and priests declaring authority to forgive sin:**

“And God himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of his priest and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse to give absolution, provided the penitent is capable of it.” (Liguori, “Duties and Dignities of the Priest,” pg. 27)

“This judicial authority will even include the power to forgive sin.” (The Catholic Encyclopaedia, Vol xii, “Pope,” pg. 265)

“... the poor sinner kneels at his confessor’s feet. He KNOWS he is not speaking to an ordinary man but to ‘ANOTHER CHRIST,’ He hears the words: ‘I absolve thy sins ... and the HIDEOUS LOAD OF SINS DROPS FROM HIS SOUL FOREVER.’” (William Doyle, *Shall I Be a Priest*, pp. 14-15)

### **Take a look at what the Vatican has to say about power over all other Churches:**

“No man has a right to choose his religion.” (New York Freeman, official journal of Bishop Hughes, January 26, 1852)

“Protestantism has not, and never can have, any right where Catholicity has triumphed.” (Catholic Review, June 1875)

“It is error to believe that every man is free to embrace and profess that religion which guided by the light of reason, he shall consider true.” (Pope Pius IX, *The Syllabus (of Errors)*, Issued in 1864, Section III, Indifferentism, Latitudinarianism, #15)

“It is error to believe that hence it has been wisely decided by law, in some Catholic countries, that persons coming to reside therein shall enjoy the public exercise of their own peculiar worship.” (Pope Pius IX, *The Syllabus (of Errors)*, Issued in 1864, Section X, “Errors Having Reference to Modern Liberalism,” #78)

### **Let us take a look at Vatican Claims Power to Change God’s Law:**

“Not the Creator of the Universe, in Genesis 2:1-3, -but the Catholic Church can claim the honor of having granted man a pause to his work every seven days.” (S.C. Mosna, *Storia deila Domenica*, 1969, pp. 366-367)

“The Pope is of great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws ... The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegenerent of God upon earth.” (Lucius Ferraris, *Prompta Bibliotheca, Papa*,” art 2, translated)

“The Pope has the power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ. The Pope has the authority and often exercised it, to dispense with

*the command of Christ.*" (Decretal, de Tranlatic Episcop. Cap. (The Pope can modify divine laws.)  
*Ferraris Ecclesiastical Dictionary*)

*"Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her: she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority."* (Rev. Stephan Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism, "On the Obedience Due to the Church,"* chap. 2, pg. 174.) (Imprimatur, John Cardinal McCloskey, archbishop of New York)

*"The authority of the church could therefore not be bound to the authority of the Scriptures, because the Church had changed ... the Sabbath into Sunday, not by command of Christ, but by its own authority."* (*Cannon and Tradition*, pg. 263)

*It is not yet too late for Protestants to redeem themselves. Will they do it? ... will they indeed take the written word only, the Scripture alone, as their sole authority and their sole standard? Or will they still hold the indefensible, and contradictory, and suicidal doctrine and practice of following the authority of the Catholic church and wear the SIGN of her authority?* (Ibid. pg. 31)

Of the many areas that are problematic about the Papacy being the primary candidate for the "Beast", perhaps knowing what other Catholics have had to say about the Roman Catholic Institution being Babylon helps to clarify this matter. When you have ranking members of the Catholic Institution noting the existence of pagan practices inside Catholicism it carries greater strength.

*"It is interesting to note how often our Church has availed herself of practices which were in common use among pagans ... Thus it is true, in a certain sense, that some Catholic rites and ceremonies are a reproduction of those pagan creeds."* (*The Externals of the Catholic Church, Her Government, Ceremonies, Festivals, Sacraments and Devotions*, by John F. Sullivan, pg. 156, published by P.J. Kennedy, NY, 1942)

*"It has often been charged ... that Catholicism is overlaid with many pagan incrustations. Catholicism is ready to accept that accusation – and even to make it her boat ... the great god Pan is not really dead, he is baptized."* (*The Story of Catholicism*, pg. 37)

*"Cardinal Newman admits in his book that 'The use of temples, and these dedicated to particular saints, and ornamented on occasions with branches of trees; incense, lamps, and candles, votive offerings on recovery from illness; holy water, asylums; holydays and seasons, use of calendars, processions, blessings on the fields; sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure, the ring in marriage, turning to the East, images at a later date, perhaps the ecclesiastical chant, and the Kyrie Eleison [Note 17], are all of pagan origin, and sanctified by their adoption into the Church [374]'".* (*An Essay on The Development of the Christian Doctrine.* John Henry, Cardinal Newman, pg. 359)

*“The penetration of the religion of Babylon became so general and well known that Rome was called the New Babylon.” (Faith of Our Fathers, 1917 ed. Cardinal Gibbons, pg. 106)*

*“In order to attach to Christianity great attraction in the eyes of the nobility, the priests adopted the outer garments and adornments which were used in pagan cults.” (Life of Constantine, Eusebius, cited in Altai-Nimalaya, pg. 94)*

*“The Church did everything it could to stamp out such ‘pagan’ rites, but had to capitulate and allow the rites to continue with only the name of the local deity changed to some Christian saint’s name.” (Religious Tradition and Myth, Dr. Edwin Goodenough, Professor of Religion, Harvard University, pp. 56-57)*

*“The popes filled the place of the vacant emperors at Rome, inheriting their power, their prestige, and their titles from PAGANISM.” (Stanley’s History, pg. 40)*

### **Another major indicator of the Roman “Beast” is how the Roman Catholic Institution speaks against God’s Word:**

*“The decree set forth in the year 1229 A.D. by the Council of Valencia ... places the Bible on The Index of Forbidden Books. The doctrine holds that “it is forbidden for laymen (common man) to read the Old and New Testaments. – We forbid them most severely to have the above books in the popular vernacular. The lords of the districts shall carefully seek out the heretics in dwellings, hovels, and forests, and even their underground retreats shall be entirely wiped out.” (Council Tolosanum, Pope Gregory IX, Anno. Chr., 1229)*

*“The very natural of the Bible ought to prove to any thinking man the impossibility of its being the one safe method to find out what the Savior taught.” (Ibid., pg. 67)*

*“The Scriptures indeed is a divine book but it is a dead letter, which has to be explained, and cannot exercise the action which the preacher can obtain.” (Our Priesthood, pg. 155)*

*“The simple fact is that the Bible, like all dead letters, calls for a living interpreter.” (The Faith of Millions, pg. 155)*

*“The Bible was not intended to be a textbook of Christian religion.” (Catholic Facts, pg. 50)*

*“The belief in the Bible as the sole source of faith is unhistorical. Illogical, fatal to the virtue of faith, and destructive of unity.” (The Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. xiii, Protestantism, Section III A, “Sola Scriptura” (“Bible Alone”), Nihil Obstat, February 1, 1912, by Remy Lafort, D.D., Censor, Imprimatur, John Cardinal Farley, Archbishop of New York)*

Another area is what the Roman Catholic Institution means by Declaring Mary as REDEEMER! The popes continue to edge ever so closely to coming out and declaring Mary explicitly as Co-Redemptrix equal to Christ Jesus.

*“The foundation of our confidence is found in the Blessed Virgin Mary. God has committed to her the treasury of all good things, in order that everyone may know that through her are obtained every hope, every grace, and all salvation. For this is His will: That we obtain everything through Mary.”* (Pope Pius IX)

*“To such extent did Mary suffer and almost die with her suffering and dying Son; to such extent did she surrender her maternal rights over her Son for man’s salvation ... that we may rightly say she redeemed the human race together with Christ.”* (Benedict XV, *Inter Sodalicia*, 1918)

*“O Mary, the guardian of our peace and the dispensatrix of heavenly graces.”* (Leo XIII, *Supreme Apostolatus*, 1883)

*“In fact, by being assumed into heaven she has not laid aside the office of salvation but by the manifold intercession she continues to obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.”* (John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 1980, quoting *Lumen Gentium*)

No issue is more controversial than is the doctrine of Mariology. As I recall, the New Testament devotes fewer than fifty words about Mary in the Gospels and the book of Acts. If my memory is reliable here, I want to say that it is closer to 25 words total. However, I have met few Catholics who revere Mary equating her to the level of Christ Jesus Himself. That said, I want to share with readers why all of this is unacceptable and even more heretical. When Turkish gunman Ali Agca attempted to assassinate Pope John Paul II in 1981, the Pope's first whispered cry was heard to be, "Mary, my mother...!" before losing consciousness.

According to his book, *‘Pope John Paul II - The Biography,’* author Tad Szulc said the pope believed that his life was saved as a "real miracle" by the Virgin of Fatima, whose feast day is May 13 (the date of his assassination attempt). John Paul II went to her shrine in Fatima, Portugal on the first anniversary of Agca's attack to thank the Virgin for saving him and to place the bullet that had struck him on her altar. That the Pope called on Mary to save his life, and not Jesus Christ, is significant.

Mariology is one of the cardinal doctrines of the Catholic Church. It ascribes scores of titles to Mary that are in many cases utterly scandalous and blasphemous: "Ark of the Covenant," "Gate to Heaven," "Moses' Burning Bush," "Tower of David," "Queen of the Universe," "Morning Star," "Refuge of Sinners," and many more outrageous misnomers.

### **Mariology asserts four primary dogmas pertaining to Mary:**

1. That she is a Perpetual Virgin; that Mary was virgin before, during and after giving birth. (This is entirely irrational and unscriptural. She bore an entire family of humanly-conceived children).
2. That she is the Mother of God - "*Theotokos*" - It is called "divine maternity." The Roman Catholic Church (RCC) holds that since Jesus was both God and man, Mary was the mother of God. The extension of this idea would make Mary divine, which is a blasphemous notion.

However, only a human was conceived in Mary's womb. God was not conceived, nor was God born of a woman. God was in Christ by incarnation. The deity in Christ was the Father in His ancient fullness. God was neither conceived nor born. Mary is not the mother of God in any way.

3. That she was Immaculately Conceived - The Immaculate Conception is a false doctrine that states that, from the moment of her conception, Mary was "full of grace," and "never stained" by sin.
4. That she was "Assumed" into Heaven. The false doctrine of the Assumption asserts that Mary was caught up alive into Heaven - body, soul and spirit, and never tasted death. Not one shred of scriptural evidence supports this belief, which in fact contradicts fourth century Catholic writings by Epiphanius that stated that no one knew the fate of Mary. But we do know that ***"it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment,"*** – (Hebrews 9:27). If Jesus could not escape that divine appointment, we have no reason to believe that Mary could.

The Assumption doctrine erroneously appropriates the twelfth chapter of the book of Revelation, in which the nation of Israel (symbolized by 12 stars around her head) is depicted as a woman bearing the man-child Messiah. The RCC ignores the true meaning of this chapter and interprets it to say that Mary is the woman crowned by twelve stars (leaving that detail unexplained). In reality it is a prophecy of the Messiah's First Advent, and Second Advent. The Greek text of Revelation 12 differentiates the dual prophecy as such; however, it is lost to the Bible reading public by mis-translation of the nuanced Greek text.

One of the real detriments of this false doctrine is that it is impossible to correctly interpret the prophetic meaning of Revelation 12 while believing this Catholic interpretation. The prophecy accurately depicts the nation of Israel during the last 3-1/2 years before Armageddon, during the time called "Jacob's Trouble," or the "Great Tribulation." It is not about Mary at all! Israel would never receive this end-time warning from God if it was left to the Roman Catholic Church. They hijacked the true meaning of those scriptures.

Furthermore, the very heart and soul of Mariology is the Veneration of Mary - holding her to be sacred, and highly revered. Despite all arguments to the contrary, "veneration" in the Roman Catholic Church amounts to full-blown idolatry.

All around the world, lavish feasts and celebrations are held where hundreds of millions of people celebrate and give offerings to the Virgin Mary - "Our Lady." Flowers are placed at her feet; delicacies are baked, and laid at the base of her idol. Her image is placed in the most conspicuous, highly visible focal points at the head of "churches," in prominent places in private homes, in most noticeable places in parks and yards and businesses. Mary's image is worn on necklaces and bracelets, and hung in portraits on walls, and massive statues are constructed in public places to venerate and glorify Mary. It is impossible to overstate the amount of superstitious power, charm and blessing that is believed to be in the images of Mary.

This cannot be, and is not, acceptable with God. It is a flagrant and offensive manifestation of idolatry in its purest form. There are few subjects in the Bible for which God has more hostility than idolatry and the worship of false gods. And in Catholicism, Mary really is a false god.

Let me pose a hypothetical example to illustrate what a gross offense Mariology is to the truth of God as set forth in scriptures. Just suppose that the President of the United States arrived at his inauguration ceremonies to assume his duly-elected powers in office. But instead of finding a legitimate inauguration ceremony being conducted, he found hundreds of thousands of American citizens celebrating a strange woman who claimed to be his wife. Can you imagine the thoughts that would pass through the President's mind as he watched the multitudes totally usurp his inauguration? This strange woman, with whom he has never had a relationship, is receiving all the honors, all the praise, all the accolades. She is standing in the podium where the President was supposed to stand. Meanwhile, the President is being ignored. In a final, horrifying, blasphemous act, this strange woman stands and takes the Oath of Office!

And to make matters worse, nobody objects to this travesty of justice! Nobody raises a voice to decry the illegality of this ceremony, nor to condemn the impostor!

This hypothetical example shows exactly how outrageous and scandalous it is that this DEMON SPIRIT by the name of Mary, or the Blessed Virgin, or "Our Lady," is posing as a non-existent perpetually virgin, "immaculately conceived," "Mother of God," "Queen of Heaven," who never died, stands in the midst of hundreds of millions of religious worshipers around the world and STEALS THE WORSHIP AND GLORY THAT IS ONLY DUE TO JESUS CHRIST ALONE! I cannot imagine anything on earth being more abominable.

In the end of time, Almighty God will certainly destroy all such images, as well as all those who worship them. Mary is held to be the eschatological (prophetic) fulfillment of the Church. Mary is called the Bride of God and the Queen of Heaven, and first manifestation, first embodiment of the church. Since Vatican II, she is called the Mother of the Church. If that is so, then the doctrine of the New Birth (as taught by Jesus and all the apostles) is moot and irrelevant. If Mary was the embodiment of the church before Calvary, then there is a church that is not born again -- a notion we cannot accept. This further suggests that all believers must be born of Mary into the Roman Catholic Church, rather than as Jesus taught, "born again" of water and of Spirit into the kingdom of God.

The stark reality is that Mary had to be born again just like every other New Testament believer. Mary was one of the 3,120 seekers who were born into the kingdom of God on the Day of Pentecost. If Mary had not been born again as a result of her own repentance, baptism and infilling of the Holy Spirit, she would not even be in Heaven now. She would have died and gone to Hell along with every other sinner.



Another tenet of Mariology that presents a major problem is the concept of Mary being the Mother of God. Whose mother was she? God's, or the Son of God's? ***"When the fullness of time came, Mary brought forth her firstborn son and laid him in a manger."*** Jesus was certainly God, but God wasn't born that day -- a man in whom God dwelt was born. How can anybody in their right mind believe that God has a mother? Mary had a baby boy named Jesus. He was the incarnation of the Father. Mary was only a human body bearing a human body; a vessel producing a vessel. She is NOT the mother of any kind of deity. She is the mother of the man, Jesus Christ.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is not as it may sound. Anyone who is uninitiated to the idea would probably presume that the Immaculate Conception refers to Mary's virginity at the time of Jesus' conception. But that is not what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is about. Instead, it posits that Mary herself was born immaculately -- without sin; that she was immaculately conceived. That is a heretical doctrine that cannot be supported by anything in the Bible. Psalm 51:5 says, ***"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."***

Neither did Mary remain immaculate throughout her life. In contradiction of that obvious truth, Pope Pius XII said, *"If the popular praises of the Blessed Virgin Mary be given the careful consideration they deserve, who will dare to doubt that she, who was purer than the angels and at all times pure, was at any moment, even for the briefest instant, not free from every stain of sin?"* But the Bible is certain on that matter: ***"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,"*** --(Romans 3:23).

The baptism of the Holy Ghost, which was experienced by all those in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost, according to Peter's exhortation in Acts 2:38, had to be preceded by repentance. If Mary was among those who repented, she must have had sin. And of course, she did.

Mary was born again after the same fashion of all her other brothers and sisters in the early church. She had to repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of her sins, and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She would be completely aghast at the horrific abominations being perpetrated in her name today. This Roman heresy of the Immaculate Conception ascribes sinless perfection to Mary, which cannot possibly be true. It is an intolerable, devious doctrine intended to divert the glory for which only God is worthy, to an unworthy human being, and ultimately, a deceiving spirit - a devil!

Was Mary a Sinner? We found Mary among the 120 believers praying in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost. ***"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance,"*** --(Acts 2:2-4).

Mary was one of the believers upon whom the Holy Ghost fell at Pentecost. When the multitudes in Jerusalem heard the news of what had happened, they inquired as to how they, too, could experience the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Peter answered them in a straight-forward manner. ***"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call,"*** –(Acts 2:38-39).

Peter showed the people that if they wanted to receive the Holy Spirit as the others had, they should repent of their sins, and be baptized by immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Then, he said, they would receive the Holy Ghost. In consideration of Peter's formula, we can deduct that all those 120 believers had already repented of their sins, and been baptized in the name of Jesus. That includes Mary. Yes, Mary had repented of her sins. Yes, she was a sinner just like every other person who comes to God.

Prayers to Mary are the same as prayers to the dead. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is a false doctrine with a deceptive and destructive purpose. Any time a false doctrine is taught it misleads the people, and necessarily distracts them from the pure and infallible doctrines of the Word of God. In the case of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, the deception is that people are encouraged to turn their love and devotion to a human being, encouraged to pray to her, venerate her, keep icons and images of her, give gifts to her, and look to her to perform signs, wonders and miracles for them.

Unfortunately, to the discredit of this doctrine, the true Mary is in Heaven and is entirely oblivious to these religious practices. Mary has absolutely no awareness of what is going on in earth, ***"...for who shall bring him [the dead] to see what shall be after him?"*** –(Ecclesiastes 3:22). ***"Wherefore I praised the dead... who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun."*** Those whose spirits are now in Heaven or Hell are very conscious of their surroundings there, but not of anything on earth.

Solomon said, ***"The living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, ...Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished,"*** –(Ecclesiastes 9:5-6). What does that mean? That means that MARY CANNOT HEAR ANYBODY'S PRAYERS!

Finally, the Veneration doctrine includes not only the "veneration," or "highly honoring" of Mary, but also is preliminary to her declared Sainthood. Sainthood, (another extra-biblical heresy created and promoted by the Roman Catholic Church) among other things, is the esteeming of some purportedly great Christian to the office of Sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church, and subsequently holding him or her to be a heavenly intercessor, or one to pray to.

This is seriously wrong. To begin with, there are absolutely no Scriptural precedents for such behavior. Not one scripture even suggests that we should attempt to communicate with any deceased person, saint or sinner. In fact, the scriptures declare that the body of the dead

returns to the earth, ***"ashes to ashes and dust to dust,"*** and ***"the spirit returns to God who gave it."***

In His story of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus taught that when a person dies, he is taken either to a place of torment if he was wicked, or a place of rest in the Presence of God if he was righteous. Between those two eternal abodes, there is a great gulf fixed which cannot be crossed by either party. When the wicked rich man called to God from Hell, asking that someone be sent from there to his brothers, to warn them of the perils of Hell, he was told that would not be possible.

An evil King Saul tried to communicate with the dead prophet Samuel by going to the witch of Endor. She purported to raise the spirit of Samuel, which condemned Saul to death that night. To be absolutely sure, she did not raise the spirit of Samuel. To believe that she did opens the door to believing that witches have power over God to pull down righteous souls from Heaven, back into this evil domain on earth. That is frighteningly heretical. Witches cannot bypass the throne of God to bring down saints of God from Heaven. You must understand that witches only communicate with devils. The witch of Endor only raised a ***"familiar spirit"*** of Samuel's. The witch's only access to the nether world was by a familiar spirit (demon). That was not Samuel. It was a familiar spirit posing as Samuel! That "Samuel" was a lying devil. To believe otherwise is to break every other Biblical precedent. The tragic fact is that Saul died within twenty-four hours of communicating with that forbidden spirit. Such should serve as a warning of dealing in the areas of the occult or satanic realm.

We must similarly conclude that when anyone claims to be able to communicate with the dead, they are only communicating with ***"familiar spirits,"*** or demons! It is an evil thing to have communications with Mary. The spirits and apparitions that appear around the world, performing hundreds of miracles, including weeping statues, bleeding statues, images dripping oil, etc. - ALL are demonic manifestations that deceive and delude the masses.

Therefore, on the basis of that reasoning, we must conclude that any prayer to the Virgin Mary could only be heard by God Himself or by a familiar spirit demon. Mary, who has for 2000 years been beyond the grave, was and is not able to communicate with the living today. Her mortal body has returned to the dust, and is awaiting the resurrection of the dead - the putting on of a new body. Her spirit is now in the presence of Jesus Christ in Heaven, and completely oblivious to circumstances going on in the earth.

Anyone posing as Mary today would have to be an imposter spirit, a powerful and influential devil that no Christian in their right mind would want to have ANY dealings with!

How can it NOT be an abomination to pray to the devil?? What about Apparitions and Miracles by Mary. The horrifying reality is that powerful demons are the impostors of Mary. All the miracles that are presently attributed to the "Blessed Virgin" in over 600 sites around the world that are officially recognized by the RCC, are not miracles of Mary or of God, but demonic

deceptions, perpetrated to keep men and women from ever believing in the true, infallible Bible doctrines contained in the (non-Catholic) gospel of Jesus Christ.

By now, the apparitions of the Virgin are almost countless. They spread from Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, to Lourdes, France; from Fatima, Portugal to the Hill of Tepeyac, Guadalupe, Mexico; including Mbuye, Uganda; Zaragoza, Spain; the Esquiline Hill in Rome, Italy; Walsingham, England; Cambridge, England; Prouille, France; Saint-Étienne-le-Laus and Paris, France; La Salette, Pontmain, Beauraing, Banneux, and even Lubbock, Texas!

All these demonic appearances have not resulted in millions of people being born again into the kingdom of God, but have drawn millions of people away from the true gospel into the mystical clutches of Roman Catholic spiritual perversions. The Virgin's miracles do not promote the true Gospel of Jesus Christ or the preaching of the pure, unadulterated word of God. In fact, they accomplish the exact opposite of spreading the gospel. Because of the gross deceptions of Mariology, the true Gospel of Jesus Christ is being supplanted and side-stepped in nations all over the world. What organization but the Roman Catholic Institution perpetuates this heresy?

In places where the Roman Catholic Church is the predominate religion, the people have never been taught the truth that Mary cannot do anything for them, and that only Christ Jesus can save their souls, heal their sicknesses, or write their names in the Lamb's Book of Life. So Mariology is leading people astray! It is distracting hundreds of millions of people from the real and true doctrines of the early Apostolic Church.

You can and should believe that Almighty God will ultimately condemn Mariology in every form. Those whose religion was based upon Mariology will find themselves in the gravest of positions, never having been taught the truth about being Born Again by repentance, baptism in Jesus name, and being filled with the Holy Ghost. Instead, they will find themselves standing before Jesus Christ at the final judgment, accused and guilty of both idolatry and witchcraft.

If Mary could speak from Heaven, (which she cannot), she would soundly denounce all such teaching, in the same manner in which the angel rebuked John in Revelation 22:8-9. ***"And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God."***

***"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,"*** –(Psalms 29:2).

***"I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images,"*** –(Isaiah 42:8).

It is a blasphemous abomination to bow before an image of the "Virgin Mary." All glory belongs to God, and He will not tolerate the glory being given to any human or idol. ***"That no flesh should glory in his presence,"*** –(1 Corinthians 1:29).

In a book called, *'The Thunder of Justice'* written by Ted and Maureen Flynn, with the foreword written by prominent Vatican insider, the late Malachi Martin, Mary predicts profound changes on the world scene imminently.

"Our Lady" is quoted as saying prophetically (in the very opening chapter), *"A chastisement worse than the flood is about to come upon this poor and perverted humanity. FIRE will descend from Heaven and this will be a sign that the justice of God has as of now fixed the hour of His great manifestation."* They think this is Mary speaking. Actually, it is a demon!

These words of "Mary" recall Revelation 13:13-14, which refers to the "False Prophet" of the apocalypse: ***"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 means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast..."***

First, the Fire, then the Antichrist? The surrounding verses describe the most powerful religious leader in the world performing a miracle that is presently being predicted by the "Blessed Virgin" herself! The Pope prays daily to the "Blessed Virgin," and he is the principal defender of her role in reconciling the world to God. He has said that Jesus Christ is the mediator between God and Mary! The demon spirit behind the entire "Blessed Virgin" deception is the same spirit that drives the Antichrist, who will soon be revealed in these last days. The prophecy states that the Pope has the "power to give life to the image of the beast." Is it possible that the image of the Antichrist, the image of the Beast, is the image of the Virgin Mary?

The European Union already wears the "image" of Mary. The twelve stars of the Virgin Mary have been permanently incorporated into the flag of the European Union. The artist-designer of the E.U. Flag, Arsène Heitz, of Strasbourg, was a devout Catholic, and devotee of the Virgin Mary, who prayed the rosary daily. He acknowledged that twelve-star halo of the Virgin Mary helped to inspire him.

A former secretary-general of the Council of Europe, Leon Marchal, affirmed that the stars are those of the woman in the book of Revelation. "It is wonderful that we have gotten back to the Introit of the new Mass of the Assumption. It is the corona stellarum duodecim (the crown of the twelve stars) of the woman of the Apocalypse."

The flag was adopted on December 8, 1955, the Catholic Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, decreed in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. On October 21, 1956, the Council of Europe presented the city of Strasbourg, its official seat, with a stained glass

window for Strasbourg Cathedral depicting a Madonna underneath a circle of 12 stars, as found on the statue of Mary venerated inside the cathedral.

The twelve stars of Mary are on every license plate and banknote in the European Union. Vatican-issued Euro coins have the Pope's image with twelve stars.

It has been reported that on September 2, 1958, Archbishop Montini of Milan (who later became Pope Pius XII) introduced a twenty-meter high statue of Mary on Mount Serenissima, and called it "Our Beloved Lady, Ruler of Europe." Pope Pius XII called Mary "Mother of all Nations." Bishop Dr. Graber said on September 9, 1978: *"We pray and ask in silence that the western world one day will be as it was: an IMPERIUM MARIANUM [Mary's Imperial Kingdom]."* On June 9, 2007, Bishop Victor J. Dammertz OSB dedicated a chapel in honor of Mary, Mother of Europe near the Benedictine monastery of Beuron, Germany.

Ultimately, the Spirit of Mary will assert itself increasingly on the world stage, predominantly (at first) in Europe, then at the United Nations (World Government). The spirit of Mary is the spirit of the Antichrist, whose ultimate goal is nothing less than total world dominion. The Catholic Church is a driving force behind the New World Order **"Beast"** Government that will finally declare the implementation of the "Mark" of the Beast.

When all these facts are taken into consideration, no one who wants to be saved should remain in the Roman Catholic Church.

***"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double."*** -(Revelation 18:4-6).

Don't believe the Catholic Church is behind the New World Order?? Does all of this sound like the apostolic church, representing Christ Jesus? I would suggest, not a chance? The Roman Catholic Institution declared the pope is the "Vicar of Christ." It is clear that he is not the Vicar of Christ, but the vicar of Satan. You can now see from the above what the Antichrist **"Beast"** believes and teaches.

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