

## THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF THE SAINTS AGAINST ANTICHRIST

**1st Admonition in Scripture: The Spirit of the Father will speak through His persecuted prophets (Matt. 10:17-20)**  
*"But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."*

**2nd Admonition in Scripture: The Holy Ghost will speak through His persecuted prophets (Mark 13:9-11)**  
*"But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost."*

**3rd Admonition in Scripture: The Holy Ghost will speak through His persecuted prophets (Luke 12:11-12)**  
*"And when they bring you unto the synagogues and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say."*

**4th Admonition in Scripture: Jesus will speak through His persecuted prophets (Luke 21: 12-15)**  
*"But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn unto you for a testimony. Settle therefore in your hearts not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay, nor resist."*

Let the reader reflect on a few most extraordinary observations regarding the above-cited Scriptures:

- 1- The importance the Holy Spirit has attached to this doctrine by stating it four separate times.
- 2- It is Jesus Christ who states the doctrine.
- 3- There is Holy Ghost testimony, words inspired by God, not man, which will be given after the canon of Scripture is completed.
- 4- Although this Holy Ghost testimony is extra-biblical, it is nonetheless the Word of God.
- 5- If this testimony were not important to Christians, it would not have been emphasized four times in Scripture.
- 6- Jesus tells us persecution of the saints will come from within the professing family of God: the Church.
- 7- The reason for the persecution will be due to the biblical faith the saints hold.
- 8- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit will inspire those who are brought before Church councils when they are interrogated.
- 9- Their words of reply will not be carnal, nor will these words come from the wisdom of men.
- 10- Their defense of the faith will not be refuted by the Church councilmen. It will be grounded only in biblical truth.
- 11- The mouth promised by Jesus is reflected in the mouth given the two witnesses of Rev. 11. Holy Ghost fire emits from these prophets, signifying divine-inspiration.
- 12- The wisdom promised by Jesus is that same wisdom which identifies the Beast through the number of his name (Rev. 13:8) and the seven hills upon which Mystery Babylon sits (Rev. 17:9).
- 13- The Holy Ghost testimony of these prophets gives us, infallibly, the identity of Antichrist and Mystery Babylon.

**THE REASON FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF CHURCH HISTORY IS APPARENT:  
SATAN DOES NOT WANT THE TESTIMONY OF THE SAINTS TO BE KNOWN  
THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL THIS TESTIMONY BE BROADCAST**

*"What I tell you in darkness, speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, preach ye upon the housetops."<sup>[1]</sup>*

We are now entering another alarming area. An area fraught with controversy and disconcerting thoughts. Uncomfortable as the truth is, we must examine the facts. We would not expect our secular schools and universities to be our source of information regarding the Holy Ghost witness of the Christian saints and martyrs through the Church ages. We should, however, expect our seminaries, Church leaders and teachers to be a reliable source. But they are not. At least not the vast majority, and certainly none of the famous leaders, i.e., the Billy Grahams of the world. Our leading Christians are not doing their job. They are instead aiding and abetting the enemy. Some of these leaders are truly Christians who are deceived. Others are not Christians, never were Christians, and never will be Christians. The true Christians will repent of their error. The false Christians will not. By their fruit we will know them.

Over the last two centuries Satan has been successful in misdirecting the professing Church away from the Holy Ghost testimony of the saints he killed through his false Church and vicar. We have already stated Protestants' views on this matter. Today's professing Christianity is self-absorbed with attaining supernatural anointings, special blessings, or the righteous faith to acquire worldly success. The past holds no interest to them, only the present and the future. But it is the historical past that reveals the out-working of God's eternal predestination of all things which come to pass. To neglect the past is to neglect God's fulfilled plan and prophecy.

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FORBIDS PROPHECY FROM BEING  
PREACHED OR TAUGHT - EVEN UNDER HOLY GHOST INSPIRATION;  
ANTICHRIST IS NEVER TO BE IDENTIFIED**

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**“2.....Nor shall (preachers and teachers) presume to announce or predict in their sermons any fixed time of future evils, the coming of Antichrist or the day of the last judgment....Wherefore no cleric, whether regular or secular, who engages in this work (of preaching or teaching) in the future is permitted in his sermons to foretell future events, or to affirm that he has received his knowledge of them from the Holy Ghost, or through divine revelation, or to resort for proof of his statements to foolish divinations, but by divine command it is his duty.....to promote peace and mutual charity.....”[2]**

Is it beginning to dawn on the reader that Satan, Satan's vicar, and Satan's people, evangelical and Catholic alike, do not want the truth of prophecy and the prophetic utterances of the Lord's saints to be known? Please note the year of the decree forbidding discussion of prophecy and the identity of Antichrist. It is one year prior to Luther's *95 Theses*. This fact is significant. Before the 'official' advent of the cry for Reformation with its resounding testimony against the Church of Rome and her head, the Pope, there was the testimony of the Cathars, Waldenses, Patarenes, etc., etc., against the Roman Catholic Church. Holy Ghost testimony by God's prophets brought before the Catholic hierarchy, councils and inquisitional tribunals. Rome responded to the heretics' accusations of wickedness, false doctrines, and profane sacraments by

banishing, imprisoning, and killing them. These prophets did not win any popularity contests by declaring the Church of Rome the Babylonian Whore of Rev. 17. But besides these numerous witnesses against themselves, the Roman Church had to contend with another faction within its own ranks: their own priests were condemning the Catholic Church for its harlotry and spirit of Antichrist.

## THE TESTIMONY OF ROMAN CATHOLIC MONK AND PROPHET, SAVONAROLA

**“I SAW IN A VISION A BLACK CROSS ABOVE THE BABYLON THAT IS ROME”  
“FLEE FROM ROME!”<sup>[3]</sup>**

It is quite evident, upon reviewing the testimony of the martyr, Savonarola, that it was those of his ilk that prompted the Roman Catholic Church to ban prophets from their kingdom. The reality of forbidding prophecy necessitates the forbidding of God's prophets. Thus, we must admit that Rome forbade the prophets from exercising their office. Many of those who did were eventually silenced by death. Such was the fate of Savonarola.

Israel killed the prophets sent them by God, likewise the Roman Catholic Church killed the prophets sent them by God. Unbelieving Israel was a foreshadowing of the unbelieving, apostate Roman Catholic Church. This truth is undoubtedly too difficult for many readers to receive.

Forbidden to preach after denouncing Pope Alexander VI.'s crimes,<sup>[4]</sup> Savonarola could not be stopped. Excommunicated in May of 1497, he in no way held it binding, denying its validity. Citing the prophet Amos as his authority, the Dominican Friar understood that the Lord's will was revealed to His prophets beforehand, thus the Lord revealed to Savonarola, for the elect's sake, the impending doom to Italy and the Holy See.<sup>[5]</sup> Once he understood his mission from God, Savonarola relates, in his *Compendium of Revelations*, that he was immediately opposed and mocked when he began preaching his apocalyptic message. A frequent and typical exhortation of his was: *Thus says the Lord God, the sword of the Lord will come upon the earth swiftly and soon.*<sup>[6]</sup> The monk's sermons were further enhanced by the disclosure of visions. A hand in Heaven with a sword having written upon it the above-cited quote is one of his more famous ecstasies. Savonarola did not gain many friends among his fellow clergy when he preached destruction of Florence and Rome due to their sins.

Alexander ordered the prophet's arrest and his torture began. Roman Catholic authorities are not shy in admitting the obscene treatment of the friar from Florence. The New Catholic Encyclopedia views Savonarola as a 'subversive', but 'great Christian' who refused obeisance to the Pope's authority.<sup>[7]</sup> *Savonarola was hanged and then burned in the Piazza della Signoria at Florence.*<sup>[8]</sup> The Florence Roman Catholic authorities obeyed Alexander's orders to kill the

monk even were he a second John the Baptist.<sup>[9]</sup> Prior to his death, Savonarola was degraded and deposed, rejecting the bishop's claim to have the power to separate him from the true Church.

## **THE IMPORT OF WHERE SAVONAROLA WAS KILLED AND BURNED**

Please see PLATE 17. The site where Savonarola was executed is quite clearly depicted. It was a *piazza*, an open public place, frequently used as a market place. The term *forum* has the same meaning. As does the Greek word *agora*. In Rev. 12:10, we are told *the accuser of our brethren is cast down*, the accuser being Satan. The Greek word specifying 'accuser' is derived from the word *katagoreo*, *κατηγορεω*,<sup>[10]</sup> meaning 'to speak against in the assembly of the people.' The *piazza* is where people assemble. To be executed is to be accused, spoken against and found guilty. To execute the heretics in full public view, in the public marketplace is an identifying mark, sign, characteristic and work of the accuser, Satan. That is why his name 'accuser' contains the word *agora*.

## **SMITHFIELD, LONDON, IS ANOTHER MARKETPLACE USED BY SATAN AND HIS FALSE CHURCH TO KILL THE TRUE SAINTS OF GOD**

The Martyrologist, John Foxe, enumerates countless examples of so-called English 'heretics' marched through the streets to meet their fiery end at Smithfield Market, in the mid-1500's. If the offender or offenders were ones particularly popular with the people of the district, the civil authorities and Catholic prelates would sneak them in under cover of darkness, hoping the townspeople would be sleeping. Smithfield is very much active today, a hustling, bustling center of commerce, throngs conducting business where the precious blood of countless innocent victims of the cruelties of the Catholic Church was spilled.

## **PETER JOHN OLIVI, 14th CENTURY FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL, FOE OF INQUISITOR BERNARD GUI CALLED THE ROMAN CHURCH, BABYLON, THE GREAT WHORE REGARDED POPE JOHN XXII. ANTICHRIST<sup>[11]</sup>**

Splitting from the Franciscan sect due to gross materialism, the Spirituals were ever a thorn in the side of Rome. It did not help the Church authorities that God raised up a prophet among them who understood the book of Revelation, identifying the Roman Church as Mystery Babylon and her Pope as Antichrist. Pope John XXII. is yet one more tainted, corrupted member of the papal dynasty the Church of Rome would rather forget. Inquisitor Gui was a busy fellow, what with the Cathars and Waldenses running loose all over the place, blaspheming Holy Mother, the Church, reminding her of her sins and wicked Holy Office. Gui's *Manual For*

*Inquisitors* contains the numerous charges against the Spirituals and Olivi. Included among the accusations of heresy against them were:

- believing the Church of Rome is carnal, composed of reprobates.
- believing the priesthood and religious are the modern-day Pharisees.
- believing that just as the Jews had crucified Christ, the Church of Rome crucified Christ's disciples, the Spirituals.
- teaching that the Lord Pope is the greatest heretic of all for approving the deaths of the true saints, rather than defending them.
- teaching the Pope is not to be obeyed.
- preaching the Church has become drunk with the blood of the martyrs - i.e., the four Spiritual monks burned at Marseilles.
- preaching without authorization.
- predicting the imminent end of the world.

The Italian branch of the French Franciscan Spirituals were known as the *Fratricelli*, Little Brothers. Their errors were similar, summed as follows:

- believing the Roman Church, pope and prelates were carnal (i.e., not born again, unsaved).
- believing the Roman Church was decadent.
- denying the Roman Church held spiritual and jurisdictional authority over them.
- believing a sinful priest should not continue in service.
- denying their Manichaean beliefs, and considering themselves models of evangelic perfection.
- rejection of the sacrament of marriage.<sup>[12]</sup>

"The outlook of these different groups (of Fraticelli) was fundamentally the same, and may be described as anti-papalism. John XXII. was invariably Antichrist; the Roman Church was guilty of fornication and simony, and its priesthood in mortal sin; only the Fraticelli were true to the teachings of Christ and poverty."<sup>[13]</sup>

**THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF 14th CENTURY LOLLARD, WALTER BRUTE  
ACCUSED OF NUMEROUS COUNTS OF HERESY BY BISHOP OF HEREFORD, ENGLAND  
INCLUDED IN THE CHARGES: DECLARING THE POPE ANTICHRIST, HIS CHURCH BABYLON**

**The Charges:**

"We would have that you all should know, that of late, by many faithful Christian people, and specially zealous followers of the catholic faith, it was lamentably done us to understand, by way of complaint [i.e., the Catholic townspeople betrayed him to the Bishop] that a certain son of ours named Walter Brute, a lay person, learned, of our diocese, under a cloaked show of holiness, hath damnably seduced the people; and without the fear of God, doth seduce them as much as he can, from day to day; informing and teaching openly and privily, nobles as well as commons, in certain conclusions heretical, schismatical, and erroneous, and also condemned.

**"We the faithful of Christ, zealous lovers of the Catholic faith, your humble and devout children, do exhibit to you the articles contrary to the Catholic faith, and the determinations of holy Mother church, as (taught by) the child of Belial, one Walter Brute, a false teacher and seducer amongst the people. In this manner of heretical cursedness he hath many and sundry years laboured to advance things erroneous and schismatical, and also heresies, and to imprint them in the hearts of faithful people.**

**1. The aforesaid Walter Brute hath openly, publicly, and notoriously, avowed, said and taught, and stubbornly affirmed that every Christian man and woman, being without sin [i.e., a lifestyle of sin], may make the body of Christ as well as the priest. [i.e., the priesthood of believers.]**

**2. The same Walter hath notoriously, openly, publicly, avowed and taught, that in the sacrament of the altar there is not the very body (of Christ), but a sign and a memorial only. [i.e., anti-transubstantiation, anti-sacrifice of the Mass]**

**3. The said Walter hath oftentimes said, and commonly avowed that the pope is Antichrist, and a seducer of the people, and utterly against the law and life of Christ.**

**4. Whereas of late your reverence did determine and give sentence, and have pronounced the same William Swinderby to be a heretic and a schismatic and erroneous teacher of the people [i.e., a Lollard minister, a true Christian]: nevertheless the aforesaid Walter hath openly, publicly, and notoriously, said, avowed, and stubbornly affirmed that William Swinderby's answers (to the Inquisitors questions) are good, righteous, and not able to be convicted of error, and that your sentence against William is evil, false, and unjust; and that you and your assistants have wickedly, naughtily, perversely and unjustly condemned the answers aforesaid. [i.e., Walter was a 'defender' of the condemned William]**

**Walter Appears Before Bishop To Answer Charges:**

**WALTER FURTHER ACCUSED OF REJECTING OATHS, AND FRATERNIZING WITH  
EXCOMMUNICATED SWINDERBY  
WALTER'S WRITTEN DEFENSE PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY**

**"I, Walter Brute, sinner, layman, husband, and a Christian of the Britons have been accused to the Bishop of Hereford, that I did err in many matters concerning the Catholic Christian faith...protesting first of all, before God and before all the world, that it is not my mind to refuse the known truth, by God's grace, even so it is not my mind to maintain any erroneous doctrine for any commodity's sake. And if any man will show me that I err in my writings or sayings, by the authority of sacred Scripture [i.e., sola Scriptura] I will humbly and gladly receive his information.**

**IDENTIFIES THE POPE AS THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION  
ALSO CITES 2THESS. 2 & REV. 13**

**".....If the high bishop of Rome, calling himself the servant of the servants of God, and the chief vicar of Christ in this world, do make and maintain many laws contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ, then he is of those that have come in Christ's name, saying, I am Christ, and have seduced many a one, by the testimony of our Saviour in Matt. 24. [The pope is also] that idol of desolation sitting in the temple of God, taking away from [the Lord] the continual sacrifice for a time, times, and half a time, which idol must be revealed to the Christian people, by the testimony of Daniel, whereof Christ speaketh in the gospel: 'When ye see the abomination of desolation that was told of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the**

holy place, let him that readeth understand.'.....Furthermore, [the pope] is the 'idol shepherd, forsaking his flock, having a sword on his arm, and another sword in his right eye,' and who, 'sitting in the temple of God, doth advance himself above all that is called God, or whatsoever is worshipped', by the testimony of Paul to the Thessalonians, second epistle, chapter 2: 'And in the defection or falling away shall the Man of Sin be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of his mouth.' He is also besides, 'the beast ascending up out of the earth, having two horns like unto a lamb, but he speaketh like a dragon; and is 'the cruel beast ascending up out of the sea whose power shall continue forty two months.' 'And he compelled small and great, rich and poor, freemen and bondslaves, to worship the beast, and to take his mark in their forehead or in their hands. And thus, by the testimony of all these places [in Scripture], he is the chief Antichrist upon the earth, and must be slain with the sword of God's word, and cast, with the dragon, the cruel beast, and the false prophet that hath seduced the earth, into the lake of fire and brimstone to be tormented [i.e., tortured] world without end.

**MYSTERY BABYLON IDENTIFIED AS CHURCH OF ROME  
CATHOLIC CHURCH IGNORANT OF HER IMPENDING DOOM**

“If the city of Rome do allow [the pope's] traditions, and do disallow Christ's holy commandments and Christ's doctrine, that it may confirm [the pope's] traditions, then is she 'Babylon the Great', or 'the daughter of Babylon', and 'the great whore sitting upon many waters,' with whom 'the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth are become drunken with the wine of her harlotry,' lying open to lewdness; with whose spiritual whoredom, enchantments, witchcrafts, and Simon Magus merchandises, the whole round world is infected and seduced; 'saying in her heart, I sit as a Queen, and widow I am not, neither shall I see sorrow and mourning.' Yet is she ignorant that within a little while shall come the day of her destruction and ruin by the testimony of the Apocalypse.

**BRUTE'S HUMBLE CONCLUSION TO HIS DEFENSE  
PRAYS THE LORD TO SEAL HIS FOREHEAD, REMOVING MARK OF ANTICHRIST**

“Pardon me, I beseech you, though I be not plentiful in pleasant words; for If I should run after the course of this wicked world, and should please men, I should not be Christ's servant. And, because I am a poor man, and neither have, nor can have, notaries hired to testify of these my writings, I call upon Christ to be my witness, who knoweth the inward secrets of my heart, that I am ready to declare the things that I have written after my fashion, to the profit of all Christian people, and to the hurt of no man living, and am ready to be reformed, if any man will show me if I have erred; being ready also (miserable sinner that I be) to suffer for the confession of the name of Christ and of his doctrine, as much as shall please him by his grace and love to assist me, a miserable sinner. In witness of these things I have to this writing set the seal of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which I beseech him to imprint upon my forehead, and to take from me all manner of mark of Antichrist. Amen.”<sup>[14]</sup>

**FURTHER DECLARATIONS OF BRUTE CONCERNING ANTICHRIST AND THE POPE**

**IDENTITY HIDDEN TO MANY  
THE POPES ANSWER PROPHETIC DESCRIPTION OF ANTICHRIST**

“...Let us go forward to declare whether Antichrist be already come, and yet is hid from many, and must

be opened and disclosed within a little while according to the truth of the holy Scripture, for the salvation of the many.....Who is the Antichrist lying hidden in the Scriptures of the prophets? I will declare my conclusion, bringing to light those things which lay hid in darkness, because nothing is hid which shall not be disclosed, and nothing covered which shall not be known. And therefore the thing that we have heard in the ear, let us preach upon the housetops. I therefore say that if the high bishop of Rome, calling himself the servant of God and the chief vicar of Christ in this world, do make and justify many laws contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ, then is he the one who, coming in the name of Christ, said, 'I am Christ,' and has seduced many: which is the first part of my first conclusion; for Christ is called by the Hebrews the very same name that we call 'anointed' [i.e., 'Messiah'], having a double anointing by the law, one of kings and the other priests, both of which were called 'Christs.'<sup>[15]</sup>.....Seeing that the bishops of Rome do say they are high priests, they say also therein that they are kings [the pope is the king of the Vatican City-State] because they say they have the spiritual sword pertaining to their priesthood, and the temporal sword which corresponds to a king's domain. So it is plain that they say, in word and deed, that they are Christs.

**THE POPE IS A TYPE OF CHRIST: PRIEST AND KING  
YET MAKES LAWS CONTRARY TO THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST  
ANTICHRIST COMES CLOAKED AS A FRIEND AND FELLOW CHRISTIAN**

"Now that the popes come in the name of Christ is readily seen because they say they are his principal vicars in this world, ordained of Christ specially for the government of the Christian church. Therefore, seeing that if they are themselves Christs, and the chief friends of Christ, and yet they make and justify many laws contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ, then it is obvious they are the principal Antichrists because there is no worse plague and pestilence than a friendly enemy. And if in secret they be against Christ, and yet in open appearance they say that they are his friends, they are much more able to seduce and deceive the Christian people. For an open enemy shall have a more difficult task to deceive a man because men trust him not; but a furtive man, pretending outward friendship, may easily seduce even those that are intelligent.

**THE LAW OF LOVE IN CHRIST CONTRASTED WITH THE LAW OF HATE IN ANTICHRIST**

"I say then that the law of Christ is charity, which is the perfect love of God and of Christ. This truth is plainly seen: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, (etc.), and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thine own self'.....[Brute lists six pages of Scriptures admonishing Christians to love unselfishly.].....For nothing that is contrary to charity is lawful to a Christian.....By these things it may plainly appear how that Christ, the king of peace, who came to save, not destroy, hath taught us not to be angry, not to hate our enemies, nor to render evil for evil.....But the bishop of Rome approveth and alloweth wars, and slaughters of men in war, wars against our enemies, the infidels, as well as wars against the Christians, for temporal goods. Now these things are quite opposed to Christ's doctrine of charity and peace."

**THE WARS CHRISTIANS FIGHT ARE SPIRITUAL, NOT CARNAL**

[Brute makes a biblical case against fighting in the flesh, but for spiritual battles waged against sin and the devil. He cites Eph.6: 'we wrestle not against flesh and blood.' Also 2Cor.10:4: 'The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God.' He argues the Old Testament wars were precursors to New Testament spiritual wars. Brute cites the Crusades as examples of godlessness veiled as godliness: to

justify the Crusades as a means to convert the infidels to the Christian faith is a faithless dogma; no one can be converted to Christianity by force.]

**WALTER BRUTE DISCERNs ANTICHRIST TO BE A FALSE PROPHET WORKING MIRACLES, WHILE NEGLECTING TO WORK VIRTUE: NEITHER DEPARTING FROM INIQUITY NOR OBEYING CHRIST'S COMMANDMENTS**

**THE WARNINGS IN SCRIPTURE ARE FOR OUR BENEFIT: CHRISTIANS CAN BE DECEIVED**

[Walter cites numerous passages which warn the Church of false prophets. Mark 13, 2Cor.11, Rev 13.14.]

"By these things it is most obvious, that in the working of miracles the power of the devil deceives people; wherefore we should not disobey the commandments of God in order to work miracles. I would to God that they who put confidence in miracles would give heed to Matt.7:21. By this saying it is most manifest that the true servants of Christ are not discerned by the working of miracles, but by the working of virtues, departing from iniquity, and obeying the commandments of God.....

**COMMON SENSE ALONE DICTATES THAT KILLING IS OPPOSED TO CHRIST'S COMMANDMENTS  
HE WHO TEACHES THE LAWFULNESS OF MURDER MUST BE ANTICHRIST**

"(In concluding the first part of my argument), by these things is gathered that the wars of Christians are not lawful, for by the doctrine and life of Christ they are prohibited, despite deceitful miracles to the contrary which may seem to make wars lawful against Christians and infidels. Christ could not err in his doctrine (of charity towards all), forasmuch as he was God, and forasmuch as heaven and earth shall pass away, but the words of Christ shall not pass away. The pope, therefore, establishes his own laws allowing wars and the slaughter of men both Christian and infidel. Are not these things which he justifies opposed to the gospel and law of Christ? Therefore, he that is against Christ must be Antichrist who seduces the people, and making men believe that wars and killing, which are expressly prohibited by Christ, are lawful and even meritorious.

**WALTER'S SECOND ARGUMENT PROVING THE PAPACY TO BE ANTICHRIST: MERCY IS THE FRUIT OF LOVE IN CHRIST**

**NO MERCY IS THE FRUIT OF HATE IN ANTICHRIST  
TO KILL IS NOT AN ACT OF MERCY, BUT IS AN ACT OF PITILESS CRUELTY**

[Brute cites numerous instances of the doctrine of forgiveness being taught in the Bible.]

"By this doctrine it is most plain and manifest that every Christian ought to be merciful unto his brother, no matter how often his brother has offended against him: because we, so often as we offend God, do ask his mercy. Wherefore, forasmuch as our offense against God is far more grievous than any offense our brother commits against us, it is plain that it behoveth us to be merciful unto our brethem, if we will have God be merciful to us. But contrary to this doctrine of mercy, the Romish bishop maketh and confirmeth many laws which punish offenders, even unto the death; as is plain by the decrees *Causa xxiii. quest. 5. cap. 8.*, where it is declared and determined that 'to kill men', '*ex officio*,' that is, having power and authority to do so, 'is not sin', and again, 'The soldier who is obedient unto the higher power, and so killeth a man, is not guilty of murder', and again, 'He is the minister of the Lord who smiteth the

evil in that they [heretics] are evil and killeth them.'.....It seems very wonderful to me, why these same wise men, being lawyers and lawmakers, do always look upon the shadow of the law for the basis of their (lawless statutes), and not to the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.....

"How can any man say that these men can with charity keep these judgments of death? God desireth not judgment but mercy. (The repentant sinner) does not desire God's judgment, but rather mercy. So if he desires mercy for himself, why does he desire vengeance for his brother's offense? Does he show love for his brother by taking vengeance on him? Death is the most terrible act of all, none is worse. Therefore, those who claim to live under the law of charity ought to leave the law of vengeance and judgments.

".....From all these things it is to be understood, seeing the judgments of death are not grounded upon the express and plain Scriptures, but upon the shadow of the Old Testament, they are not to be practiced by Christians because they are contrary to love. Ergo, the bishop of Rome approving [originating] such judgments, makes lawful those things which are opposed to the law and doctrine of Christ. The orders of the priesthood also justify the judgments of death upon the laity, condemning offenders to death."

**THE BISHOP OF ROME'S EXCOMMUNICATION A BLESSING, NOT A CURSE  
MEN OBEY AND WORSHIP THE POPE AS GOD  
THE MARK OF THE BEAST IS GIVEN THROUGH SACRAMENTS WHICH IMPRINT AN INDELIBLE  
MARK**

"The pope has put to death and tormented [tortured] those who resist his commandments [i.e., the 'heretics'], and would be honored as a god upon the earth. The bishop of Rome says that the whole world ought to be in subjection to him; those who refuse he puts in prison or to death, if he can. If he cannot, he excommunicates them, and commands them to be thrown into the devil's dungeon. But he that has power over the body has no power over the soul.....And thus it seems to me that God turns their (papal) blessings into curses, and their cursed excommunications into blessings.

"There is another proof that men worship the pope as God: men keep the pope's commandments and disregard and reject Christ's. Thus does the bishop of Rome sit in the temple of God showing himself as God and extolling himself above all which is called God or worshiped as God.....He shall seduce the world and be acknowledged as the verity of the doctrine of Christ. He giveth the small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, marks in their right hands and in their foreheads ( See PLATE 7) that no man should buy or sell, but those that shall have the marks of the name of the beast, or that look to have of him some reward, or else the number of his name.....The pope saith that in the administration of every sacrament he doth imprint certain characters or marks into the soul of him that receives it. In baptism, he says, he imprints into the soul a mark that cannot be wiped out; likewise in other sacraments.

**NO MAN MAY SELL INDULGENCES WITHOUT THE MARK  
BRUTE WARNS NOT TO TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST**

"But this one thing is certain, that none in the (Catholic) church may sell spiritual merchandise unless he hath the mark of the beast. My counsel is: let the buyer beware of those marks. because after the fall of Babylon, 'If any man has worshiped the beast and his image, and has received the mark upon his forehead, and upon his hand, he shall drink the wine of God's wrath.....and the smoke of their

torment shall evermore ascend'.....The number of his name, according to the opinion of some men is *Dux cleri*, 'the captain of the clergy', because he is known by that name and that name (adds up to) 666.....

"Martin, the pope's confessor and chronicler of the emperors and popes, recites many errors of the popes, more horrible and abominable than the emperors. He speaks of the idolatrous popes, the heretical, the simoniacal, and popes that were murderers, those who used necromancy and witchcraft, those who were fornicators, and defiled with all kind of vice. But I have partly declared how the pope's law is contrary to Christ's law and how it is he says he is the chief vicar of Christ on earth; also how his works are contrary to Christ, forsaking both his doctrine and life. I cannot see who else could possibly be Antichrist, a seducer of the people, for there is no greater pestilence than a friendly enemy."<sup>[16]</sup>

### **LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM WALTER BRUTE'S TESTIMONY**

There are several truths we should learn from this gifted and saintly man's witness. The Holy Spirit was teaching and leading men into all truth even during the Dark Ages of superstition, religious ritualism, and illiteracy. The truth of Antichrist has been effectively suppressed today. Walter was an Oxford graduate, apparently versed in Latin. He used his learning to lead many of his fellow Englishmen to Christ, despite the very real threat of persecution, imprisonment, torture and death. His witness included warning the populace of Antichrist and Mystery Babylon, a witness not heard today. If Walter was a family man, which he probably was, his family was also at-risk. They stood the possibility of having all their possessions taken from them, and being left homeless and penniless. We, who live in a democracy on the verge of the 21st century, have no immediate fear of such treatment. Yet there is little to no witness against Antichrist. Walter's understanding of the nature of Antichrist was blessed of God, yet founded on reason. Love and hate cannot coexist. Man cannot worship two masters. By their fruit ye shall know them. Brute examined the fruit of the papacy, compared it to the teachings of Scripture, the doctrines of Christ, and the example of Christ, and came to the only conclusion possible: The pope is the Antichrist, his church, Mystery Babylon. Mr. Brute was subsequently killed during an uprising.<sup>[16a]</sup>

### **THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF 14th CENTURY REFORMER, JOHN WYCLIFFE**

THE POPE IS THE ANTICHRIST; THE CHURCH OF ROME IS THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN <sup>[16b]</sup>

BIBLE THE SOLE RULE OF FAITH; CONFORMITY WITH BIBLE MARK OF ORTHODOXY<sup>[17]</sup>

NO SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY FOR POPE OR HIS PRIESTHOOD<sup>[18]</sup>

TRUE CHURCH COMPOSED OF ABSOLUTELY PREDESTINATED ELECT WHO SERVE CHRIST ALONE<sup>[19]</sup>

REGARDED IT THE CHRISTIAN'S DUTY TO KNOW AND DEFEND THE BIBLE<sup>[20]</sup>

PREACHING THE GOSPEL MORE IMPORTANT THAN DISPENSING SACRAMENTS<sup>[21]</sup>

REJECTED BAPTISMAL REGENERATION, MASS, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION, EXCOMMUNICATION<sup>[22]</sup>

REJECTED AUTHORITY OF THE POPE AND CURIA; DESPISED THE WEALTH AND CORRUPTION OF THE CHURCH<sup>[23]</sup>

ROCK OF THE CHURCH CHRIST, NOT PETER; POPE A USURPER; CARDINALS MONSTERS; CLERGY BETRAYERS<sup>[24]</sup>

DENIED TRANSUBSTANTIATION; CHRIST PRESENT SPIRITUALLY; RECEIVED BY FAITH<sup>[25]</sup>

## WYCLIFFE'S TEN SIGNS OF ANTICHRIST:[26]

1. He leads his congregation astray from the teachings of Christ.
2. He adds new laws to Scripture.
3. He loves the things of the world.
4. He is more concerned with luxurious living than with preaching the Gospel.
5. He wields authority as one above the law.
6. He utilizes force.
7. He hates those who oppose him.
8. He desires dominion.
9. He displays arrogance.
10. He is without humility.

### *DE PAPA: ON THE POPE*[27]

#### A. POPE OR ANTICHRIST? CHRIST AND THE POPE: A CONTRAST

"It is of utmost importance to know how God shows his love for His Church by placing a division between us and the current popes. Our faith teaches, as Paul said, that 'all things happen for good to God's children that fear Him,' and this is exactly how Christians ought to view their circumstances. The first book of God's law tells how God threatened the adversary: 'I shall put enmity, saith God, between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, and she shall bruise thy head.' And so some Christians perceive that because of the holy prayers of the Church directed to Christ and His Mother, it moved Him to send his grace down in order to remove Antichrist's head, so that his lies can be better detected. And as a result of God's grace, it seems to no small assembly of Christians, that the Pope is Antichrist present here already on earth, for he is against Christ both in the way he lives his life and in his teaching.

"Christ was a humble and lowly man from His birth to His death, and had no part in the riches of the world or in begging for His daily bread, and was in a sinless state. But Antichrist, on the other hand, is opposed to this example: for from the time he becomes Pope until the time of his death, he covets the world's riches and spends his time scheming how he can become wealthier. Christ was the meekest of men and all sinners knew this about Him. But Christians cannot help but see that the Pope is the proudest of men on earth, who compels princes to kiss his feet; whereas Christ washed His disciples' feet.

"Christ was a most plain and unassuming man in the way He lived, in both words and deeds. But Christians can see that this Pope is not at all like Christ in this regard: for whereas Christ walked from city to city and from town to town to be where the people were, Christians see that the Pope would rather be sequestered away from the public in the finest castles, in the most luxurious surroundings.

"And where Christ came to John the Baptist to be baptized by him, the Pope insists all men must come to him, waiting on him hand and foot. Christ embraced infants and the poor as a sign of his lowliness and humility, but Christians see how readily the Pope embraces the worship of the world. Christ was always preoccupied with spreading the Gospel, whereas it's obvious to Christians that the

Pope neglects this duty. Instead, he takes pleasure in making laws which he demands men obey rather than God's laws.

"Christ so loved His sheep that He gave His life for them, suffering excruciating pains and death in order to bless them with eternal life. But you should know how obvious it is to Christians just how much the Pope loves the world's worship: even enough to pretend to absolve men of their sins through the falsehood of plenary indulgences. He claims the power to send sinners straight to Heaven, bypassing Purgatory altogether. For this pardon men rush to Rome to worship him. And how sad that his foolishness is the cause of the death of many thousands in both body and soul. How is it possible for anyone to think that the Pope follows Christ's example by such manifest wickedness?

"Christ was so patient and even suffered unjustly for wrongs which He never committed, praying for His enemies and teaching His apostles to take no vengeance. Yet Christians see the Pope of Rome willfully take vengeance on all kinds of men, by slaying them, and by cursing them, among other ways. Christ taught men to lead their lives according to His precepts. For He lived as He preached, and sinners were to place their faith in His work, which was faultless, not their work, which is sinful. But the Pope, on the other hand, does just the opposite, for his life is no example for how men should live. No man should live like the Pope, in a false state of self-exaltation.

"Christ, in His every word and deed, only sought the glory of God, and suffered many reproofs because of it. The Pope, by way of contrast, reverses Christ by always seeking his own glory, making light the loss of true worship owed God. And, besides, the Pope relishes fabricating numerous unscriptural traditions.

**"AND SO IF THESE THINGS ARE TRUE OF THE POPE OF ROME, HE IS THE VERY ANTICHRIST AND NOT CHRIST'S VICAR ON EARTH."**

**BULL OF GREGORY XI. AGAINST WYCLIFFE. A. D. 1377**<sup>[28]</sup>

"Gregory, bishop, servant of servants of God, to his beloved sons the chancellor and University of Oxford, in the diocese of Lincoln, grace and apostolic benediction. We are compelled to wonder and grieve at you that through a certain sloth and neglect you allow tares to spring up amidst the pure wheat in the fields of your glorious university...You are quite careless as to the extirpation of these tares, with no little danger to your souls and contempt of the Roman Church.....It has come to our ears that John de Wickliffe, rector of the church of Lutterworth, in the diocese of Lincoln, Professor of the Sacred Scriptures, (rather Master of Errors), has fallen into such a detestable madness that he does not hesitate to dogmatize and publicly preach...certain propositions and conclusions which are erroneous and false. He has cast himself also into the depravity of preaching heretical dogmas which strive to subvert and weaken the state of the whole church.....He has polluted certain of the faithful by besprinkling them with these doctrines, and led them away from the right paths of the faith to the brink of perdition.

".....we command your university with strict admonition, by the apostolic authority, in virtue of your sacred obedience, and under penalty of the deprivation of all the favors, indulgences, and privileges granted to you and your university by this See, not to allow any opinions which differ with good (Catholic) morals and faith.....Moreover, you have, upon our authority, the power to arrest John

**Wickliffe, and are to send him to our venerable brother, the Archbishop of Canterbury, or the Bishop of London. Additionally, if there be any others stained with similar errors, you have our authorization to arrest and remove them....."**

Incredibly, thirty years after Wycliffe passed away, the Roman Catholic Church, at its Council of Constance, was compelled to denounce him and his doctrines, again, due to the ever increasing numbers of his followers, called Lollards. Consider, also, the spirit of the Roman Church when it exhumed his body, burned his bones and sent his ashes down river, to avoid any potential veneration of his relics. This is yet another example of the fulfillment of Rev. 11:9, 'they shall not suffer their bodies to be put into graves.'

#### **THE POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATION OF WYCLIFFE BY THE COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE, A. D. 1415**

**"The holy and sacred synod of Constance, making a general council and representing the Catholic Church, being lawfully gathered by the Holy Ghost for the extirpation of this present schism and of the errors and heresies springing under the shadow of the same, and for the reformation of the church.....In these spiritual wars, the holy Catholic Church, being enlightened in the true faith with the beams of the heavenly light, by the providence of God, and with the help of the saints, always continuing immaculate, and the darkness of error as her most cruel enemy being put to flight, hath most gloriously triumphed. ["How much she hath glorified herself": Rev. 18:7]**

#### **JOHN WYCLIFFE DECLARED A FALSE CHRISTIAN; I.E., A FALSE PROPHET**

**But in these times, that old and envious enemy hath raised up new contentions, that the elect of this age might be made manifest, whose captain and prince in time past was one John Wycliffe, a false Christian; who, during his lifetime, obstinately asserted and dogmatized many articles contrary to the Christian religion and the Catholic faith, 45 of these we have thought it good to enumerate as follows:**

#### **SELECTED BELIEFS HELD BY WYCLIFFE OFFICIALLY CONDEMNED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH<sup>[29]</sup>**

- 1. That the material substance of bread and the material substance of wine remain in the Sacrament of the altar. [i.e., the Mass is a lying wonder, no transubstantiation occurs.]**
- 3. That Christ is not in the Sacrament essentially and really, in his own corporeal presence. [i.e., the people are deceived who think they eat Christ.]**
- 4. That if a bishop or priest be in mortal sin he does not ordain, consecrate or baptize. [Note that evil priests still abound, causing this teaching. The Donatists also held this precept. To this day they are considered 'heretics.']**
- 5. That it is not taught in the Gospel that Christ ordained the Mass. [The Mass is considered a perpetual bloodless sacrifice; the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's once for all finished sacrifice.]**

10. That it is contrary to Holy Scripture that ecclesiastics should have possessions. [The wealth of the clergy was scandalous, as it is today with our TV evangelists.]

14. That any deacon or priest may preach the word of God apart from the authority of the Apostolic See or a Catholic bishop. [preaching is ordained by Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. No man or denomination has exclusive rights to that office.]

21. That anyone who enters a religious order, whether those which espouse poverty or allow possessions, is rendered incapable and unfit for the performance of God's commandments. [i.e., is more apt to commit crimes of perversion.]

22. That holy men have sinned in founding religious orders. [i.e., religious orders are not of God.]

23. That the religious who live in orders are not Christians. [i.e., even though they are religious persons.]

24. That friars are bound to gain their livelihood by the labor of their hands, and not by begging.<sup>[30]</sup>

27. All things happen from absolute necessity. [i.e., God has predestinated every event which will infallibly come to pass. Arminians hate this article which Calvin grasped and taught with fervor.]

30. The excommunication by the pope or any other prelate is not to be feared, because IT IS THE CENSURE OF ANTICHRIST.

37. THE CHURCH OF ROME IS THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN; NOR IS THE POPE THE IMMEDIATE AND PROXIMATE VICAR OF CHRIST AND OF THE APOSTLES. [i.e., no salvation in the Church of Rome. Berengar used the same expression: see chp. 6]

38. It is not necessary to salvation to believe the Church of Rome to be supreme head over all other churches.

**THE COUNCIL CONDEMNATION OF WYCLIFFE (cont)**  
HIS BOOKS FORBIDDEN TO BE READ  
INQUISITION CALLED TO FIND AND BURN ALL HIS WRITINGS

"The same John Wycliffe composed certain books, treatises, volumes, and small works.....these books, for the publication of his perverse doctrine, he did set forth openly for every man to read, (resulting) in great scandal, damage and peril to souls.....The most reverend fathers, the archbishops, legates of the Apostolic See did condemn them, commanding the said books be burned and forbade the reading of those which remain unburned.....And to the intent that this dangerous and most filthy doctrine should be utterly banished out of the church, (the bishop of Rome) gave commandment that diligent inquisition should be made everywhere...after all such books, treatises, volumes, and works, and that being found should be burned with fire."

[Calling Wycliffe's beliefs 'notoriously heretical', 'erroneous', 'blasphemous', 'offensive to godly ears', 'rash', 'seditious', 'unsound and unwholesome doctrine, hostile both to faith and morals', the Council continues its tirade of thunders:]

## **THE FAITHFUL FORBIDDEN TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES**

"We forbid all faithful Christians from the reading, learning, exposition and alleging of the said books, and we forbid, under pain of curse, any Christians from presuming openly to preach, teach, hold, or allege any of the said articles, except for the purpose of reprobating them; commanding all these books, treatises, volumes and works to be openly burned, as was decreed in the synod of Rome....."

### **THE COUNCIL BLASPHEMES WYCLIFFE WHO DWELLS IN HEAVEN - REV.13:6 BODY ORDERED DISINTERRED - REV.11:9**

".....the impenitency and final obstinacy of the said John Wycliffe...having been lawfully proved by evident signs and tokens made good by lawful witnesses.....This holy synod declares, determines, and gives sentence, that the same John Wycliffe was a notorious heretic, and that he died obstinate in his heresy; we curse him and condemn his memory. This synod also decrees and ordains that his body and bones, if they might be discerned from the bodies of other faithful people, should be taken out of the ground, and thrown away far from the burial of any church."<sup>[31]</sup>

### **THE OFFICIAL ROMAN CATHOLIC VIEW OF WYCLIFFE TODAY:**

**'OXFORD SCHOLAR, REFORMER, HERETIC'**<sup>[31a]</sup>

**PROVES CHURCH OF ROME STILL HOLDS ANIMOSITY AGAINST ALL BIBLE-BELIEVERS  
ECUMENICAL OVERTURES TO 'SEPARATED BRETHERN' A PLOY TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER**

**THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF WYCLIFFE'S DISCIPLES: THE POOR PREACHERS**

**'LOLLARD' A TERM OF DERISION**<sup>[32]</sup>

### **THE TWENTY-FIVE POINTS, A. D. 1388** <sup>[33]</sup>

**LOLLARD SPIRITUALITY COMPARED TO WALDENSES**<sup>[34]</sup>

- 1. The Pope is Antichrist.**
- 2. The Roman Catholic priesthood and prelates are not of God.**
- 3. Prayers to the dead saints are most wicked.**
- 4. Image worship is idolatry, condemned by God.**
- 5. Transubstantiation is a hoax, dishonoring to God.**
- 6. Scripture the sole rule of faith for Christians.**

### **THE LOLLARD CONCLUSIONS, A. D. 1394** <sup>[35]</sup>

**REBUKE OF CHURCH INCLUDES EXPOSING SEX CRIMES**

- 2. The Roman priesthood pretends power greater than angels. Evil clergy cannot dispense the gift of the Holy Spirit to anyone, not under any circumstance. Only the doctrine of Antichrist could justify mendicant priestly idleness.**

3. Vows of celibacy promote sodomy. Worldly living results in worldly sins, many of a secret nature.
4. That the pretended miracle of the sacrament of bread leads all men to practice idolatry. The service of Corpus Christi instituted by Thomas Aquinas is not true, fictitious and full of false miracles.
5. That exorcisms and blessings performed by the Church are genuine performances of necromancy rather than of sacred theology.
8. That pilgrimages, prayers and offerings made to blind crucifixes and to deaf images of wood or stone, are akin to idolatry; for God did not say, 'Let us make wood or stone in our likeness and image.'
9. That auricular confession is neither necessary for salvation nor absolves sins. It does, however, exalt the arrogance of priests, giving them opportunities to engage in secret conversations, the likes of which we will not speak. The 'wooing' done in the confessional is widely known and leads to mortal sins. The pope, who claims to hold the treasury of merits of the saints in heaven, is quite evidently devoid of charity. For if he can set free all the prisoners of Hell at his will, he does not, proving the extent of fraud in the Christian Church today.
10. That manslaughter in war is expressly contrary to the New Testament, which teaches the law of grace and mercy. For Christ taught us to love our enemies, to show them pity, and not to slay them. It is indeed robbery of poor folk when lords get indulgences from punishment and guilt to dispense to those who aid their army to kill a Christian people in distant lands for temporal gain [i.e., 4th Crusade] Christ Jesus hates and threatens men who fight and kill, when He says, 'He who smites with the sword shall perish by the sword.'
11. That the vow of continence made in our Church by women who are frail and imperfect, is the cause of bringing in the gravest horrible sins possible to human nature...yet connection with themselves [i.e., Lesbianism] or with brute beasts and creatures [i.e., bestiality] surpasses even them in foulness...

**LAW AGAINST THE LOLLARDS. A. D. 1401 ENGLAND [36]**  
*De Haeretico Comburendo: On The Burning Of Heretics*  
**ROMAN CATHOLICISM DOES NOT TOLERATE OTHERS' BELIEFS**  
**THE DANGER OF STATE-RELIGION EXEMPLIFIED**

"[It has been brought to the attention of our sovereign lord the King by the prelates and clergy of the holy Catholic Church].....Divers false and perverse people of a certain new sect, under the colour of holiness, do preach and teach openly and privately new doctrines, wicked and heretical, contrary to the faith of the sacraments of the Church, to her authority, and against the law of God. They do usurp the office of preaching, perversely and maliciously teaching erroneous opinions contrary to the teaching of the holy church.....this wicked sect's preachings, doctrines and opinions should from henceforth cease and be utterly destroyed.....know that from the going forth of this decree, none may preach, hold, teach, or instruct openly or privately, or write any book contrary to the catholic faith or determination of the holy church.....

“[Any persons suspected of disobeying the above ordinance] may be arrested and detained in prison until their innocence is proved or they abjure their beliefs. Those who stubbornly refuse to recant.....may be taken to a high place in public view to be burnt, so as to strike fear in the minds of the people, that they may know that we people of the Catholic realms will not tolerate such wicked doctrine and heretical and erroneous opinions.”

## THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF LOLLARD, JOHN PURVEY<sup>[37]</sup>

PREACHED INNOCENT III. AS CHIEF ANTICHRIST; SATAN'S VICAR - NOT TO BE OBEYED OR WORSHIPED  
TAUGHT THE CHURCH OF ROME WAS THE GREAT WHORE OF BABYLON  
HELD TO PREDESTINATION OF THE ELECT; THE PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS  
REPUDIATED TRANSUBSTANTIATION, CONFESSION. HOLY ORDERS, OATHS  
CHURCH ORDINANCES AND CHURCH FATHERS' OPINIONS NOT FOUNDED ON SCRIPTURE TO BE REJECTED  
HOLINESS OF LIFE A PREREQUISITE FOR A CHRISTIAN

## THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF LOLLARD, SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE<sup>[38]</sup>

John Bale, 16th Century Reformer and Author, Reports the Proceedings of Oldcastle's 1413 Examination:

"After that the true servant of Jesus Christ, John Wycliffe, a man of very excellent life and learning, had for the space of more than twenty-six years most valiantly battled with the great Antichrist of Europe, or Pope of Rome, and his diversely disguised host of anointed hypocrites, (for the express purpose) to restore the church again to the pure estate that Christ had left her, he departed most christianly.....and was buried in his own parish church. The good man left behind no small number of godly disciples to defend the lowliness of the gospel against the exceeding pride, ambition, simony, avarice, hypocrisy, whoredom, sacrilege, tyranny, idolatrous worshippings, and other filthy fruits of those stiff-necked Pharisees. [The reader will understand Rev. Bale not to be an ecumenist!] Against whom Thomas Arundel, then Archbishop of Canterbury, so fierce as ever was Pharaoh, Antiochus, Herod or Caiaphas, collected in Paul's Church at London, a universal synod of all the papistical clergy of England, in the year of our Lord, 1413.

"As these high prelates and their Pharisees and Scribes were thus gathered in this pestilent council against the Lord and his word, first came the twelve Inquisitors of heresy (whom they had appointed the year before at Oxford to search out heretics), with all Wycliffe's books".....[Bale calls the Inquisitors 'subtle sorcerers' who by craft let it be known to the common people that their office was one of reformation and wholesome unity. They had all agreed that Sir John was one of the chief disciples of Wycliffe, and so the general proctors betrayed him to the council. Oldcastle was accused of hiding Lollard preachers, denying the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, rejecting penance, image worship, pilgrimages, and the authority of Rome.]....."After the king sent for (Sir John), he secretly admonished him to submit to holy mother, the church, and admit guilt. Upon whom the Christian knight made this answer:

### THE RESPONSE OF SIR JOHN WHEN ASKED TO RECANT

"You, most worthy prince, am I always prompt and willing to obey, forasmuch as I know you a Christian king, and the appointed minister of God....Unto you, next to my eternal living God, owe I my whole obedience...ready at all times to fulfill whatsoever ye shall in the Lord command me. BUT AS TOUCHING THE POPE AND HIS SPIRITUALITY, TRULY I OWE THEM NEITHER SUIT NOR SERVICE, FORSOMUCH AS I KNOW HIM BY SCRIPTURES TO BE THE GREAT ANTICHRIST, THE SON OF PERDITION, THE OPEN ADVERSARY OF GOD, AND THE ABOMINATION STANDING IN THE HOLY PLACE."

## THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF JOHN HUSS, PROTESTANT MARTYR<sup>[39]</sup>

**BETRAYED, CONDEMNED AND BURNED AS A HERETIC BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE  
PREACHED THE POPE IS ANTICHRIST WHO WEARS THE CLOAK OF GODLINESS TO HIDE HIS BEASTLINESS  
THE ROMAN HIERARCHY IS THE GREAT BLASPHEMING HARLOT AND SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN  
TAUGHT THE TRUE CHURCH COMPRISED ONLY THE PREDESTINATED ELECT  
NO OTHER HEAD OF THE CHURCH BUT CHRIST - NO OTHER ROCK  
TRUE PRIESTS REFLECT A HOLY AND PURE LIFE - KNOWN BY THEIR FRUIT  
BONIFACE VIII. ONE OF SEVERAL WICKED POPES  
ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL PROFESSED TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT WAS FULL OF THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST  
BIBLES SHOULD BE TRANSLATED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE PEOPLE  
THE BIBLE THE SOLE RULE OF FAITH AND AUTHORITY  
DETESTED IMAGE AND RELIC WORSHIP, INDULGENCES<sup>[40]</sup>  
EXPOSED SIMONY OF CLERGY  
NO PRIEST ABSOLVES SIN  
THE POPES HAD NO AUTHORITY TO CALL CRUSADES**

## HUSS DECLARES POPE JOHN XXIII. ANTICHRIST<sup>[41]</sup>

**REFORMER EXCOMMUNICATED IN 1412  
POPE JOHN XXIII. EXCOMMUNICATED AT COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE, 1415**

Here is the height of hypocrisy. Huss declares Pope John Antichrist and gets excommunicated.<sup>[42]</sup> Three years later Pope John is excommunicated by his own church, who call him a 'notorious simoniac', 'a notorious destroyer', 'an evil administrator', leading a 'detestable and dishonest life and morals', 'an unworthy, useless and damnable person.'<sup>[43]</sup> Instead of the Roman Catholic Church thanking Huss for warning them of Pope John by removing his excommunication, they showed their thanks by burning him alive at the stake. This same Council is also notorious for decreeing communion under both kinds (i.e., wine and bread) be strictly forbidden the laity, and that faith is not to be kept with a heretic, i.e., lying is justified, promises may be broken. The Man of Lawlessness and his bride, the Harlot, are quite adept at changing God's laws to suit their errant purposes. It is also quite telling that the latter decree mentioned is omitted from the Roman Catholic translation of the Council's 19th Session.

## MEMORABLE QUOTES BY HUSS

**"Priests shamefully squander pay for requiem masses in fornication, in adorning their concubines, priestesses, or prostitutes more sumptuously than the church altars and pictures, purchasing for them skirts, capes, and fur coats from their tithes and offerings of the poor."<sup>[44]</sup>**

**"If the Pope is wicked, and especially if he is foreknown to damnation [which he is!], then he is a**

devil like Judas the Apostle, a thief and a son of perdition, and is not the head of the holy church militant since he is not even a member of it. [This is article 20 of Huss' articles condemned at Constance.] [45]

**"God is my witness that I have never taught or preached the errors of which my false witnesses accuse me. My main purpose which I have always pursued in my preaching and all my acts and writings has been to root out sin. In this truth of the gospel, which I have taught by pen and word, I gladly die."** [46]

John Huss had devised four signs by which one could discern an erring pope:

- 1- He will prefer man-made laws of God's law.
- 2- He will love the world and the things of the world.
- 3- He will engage in the sale of benefices.
- 4- He will come against the dissemination of God's Word.

The pope who consistently practices these evils, he says, is Antichrist, the abomination of desolation.[47] It is also interesting to note that scholar Leff points out the consequences of Huss' excommunication by Cardinal Stephanesci in 1412: 'cut off from all Christians who were to refuse him food, drink, or any form of human contact.' [48] This fact would corroborate Rev. 13:17 - a Cardinal is an exalted Bishop, the 2nd beast from the earth. It is this man who excommunicated Huss, denying him permission to buy, sell, conduct business or have social contact with the Catholic community because Huss refused to submit, not taking the mark of the Beast.

#### **BULL OF POPE MARTIN V. DENYING HERETICS RIGHT TO BUY, SELL, OR BE BURIED, A. D. 1418**

THE MEMORY OF JOHN WYCLIFFE, JOHN HUSS, AND JEROME OF PRAGUE DAMNED

**"Martin, Bishop, the servant of God's servants to our reverend brethren the archbishops and also to our beloved children the inquisitors...greeting and apostolic benediction. Amongst all other pastoral cares wherewith we are oppressed, this chiefly doth concern us: that heretics with their false doctrine and errors, being utterly expelled [exterminated] from amongst the company of Christian men [i.e., cast out of Catholic society, unable to buy or sell, or have any social intercourse], and rooted out so far as God will make us able to do it [Cf. Dan. 7:8], the right and Catholic faith may remain sound and undefiled.....But lately, in divers places of the world, especially Bohemia and Moravia, certain arch-heretics have risen and sprung up against many doctrines of the Catholic faith.....seditious persons, deceived by the subtlety of Satan; who, although they rose and sprang up in various parts of the world, yet they were all in agreement with (the teachings of) John Wycliffe of England, John Huss of Bohemia, and Jerome of Prague, of damnable memory [the Beast blasphemes those who dwell in Heaven. Rev. 13:6], who drew with them no small number to miserable ruin and infidelity. [i.e., the Gates of Hell did not prevail over the Lord's Church.]**

#### **BIBLE-BELIEVERS CALLED PAGANS**

**".....A great multitude of people [cf. Rev. 7.9] received those things which they did damnably sow among them; and fell from the right faith into the foul errors of paganism. And therefore the aforesaid**

synod, to the glory of Almighty God, and preservation of his catholic faith, and for the salvation of men's souls, hath corporally rejected and cast forth of the household of God, the aforesaid John Wycliffe, John Huss, and Jerome [cf. Matt 10:36, Luke 6:22, John 16:2]; Who did believe, preach, teach, and maintain, of the sacrament of the altar [i.e., transubstantiation, etc.], and other sacraments of the church [which give the indelible mark of the Beast], and articles of the faith, contrary to those the holy church of Rome believes, holds, preaches, and teaches.....The said synod hath separated the same as obstinate and impudent heretics from the communion of the faithful [cf. Rev 18:4].....

**BIG BROTHER, THE DOMINICAN FRIAR, IS WATCHING YOU  
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH THOUGHT-POLICE ARE GOING TO GET YOU, MR. HERETIC**

"We will and command, by our apostolical letters [cf. Acts 9:2], that you archbishops, bishops, and others of the clergy, do see that all persons, whatever dignity, office, pre-eminence, state, or condition soever they be [i.e., the small and great, rich or poor, free or bond], who shall presume otherwise to teach, preach, or observe, touching the most high and excellent, the most wholesome and super-admirable sacrament of the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ [i.e., the golden cup which the Woman holds in her hand] or the sacrament of baptism, confession of sins, penance for sins, and extreme unction; or other sacraments of the church, and the articles of faith which the right holy and universal church of Rome does hold, teach, preach, and observe; or who shall presume obstinately to hold, believe, and teach the articles, books, or doctrine of the aforesaid arch-heretics, John Wycliffe, John Huss, and Jerome of Prague being damned and condemned by the synod of Constance [c.f. Matt. 10:28]; or who dare presume publicly or privately to commend the death and end of the said arch-heretics [i.e., to view them as true martyrs of Jesus] or to commend their receivers, alders, favorers, believers and adherents: you are to see and cause everyone of them to be most severely punished; and that you judge and give sentence upon them as heretics, and that as notorious heretics you leave them to the secular power. [i.e., judge unrighteously and condemn the true saints].

[The merciless Pope Martin then admonishes his bishop-judges that they judge the receivers, favorers, and defenders of the pestiferous heretics with such unrestrained severity that it strikes fear in the heart of the populace, He further adds that it matters not that those who befriend the heretics, showing kindness, actually believe and propagate their erroneous doctrines, Cf. Matt, 25:31-46].

**THE FULFILLMENT OF REV. 11:9, 13:17**

"[We will and command all who profess the Catholic faith that] they expel [exterminate] out of their kingdoms all manner of such heretics,..and that they allow none to preach or live within these Catholic districts, or to work by any trade or occupation, or trade merchandise, or to frequent the company of Christian [Catholic] men. And furthermore, if such public and known heretics shall chance to die, let them not receive Christian burial.....His goods and substance may be confiscated.....

**HERETICS AND OTHERS WHO RECAANT MUST SWEAR UPON THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST**

"We charge and command all archbishops and bishops, commissaries and inquisitors...to prove the truth of the answers of defamed persons by requiring an oath be taken: either upon the Holy Evangelists, or upon the relics of saints, or upon the image of the crucifix."<sup>[49]</sup>

**JESUS CHRIST COMPELLED TO SWEAR AN OATH BY SANHEDRIN**  
**SANHEDRIN PROPHETIC TYPE OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COUNCILS WHICH CONDEMNED THE INNOCENT SAINTS**  
**PHARISEES AND HIGH PRIESTS WERE GREATEST ENEMIES OF JESUS - PROPHETIC OF WAR WITHIN THE CHURCH**

*"I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God."*[50]

*"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death."*[51]

*"But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas and destroy -  
απολλυμι -'exterminate' - Jesus."*[52]

The reader must always keep in mind that *the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy*. We need also understand the prophetic ministry of the Holy Spirit: *he will show you things to come*. (John 16:13). The Lord wills that His Church not be ignorant of the enemy who was to come after the *let* or *restrainer* (The Roman Empire and Emperor) was removed. Therefore, He has graciously given us a prophetic word which spells out, in detail, who that enemy of enemies, the Antichrist, is. By placing all the clues side by side - clues given us in Scripture - we can compare it to the evidence of history and the testimony of the Church through the centuries to see if a guilty party, who fits the profile, actually exists. The purpose of this book is to tell the Church the enemy, Antichrist, is here, by utilizing scriptural proofs and their historic fulfillment.

**IF ANTICHRIST IS HERE, WHY ARE WE NOT BEING PERSECUTED?**  
**ISN'T THE FACT WE CAN BUY AND SELL AND BE BURIED PROOF THAT ANTICHRIST IS NOT HERE?**

These are legitimate questions which need a response. First, we need realize that God sees the whole picture, the end from the beginning. He also knows the thoughts and motives of the heart, nothing is hid from Him. Our all-wise God has determined that Antichrist be known as a *Beast*, for good reason. He is a wild, untamable, ferocious, dangerous creature. A wolfman/vampire who kills the saints and drinks their blood. John was admonished that there are three states or conditions of this Beast: the state of past activity (was), the state of present inactivity, hibernation, dormancy (is not), and the state of future activity (is to come). This Rev. 17:8 prophecy tells us the Beast may be presently inactive, but will again become active to carry on his ministry of terror and persecution. We owe the Beast's present inactivity to the grace of God in the courage of the Reformers who exposed the Beast, separated from the Beast, and fought the good fight against the Beast, wounding him mightily.

Presently there is a very strong movement underfoot, two centuries in the making, to join in ecumenical union with the Beast and his Harlot. To do so is to worship, i.e., submit to, bow down to, obey, serve, and fellowship with the greatest enemy of the Church and one who blasphemes the Lord God daily in her liturgy. Those who extend the right hand of fellowship to Antichrist and his Church, encouraging others to do so, have been foretold and marked out in

Scripture: all who worship the Beast, and repent not, are those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (Rev. 13:8). To say that this revelation has profound implications is an understatement. It means that unless some of the greatest names in evangelic Christianity separate from Rome, repenting of their sin, their profession of Christ is false, they are unsaved, and are destined for perdition.

There is also another fact we need take into account in answering objections to identifying the papacy with Antichrist. Who is to say that America will always be a world power, the protector of freedom and democracy? If America were to fall, for whatever reason, dominion of the world would be up for grabs, with the papacy center-stage in the political maneuverings. This is not a prophecy that America will fall, mind you, only a suggestion that anything is possible.

Thirdly, we need remember the beast from the earth, the hierarchy of bishops and archbishops, although they pretend to come in the name of Christ with two horns like a Lamb, in peace and love, they speak like a Dragon (Rev. 13:11). They speak with the forked tongue of a serpent and viper. The Beast from the abyss, Antichrist, was once a beast from the earth before his promotion to Pope. He is adept at speaking cunning deceits, seen in the mastery of the current pope. As Christians, we are not to be taken in by the wiles of the devil or his vicar.

Fourthly, this author challenges the skeptic to preach the message of Rev. 14:7-11 with fervor, identifying Antichrist and Mystery Babylon, to see how long it takes before he is ostracized and shunned by fellow believers and fellow ministers. Then try to 'buy and sell' within that community.

## **THE BIBLE PROPHECIES THE REUNION OF EVANGELICALS WITH CATHOLICS FORMING A SUPERCHURCH UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE BEAST**

*"And I saw one of its heads as it were wounded to death, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world (of apostate Christians) wondered at the beast.....and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast?'"<sup>[53]</sup>*

### **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

#### **¶817: WOUNDS TO UNITY.**

**".....in subsequent centuries much more serious dissensions appeared and large communities became separated from full communion with the Catholic Church [i.e., the Protestant 'heretics'] - for which, often enough, men of both sides were to blame. The ruptures that wound the unity of Christ's Body - here we must distinguish heresy, apostasy, and schism....."<sup>[54]</sup>**

The Catholic Church is painfully aware that 'Catholic unity' has been wounded by the heretics (Protestant Reformers), apostates (ex-priests) and schismatics (Greeks). Since Vatican II. and

the World Church Councils of this century, that wound is rapidly being healed. It is the goal of Satan, the Beast and false prophet to speed that process. The Bible says it will happen. How and when is not known, but we see tremendous strides in our lifetime. When the prophesied union occurs, the persecutions against true believers who refuse the mark of the Beast will begin again: just like the Middle Ages, but with a new, up-to-date spin. Because these events are yet future, it would be senseless speculation to predict the process.

## **FURTHER HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF THE REFORMERS**

### **THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF 16th CENTURY ENGLISH MARTYR, BISHOP HOOPER**

IDENTIFIED THE BISHOP OF ROME AS ANTICHRIST; THE HOLY SEE THE NEST OF ABOMINATION<sup>[55]</sup>  
CONDEMNED THE ROMAN PRIESTHOOD FOR LECHERY, COVETOUSNESS, WORLDLY AMBITION, AND SIMONY  
DRUNKENNESS, WHOREDOME, ADULTERY, AND GAMBLING ALSO CHARGED<sup>[56]</sup>  
BIBLE SOLE RULE OF FAITH AND SALVATION  
JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE  
WORSHIP OF SAINTS AND IMAGES AGAINST THE FIRST TWO COMMANDMENTS OF THE DECALOGUE  
PURGATORY, INDULGENCES, PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD UNSCRIPTURAL AND DISHONORING TO CHRIST  
DENIED TRANSUBSTANTIATION  
CHRIST'S ATONEMENT FULL SATISFACTION FOR SINS  
THE BISHOP OF ROME HAS NO AUTHORITY IN ENGLAND OR IRELAND  
CONDEMNED THE MARKING OF THE FOREHEAD IN THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

#### **MEMORABLE QUOTES FROM HOOPER:**

"Moses, the best prince that ever was and most godly governor of the people, and Aaron, that faithful high priest and preacher of God's word, never usurped this title, claiming to be a second Christ and master over men's conscience. If godly Moses and his brother Aaron never claimed this title in the earth, doubtless it is a foul and detestable arrogancy that these ungodly bishops of Rome attribute unto themselves: to be the heads of Christ's church, the more to be lamented. The one who considers their life example, comparing it with Scripture, will righteously judge them not worthy to be accounted members of God's church, but members of the devil and the first-begotten of Antichrist.<sup>[57]</sup>

"This is true [i.e., spoken by the Holy Ghost]: the see of Rome is not only a tyranny and pestilence of body and soul, but the nest of all abomination. This beast is preached unto the people to be a man that cannot err, his authority to be above God and his laws, and to be the prince of all princes upon the earth: but God will judge him as he is, a murderer of both body and soul, and will punish the princes of the world that uphold his abomination.....[Hooper explains Moses changed God's command (Numbers 20.8-10) from third person to first person pronoun, showing pride which resulted in his not entering into the promised land]. And is this first-begotten of Antichrist, the bishop of Rome, without sin, that changeth not only the person in a sentence, but the whole sentence, yea, the whole law of God and of man? So that he reigneth in the conscience above the law of God, and will save him that God hath damned, and damn him that God hath saved; yet this person and Man of Sin cannot err! But he that spared not to kill good Moses and Aaron for the abuse of the word of God, will not favour this wicked man, nor none of his holy doctors, at the terrible day of judgment."<sup>[58]</sup>

"That such doctrines doth plainly approve that the popish mass is a mere enemy against God's word and Christ's institution; and albeit it doth retain in it certain lessons of the holy scriptures. yet it

is nothing better to be esteemed than the verses of the sorcerer or enchanter....."[59]

"Imprisonment is painful, but yet liberty upon evil conditions is more painful. The prisons stink; but yet not so much as sweet houses, where the fear and true honour of God lack. I must be alone and solitary: it is better so to be and have God with me, than to be in company with the wicked. Loss of goods is great: but loss of God's grace and favour is greater. I am a poor simple creature, and cannot tell how to answer before such a great [council] of noble, learned, and wise men, than to stand naked in the sight of all heaven and earth before the just God at the latter day."[60]

[Observing the multitude gathered to watch him die]: "The cause of my death is well known unto them. When I was appointed here to be their pastor, I preached unto them true and sincere doctrine; and that from the word of God: but because I will not now account the same to be heresy and untruth, this kind of death is prepared for me."[61]

#### 'BLOODY' QUEEN MARY'S ORDER FOR THE EXECUTION OF BISHOP HOOPER:

OBEDIENT ROMAN CATHOLIC QUEEN WHO DRINKS THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS A TYPE OF MYSTERY BABYLON

"Whereas John Hooper, who of late was called bishop of Rochester and Gloucester, by due order of the laws ecclesiastic [i.e., 1st and 2nd beasts], condemned, and judged for a most obstinate, false and detestable heretic, and committed to our [Roman Catholic] secular power, to be burned according to the wholesome and good laws [?!] of our realm in that case provided....."[62]

#### JOHN FOXE REMEMBERS JOHN HOOPER'S DEATH: [63]

THE HORRIFYING ACCOUNT OF WHAT ONE MARTYR ENDURED IN DEATH BY FIRE

"Now when he was brought to the stake, three irons were brought to bind him to it. But he refused them...So the hoop of iron prepared for his middle was brought, which being made somewhat too short (for his belly was swollen by imprisonment), he shrank, and pushed in his belly with his hand, until it was fastened...Thus being ready, he looked upon all the people, of whom he might be well seen (for he was tall and stood on a high stool), and beheld around him. In every corner there was nothing to be seen but weeping and sorrowful people. Then, lifting up his eyes and hands unto heaven, he prayed (silently). Soon, the one who was appointed to make the fire came to John to ask his forgiveness...'Thou dost nothing to offend me,' said master Hooper, 'God forgive thee thy sins, and do thine office, I pray thee.' Then the reeds were cast up, and he received two bundles of them in his own hands, embraced them, kissed them, and put one under either arm, pointing to the places that lacked (reeds).

[The fire was lit, but the wind blew the fire away from John. A second fire was lit which only singed his hair and swelled his skin a little.] "After the second (fire) was spent, he wiped both eyes, looked at the people and shouted, 'For God's love, good people, let me have more fire!' And all this while his lower parts did burn: for the faggots were so few that the flame did not burn strongly at his upper parts.

BODY PARTS FALL OFF, BODY FAT MELTS

The third fire was kindled...and the bladders of gunpowder brake, which did him little good where

they were placed, and with the wind (blowing in the wrong direction). While this fire burned he prayed in a loud voice, 'Lord Jesus, have mercy upon me. Lord Jesus, have mercy upon me. Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!' And these were the last words he was heard to utter. But when he was black in the mouth, and his tongue swollen so that he could not speak, yet his lips (flapped) till they were shrunk to the gums. He knocked his breast with his hands, until one of his arms fell off, and then knocked still with the other: the whole time the fat, water, and blood dripped out of the ends of his fingers, until they were gone in the flames, and his hand did cleave fast, knocking against the iron upon his breast. So, immediately, bowing forwards, he yielded up his spirit." (See PLATE 18)

## **THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF ARCHBISHOP CRANMER, ENGLISH MARTYR**

"AND AS FOR THE POPE, I REFUSE HIM AS CHRIST'S ENEMY, AND ANTICHRIST, WITH ALL HIS FALSE DOCTRINE"[64]

### **EXCERPTS FROM PREFACE: DEFENCE OF THE TRUE AND CATHOLICK DOCTRINE OF THE SACRAMENT**

#### **THE PAPAL ANTICHRIST CLAIMS TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT CHRIST LACKS**

".....to all His elected:.....The Romish Antichrist, to deface this great benefit of Christ, hath taught that his sacrifice upon the cross is not sufficient hereunto, (unless he adds) another sacrifice devised by him, made by the priest...to supply Christ's imperfection: and that Christian people cannot apply to themselves the benefits of Christ's passion, but that (His atonement) is in the distribution of the bishop of Rome. (The Romish Antichrist also teaches) that by Christ we have no full remission, but be delivered only from sin, and yet there remains temporal pain in purgatory due (for sin), to be remitted after this life by the Romish Antichrist and his ministers, who take upon them to do for us that thing, which Christ either would not or could not do. O heinous blasphemy and most detestable injury against Christ! O wicked abomination in the temple of God! [Matt. 24:15] O pride intolerable of Antichrist, and most manifest token [sign] of the son of perdition [2Thess. 2:3], extolling himself above God, and with Lucifer exalting his seat and power above the throne of God! (For the one who supplies that which Christ lacks) must needs make himself above Christ, and so very Antichrist. For what else can this be but against Christ, bringing Him into contempt, (depicting Him) as one who would not - lacking charity - or could not - lacking power - despite his shed blood and death, deliver His faithful, giving them full remission of sins, but that the full perfection thereof must be had at the hands of Antichrist of Rome and his ministers?

#### **FLEE FROM THAT GREAT HARLOT BABYLON!**

"I know how Antichrist hath obscured the glory of God, and the true knowledge of his word, overcasting the same with mists and clouds of error and ignorance through false glosses and interpretations. It pities me to see the simple and hungry flock of Christ led into corrupt pastures, to be carried blindfold they know not where, and to be fed poison instead of wholesome meats. And moved by duty, office and position, whereunto it pleased God to call me, I give warning in His name unto all that profess Christ, that they flee from Babylon, if they will save their souls, and to beware of that great harlot, that is to say, the pestiferous See of Rome, that she make you not drunk with her pleasant wine. Trust not her sweet promises, banquet not with her; for instead of wine she will give you sour dregs, and

for meat she will feed you with rank poison. But come to our Redeemer and Saviour Christ, who refresheth all that truly come unto him, be their anguish and heaviness never so great."<sup>[65]</sup>

**THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF REV. JOHN BRADFORD, ENGLISH MARTYR  
PUT TO DEATH FOR REFUSING TO BOW TO ANTICHRIST AND FOR DENYING TRANSUBSTANTIATION**

**EXCERPT FROM 'FAREWELL TO THE CITY OF LONDON':**

"To all that profess the gospel and true doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the city of London, John Bradford, a most unworthy servant of the Lord, now not only in prison, but also excommunicated and condemned to be burned for the same true doctrine.....

"In testimony of this faith I render and give my life, being condemned, as well for not acknowledging the Antichrist of Rome to be Christ's vicar-general and supreme head of his Catholic and universal church, here and elsewhere upon earth; also for denying the horrible and idolatrous doctrine of transubstantiation, and Christ's real, corporal, and carnal presence in his supper, under the forms and accidents [appearance] of bread."<sup>[66]</sup>

The editor of Bradford's works tells us "he was carried the next morning to Smithfield [Marketplace], where he, constantly abiding in the same truth of God which before he had confessed, earnestly exhorting the people to repent and to return to Christ, and sweetly comforting the godly young man of nineteen or twenty years old which was burned with him, cheerfully he ended his painful life, to live with Christ."<sup>[67]</sup>

**THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF BISHOP NICHOLAS RIDLEY, ENGLISH MARTYR  
IDENTIFIED THE POPE AS ANTICHRIST  
IDENTIFIED THE HOLY SEE AS SEAT OF SATAN  
IDENTIFIED CHURCH OF ROME AS THE WHORE BABYLON  
UNDERSTOOD DANIEL 7 LITTLE HORN TO BE THE PAPAL BEAST  
BURNED FOR DENYING TRANSUBSTANTIATION**

**MEMORABLE QUOTES:**

"I say unto you, as St. Paul saith unto the Galatians, I wonder (my lords) what hath bewitched you, that ye so suddenly are fallen from Christ to Antichrist, from Christ's Gospel unto men's traditions. from the Lord that bought you unto the Bishop now of Rome."<sup>[68]</sup>

"For he that is partner with (Mystery Babylon and Antichrist) in their whoredom and abominations, must also be partner with them in their plagues, and on the latter day shall be thrown with them into the lake burning with brimstone and unquenchable fire."<sup>[69]</sup>

**EXCERPT FROM LETTER 32:**

**CHRIST NOT IN EUCHARIST; IDOLATRY COMMITTED BY THE DELUDED**

".....In the stead of the Lord's holy table they give the people, with such solemn disguising, a thing which they call their Mass; but in deed and truth it is a very masking and mockery of the true supper of the Lord, or rather I may call it a crafty manipulation, whereby these false thieves and manipulators have bewitched the minds of the simple people, that they have brought them from the true worship of GOD unto pernicious idolatry; and make them believe that (the consecrated host) is Christ, our Lord and Saviour, which (bread) indeed is neither God nor man, nor hath any life in itself, but in substance is the creature of bread and wine

#### IDENTIFIES THE MASS AS THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

"For the godly articles of unity of religion what do these thieves place in the stead of them, but the pope's laws and decrees, lying legends, and feigned fables and miracles, to delude and abuse the simplicity of the rude people? Thus this robbery and theft is not only committed, nay sacrilege and wicked spoil of heavenly things, but also in the stead of the same is brought in and placed the abominable desolation of the tyrant Antiochus. Unto this robbery, this theft and sacrilege, for that I cannot consent, nor, God willing, never shall so long as the breath is in my body (because it is blasphemy against God, high treason unto Christ our Heavenly King, Lord, Master, and our only Saviour and Redeemer, it is plain contrary to God's word and to Christ's Gospel, it is the subversion of all true godliness, and against the everlasting salvation of my own soul) therefore, all ye my true lovers in GOD, my kinsfolk and countrymen, for this cause, I say, know ye that I am put to death; which, by God's grace, I shall willingly take, with hearty thanks to GOD therefore, in certain hope, without any doubting, to receive at God's hand again, of his free mercy and grace, everlasting life."<sup>[70]</sup>

#### THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF BISHOP HUGH LATIMER, ENGLISH MARTYR BURNED AT OXFORD WITH RIDLEY FOR TESTIFYING AGAINST THE BEAST AND HIS CHURCH

"JUDGE NOT BEFORE THE LORD'S COMING. IN THIS WE LEARN TO KNOW ANTICHRIST, WHICH DOTHTH ELEVATE HIMSELF IN THE CHURCH, AND JUDGETH AT HIS PLEASURE BEFORE THE TIME. HIS CANONIZATIONS, AND JUDGING OF MEN BEFORE THE LORD'S JUDGMENT BE A MANIFEST TOKEN OF ANTICHRIST. HOW CAN HE KNOW SAINTS? HE KNOWETH NOT HIS OWN HEART. AND HE CANNOT KNOW THEM BY MIRACLES, FOR SOME MIRACLE-WORKERS SHALL GO TO THE DEVIL."<sup>[71]</sup>

"BE OF GOOD COMFORT, MASTER RIDLEY, AND PLAY THE MAN; WE SHALL THIS DAY LIGHT SUCH A CANDLE BY GOD'S GRACE IN ENGLAND AS I TRUST SHALL NEVER BE PUT OUT."<sup>[72]</sup>

#### INSCRIPTION ON MARTYRS' MEMORIAL, OXFORD: (See PLATE 19)

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD, AND IN GRATEFUL COMMEMORATION OF HIS SERVANTS,  
**THOMAS CRANMER**  
**NICHOLAS RIDLEY**  
**HUGH LATIMER**

PRELATES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, WHO NEAR THIS SPOT, YIELDED THEIR BODIES TO BE BURNED, BEARING WITNESS TO THE SACRED TRUTHS WHICH THEY HAD AFFIRMED AND MAINTAINED AGAINST THE ERRORS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME, AND REJOICING THAT TO THEM IT WAS GIVEN, NOT ONLY TO BELIEVE IN CHRIST, BUT ALSO TO SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE,  
THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD GOD, 1841."

**THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF ARCHDEACON JOHN PHILPOT, ENGLISH MARTYR  
BURNED FOR HIS TESTIMONY AGAINST ANTICHRIST AND THE CHURCH OF ROME**

**EXCERPT FROM LETTER 8: TO ROBERT GLOVER, FELLOW PRISONER FOR THE GOSPEL:**

"In these evil days, in the which Satan rageth against the church of Christ, and daily imprisoneth and robbeth the members thereof for their faithful testimony; and be ye assured he will not leave you untouched, for above all other he seeketh to suppress the good ministers of the word, for they be such as have destroyed his kingdom. But you must not, for fear of his odious and tedious assaults, withdraw yourself from your vocation; but rather provoke him by your constant profession to do his worst, knowing that the same shall turn you to the best, even to the crown of your glory.....for if you be faithful unto death, you shall assuredly have the reward of eternal life.

"I doubt not but you have already counted the cost of this your building of the house of God, that it is like to be no less than your life; for I believe (as Paul saith), that God hath appointed us in these latter days like sheep to the slaughter. **ANTICHRIST HAS COME AGAIN, AND HE MUST MAKE A FEAST TO BEELZEBUB HIS FATHER, OF MANY CHRISTIAN BODIES, FOR THE RESTORING AGAIN OF HIS KINGDOM: BUT LET US WATCH AND PRAY, THAT THE SAME DAY MAY NOT FIND US UNREADY.**"<sup>[73]</sup>

**THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF JOHN CALVIN  
IDENTIFIED THE POPE AS ANTICHRIST; THE CHURCH OF ROME THE SEAT OF ANTICHRIST  
CITES 2THESS. 2, DANIEL 7 AS SCRIPTURE PROOFS**

**EXCERPT FROM INSTITUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION:**

24....."What then? Shall we recognise the Apostolic See where we see nothing but horrible apostacy? Shall he be the vicar of Christ who, by his furious efforts in persecuting the Gospel, plainly declares himself to be Antichrist? Shall he be the successor of Peter who goes about with fire and sword demolishing everything that Peter built? Shall he be the Head of the Church who, after dissevering the Church from Christ, her only true Head, tears and lacerates her members? Rome, indeed, was once the mother of all churches, but since she began to be the seat of Antichrist she ceased to be what she was.

**ANTICHRIST IS OPPOSED TO CHRIST YET USES THE NAME OF CHRIST**

25. "To some we seem slanderous and petulant, when we call the Roman Pontiff Antichrist. But those who think so perceive not that they are bringing a charge of intemperance against Paul, after whom we speak, nay, in those words we speak. But lest anyone object that Paul's words have a different meaning, and are wrested by us against the Roman Pontiff, I will briefly show that they can only be understood of the Papacy. Paul says that Antichrist would sit in the temple of God (2Thess. 2:4). In another passage, the Spirit, portraying him in the person of Antiochus, says that his reign would be with great swelling words of vanity (Dan. 7:25). Hence we infer that his tyranny is more over souls than bodies, a tyranny set up in opposition to the spiritual kingdom of Christ. Then his nature is such, that he abolishes not the name either of Christ or the Church, but rather uses the name of Christ as a pretext, and lurks under the name of Church as under a mask.

ANTICHRIST NOT LIMITED TO ONE MAN  
KNOWN BY HIS ROBBING GOD'S GLORY

"But though all the heresies and schisms which have existed from the beginning belong to the kingdom of Antichrist, yet when Paul foretells that defection will come, he by the description intimates that that seat of abomination will be erected, when a kind of universal defection comes upon the Church, though many members of the Church scattered up and down should continue in the true unity of the faith. But when he adds, that in his own time, the mystery of iniquity, which was afterwards to be openly manifested, had begun to work in secret, we thereby understand that this calamity was neither to be introduced by one man, nor to terminate in one man. Moreover, when the mark by which he distinguishes Antichrist is such that he would rob God of his honour and take it to himself, he gives the leading feature which we ought to follow in searching out Antichrist; especially when pride of this description proceeds to the open devastation of the Church. Seeing then it is certain that the Roman Pontiff has impudently transferred to himself the most peculiar properties of God and Christ, there cannot be a doubt that he is the leader and standard-bearer of an impious and abominable kingdom.

THE POPE THE ARCHENEMY OF THE GOSPEL AND MURDERER OF THE SAINTS

26....."Hence it is too absurd and ridiculous so to fix the honour of the primacy to a particular spot [Rome], as that he who is in fact the most inveterate enemy of Christ, the chief adversary of the Gospel, the greatest devastator and waster of the Church, the most cruel slayer and murderer of the saints, should be, nevertheless, regarded as the viceregent of Christ, the successor of Peter, the first priest of the Church, merely because he occupies what was formerly the first of all Sees." [74]

THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF 16th CENTURY ARCHBISHOP EDWIN SANDYS, D.D.

ENGLISH REFORMER UNDERSTOOD 2THESS. 2, DANIEL 7 TO PROPHECY THE PAPAL ANTICHRIST

MEMORABLE QUOTES:

CHRIST AND ANTICHRIST CONTRASTED

CHRIST FREELY OFFERS SALVATION - ANTICHRIST SELLS SALVATION

THE MASS PROVOKES GOD'S WRATH; ROTTEN RELICS AND DUMB IDOLS DO NO GOOD

"Christ proposeth his heavenly treasures, remission of sins, justification, sanctification, mercy, grace, and salvation, freely. He that sitteth in the temple of God, and termeth himself Christ's vicar does in similar fashion offer to the people bread, water, wine, milk, pardon of sins, grace, mercy, and eternal life; but not freely: he is a merchant, he giveth nothing, and that is nothing which he selleth. For although he makes large promises to the buyer, he sells that which he cannot deliver. 'Eternal life is the gift of God.' The pope, therefore, sells but wind and smoke for fire, shadows for truths: he deceives the buyers with sleight of hand, false measures and false weights. Beware of this merchant, lose not your labour, cast not away your money. It is not meat, but poison he offereth you. His medicine cannot heal your diseases. His holy water cannot wash away the spots of a sullied and defiled soul. His blasphemous masses do not appease, but provoke God's wrath; they cannot benefit the quick, much less the dead, which either need no help, or are past all help. His rotten relics cannot comfort you; his blind, dumb and worm-eaten idols can do you no good. It is cast away which is spent upon his shameless pardons; they will not prevail - God will not admit them.....Thus you see the manifest difference between Christ and Antichrist, the doctrine

**of God and the learning of man, true teachers and false, sound and counterfeited religion."** [75]

**DANIEL FORETOLD THE PAPAL LITTLE HORN  
PAUL FORETOLD THE PAPAL MAN OF SIN  
ROME ACCUSES REFORMERS OF APOSTASY  
REFORMERS ADMIT 'FALLING A WAY' FROM ANTICHRIST TO CHRIST**

**"The prophecies of Daniel of the four monarchies, of the little horn, and of the times, weeks and days, are manifestly come to pass. The defections or 'falling away', which are spoken of in holy scriptures, are also in great part accomplished. The provinces, the ten kingdoms, are fallen from the Roman empire, and that 'wicked one' hath wrought the mystery of iniquity.....We that profess Christ and his gospel, are also charged with a defection, a schism, and a falling away. But in every apostasy two things must be considered, from whom and to whom this sliding is. We gladly grant that we have 'fallen away' from the bishop of Rome, who long ago fell from Christ. We do utterly abandon his usurped and proud authority. We have happily forsaken that synagogue of Satan, that den of thieves, that polluted church, that simoniacal temple; and we joyfully confess that we have no society or fellowship with his darkness. In our sermons we preach Christ, and none else but him. We know nothing, we teach nothing, we believe nothing, but Christ and him crucified. In our sacraments we shew forth the Lord's death in no other way but that he himself hath done and commanded us to do. In our lives we worship the Lord alone; and, in yielding up our souls, we fly for mercy only to the merits of Christ Jesus, our merciful Saviour. This is our apostasy.**

**SANDYS' NO HOLDS BARRED DESCRIPTION OF THE ROMAN PONTIFF  
THE POPE IS THE BEAST PROPHESED BY ST. JOHN IN REVELATION**

**"We have forsaken him that hath forsaken God, and whom God hath forsaken. We have left that Man of Sin, that rose-coloured harlot with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, that triple-crowned beast, that double-sworded tyrant, that thief and murderer, who hath robbed so many souls of salvation, and sucked so much innocent blood of Christian martyrs, that adversary unto Christ, that pretended vicar, who hath displaced the person, not only taking upon him Christ's home and office, but also boasting himself as if he were a god, and being content to be called one by his parasites. This wicked Man of Sin is at length revealed by the sincere preaching of the gospel. Daniel in his prophecies, Paul in his epistles, and John in his revelations, have in most life-like terms described and pointed him forth even as it were with the finger. Yea, through his pride and ambition, his usurping authority and worldly rule, his tyranny and persecuting of Christ in his members, he hath sufficiently revealed and detected himself, if none had done it for him."** [76]

**THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF 16th CENTURY REFORMER, JOHN KNOX**

**"THE FIRST BOOK OF THE HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION WITHIN THE REALM OF SCOTLAND;  
CONTAINING THE MANNER AND BY WHAT PERSONS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S EVANGEL HATH BEEN  
MANIFESTED INTO THIS REALM, AFTER THAT HORRIBLE AND UNIVERSAL DEFECTION OF TRUTH, WHICH  
HAS COME BY MEANS OF THAT ROMAN ANTICHRIST."** [77]

## THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF MARTIN LUTHER

### Adversus execrabilem Antichristi Bullam: AGAINST THE BULL OF ABOMINABLE ANTICHRIST:

"For if indeed the Roman Pontiff rages against me, who can be happier in the sight of God than Luther, who is thus condemned by such high authority for such manifest truth; or what can I have to wish for, but that I should never be absolved or reconciled, nor ever more communicate with that most ignorant, most impious, and most ferocious Antichrist. Happy that day! Happy that death; to be received with joy and the highest gratitude to God, should I be destined to be found employed, and to perish in such a cause!

"[He admonishes Pope Leo X and his Cardinals to repent of their errors] otherwise be it known to you, that I and all other Christians shall consider your See as the seat of Antichrist, possessed by Satan himself; which not only will we not obey, nor own ourselves subject to, or incorporated with, but shall detest and execrate, as the chief enemy of Christ; being prepared in this our decision, not only to bear with joy your stupid censures, but even to request that you will never absolve us, or number us among your followers, as we would rather fulfill your cruel tyranny by offering up to you our lives. If then the spirit of Christ and the vigour of our faith be of any avail, we in return condemn you, if you persevere in your fury, and deliver you, your bull, with all your decretals, over to Satan that by the destruction of the flesh your souls may be liberated in the coming of the Lord. In the name of him whom ye persecute, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."<sup>[78]</sup>

## THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY OF ENGLISH MARTYR, WILLIAM TYNDALE

### EXCERPTS FROM TREATISE ON ANTICHRIST, A. D. 1527:

#### JESUS AND PAUL WARNED OF ANTICHRIST'S FALSE MIRACLES

"Antichrist of another manner has sent his disciples forth, those 'false anointed', of which Christ warned us beforehand, that they should come and show miracles and wonders, even to bring the very elect out of the way, if it were possible. [Matt. 24:24]....."He sendeth them forth as Paul prophesied of them, with lying signs and wonders [2Thess. 2:9].....

#### BISHOPS AND PRIESTS BEAR THE MARK OF THE BEAST

"Bishops and priests that preach not, or that preach anything whatever except God's word, are none of Christ's, nor of his anointing; but servant's of the Beast, whose mark they bear, whose word they preach, whose law they maintain completely against God's law, and with their false wisdom give (the Beast) greater power than God ever gave to his Son Christ.....Antichrist is too good to be judged by the law of God; he must have a new, of his own making.....

#### CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES WARNED US NOT TO SLEEP BECAUSE ANTICHRIST COMES FALSE PROPHETS TO BE JUDGED BY SCRIPTURE

"Wherefore did Christ and his apostles warn us so diligently of Antichrist and false prophets that

should come? In order that we should slumber and sleep carelessly? Or was it so that we should look in the light of the scripture with all diligence, to spy them when they came, and not to suffer ourselves to be deceived and led out of the way? John tells us to judge the spirits. How shall we judge them, but by the scriptures? How shall we know whether the prophet be true or false, or whether he speaks God's word, or of his own imagination, if thou wilt not see the scriptures?.....

MAGISTRATES ARE THE EXECUTIONERS FOR THE CHURCH OF ROME, AS WAS PILATE FOR THE JEWS  
PERSECUTION BY THE CHURCH OF ROME FORETOLD

"The emperors and kings are nothing nowadays, but are hangmen for the pope and bishops, to kill whosoever they condemn; as Pilate was unto the scribes and Pharisees and the chief priests, to hang Christ. For just as those (Jewish) prelates answered Pilate, when he asked what (Christ) had done, 'If he were not an evil doer, we would not have brought him unto thee', meaning: 'We are too holy to do anything improperly, you can be sure what we say is true'.....in the very same way so say our (Catholic) prelates, 'He ought to die by our laws, he speaketh against the church.' Or they say, 'Your grace is sworn to defend the liberties and ordinances of the church, and to maintain our Most Holy Father's authority'.....

THE PROPHETS, INCLUDING THE PROPHET JESUS, WERE ALL KILLED FOR THE SAME REASON:  
THEY EXPOSED THE HYPOCRITICAL FALSE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL  
THE CHURCH OF ROME, THE TYPE OF UNBELIEVING ISRAEL, ALSO KILLS THE PROPHETS GOD SENDS THEM  
MATTHEW 23 A PROPHECY OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

"Who slew the prophets? Who slew Christ? Who slew his apostles? Who killed the martyrs and all the righteous that were ever slain? The kings and the temporal sword at the request of the false prophets. Why were the prophets persecuted? Because they rebuked the hypocrites which beguiled the world, namely princes and rulers, and who taught (the sheep) to put their trust in things of vanity, and not in God's word, teaching them to do such deeds of mercy as were profitable unto no man, but unto the false prophets only; making merchandise of God's word. Why did they kill Christ? For rebuking the hypocrites (for shutting up the kingdom of heaven to men, taking away the key of knowledge.) The hypocrites will not allow men to know God's word, but instead burn it, and make heresy of it.....

TYNDALE, THE PROPHET, EXPOSES THE HYPOCRISY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN  
STRAINING OUT A GNAT - SUPERSTITIOUS RITUALISM - BUT SWALLOWING A CAMEL -  
KILLING THE SAINTS

"Ye blind guides,' saith Christ, 'ye strain out a gnat and swallow a camel. Matt. 23. Do not our (Roman Catholic) blind guides also stumble at a straw, and leap over a block; making narrow consciences at trifles, and at matters of weight none at all? If any of them happen to swallow his spittle, or any of the water wherewith he washes his mouth before Mass; or touch the sacrament with his nose, or to happen to handle it with any of his fingers which are not anointed; or say 'Alleluia' instead of '*Laus tibi Domine*;' or pour too much wine in the chalice; or make not his crosses aright, how he trembles! How he is struck with fear! What a horrible sin he has committed! But to hold a whore, or another man's wife, to buy a benefice, to set one realm at variance with another, and to cause twenty thousand men to die on a day, is but a trifle and pastime with them!

THE JEWS BOASTED ANCESTRY FROM ABRAHAM - THE POPES CLAIM APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY FROM PETER

**"The Jews boasted themselves of Abraham; and Christ said unto them, John 8: 'If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the deeds of Abraham.' Our hypocrites boast themselves of the authority of Peter, Paul and the other apostles (yet they are) completely contrary to the works and doctrine of Peter, Paul and all the other apostles.....These (hypocritical Jews and Catholics) teach not to fear God in his commandments; but to fear them in their traditions....."**

TYNDALE WARNS THE FLOCK OF THE WOLVES AND JUDGMENT AWAITING THOSE WHO FOLLOW THEM

**"Be learned, lest the hypocrites bring the wrath of God upon your heads and compel you to shed innocent blood; as they have compelled your predecessors to slay the prophets, to kill Christ and his apostles, and all the righteous that since were slain. God's word pertaineth unto all men, as it pertaineth to all servants to know their master's will and pleasure, and to all subjects to know the laws of their prince. Let not the hypocrites do all things secretly. What reason is it that mine enemy should put me in prison at his pleasure, and there to starve me, and handle me at his pleasure, and judge me himself - secretly - and condemn me by a law of his own making and then deliver me to Pilate to murder me [as was Jesus also illegally tried and executed]."**

TYNDALE AND ALL REFORMER/PROPHETS ARE PERSECUTED AS WAS CHRIST  
JESUS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED IF HE HAD MADE ECUMENICAL FRIENDS WITH THE PHARISEES

**"Hereof may ye see, not only that our persecution is for the same cause that Christ's was, and that we say nothing that Christ said not; but also that all persecution is only for rebuking of hypocrisy; that is to say, of man's [supposed] righteousness and holy deeds, which man hath imagined to please God and to be saved by without God's word, the testament that God hath made in Christ. If Christ had not rebuked the Pharisees because they taught the people to believe in their traditions and holiness, and (because in their avarice took) offerings that came to their advantage, (or had not rebuked them when) they taught the widows, and others whose friends had died to believe in their prayers, (or had not rebuked them for teaching) that through their prayers the dead should be saved; and through means (of those deceptions) robbed them both of their goods; Christ might have been uncrucified unto this day."**

IF PAUL HAD NOT PREACHED JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, HE MIGHT HAVE LIVED  
IF THE REFORMERS HAD NOT REBUKED THE PHARISAICAL PRELATES THEY, TOO, MIGHT HAVE LIVED

**"If St. Paul had not preached against circumcision, that it justifieth not; and that vows, offerings, and ceremonies justified not; and that righteousness and forgiveness of sins came not by any works of merit, but by faith, believing the promises of God, and by the deserving and merits of Christ only; he might have lived unto this hour. Likewise, if we preached not against pride, covetousness, lechery, extortion, usury, simony, and against the evil living both of the spirituality as well as of the temporality.....we might endure long enough. But touch the scab of hypocrisy, or pope-holiness, and go about warning of their false doctrine and how they reign as gods in the heart and consciences of men, and rob them, not only of their lands, goods, and authority, but also of the testament of God, and salvation that is in Christ - then it matters not to them what Scriptures (support you), or what miracles thou has performed: but (they determine) thou art not only a heretic possessed by a devil, but a traitor to the king."<sup>[79]</sup>**

## **THE HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY AND TROUBLE OF MRS. PREST, MARTYR FOR CHRIST**

**AN ILLITERATE ENGLISH WEAVER DENOUNCED FOR SPEAKING AGAINST THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND IDOLS  
CALLED AN ANABAPTIST, MAD WOMAN, DRUNKARD, WHORE AND VAGABOND  
WITH NO EDUCATION, NOT EVEN SEMINARY, SHE DISCERNS THE POPE IS ANTICHRIST  
AND HIS CHURCH THE BABYLONIAN WHORE  
HER TEACHER: THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **MEMORABLE QUOTES BY MRS. PREST WHILE UNDERGOING EXAMINATION BY BISHOP TURBERVILLE:**

**"I will rather die than do any worship to that foul idol, which in your Mass you make a god."**

**"If denying to worship that bread god be my martyrdom, I will suffer it with all my heart."**

**"Upon Sundays and holy days I made excuses not to go to the popish church...but God gave me grace to go to the true church. Not your popish church, full of idols and abominations, but where three or four are gathered together in the name of God, to that church will I go, as long as I live."**

**"Let (the Sacred Host) be your god, it shall not be mine; for my Saviour sitteth on the right hand of God, and doth pray for me. And to make that sacramental bread, instituted for a remembrance, the very body of Christ, and to worship it, is very foolishness and devilish deceit."**

**[Then stepped forth an old friar and asked her what she said of the holy pope.]**

**I SAY THAT HE IS ANTICHRIST AND THE DEVIL." (Then they all laughed.) Nay, you have more need to weep than to laugh, and to be sorry that you were born, to be the chaplains of that WHORE OF BABYLON; I DEFY HIM AND ALL HIS FALSEHOOD."**

**[Then the bishop said the devil did lead her.] "No, my lord, it is the Spirit of God which leadeth me, and which called me in my bed, and at midnight opened his truth to me." [Then there was a great shout and laughing among the priests and others.] [\[80\]](#)**

This author thought it fitting to leave this section with the inspired testimony of 54-year-old, Mrs. Prest, burned at Exeter, 1558. Known by few on earth, but loved by her Lord, and known by the saints, who dwell in Heaven, as 'Sister.'

The Reader would do well to think and consider the testimonies of the many martyrs and saints given throughout this book. If their testimony be of the Holy Ghost, as Jesus prophesied and promised, then the identity of Antichrist has been known for centuries upon centuries, and was no mystery to those who placed their faith alone in Christ Jesus. If they be not true, they died believing a lie and for a lie, they were no prophets, and their Lord was mistaken in His Word. Which does the reader choose to believe? And where do the facts lay?

## **THE TESTIMONY OF THE REFORMATION CREEDS UNANIMOUS: THE POPE IS THE MAN OF SIN, ANTICHRIST**

### **THE SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSION, 1566**

**"The Church can have no other head than Christ. He is the one universal pastor of his flock, and has promised his presence to the end of the world. He needs, therefore, no vicar; for this would imply his absence. We reject the Romish fiction concerning an official head and title of the servant of the servants of Christ; for experience proves that this is an empty boast, and that the Pope makes himself an enemy of Christ, and exalts himself above God, sitting in the temple of God, and showing himself that he is God.**

**But rejecting the Roman head we do not introduce disorder and confusion into the Church of Christ, since we adhere to the government delivered by the Apostles before there was any pope. The Roman head preserves the tyranny and corruption in the Church, and opposes all just reformation."**<sup>[81]</sup>

### **THE FRENCH CONFESSION OF FAITH, 1559**

**"Therefore we condemn the papal assemblies, as the pure Word of God is banished from them, their sacraments are corrupted, or falsified, or destroyed, and all superstitions and idolatries are in them. We hold, then, that all who take part in these acts, and commune in that Church, separate and cut themselves off from the body of Christ."**<sup>[82]</sup>

### **THE SECOND SCOTCH CONFESSION OF FAITH, 1580**

**"We abhor and detest all contrary Religion and Doctrine; but chiefly all kind of Papistry in general and particular heads, even as they are now damned and confuted by the word of God and church of Scotland. But in special, we detest and refuse the usurped authority of that Roman Antichrist upon the scriptures of God, upon the Church, the civil Magistrate, and consciences of men: All his tyrannical laws made upon indifferent things against our Christian liberty: His erroneous doctrine against the sufficiency of the written word, the perfection of the law, the office of Christ, and his blessed Evangel. His corrupted doctrine concerning original sin, our natural inability and rebellion to God's Law, our justification by faith only, our unperfect sanctification and obedience to the law; the nature, number and use of the holy sacraments: His five bastard sacraments; with all his rites, ceremonies, and false doctrine, added to the ministration of the true sacraments without the Word of God. His cruel judgment against infants departing without the sacrament: his absolute necessity of baptism: His blasphemous opinion of transubstantiation, or real presence of Christ's body in the elements, and receiving of the same by the wicked, or bodies of men: His dispensations, perjuries, and degrees of marriage forbidden in the Word:.....His blasphemous priesthood: His profane sacrifice for the sins of the quick and the dead: His canonization for men, calling upon angels or saints departed; worshiping of images, relics and crosses...vows to creatures: His purgatory, prayers for the dead...His multitudes of advocates or mediators with his many orders and auricular confessions...His justification by works, works of supererogation, merits, pardons and stations: His holy water, baptizing of bells, conjuring of spirits, anointing...His three solemn vows...His erroneous and bloody decrees made at Trent....."**<sup>[83]</sup>

### THE IRISH ARTICLES OF RELIGION, 1615

**"The power which the Bishop of Rome now challengeth to be supreme head of the universal Church of Christ, and to be above all emperors, kings and princes, is a usurped power, contrary to the Scriptures and Word of God, and contrary to the example of the Primitive Church; and therefore is for most just causes taken away and abolished within the King's Majesty's realms and dominions.**

**The Bishop of Rome is so far from being the supreme head of the universal Church of Christ, that his works and doctrine do plainly discover him to be that man of sin, foretold in the holy Scriptures, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and abolish with the brightness of his coming."**<sup>[84]</sup>

### THE SAVOV DECLARATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, 1658

**"There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ; nor can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but he is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God, whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."**<sup>[85]</sup>

### THE BAPTIST CONFESSION OF 1688

[The same confession, in essence, as above.][<sup>86</sup>]

### **FOUR EXAMPLES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS OF HOLY GHOST TESTIMONY BY THE PROPHETS PETER, STEPHEN, PAUL AND ISAIAH FURTHER PROOF THAT THE MARTYRS THROUGH THE CENTURIES CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED ANTICHRIST AND HIS HARLOT CHURCH**

First, we need look at Acts 4. Peter and John are brought before the council of religious rulers: high priests (a type of popes to come), their relatives (a type of nepotism in popery to come), scribes, and elders (a type of bishops and cardinals to come). This was not a friendly gathering of the saints, no camp meeting. Instead, Peter and John were brought in to be examined by the Jewish tribunal, a type of Inquisition to come. Please note verse 8: *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them...* The Holy Spirit is telling us that the promise and prophecy made by Jesus Christ in Matt. 10, etc., was in effect and fully functional for this interrogation. It was not Peter speaking in the flesh, but in the Holy Spirit. His message was one of enormous rebuke: they were ultimately responsible for killing the Messiah sent them by God, just as was prophesied centuries earlier. It was a Jesus-centered message, spoken fearlessly, in supernatural wisdom. The Jewish religious demanded the preaching of the Gospel be forbidden, a type of interdict which the Roman Catholic Church would decree centuries later. Yet despite the threats

and intimidation, Peter and John didn't recant their testimony, declaring they could not stop preaching.

The second example given us in Scripture is seen in Acts 6-7. Stephen was in a religious disputation with the synagogue of the Libertines. Verse 10 of Acts 6 tells us: *they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake*. This is another prime example of the fulfillment of Christ's promise to His prophets. We have already documented thoroughly similar disputations with the martyrs of the Middle Ages, citing inquisitorial records. Stephen was brought before the council of religious leaders, to give a testimony against them; just as Jesus predicted, and just as the innumerable saints and martyrs through the centuries were also brought before the Roman Catholic Church councils. Stephen was accused of preaching sedition and the coming destruction of Jerusalem (verse 14). Centuries later, God's prophets would be preaching a similar message: *Fallen, Fallen is Babylon*; along with the destruction of the Man of Sin *whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming*. The priests were angry that Stephen was preaching against their time-honored traditions. The Holy Ghost witness of God's prophets through the Church Age has been the same kind of testimony, only it was directed toward the Roman Catholic Church: unbelieving, Pharisaical apostate Christianity. In verse 15, the Holy Spirit reveals a very mysterious passage: Stephen's face looked *as it had been the face of an angel*. The Spirit is interpreting the prophetic office as being that of an angel, i.e., a messenger sent by God with a message which is God-breathed. John's letters to the angels of the seven churches were letters written to the prophets God had placed in each locale. These same prophets then delivered the message Christ had given the Apostle to the seven churches. This is exactly what we see in our study of Church history: St. John is given a message for the prophets of God's Church through the ages. That message is the Revelation. God reveals the meaning of that message to His prophets, who have been gifted with wisdom by the Holy Spirit to discern and interpret it properly. Included in its interpretation is the revelation of the identity of the Beast, 2nd beast, and Mystery Babylon. These prophets then take that interpretation to the Church for the purpose of teaching, edifying, rebuking, and warning. Those to whom God gives ears to hear, receive the prophets' message. They are those who receive a prophet's reward. (Matt. 10:21). It has been the goal of this book to share this same message, the one given the saints throughout this entire evil Age, with this present Church.

In verse 55 of Acts 7, we are instructed that Stephen, *full of the Holy Ghost*, both saw a vision and spoke. Once again, the Spirit is signifying the fulfillment of Christ's promise of Holy Ghost testimony for His prophets at the appointed time. Like this book, Stephen's testimony was an historical overview of God's dealings with His people. Stephen exposed their sins of idolatry, false worship, persecution, betrayal and murder of all the prophets sent by God. This same message has been delivered time and time again by the true saints of God against the Roman Catholic Church. That testimony is in this book. Proving themselves to be dogs, the religious swindlers actually bit Stephen's flesh, a good reason for us not to give what is holy to dogs.

Stephen was put to death for his witness, as Jesus prophesied, and as history attests, as seen in the deaths of millions of Christians since Stephen.

A third example given us of Holy Ghost testimony is in Acts 13. Bar-jesus, the Jewish false prophet and sorcerer, (a type of false prophet who comes in the name of Jesus, yet practices sorcery, not orthodoxy), withstood the preaching of the Gospel and preached another Gospel, as did the sorcerer-priests of the Roman Catholic Church to come. The Spirit tells us that Paul was *filled with the Holy Ghost* when he rebuked the sorcerer. Here is Paul seen in his office of prophet. He has been given supernatural discernment to judge the true spirit of the false prophet. Paul infallibly declared the priest to be of the Seed of the Serpent, a child of the devil, and the enemy of the Gospel, Jesus Christ and His Church. This same Holy Ghost testimony is heard by God's prophets, the martyrs through the eons. They have declared, infallibly, the Pope to be the Seed of the Serpent, Antichrist, the chief enemy of Jesus Christ, His Church, and the Gospel. Paul then decreed a hardening judgment upon this false prophet: he would wander in darkness, blinded. This appears to be what is happening in the Church today. The so-called evangelical leadership has been blinded to the truth of God's prophetic judgment upon the Beast and the Whore. That blindness can only be due to their sin, not lack of education or Bible-training. It certainly has not been because they haven't been warned. This author has personally written Rev. Graham with no response. Others, such as Dave Hunt, have been sounding the prophetic alarm for some time now, only to be rebuked by other ministries as an extremist troublemaker.

Lastly, in Acts 28:25, Paul reiterates the horrible judgment of Isaiah upon the Jewish unsaved leadership and populace, prefacing it with the fact of its being spoken *in the Holy Ghost by Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers*. Thus, we are informed that the Holy Ghost testimony promised in the Church Age was in existence in the Old Testament dispensation. God will never remove that testimony, not even by the falsely taught secret rapture of His Church. Otherwise, the wicked would have a cloak for their sin and the Gates of Hell would prevail in halting God's witness.

## NOTES:

1. Matthew 10:27.
2. Schroeder, op. cit., p. 505.
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4. Ex-priest Chiniquy tells us Alexander "lived in public incest with his two sisters and his own daughter, Lucretia, from whom he got a child." The Priest, The Woman, and the Confessional, p. 139.
5. Apocalyptic Spirituality, Bernard McGinn, Transl., (Paulist Press), p. 195.
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10. *STRONG'S*; 2723.
11. Heresy In The Later Middle Ages, Gordon Leff, (Manchester Univ. Press, 1967), pp. 195 ff.
12. *ibid.*, p. 232.
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15. Cf. *SEPTUAGINT*; Ps. 2:2, Ps. 105:15.
16. Foxe, op. cit., pp. 139-185, (paragraph headings added).
- 16a. Leff, op. cit., vol. 2, p. 589. The uprising was attributed to an Owen Glendower, most likely a Lollard.
- 16b. Articles 30 & 37 of the 45 Articles condemned at Constance.
17. *ibid.*, pp. 513-14.
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