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INQUISITION IN CANADA?

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About the year 1684, being a short time before the revocation of the edict of Nantes, the French Government, after adopting various measures, indicative of persecuting principles, completely threw off the mask, and avowed their intention.

At that time soldiers were spread all over France; particularly the dragoons, these being the boldest and most resolute of all the king's troops. Before them marched terror, with its hatred train; and as the king now declared, that he would no longer permit any Protestants in his kingdom, an universal panic seized those who were to be the ill-fated victims. The dragoons began with Bearn; after which the other provinces of the kingdom, (not excepting the city of Paris,) had their sad share of calamities. The first thing enjoined the various intendants, or comptrollers of the provinces was, for them to summon the several cities and corporations; when they assembling all such inhabitants as were Protestants, acquainted them with his Majesty's will, viz. that they must immediately turn Roman Catholics; and

that, in case of refusal, force would be employed. The unhappy Protestants, thunderstruck with such an alternative, replied, that they were ready to sacrifice their lives and fortunes for his Majesty; but that, as God had a right over their conscience, they could not dispose of it in this manner.

Instantly the dragoons, who were not far off, marched up; when they immediately seized upon all the avenues to, and

the gates of the several cities. Next, guards were posted in all the roads; and the dragoons often marched into towns, sword in hand, crying, in a rage, *Turn Catholics! or die!* These dragoons, being quartered in the houses of Protestants, where they were to live at discretion, strictly commanded all persons not to quit their homes, not to secure their goods or effects, upon severe penalties; and forbidding all Roman

Catholics harbouring, or assisting them, in any manner. These tyrants used to pass the first days, in devouring all the provisions of their respective hosts; and in tearing from them, all their money, rings, jewels, and every thing of value. They next exposed every family to plunder; and invited, not only the papists of the place, but likewise all those of the neighbouring towns and villages, to come and purchase of them, all clothes, furniture, and other things of which they might stand in need.

They then fell upon their persons; on which occasion they employed every cruelty, in order to oblige them to apostatize from their religion. These blood-thirsty dragoons, with shouts, oaths, and blasphemies, would hang men and women, by the hair of the head; or, by the feet, to the ceilings of rooms. They fastened them, like so many criminals who are put to the torture; when, by means of a funnel, they poured wine down their throats; till such times as the fumes of the liquor, intoxicating and depriving them of their reason, they consented to abjure their religion. They beat them with clubs; and

PERSECUTION IN QUEBEC

by Norman Lafleur,
Missionary to Quebec

Being French Canadian myself, I should have expected it! In July 1996, my family and I moved to this area called the Outaouais (oota-weigh), consisting of 3 major sister cities along the Ottawa River: Hull, Gatineau and Aylmer. Like the rest of Quebec, the Outaouais is overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. With more than 200,000 people and no Independent Baptist Church, the task was formidable, but my hopes were high. Maybe, things would be different.

We targeted November 10, as the opening day for the Eglise Biblique Baptiste de l'Outaouais. After an extensive search, we leased a beautiful chapel affiliated with a non denominational Funeral Cooperative. I designed and wrote a new French tract and the invitation for our opening day; we had 25,000 printed. Ads were placed in local newspapers and notices were sent to several newspaper, radio and TV bulletin boards.

On Saturday, November 2, six Independent Baptist Churches sent more than 80 people to help distribute

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THE OATH WHICH EVER CATHOLIC PRIEST MUST TAKE

"I, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the saints, sacred host of heaven, and to you my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatus Loyola, in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the mother of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that his holiness, the Pope is Christ's viceregent, and is the true and only head of the Catholic or universal church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness, by my Saviour, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authority and Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of the same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and heretical opposing the sacred mother church of Rome.

"I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any king, prince, or state, named protestant or liberals. or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates, or officers.

"I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place where I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, or America, or in any other kingdom or territory I shall come to, and do my uttermost

to expurgate the heretical Protestant or liberal doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

"I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interests, to keep secret and private all agents' councils from time to time, as they entrust me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing, or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that shall be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me by you; my Ghostly Father, or any of the sacred covenant.

"I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus Christ.

"That I will go into any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, to the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the jungles of India, the centers of civilization in Europe, or to the wild haunts of barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever communicated to me.

"I do furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and liberals, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex, or condition, and that I will burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle, and bury alive these infamous heretics, rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls, in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done

NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC BIBLE

A Roman Catholic edition of the New Revised Standard Version Bible was introduced September 30, 1993.

This latest in the growing list of perverted Bible versions has the imprimatur (official approval) of the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States and Canada and is being published by the Catholic Bible Press, a division of Thomas Nelson Publishers. Dr. Arthur O. Van Eck, the National Council of Churches' Director for Bible Translation and Utilization said that this new NRSV: CATHOLIC EDITION, "is yet another indication of the fundamental ecumenical nature of the work in translating the Scriptures." And, Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, commented that, "No single event since the Second Vatican Council will do more to strengthen ecumenical ties than the use of the same Bible by faithful men and women."

True believers need to recognize that this and all the other modern versions of the Bible constitute Satanic attacks upon the purity and in-

fallibility of God's Word. This fact must not be overlooked even though every new translation and/or version has been issued with the false claim that, in one way or another, it makes the Bible clearer, more accurate, more readable and more understandable. All of these new versions actually represent an attack upon the purity and accuracy of the authorized King James Version. If more accurate versions of the Bible than the old KJV are in existence today, believers should be using them and join in warning about the dangers of the KJV. This would be the only consistent position to take. Sadly, however, there is a great lack of consistency among those who profess to be fundamentalists, some of whom permit the use of only the KJV in pulpit or classroom while, at the same time, claiming that the NASV, NIV or some other modern version is more accurate. Don't let anyone take your pure, accurate King James Version away from you or cast doubt upon its infallibility and eternity. Psalm 119:89; Matthew 24:35. □



openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangling cord, the steel of the poiniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity, or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do, by any agent of the Pope, or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus.

"In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, and soul, and all corporeal powers, and with dagger which I now receive I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the pope cut off my hands and feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein with all the punishment that can be

inflicted upon me on earth, and my soul be tormented by demons in an eternal hell forever.

"All of which I..., I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist, and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and sealed in the face of the holy sacrament."

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CATHOLICS AND THE BIBLE

Taken out of the book entitled, *Popery the Man of Sin, 1853*

...But some say, the great and rich may be permitted to have the Bible, and read it, because they have had an education of a superior kind, and are, therefore, not so likely to adopt erroneous notions respecting it. But here we again refer to Moses. No man could be more jealous than he of the glory of his God—none more indignant at any attempt to foist heresy or schism into the commonwealth over which he presided—yet it never entered into his mind, for a moment, that there would be any danger in committing the Bible to the common people. So far from this, the injunction applicable to all, was—“These words thou shalt teach diligently unto thy children—and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes—and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.” (Deut. 6:7, 9.) Where does Moses speak the language of the Council of Trent? Where does he hint that the church, meaning by that the tribe of Levi, alone is to be the depository of the oracles of God? No where. All were not only at liberty to possess the Scriptures, in the Hebrew language, without note of comment—but all who did not possess them, peruse them, and live according to them, were criminal in the sight of God. As the sunshine irradiates the cot of the humblest, as much as the mansions of the highest of the sons and daughters of earth, so the light of God’s word was to cheer the occupant of the cabin, as well as of the castle. The sun of heaven might direct the hand of the assassin as well as that of charity, but this did not cause his rays to be withdrawn. The Word of God might be abused by Satan and his servants, but still was it “a lamp unto the feet” (Psalm 119:105) of every heavenward pilgrim—a spark of celestial fire, which the storms of earth might fiercely blow upon, but never

have been able to extinguish.

The last written book in the Bible is the Gospel by John. It was written after the Revelation. It contains several of the discourses and prayers of Christ, which none of the other evangelists had given. Does the Messiah ever put an embargo upon the Word, or apprehend any evil consequences from its indiscriminate perusal? Never. On the contrary, his command to one and all, is, “Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.” (John 5:39.) Has popery ever uttered such a sentence as this? Hear the Saviour interceding for his disciples! More anxious that they should be holy than exalted or rich, he asks of his Father in heaven—“Sanctify them through thy truth: *thy Word is truth.*” (John 17:17.) Did ever a priest of Rome offer up for his people such a petition? If he did, and did so from the heart, why is there such a tenderness in giving the Scriptures to the people—who often times, because they have it not, are perishing through lack of saving knowledge. (Hosea 4:6.) In the primitive ages of Christianity, when copies of the Scriptures were costly, because the art of printing was as yet unknown, as Chrysostom informs us, “the women and children frequently carried the Gospels, or parts of the New Testament, hung round their neck.” This they did not as an amulet—as a sort of charm, as if a few verses or chapters of Scripture could repel the assaults of every enemy—but that they, having God’s Word constantly with them, might, when they pleased, take counsel of Him who is of infinite wisdom and understanding. Nay, so much was the Bible prized, that some Christians, like Marcus when a youth, could repeat the whole of the Old and New Testaments; and of others, it is stated, that being themselves unable to read, they still, by hearing it read by their fellow-believers, had all the Bible committed to memory. Were these Bible Christians, as we might call them, found

swelling the ranks of heretics, schismatics, and other adversaries of the gospel? No! Their lives were spent in the fear of God—in the discharge of the duties of their respective callings; and when even a martyr’s fate or apostasy were their only alternatives, they nobly preferred a cross with Christ, than a crown with satan and the world. The Church of Rome did not issue any formal prohibition of the free use of the Scriptures until the year 1229, when the Synod of Toulouse, alarmed by the spread of the Waldenses, thus expressed itself:—“We prohibit, also, the permitting of the laity to have the books of the Old or New Testament, unless any one should wish,

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16,000 invitations and tracts. Arrangements had also been made to have special music. Everything seemed to be in order when on Thursday afternoon, I received a call from the president of the Funeral Cooperative in regard to the chapel that we had leased. Several local Roman Catholic priests had called her to voice their objection to the chapel being leased to a Baptist group. Other angry Catholics flooded their office with calls threatening to withdraw their memberships from the Funeral Cooperative and cancel their pre-paid funeral arrangements, at a great loss to them, unless the Baptists were ousted. Some callers threatened an area wide boycott of the funeral home. The president informed us that these groups were planning to “picket” in front of the chapel on our opening day. In a gesture of feigned concern, the local Roman Catholic Bishop contacted the president to warn her that he was not able to keep control of his troops. When my family received a death threat, I realized that my phone system needed to be changed. In the end, with financial and religious pressure proving too great for the funeral Cooperative, the president asked us if we would find another place to hold our meetings. It was now late

Friday afternoon, 2 days before our opening service!

We started praying and we called supporting pastors to pray. The Lord did provide us with the grace and the “space.” I was able to rent a conference room at a hotel for our 1st official service. Despite the obstacles the Lord did send us a visitor on our opening day.

The Cooperative did partially compensate us for some of our out of pocket expenses, but they could do nothing to undo the set-back of relocating just 2 days before our 1st service. And so, after our Grand Opening day, I found myself back at square one.

Nothing has changed! As you can see, where Roman Catholicism holds a majority, religious freedom is in a very precarious position. The situation that I have described for you is a typical scenario for other Independent Baptists in Quebec. Has the Roman Catholic Church changed? NO! It is still a deceptive system of works that leads men and women to hell. Their new 1992 Catechism teaches the same heresies that Christian churches have opposed for centuries: tradition is equal with Scripture (article 80, 82); salvation (forgiveness of sins) is through baptism (art. 1263, 1257, 1265, 1267); purgatory (art. 1030-1031); penance is necessary for salvation (art. 980); Mary is sinless, a perpetual virgin, the mother of God, queen of heaven, co-redemptress with Christ (art. 491, 494, 495, 508, 964, 966, 968, 969), etc.

Having been raised Roman Catholic, I understand that the only thing that changes from time to time, is her mask. She changes it to fit the occasion. It remains therefore, that Roman Catholics still need to be genuinely born again.

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NEWS



Church Tax Fraud

Montreal, Canada

A Catholic Group and two of its trustees have been charged with tax fraud. Canadian authorities say the Antonian Order of Lebanese Maronites and trustees Ralph Nahas and Samir Boustany issued more than \$10 million in false tax receipts to more than 209 parishioners to help evade federal income tax payments.

Baring It In Ontario

Ontario's court of Appeal ruled that in some cases, its okay for women to bare their breasts in public. The decision stems from indecency charges laid against Gwen Jacobs — a Guelph, Ontario student who went for a topless stroll on a hot July day in 1991. Jacobs had argued that since men are allowed to go shirtless, so should women. The panel concluded yesterday that for an act to be ruled indecent...there has to be a sexual connotation. In Jacob's case, the court rule, there was no sexual motivation when she decided to strip off her shirt. Legal analysts say the ruling could swing the door wide open for the creation of topless-beaches in the province. The Crown is considering whether to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Jews, Protestants Lose in Canada

Ottawa, Canada

Minority religious groups in Canada seeking the same public funding for their schools that the Roman Catholic church enjoys were turned away by Canada's Supreme Court November 21.

Jewish and Protestant parents in Ontario argued that the province violated their religious freedom and right to equality by funding Catholic

and public schools but not Protestant or Jewish schools. The court ruled that Canada's constitution guarantees funding for Catholic schools — not for others.

Writing for the majority, Justice Frank Iacobucci, said that the constitution "entrenches certain rights with respect to the public funding of religious education" but noted that those rights "are limited to those which were enjoyed at the time of Confederation (in 1867)."

By a vote of 8-1, the court ruled that Ontario does not need to fund non-Catholic schools, and by a 7-2 vote the court held that province has no obligation to provide health services or other benefits to students in non-Catholic religious schools. The court did not forbid the province from providing such services, but ruled that it was not required to do so.

"In Ontario all are equal but some are more equal than others," noted Moshe Ronen of the Canadian Jewish Congress, which brought the challenge with the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS).

OACS President Gerry Steggerda agreed, saying, "Parents choosing religious-based schools for their children pay for secular public education through their taxes, and bear the entire cost of their own children's schooling — discrimination on the basis of religion."

Parents Fight Homosexual Friendly Textbooks

New York City parents have been successful in removing the pro-homosexual "Children of the Rainbow" from their schools and now are begin-

ning another such fight over United States and New York State History which includes twelve pages of sodomite history.

Disney Makes Donald Duck Swear In Cartoon

The use of a four letter word was used by Donald Duck in a children's cartoon. This story broke by WDIV-TV reporter Emmy King in Detroit. In the dialogue of the cartoon classics series "Fun on the Job" the particular segment entitled "Clock Cleaners". Donald Duck is working on a clock which comes to life and begins to taunt him. The famous Donald Duck responds with the word.

This is the latest in a growing list of anti-family incidents by Disney. AFA is promoting a national boycott of Disney.

Boycott Against Disney Called For In Florida

The Florida Baptist State Convention (SBC) has announced a boycott of the Walt Disney Company's theme parks and products.

(With all the evidence coming out about the homosexuals in the Disney Company this would seem to be likely recourse for those who hold God's Word to be true. — R.T.)

AFA Journal

Homosexual Deaths

The main age of death of homosexuals dying of AIDS is 39, as reported by *The Omega Journal of Death and Dying*. Homosexual men who die of other causes die at a medium age of 42. This compares to a medium age of 75 among heterosexual

married man. Homosexuality is proven to be an unhealthy lifestyle.

Carryout Lord's Supper?

Calvary Community Church, Torrance, California, has begun plastic-wrapping "Communion" wafers and grape juice for worshippers to take out.

This is to drive home the message that religion should be carried beyond the church doors. This is expected to become an intimate experience with families. Some even envisioned sharing communion over a romantic candlelight dinner.

Boy Sues Parents Over Discipline

A 12-year-old boy has taken Britain to court, saying it failed to protect him from beatings by his parents. Europe's human rights court agreed to hear the case. Child-rights advocates hailed the decision as a victory for children, while others worried that the court was meddling in Britain's domestic affairs — and the domestic affairs of Britons. The case stems from an incident three years ago when the boy's step-father beat him with a cane after the boy tried to stab another child with a kitchen knife. A British court acquitted the man of assault charges, saying the punishment appeared to be moderate "in the manner, the instrument and the quantity of it". But the boy, backed by his birth father, lodged a complaint against the government with the human rights court. The boy's mother defended her actions, saying smacking her son was the only way to keep him in line. The boy is "totally out of control" and

has "run riot" since the age of 2, she told the British news agency Press Association. "I think half of the problem with today's youngsters is they are not properly disciplined. They know they can get away with things," she said. Because the case involves a juvenile, her name and the name of her son weren't disclosed. A decision by the European Court of Human Rights would be binding, and a finding in favor of the boy could force Britain to change its law about punishing children. The court was set up in 1950 by the Council of Europe to hear civil rights complaints by citizens of the council's member nations. A decision against Britain could also affect others among the 39 council nations, since they too would be open to lawsuits brought by victims of corporal punishment.

Gun Registration, Ausie Style

In 1983, the Australian state of Victoria introduced a system of universal fire arms registration. On May 26, 1995, Victoria's minister of police (equivalent to a U.S. state attorney general or a Canadian provincial solicitor-general) had to admit the 12-year exercise had been a waste of time. At an annual meeting, police ministers of Australia's eight states conceded that there had been not a single incident in the entire country in which a gun registration had prevented a crime or helped solve one.

Soldier of Fortune, Nov. 1995

The Chance of Evolution

"The chance that higher life forms might have emerged in this way is comparable with the chance that a 'tornado sweeping through a junk-yard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein.'" Sir Fred Hoyle (English astronomer, Professor of

Astronomy at Cambridge University), as quoted in "Hoyle on Evolution", *Nature*, vol. 249, 12 Nov. 1981, p. 105
The Revised Quote Book, p 21

Promise Keepers Welcomes Female Pastors

According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for July 13, Promise Keepers welcomes female pastors leading male members, says Louis Monroe, a Baptist pastor who is Promise Keeper's director for the state of Missouri.

Beyond Promises Authors Dialogue with PK

In recent correspondence from *Christian Conscience* publishers Lynn & Sarah Leslie indicated they have spent time on the Internet with *Beyond Promises* authors Hagopian and Wilson. The Leslie's recommend the book as a "solid biblical critique" of Promise Keepers but note several areas of caution. We share their concern that the book may be used to "prop up" the PK movement, inasmuch as PK has purchased several copies of the book and made it required reading for its top brass — and the authors are dialoguing with PK trying to help it make some "mid-course adjustments." There are other concerns (e.g. psychology), but the overriding concern is the bad "roots" of the PK movement. The Leslie's devote several pages to this issue in the July-Aug. *Christian Conscience*. (P.O. 17346, Des Moines, IA 50317).

United Religions and Fundamentalism

A untied Religions Summit ended June 28 in San Francisco, having completed preliminaries for a charter-writing conference in 1997. The Pope,

Episcopal Bishop William Swing, Robert Muller, Jay Gary, WCC-chief Konrad Raiser and various New Agers are "dreaming and scheming." Muller said fundamentalism, resting on inflexible belief systems tends to play and incendiary role.

Rock Music Effects

A mail bomber says 1960's "rock music brought him to the point of being the messiah." (8/2 *H. Times*). AC/DC'S lead guitarists says "We're rebellious, yeah. But that's what rock 'n' roll was founded on." (8/22 *HT*). The 9/95 *Charisma* says the "Christian rock" band The Newsboys are "translating the gospel into the language of rock 'n' roll for an alienated youth culture." Perhaps much of "Christian" Rock is being used as a tool of Satan to draw youths into the secular rock culture, and/or into the charismatic movement? *Charisma* had this quote (1/96): "People love music, singing and clapping. I believe that draws them toward the Pentecostal and charismatic churches."

New Living Translation

The Living Bible has sold over 40 million copies, and was promoted by such "evangelical" as Graham, Falwell, Swindoll, Colson, Bright, and Wyrzten. This unreliable paraphrase has now been revised by 90 ecumenical "scholars" and is called the New Living Translation (NLT). A reviewer (Terence D. McLean) in the 7/22 *Christian News* says the NLT is "gender inclusive" and "doctrinally wrong."

Pope Opposes Proselytizing Jews

Yecheil Eckstein, President of the Internat'l Fellowship of Christians and Jews, in a book

where 16 writers dialogue and respond to Pope John Paul II's recent book, says: "The Jews, for John Paul, represent the Christians' 'elder brothers in the faith'." He adds: "For the first time in history, a pontiff is essentially saying that rather than proselytizing Jews, the church is to witness to them through dialogue..." In the same new book, Yale Prof. Stephen Carter says: "I have the impression that the Pope's view is that respect for Jews, whom he calls our elders of the faith, means refraining from any effort to convert them." Carter goes on to say that Islam is a worship of the same God as our God of Christianity, but it definitely is not!

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The Most Pro-Gay President in History

Bill Clinton recently appeared on the cover of *The Advocate*, the nation's oldest gay magazine, and became the first sitting president ever to approve an interview in a homosexual magazine. *The Advocate* admitted Clinton has "stumbled" in his relationship with gays, but stamped him "the most pro-gay president in the history of the United States." Meanwhile, Alyson Publications has produced a sequel to the infamous children's book *Daddy's Roommate* called *Daddy's Wedding*, it is designed for children ages 2 to 6. Illustrations include a homosexual kiss.

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NEW BIBLE VERSIONS PROMOTE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Small changes in the wording of the Scriptures can often result in major changes in meaning. Christians who claim that all Bible Versions are equally good have usually not bothered to check the facts.

*Following is a small excerpt from **Which Bible Is God's Word?** by Gail Riplinger, in which she shows how the identity of Mystery Babylon is hidden in many new version and it's done oh, so simply.*

"Renewal" is a word that was introduced into the New American Standard Version; there is no such word in any Greek text, so the NASB had to put it in italics.

This is just one example of the Roman Catholic vocabulary that has been introduced into the new versions.

In the Roman Catholic Church, a "renewal" is merely a time when a member renews their baptismal vows and enthusiasm for God. The bible, however, says we "must" be born again (John 3:7).

Roman Catholics believe that at infant baptism one is saved and they merely renew their enthusiasm periodically.

Just as Jesus Christ has a bride, his church, so Satan, the great counterfeiter, has a whore, his church. She is described in Revelation 17:5 as "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATION OF THE EARTH."

Revelation 17:9 says she sits on seven hills ("seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth"). To hide the identity of this harlots church, the NIV and NASB make changes in the new bibles.

1. They omit the word "city" from Revelation 14:8 so you will not know it is a city.

2. In Revelation 17:9-10, they change something very serious, and this had directly affected the exegesis on Reve-

lation 17 throughout the body of Christ today. The King James Version says, "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Period.

A new sentence starts in verse ten, "And there are seven kings." Verse nine and ten are about different things. New versions change it and say, "The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits and they are seven kings."

They are trying to make a connection between the hills and the kings so you will not notice that the seven hills are the city of Rome.

During the Dark Ages (A.D. 500-1500), Rome burned Bibles along with their owners. Revelation 19:2 says that God will avenge "The blood of his servants at her hand."

The words "at her hand" have been omitted in the NIV so the harlot will not be caught red-handed.

The pope put the textus Receptus, that is, the traditional Greek text, on the Index of Forbidden Books.

It was so different from the Catholic Church's Vulgate Bible, which is based on the Vaticanus manuscript.

Protestants have reworked their Greek text to match Roman's Vaticanus Manuscript. Roman Catholic cardinal Carlo Martini is even on the Protestant Greek New Testament committee.

The prefaces to the Roman Catholic New American Bible, the NASB, and the NIV, all tell the reader that they are based on the same Nestle/UBS Greek text. It is no wonder, after twenty years of reading Roman Catholic Bibles with NIV/NASB covers, that evangelical leaders signed a pact with Rome (March 1994). □

CATHOLIC PERSECUTION IN MEXICO

This is an incident that happened a few years back:

About 30 Mexicans Christians, forced to flee their homes after an attack by an angry mob, have returned to San Nicolas de Guadalupe, Mexico, under military escort.

The group took refuge in a Baptist church in a nearby town for more than a month, as their homes were ransacked and most of their personal belongings stolen.

They were among a group of about 130 Baptists attacked in late June after worship services at a mission church in San Nicolas de Guadalupe. The town is in a Mazahua Indian area in Mexico state, about two hours drive northwest of Mexico City.

A mob of about 200 Roman Catholics stoned and clubbed the Mexican Baptists while worshipers were eating lunch outdoors, witnesses said.

About 15 Baptists sustained injuries, mostly lacerations, but none were life-threatening. The attackers destroyed 11 cars with stones, clubs, and fire.

During the assault the Christians attempted to flee to safety inside the house of church members where the mission congregation meets.

The attackers tried to break into the building but failed.

The Baptists, including leaders visiting from other churches in surrounding Mazahua areas, said they did not attempt to fight back.

"They tried to be as submissive as they could and tried to talk with the attackers," it was reported, but the assailants wouldn't listen. "They were angry and stirred up."

The throng included the local Catholic priest, some town leaders, and soccer players, several of whom appeared drunk, reported Baptist Press. "The attack apparently was a protest against the presence of evangelicals."

"Stories of this kind of thing go back as many as 50 years... but it always seems to strengthen the (evangelical) churches after something like this happens, because they bond and pull together to better work," one said.

Violence against evangelicals in other parts of Mexico is not new — press reports say it has been strong in the southern state of Chiapas and in the central state of Oaxaca.

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Many years ago
Dr. J.C. Ryle
forcefully declared:
"Controversy in
religion is a hateful
thing. It is hard
enough to fight the
devil, the world, and
the flesh, without
private differences in
our own camp,
but there is one thing
which is even worse
than controversy, and
that is false doctrine
tolerated, allowed,
and permitted without
protest or
molestation...
There are three things
which men never
ought to rifle with —
a little poison,
a little false doctrine,
and a little sin.

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after bruising them all over, dragged them to the popish churches; when their forced presence was considered as an abjuration. They deprived them of their sleep, during seven or eight days together; the persecutors relieving one another, in order to watch them day and night; and keep them awake, either by throwing water in their faces; by tormenting them a thousand ways; or by holding over their heads, brass kettles, on which they used to make a horrid din, till these victims had quite lost their senses. Whenever they found men or women, confined to their beds in burning fevers, they had the barbarity to get together a great many drummers, who beat round their beds during weeks together, without ceasing, till the sufferers gave their word to abjure the Protestant faith.

In case any persons, after such horrid treatment, still refused to turn, they were imprisoned; and thrown into dark, loathsome, infected dungeons, where every cruelty was exercised upon them. In the mean time their houses were pulled down, their lands were laid waste, their timber felled, and their wives and daughters thrown into convents. When the dragoons had devoured every thing in a gentleman's house in the country, the farmers supplied them with necessaries; and these, in order to indemnify themselves, used to sell, (by authority,) the goods and chattels of such gentlemen; and often purchase them for their own use. If any persons, for conscience' sake, and to escape the tyranny of those barbarians, fled from their abodes, they were pursued through the fields and woods, and shot at like so many wild beasts. For this purpose, the sheriff's officers were commanded to scour the country; and the magistrates, in the several districts, were ordered to seize them indiscriminately. They then were carried back to the places they came from, and treated in the same manner. Their lands were ravaged; and their houses, both in town and country, plundered, and razed to the ground; their woods cut down; their children carried off, and their persons exposed

to the inhumanity of the dragoons. Neither age, sex, nor quality, was spared, whenever the command for turning papists, was not complied with; the same violence being practiced universally. Some persons who had employment in the parliaments, were used in the like inhuman manner; and treated like the rest. Several persons of quality, and others, fled to Paris, or the court, in hopes of meeting protection there; instead of which, they were ordered to return, in four days, to their respective homes; and all persons forbid, upon very severe penalties, to harbour them; and others who presented petitions to the king, were sent to the Bastille, and cruelly persecuted there. These things were done openly; but the Romanists put to death great numbers secretly, besides those who rotted and perished in loathsome dungeons. **Some they transported to Canada, (as they falsely declared;) but really drowned most of them, when they were got some leagues out at sea; and if any proceeded so far as Canada, they perished in dungeons there.** In a word, such a variety of other torments were inflicted, on the French Protestants, that only God, and themselves, knew them all.

In almost all the provinces of France, there marched, at the head of the infernal legions (besides the military commanders,) the intendants and bishops, in their respective dioceses, with crowds of missionaries, priests, and friars. The intendants used to see the orders of the court executed in their full rigour; and would rouse the dragoons to farther cruelty, if any of them happened to be moved with compassion. The missionaries, friars, etc. would excite and encourage the dragoons, to execute a command, which was so pleasing to the church; and so glorious (as they declared) to God and the king. With respect to the bishops, they assisted merely to keep open table; to receive the abjurations; and to be as so many severe general inspectors; in order that every thing might be executed agreeably to the intention and inclination of the popish

clergy. Farther, whenever a party of dragoons had forced, by their cruelties, some Protestants to comply; the former were sent, and quartered in those houses of such as still stood, by which means, those Protestants, who resisted longest, were quite ruined, by the great number of soldiers quartered upon them. Again, before the dragoons were sent to any considerable town, the inhabitants had privately taken care, to win over several Protestants to the popish religion; who promised to assist in corrupting their brethren, so as soon as the soldiers should arrive. When any master of a family, in order to prevent the dragoons from being quartered upon him, turned Roman Catholic; in case any of his family refused to follow his example, or fled, those military tyrants would come and live at discretion in his house. When some Protestants had signed a gentle form of abjuration, which they imagined might be done with a safe conscience; a few days after, another, infinitely more explicit, was brought, and (a most impudent circumstances,) they therein were made to declare, that they embraced the Romanish religion freely, and without compulsion. Having proceeded thus far, if such persons made any difficulty to go to mass; if they did not receive the sacrament; assist at processions; go to confession; say their beads; or if by any voluntary sign, discovered the least reluctance, they were loaded with fines, and the dragoons were again quartered upon them. Lastly, whilst the soldiers were thus laying waste the provinces, the frontiers and ports were so strictly watched, that few Protestants could escape out of the kingdom. Not one of them had leave to depart. The most exact search was made on board of foreign ships; the coasts, the bridges, the passages of rivers, and the highways were guarded; the night was not more favourable than the day; and some neighbouring states were ordered not to give shelter to any more Protestants, but to send those back who had already fled to them; and attempts were made, to carry off some out of foreign

countries.

All this having been done, preparatory to the revocation of the edict of Nantes, when it was repealed, words can never describe the perils to which they were exposed, whom, the rage of persecution forced from their dwellings, their possessions, and even their native country. Never were severer orders given, nor more strictly put in execution, than those enacted against these unhappy Protestants. The government commanded guards to be again posted at several ports, towns, highways, and passages of rivers; all the provinces were overspread with soldiers; and even the peasants were armed, and commanded to stop all persons who should attempt to escape; and, in case of opposition, to treat them ill. All custom-houses were forbid to enter, or to let pass, any clothes, goods, merchandise, or other effects, belonging to the Protestants. In a word, every artifice was made use of, to prevent the escape of these unhappy victims; insomuch that almost all correspondence, with the neighbouring countries, was cut off. By this means, the several prisons in the kingdom were soon crowded; for the panic raised, in the Protestants, by the dragoons; the horrors they felt, on the reflection that their conscience would be forced; the dread of seeing their children torn from them; as well as their being compelled to reside in a county, where they were treated with greatest injustice and inhumanity, obliged every one to think seriously of retiring, and leaving their effects, on order to save their persons. Such as were committed to prison, were used with unheard of rigour; were thrust into dungeons; loaded with heavy chains; almost starved, and deprived of all conversation, except that of their persecutors. Several were thrust into convents, and treated in them, with no less cruelty. Some were so happy to expire under their tortures; others sunk at last, under the weight of temptation; whilst others again, by the extraordinary aid of Heaven, resisted them with a courage truly heroic.

*Taken out of a magazine,
Dated, May 1812, England*

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 from a feeling of devotion, to have a Psalter or Breviary, for divine service, or the Hours of the Blessed Virgin. But we strictly forbid them to have the above-mentioned books in the vulgar tongue." From that time until the Reformation, the Bible was, as much as the Church of Rome could make it, a sealed book. Of it, the clergy were partially, but the laity entirely, ignorant. Had the Saviour been alive, would he not have spoken to the pope, and all his minions, as he did of old, when he said, "Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye enter not in yourselves, and them that were entering in, ye hindered." (Luke 4:52.)

Romanists, however, are found citing Scripture itself, in support of the decrees of the Council of Trent, in regard to the circulation of the Scriptures. 2 Peter 3:15, 16, is a passage which they are fond of quoting. "Even as our beloved brother Paul, also, according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you; as also, in all his epistles speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable, wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction." But what does this passage prove? Certainly not what some would infer from it. Does Peter forbid the general reading of the Bible, because in it are difficulties, and from it some may derive only ruin? By no means. Because there are hidden rocks in the ocean, it does not, therefore, follow that no mariner should ever trim his bark, or set his sail for any purpose of merchandise or war. No! Even these rocks serve some end of which man is ignorant—and their presence only calls forth the greater watchfulness on the part of the voyagers, that so he may avoid the terrors of a watery grave. Does not Peter immediately add, "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The more dangerous his path

across the deep, the more skilful the pilot, and the more accurate the chart that will be required—and so the more numerous the shoals and quicksands in the world, the more the believer needs to consult his Bible, and follow the guiding eye of the Spirit of God. There are mysterious depths in Scripture which no human intellect can fathom, and dizzy heights which no human power can scale—yet so much is revealed to all as is needful to salvation; and when eternity dawneth upon the soul of the redeemed, a light so strong shall be thrown upon the darkest subjects that God's people shall clearly see what now is dim and indistinct.

The Church of Rome in general does not endeavor to bring forward Scripture evidence to show that Scripture ought not to be read. That is in reality superinducing the habit of going to the Word of God as the standard of faith and practice. *Experience* is a more common argument. Thus, the Council of Trent says, "Inasmuch as it is manifest from *experience* that if the Holy Bible translated into the vulgar tongue be indiscriminately allowed to every one, the temerity of men will cause more evil than good to arise from it, it is on this point referred to the judgment of the bishop or inquisitors, who may, by the advice of the priest or the confessor, *permit* the reading of the Bible translated into the vulgar tongue by catholic authors to those whose faith and piety they apprehend will be augmented and not injured by it." Who ever heard of a parent granting permission to some of his children to eat a portion of daily food, and prohibiting others? The wise and affectionate father would see to it that the bread were wholesome, and taken at proper times, and in proper quantities—but never would it occur to him to benefit any of his family by an entire refusal of the staff of life. If the body be living and healthy, it must have food; it can neither subsist upon the air nor on medicine. If the soul be lively and vigorous, it must have some of the heavenly manna; it cannot exist upon the vanities or purgatives which man supplies. Experience tells us this—and experience tells us

just as emphatically, that whenever the Bible has been taken away from any people, they have gradually sunk until the national strength has been exchanged for weakness—the national religion for impiety—and the national morality for crime the most revolting and extended. The onward progress of civilization has removed the barriers which self-interest might have raised to the free introduction of bread, because it is a *prime* necessary of life—yet Rome, even to this very day, would lay upon the importation of the Bible, into every land and household, such a duty that it amounts to a virtual prohibition; and all this that the clergy may have a monopoly, and that all who wish to buy religious knowledge must purchase it from them, on terms which they themselves have settled. If the Bible be worthy of the name of "holy," why are Romanists so much afraid of its circulation? Why do some of them, like the infidels, turn to passages in it which they aver cannot safely be read by the youth? Why do they keep the "Holy Bible" in a species of quarantine, as if they suspected that it carried a plague along with it? Let them speak out honestly, and deny the Divine origin of the Bible, and then we will know how to reason with them; but we cannot conceive how they can honour the Scriptures with lofty names, and yet act toward it as they would toward one that was placed upon the list of the proscribed! Away with such a mockery of reverence! If the Bible be the word of man or of Satan, let it be buried or burned—but if it be the Word of God, let it be raised as the lighthouse on the rock, by its well-reflected light speeding the travelers on ocean joyously through the darkest hours of night, past the fatal shore, to their destined harbour. □

From The Mailbox

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After reading a copy of your publication, Oct./Nov. 1994 issue, prompted me to write and request for a copy of your publication.

I see information in your publication that can help those of us who have been converted from Catholicism to see how those believers who made the Word of God their final authority and to suffer for their beliefs.

Such information are of great help for us who are new in this independent movement. May the Lord continue to bless and guide the publishers of *The Baptist Pillar*.

Yours in His Service,
 C. M.
 Papua New Guinea



Hypocrites in the Church

A hog farmer refused to have anything to do with the church because he said a bunch of hypocrites belonged to it.

The pastor of the church went to buy a hog from him. After looking over the entire swine herd, the pastor pointed to a scrawny, sickly little runt and said, "I want that one."

"Why, preacher, you don't want that one. He's the scrawniest pig I ever saw. Take one of these fines ones over here."

"I want that runt," said the pastor.

After the purchase the pastor said, "I'm going to haul this pig all over the country and tell everybody this is the kind of hogs you raise."

"Preacher, that's not fair. I raise fine hogs. An occasional runt doesn't ruin my whole stock," said the farmer.

"I'm only following your example of condemning the whole church because of the stunted spirituality of some of its members," explained the pastor.

The farmer got the point.

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