

LIST OF HERESIES

OF ALL THE HUMAN TRADITIONS taught and practiced by the Roman Catholic Church, which are contrary to the Bible, the most ancient are the prayers for the dead and the sign of the Cross. Both began 300 years after Christ....**310**

Wax Candles introduced in church about....**320**

Sunday Sacredness – Sunday worship officially recognized by Constantine in **A.D. 321**.

Veneration of angels and dead saints about....**375**

The Mass, as a daily celebration, adopted....**394**

The worship of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the use of the term, "Mother of God", as applied to her, originated in the Council of Ephesus in....**431**

Priests began to dress differently from the laity in....**500**

The doctrine of **Purgatory was first established** by Gregory the Great about the year....**593**

The Latin language, as the language of prayer and worship in churches, was also imposed by Pope Gregory I, 600 years after Christ....**600**

The Word of God forbids praying and teaching in an unknown tongue. (I Cor. 14:9).

The Bible teaches that we pray to God alone. In the primitive church never were **prayers directed to Mary**, or to dead saints. This practice began in the Roman Church about....**600**

(Matt. 11:28; Luke 1:46; Acts 10:25-26; 14:14-18)

The Papacy is of pagan origin. The title of pope or universal bishop, was first given to the bishop of Rome by the wicked emperor Phocas, in the year**610**

This he did to spite Bishop Ciriacus of Constantinople, who had justly excommunicated him for his having caused the assassination of his

predecessor emperor Mauritius. Gregory 1, then bishop of Rome, refused the title, but his successor, Boniface 111, first assumed title "pope. "

Jesus did not appoint Peter to the headship of the apostles and forbade any such notion. (Lk. 22:24-26; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1: 18; 1 Cor. 3:11).

Note:-Nor is there any mention in Scripture, nor in history, that Peter ever was in Rome, much less that he was pope there for 25 years; Clement, 3rd bishop of Rome, remarks that there is no real 1st century evidence that Peter ever was in Rome.

The kissing of the Pope's feet began in....**709**

It had been a pagan custom to kiss the feet of emperors. The Word of God forbids such practices. (Read Acts 10:25-26; Rev. 19:10; 22:9).

The Temporal power of the Popes began....**750**

When Pepin, the usurper of the throne of France, descended into Italy, called by Pope Stephen 11, to war against the Italian Lombards, he defeated them and gave the city of Rome and surrounding territory to the pope. Jesus expressly forbade such a thing, and He himself refused worldly kingship. (Read Matt. 4:8-9; 20:25-26; John 18:38).

Worship of the cross, of Images and relics was authorized in....**788**

This was by order of Dowager Empress Irene of Constantinople, who first caused to pluck the eyes of her own son, Constantine VI, and then called a church council at the request of Hadrian 1, pope of Rome at that time.

Such practice is called simply IDOLATRY in the Bible, and is severely condemned. (Read Ex. 20:4; 3:17; Dent. 27: 15; Psalm 1 15).

Holy Water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by the priest, was authorized in....**850**

The veneration of St. Joseph began in....**890**

The baptism of bells was instituted by Pope John XIV, in the year.....**965**

Canonization of dead saints, first by Pope John XV in....**995**

Every believer and follower of Christ is called saint in the Bible. (Read Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:2).

Fasting on Fridays and during **Lent** were imposed in the year....**998**

Imposed by popes said to be interested in the commerce of fish. (Bull, or permit to eat meat), some authorities say, began in the year 700. This is against the plain teaching of the Bible. (Read Matt. 15:10; I Cor. 10:25; I Tim. 4:1-3).

The Mass was developed gradually as a sacrifice; attendance made obligatory in the 11th century.

The Bible teaches that the sacrifice of Christ was offered once and for all, and is not to be repeated, but only commemorated in the Lord's Supper. (Read Heb. 7:27; 9:26-28; 10:10-14).

The celibacy of the priesthood was decreed by Pope Hildebrand, Boniface VII, in the year....**1079**

Jesus imposed no such rule, nor did any of the apostles. On the contrary, St. Peter was a married man, and St. Paul says that bishops were to have wife and children. (Read I Tim. 3:2,5, and 12; Matt. 8:14-15).

The Rosary, or prayer beads was introduced by Peter the Hermit, in the year 1090. Copied from Hindus and Mohammedan....**1090**

The counting of prayers is a pagan practice and is expressly condemned by Christ. (Matt. 6:5-13).

The Inquisition of heretics was instituted by the Council of Verona in the year 1184. Jesus never taught the use of force to spread His religion....**1184**

The sale of Indulgences, commonly regarded as a purchase of forgiveness and a permit to indulge in sin, began in the year....**1190**

Christianity, as taught in the Bible, condemns such a traffic, and it was the protest against this traffic that brought on the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century.

The dogma of Transubstantiation was decreed by Pope Innocent III, in the year....**1215**

By this doctrine the priest pretends to perform a daily miracle by changing a wafer into the body of Christ, and then he pretends to eat Him alive in the presence of his people during Mass. The Bible condemns such absurdities; for the Lord's Supper is simply a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ. The spiritual presence of Christ is implied in the Lord's Supper. (Read Luke 22:19-20; John 6:35; 1 Cor. 11:26).

Confession of sins to the priest at least once a year was instituted by Pope Innocent III, in the Lateran Council, in the year....**1215**

The Bible commands us to confess our sins direct to God. (Read Psa. 51:1-10; Luke 7:48; 15:21; I John 1:8-9).

The adoration of the wafer (Host), was decreed by Pope Honorius in the year....**1220**

So the Roman Church worships a God made by human hands. This is plain idolatry and absolutely contrary to the spirit of the Gospel. (Read John 4:24).

The Bible forbidden to laymen and placed in the Index of forbidden books by the Council of Valencia in....**1229**

Jesus commanded that the Scriptures should be read by all. (John 5:39; 2 Tim. 3:15-17).

The Scapular was invented by Simon Stock, an English monk, in the year**1287**

It is a piece of brown cloth, with the picture of the Virgin and supposed to contain supernatural virtue to protect from all dangers those who wear it on naked skin. This is fetishism.

The Roman Church forbade the cup to the laity, by instituting the communion of one kind in the Council of Constance in....**1414**

The Bible commands us to celebrate the Lord's Supper with unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine. (Read Matt. 26:27; 1 Cor. 11:26-29).

30. The doctrine of Purgatory was proclaimed as a dogma of faith by Council of Florence in....**1439**

There is not one word in the Bible that would teach the purgatory of priests. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sins. (Read I John 1:7-9; 2:1-2; John 5:24; Rom. 8: 1).

The doctrine of 7 Sacraments affirmed in....**1439**

The Bible says that Christ instituted only two ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. (Read Matt. 28:19-20; 26:26-28).

The Ave Maria, part of the last half in....**1508**

It was completed 50 years afterward and finally approved by Pope Sixtus V, at the end of the 16th century.

The Council of Trent, held in the year 1545, declared that **Tradition** is of equal authority with the Bible....**1545**

By tradition is meant human teachings. The Pharisees believed the same way, and Jesus bitterly condemned them, for by teaching human tradition, they nullified the commandments of God. (Read Mark 7:7-13; Col. 2:8; Rev. 22:18).

The apocryphal books were added to the Bible also by the Council of Trent in....**1546**

These books were not recognized as canonical by the Jewish Church. (See Rev. 22:8-9).

The Creed of Pope Plus IV was imposed as the official creed 1560 years after Christ and the apostles, in....**1560**

True Christians retain the Holy Scriptures as their creed. Hence their creed is 1500 years older than the creed of Roman Catholics. (Read Gal. 1:8).

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary was proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in the year....**1854**

The Bible states that all men, with the sole exception of Christ, are sinners. Mary herself had need of a Savior. (Read Rom. 3:23; 5:12; Psalms 51:5; Luke 1:30,46,47).

In the year 1870 after Christ, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of **Papal Infallibility**....**1870**

This is a blasphemy and the sign of the apostasy and of the anti-christ predicted by St. Paul. (Read II Thess. 2:2-12; Rev. 17:1-9; 13:5-8,18).

Many Bible students see the number of the beast (Rev. 13:18), 666 in the Roman letters of the Pope's tittle: "VICARIVS FILII DEI." -V-5, I-1; C-100, I-1; V-5, I-1; L-50, I-1; I-1; D-500, I-1-Total, 666.

Pope Pius X, in the year 1907, condemned together with "Modernism", all the discoveries of modern science which are not approved by the Church....**1907**

Pius IX had done the same thing in the Syllabus of 1864.

In the year 1930 Pius XI, **condemned the Public Schools....1930**

In the year 1931 the same pope Pius XI, reaffirmed the doctrine that Mary is **"the Mother of God".....1931**

This doctrine was first invented by the Council of Ephesus in the year 431. This is a heresy contrary by Mary's own words. (Read Luke 1:46-49; John 2:1-5).

In the year 1950 the last dogma was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII, the **Assumption of the Virgin Mary....1950**