

PAST AND PRESENT POPERY – “SEMPER IDEM”

By the Rev. James Macleod, Greenock

Young People's Magazine – November 1962

The greatest menace to our civil and religious liberties is from the Vatican in Rome! The Protestant people of Europe have been duped with heretical doctrines for the last one hundred and fifty years: and the most successful attack of all was when "scholars" in the name of advanced learning began their infamous attack on the Word of God.

The next serious, and the most damaging attack of all, was on the Person, life, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ - and that is still going on in the most savage manner that the wit, and malice of human minds can invent in order to establish the “lie” of the fool which “saith that there is no God” higher or greater than himself.

At the glorious Reformation the Reformers urged the people to read the Word of God: and instructed the illiterate, and the children to read the word of God. The Papal Church took the Word of God from the people, and to make it sure, left them in their millions utterly illiterate so that they could not read - as they are today in Southern Ireland, Spain, and scores of millions in South America in the Church of Rome.

Think of the condition of the people of Europe when Martin Luther began to preach to the Germans. Knox was faced with the same difficulties in Scotland; and the Reformers of England - the masses utterly illiterate, steeped in the grossest ignorance mentally and spiritually. The people were “good Catholics” if they should attend Mass, and confess to a Priest that, in many cases, was as blind and ignorant as the people. It would suit the Pope to keep the people in abject poverty, and ignorance. That is equally true to-day where the Priest is in power and control. The Word of God must not be read, and in fact millions of them cannot read it, and that is the policy, and practice of the Papal Church in every nation provided they are in the majority.

Millions of Protestants are not conversant with the history of the “Roman Octopus,” that resides in the lair of the Vatican. We do admit that the “mystery of iniquity” is extremely difficult for ordinary mortals to follow, and appreciate the

craftiness of Papal Rome. Roman Catholics born and bred in the “Church” cannot understand it, but when they do, they become either atheists, terrible drunkards, gamblers, Communists, or an odd one finds his or her way into the Protestant Church!

There is no question about the Russians, who for centuries were in abject bondage to the same religion as the French, and Irish, and when the Russians got the opportunity (from 1917 to the present time), the swing was terrible, and still is, and will continue to be ferocious, and malicious against all religions until God will open their eyes, and turn them to the pure gospel of the grace of God. It happened at the French Revolution, but France is still wallowing in the mire of atheism, and Romanism. It may very well be that the Russian nations (for there are many tribes in that country) will be the first to receive the light of the gospel, which they never had before, for the so-called “Orthodox Greek Church” is equally as corrupt, and abominable, as the Papal Church.

It was this foul-yoke that the poor Russians cast off in 1917 to the present hour. It was the curse of the Russian people. In 1914 out of a population of one hundred and seventy-two million only five millions could read and write! In 1962 between sixty and seventy per cent of the Russian population can read, and write, and their progress in scientific knowledge is simply phenomenal! The late Rev. Neil Cameron (Glasgow) said, “The Russian people will be the greatest benefactors the world has ever seen when they will receive the gospel!” And they will receive the gospel in God's time from the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, and not from the cess-pools of Rome, Canterbury, and Greek Orthodoxy! The Jew, and the Gentile, shall drink from the same “cup of salvation,” yea, infants of days and the young man, and the young maid shall drink eternal life from the Word of God.

The Church in the past, before and after the Reformation, and to the present hour, the Papal Church is the same cess-pool of extreme iniquity, and unnameable wickedness! The lives of the Popes, Cardinals, Bishops and Priests are gruesome, and abominable! The eminent President Edwards was of the opinion that the Papal Church would never again rise to the same power it had immediately before the Reformation of the 16th century. We most heartily concur with the godly divine, President Edwards. There are other forces of evil which cannot tolerate the Papal Church! For instance, Communistic-atheism in all nations (in Britain as well

as in China and Russia) cannot tolerate the scarlet robes of devil-possessed Popes and Cardinals.

The working masses of all nations are absolutely irreligious, and the religious tyranny of Rome, or Canterbury, is to them poisonous hypocrisy. We have a complete portrait of Romanism, and of all false religions, in the 18th chapter of the Book of Revelation which are to be destroyed from the earth!

In the Church of Rome they have what is known as the "SALE OF INDULGENCES." Pope John XII granted "ninety thousand years of pardon for deadly sins!" The famous Tetzel in the days of Martin Luther; bearing the bull of Leo X on a velvet cushion, travelled in state from town to town in gay equipage, and proclaimed to the credulous multitude "Indulgences are the most precious and sublime of God's gifts; this red cross has as much efficacy as the cross of Jesus Christ. Draw near, and I will give you letters duly sealed, by which even sins you shall hereafter desire to commit, shall be forgiven you." Tetzel went on, "There is no sin so great that indulgence cannot remit. Pay, only pay largely, and you shall be forgiven ... Ye Priests, ye nobles, ye tradesmen, ye wives, ye maidens, ye young men, hearken to your departed parents, and friends, who call to you from the bottomless abyss, 'We are enduring horrible torments, a small alms would deliver us, you can give it, will you not?' The moment the money clinks at the bottom of the chest, the soul escapes from purgatory, and flies to heaven ... Our God no longer deals with us as God, He has given all power to the Pope!" This is Tetzel's form of indulgences by the bull of Pope Leo X. "Our Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on thee, 'K.D.'; and absolve thee by the merits of his most holy sufferings. I, (The Pope), in virtue of the apostolic power committed to me, absolve thee from all . . . excesses, sins, and crimes that thou mayest have committed, however great and enormous they may be and whatever kind ... I remit the pain thou wouldest have had to endure in purgatory ... I restore thee to the innocence and purity of thy baptism, so that at the moment of death, the gates of the place of torment shall be shut against thee, and the gates of Paradise open to thee, and if thou shouldest live long, this grace continueth unchangeable, till the end of time. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. The brother John Tetzel, commissary, hath signed this with his own hand."

The reader can find more than this in the history of the Reformation by D' Aubigne. This is the Church of the Popes, and Jesuits, with which the ministers of the Church of Scotland take "sweet counsel together" in Convents. But some say that the Papal Church is not what it was in those far away days. The Papal Church is SEMPER IDEM - no change in this age from the days of the first Pope John xxiii to the present Pope John xxiii.

We believe that Pope Pius xii was one of the most wicked Popes that sat on the Vatican Throne! He knew too well of the slaughter of the Jews for his agents the Jesuits were behind Hitler, and the German army. We have ample evidence from extant records to prove it, and more to come which are meanwhile hid in the Archives of the British Government and U.S.A. Government. Do Protestant ministers know all this? Yes.

Are the ministers of the Church of Scotland conversant with the past and present history of Popery? We know some of them are exceptionally learned in the past and present history of Popery. How then are they not warning the people in Scotland of the danger we are from the "Treaty of Rome"? Have they read it, and do they understand it in the light of the past history of the Papal Church? The Church of Rome is scarlet red with the blood of the saints of God for generations. The Church of Rome is one hundred per cent. behind the "Treaty of Rome."

Do they know (as far as can be known) the history of the Jesuits? It is called "The Order of Jesus." If the devil had a direct hand in anything from the fall of Adam, the Jesuits are the first of the order of the devil! From the dawn of the Reformation to the present hour the Jesuits are behind wars, murder of kings, the burning of the Jews, and made the fair fields of Europe red with the blood of men, women and children!

They creep into houses, the palace, schools, colleges, travel as paupers, pretend to be zealous Protestants; as our national historian, Rev. Dr. Wylie, said near or over one hundred years ago that "Jesuits were in the pulpits of the Free Church of Scotland, married, with families, with a dispensation from the Pope to advance the cause of the Church!" One of this diabolical society is priest in the town of Stornoway. The Stornoway Jesuit priest will be very lovable, gentlemanly, kind, liberal, and capable of associating in the best possible manner with all kinds and

classes in the community. He is well trained, being a member of the diabolical Order of the Jesuits.

Some time or other the Jesuits were expelled from almost all the States of Europe. Volumes of books have been written on the history of the Jesuits by French, German, English, Scottish and American scholars, divines and historians, but never can the Jesuit be measured or known, for his iniquities are beyond the conception of ordinary human beings. His stronghold in argument is equivocation, twisting, wriggling like a serpent, and as slippery as an eel.

How long is there since the Jesuits began to concoct the "Treaty of Rome"? It is our firm belief that they began it after the fall of the German Empire in 1917. It would take a Lord MacAulay, or an Edward Gibbon to trace it all out. Was the last Pope Pius xii, all the time he was in Germany as the Papal Nuncio (before he became Pope), planning and scheming for "United Europe" before the last war?

We do not doubt for one moment but that was the main cause of the capitulation of France with the fond hope that Britain would be smashed to powder, and out of the way, and Europe united under the reigning Pope, with a political tutelar head, and of course Russia was to be murdered, and all that might be left alive of the slave nations brought into submission to Rome and Germany. The diabolical plan failed. Germany was smashed into submission, and the Protestant nations were the victors - Britain and the Commonwealth, with the mighty aid of the great American nation!

Is the Common Market (The Treaty of Rome) the last attempt of the original plan? We believe it is, and that divine vengeance shall overwhelm and destroy Popery from the face of the earth (Revelation, Chapter xviii). The visitation no doubt shall be short, sharp and, on the whole, the most terrifying in world history, and the aftermath shall be dreadful.

But from the debris shall arise the most blessed and glorious period in world history. Satan is cast out, and with Satan, Popery, Communism, atheism, idolatry in all lands; all weapons of warfare destroyed; all nations in gospel harmony, holiness, and sanctified love to all, and no discrimination between Jew, Gentile, black or white! No Popery, no Canterbury, no Kremlin; Paris a city of holiness; no need of a Stock Exchange in any nation; neighbouring nations will support the poorer nations, and in fact we do not believe that there shall be any poor nation

under heaven during the millennium period. The money gamblers are gone from the face of the earth; there will be no women in Britain to spend sixty-million-pound sterling in "Beauty Parlours" as they did last year. No money spent on horse races or football pools. "Moral Rearmament" shall die with the last Pharisee. "All ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD; and all kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee. For the kingdom is the LORD'S; and He is the governor among the nations" (Psalm xxii: 27,28).

Then numberless numbers shall be saved of the elect of God. David was sorely chastised for trying to number the tribes of Israel which was a type of the whole Church of God to the end of time. Satan was behind that temptation. In Revelation xx we read: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

The puerile nonsense that pre-millenarians speak about, and write volumes to no purpose that the Lord at glory is to come down to this earth and reign in person for a thousand years is not only misleading but utterly unwarranted. When did He leave His Church at any time from Abel to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Moses to David, from David to Mahachi, from John the Baptist to the present hour - NEVER FOR ONE MOMENT! We read of Him coming in person at the Great Day to judge the world in righteousness; as it is clearly stated in II Thess. i: 7-10, etc. Was Satan cast out from the day that he entered into the Garden of Eden? NO. Did "all the kindred of the nations worship before Him? (Ps. xxii) NO. Have the Jews said yet, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord? " (Isa. ii: 1-5) NO!

Now, my dear young friends, some of you may enter into the beginning of the most glorious period in world history, but watch and pray, for it is our candid opinion that there is before you a time of terrible distress, confusion and bloodshed! Read and re read Chapter xviii of the Book of Revelation. What protected the people of God in Egypt, leaving Egypt, and in the wilderness? It was the blood enjoined upon them by God through His servant Moses (see Heb. ix: 20). If you are not under the blood of the Lamb of God in soul, conscience and

person, you shall have no covering from God's wrath, and curse forever! Eternity, eternity before you! It is of infinite value to know Christ personally. We meet people who say, "Oh, I have faith." What is the value of that faith if the poor sinner is not united to Christ in the Word of God?

That was a lovely story of the little Dutch boy in a recent issue of this magazine - so like the real work of the Spirit of God, and we believe that is how it will be in millions of cases during the millennium period, when the Holy Spirit is poured forth (Ps. cx: 3). However, this is your day, and it must be Christ or death! All you need in this life is Christ as your very own Saviour. You can do even without health, worldly comforts, wealth, herds of cattle, a rich banking account, a modern beautiful house, expensive clothing, etc., but can you do without Christ? Happy is the boy and girl who can say, "I cannot do without the blessed Lord Jesus as my own, my very own Saviour."

Let your life, and conversation, commend Him to others. It is not what you say, but how you act. Pray much in secret. It was the godless life of Protestants for the last one hundred years that made the Papists so bold and aggressive in Scotland, and in the Highlands and Islands. Christ is altogether lovely,