

8. In the Catholic Catechism (but not in the Catholic Bible) the Catholic church redefined the ten commandments to hide the 2nd commandment from its followers. The 2nd commandment forbids making and bowing down to statues (see Exodus 20:4-5). To hide this omission, they split the 10th commandment into the new 9th and 10th, so the 10th commandment (thou shalt not covet) has been turned into: 'thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife' (new #9) and 'thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods' (new #10). **Would the true bride of Christ lie to its own people about what the Bible says so they could make money selling statues?**

9. The need for priests who offer up sacrifices (such as the sacrifice of the mass) was abolished with the death of Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This is clearly stated in Hebrews: *"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."* [Hebrews 9:12, see also 1 Timothy 2:5]. Why then does the Catholic church still have priests? Because they want people to think that they are more spiritual than the average person, when in fact, they are nothing more than ordinary sinful people who happen to wear fancy robes so that they look 'religious' and who may know lots about Catholic doctrine but usually very little about the Bible. **Would the true Bride of Christ perpetuate the office of the Jewish priesthood, when Jesus eliminated the need for priests by his once-for-all atoning death on the cross?**

10. The worst crime of all that has been perpetrated by the Catholic church leadership has been to lie to its own followers about how to get to Heaven. The Catholic church says that you need their leaders, their traditions and their sacraments to get to Heaven when all that is needed is a personal relationship to Jesus Christ, which you get by God's mercy and His grace (unearned favor). In Titus 3:5 Paul said: *"not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us"*. In Ephesians 2:8-9 Paul said: *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* The Catholic church fails to tell its

people that they are in desperate need of salvation, that eternal damnation in Hell (not Purgatory) awaits all the unsaved, and all they can do to avoid going to Hell for eternity is to cry out to God to have mercy on their souls. **Would the true Bride of Christ lie to people about how to get to Heaven?**

Rather than being the true Bride of Christ as the Catholic church claims it is, the apostle John calls it 'the great whore', 'Babylon* the Great' and 'the mother of harlots' in chapter 17 of the book of Revelation. He identifies it as a wicked church located in a city that sits on seven mountains or hills. Rome happens to be a city on seven hills and many martyrs including its own priests and monks, whom the Catholic church persecuted and slaughtered in the past, have been quoted as saying that the Catholic church was and is this 'whore' mentioned in the book of Revelation.

Many people have been deceived into believing that 'the great whore' is some yet-to-come conglomeration of apostate churches. How can one ignore centuries of deception and extreme wickedness on a global scale and how can one ignore the fact that John speaks of a 'city' not a country or some collection of churches? 'Rome' is recognized worldwide (and it has been for centuries) as the name of a religious city AND of a huge church.

Lastly, dear friend, don't blindly believe what people tell you about getting to Heaven. Study the Holy Bible to make sure that what Jesus said to the Pharisees does not apply to you: *"Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines, the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men"* [Mark 7:7-8]

* Babylon was sometimes used as a nickname for Rome, a nickname that even the apostle Peter used (see 1 Peter 5:13).

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**SOME THINGS THE
 CATHOLIC CHURCH DOES NOT
 WANT YOU TO KNOW**

*"ye shall know the truth and
 the truth shall make you free"* [John 8:32]

As a former Catholic who cares about the truth and about the souls of others, I feel obligated to bring some things to your attention. As strange as it may sound to many dear Catholics, the Roman Catholic church may not be the true Bride of Christ and the one true Christian church that it claims to be. But before anyone can agree with such a controversial statement, one would have to admit that it is necessary to examine the evidence, if it exists. We will do that now...

1. During the past 1500 years, if the Catholic church represented the true church of Christ, how could it possibly have perpetrated the inquisitions and crusades and in so doing, caused the brutal deaths of approximately 68 million people: Jews, true Christians (whom Rome calls heretics), Muslims, gypsies among others? Didn't Jesus say love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you and use you (see Matthew 5:44)? **Would the true Bride of Christ slaughter millions of people CENTURY AFTER CENTURY?**

2. The Vatican, especially Pope John Paul, has been increasing its focus on Mary and causing others to do so, thereby taking away glory and adoration from God, Afterall, if I spend ten hours a week praying to Mary (who can't even hear my prayers since only God is capable of being omnipresent), I am robbing God of ten hours of my attention. No one can honestly say that Catholics are not taught to worship Mary, especially since she is referred to as the Queen of Heaven. This title was borrowed from a pagan religion that was condemned in the Bible when God spoke these words through Jeremiah the prophet: *"The children gather wood, and the*

fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger." [Jeremiah 7:18] Mary was a godly woman but she was neither sinless nor 'immaculate' as Rome claims. She admitted she needed a Saviour in Luke 1:47.

Also, didn't Paul say in 1 Timothy 2:5 that there is no other mediator between God and man except Jesus Christ? **Would the true Bride of Christ resurrect a pagan goddess and rob God of the glory that is due to him alone by redirecting people's attention to a false queen and a false mediator?**

3. The Vatican and various Catholic shrines contain treasures of inestimable wealth that were acquired through blackmail and murder. If the popes have reformed, why would they hold onto these bloodstained treasures when they could be sold and the money given to the poor? But then the Vatican would have to be honest about how they acquired such mind-boggling wealth. **Would the true Bride of Christ seek enormous worldly wealth and power?**

4. The gold that the Nazis stole from their holocaust victims was smuggled by train to the Vatican just before WWII ended. This explains why the Vatican setup the 'rat lines' to help thousands of Nazi war criminals escape capture by first hiding them in monasteries and then smuggling them to South America. **Would the true Bride of Christ hide and protect people guilty of crimes against humanity?**

5. The cost to Rome of settling child molestation cases out of court in America has approached one billion dollars or more for priests charged with molesting alter boys and other children. Many of the priests therefore never go to jail and are only transferred to other parishes so they can continue to carry on their molestations. Rome is trying to hide its wicked sins and rescue the perpetrators from prosecution. This is confirmed by many articles in newspapers in the past few years alone. Also, besides being pedophiles and fornicators, many priests are homosexuals, due to the ungodly practice of celibacy. Marriage was

never condemned or forbidden in the Bible for church leaders or anyone. In fact Paul clearly stated that a bishop should be the husband of one wife and that if he could not rule his own house he could not be expected to rule the church (see 1 Timothy 3:2-5). **Is the true Bride of Christ a haven and a breeding ground for child molesters who molest the children of its own followers?**

6. In the book "Fifty Years In The Church Of Rome" by former Catholic priest, Charles Chiniquy, Mr. Chiniquy describes his friendship with Abraham Lincoln and mentions that the Vatican was heavily involved in the assassination of Lincoln. Mr. Chiniquy should know, he became a close friend of Abe Lincoln after Lincoln defended him in court against false charges by his Catholic superiors while Chiniquy was still a Catholic priest and Lincoln was still a lawyer in Illinois. The Vatican's involvement would certainly explain why the U.S. Congress banned diplomatic relations with the Vatican from 1867 until 1984 (117 years!)... This ban is documented in The World Almanac And Book Of Facts 1991 (page 766, c. 1990, Pharos Books), although there was obviously no mention of why the ban had been put into effect. According to Chiniquy, Congress did not want the Civil War to become a religious war so they (Congress) kept America in the dark about Rome's conspiracy to kill Lincoln. **Is the true Bride of Christ involved in conspiracies and assassinations?**

7. If the popes have reformed, then why have they yet to overturn their ungodly blood-thirsty decrees and edicts, like these which are still in effect?...

"If anyone denies that in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist are contained truly, really and substantially the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently the whole Christ, but says that He is in it only as in a sign or figure or force, let him be anathema (damned and put to death)" Council of Trent - Canon 1.

"If anyone says that in the holy sacrament of the Eucharist, Christ, the only begotten Son of

God, is not to be adored with the worship of latria, also outwardly manifested, and is consequently neither to be venerated with a special festive solemnity, nor to be solemnly borne about in procession according to the laudable and universal rite and custom of the holy Church, or is not to be set publicly before the people to be adored and that the adorers thereof are idolaters, let him be anathema (damned and put to death)" Council of Trent - Canon 6.

Where in the Bible did Christ say that we should worship a piece of bread (i.e. veneration of the host) and when did he advocate the extermination of those who do not? Jesus made it VERY CLEAR in John 6:63 that he was speaking in spiritual terms, not literally when he said he was 'the bread of life' (John 6:35) and 'my flesh is food indeed' (John 6:55) by saying: *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* [John 6:63]. Likewise, he was speaking in spiritual terms in John 10:9 when he said "I am the door" and in John 15:1 when he said "I am the vine". Jesus used symbolic figures of speech many other times also.

Transubstantiation (the idea that the communion wafer turns into Jesus) was not taught in the Catholic church until long after the 10th century AD. It was an idea borrowed from a pagan religion as recorded in Jeremiah 7:18 (see quote on page 2) . Using words like 'veneration' and 'adoration' instead of 'worship' is a technique used by Catholic leadership to legitimize idol worship, be it Mary worship (the so-called Queen of Heaven), saint worship or wafer worship. The Bible calls God a jealous God who does not appreciate people venerating anyone but Him (see Exodus 20:5). **Would the true Bride of Christ invent a doctrine (transubstantiation) that causes people to commit idolatry - by worshipping a man-made object - a wafer?**