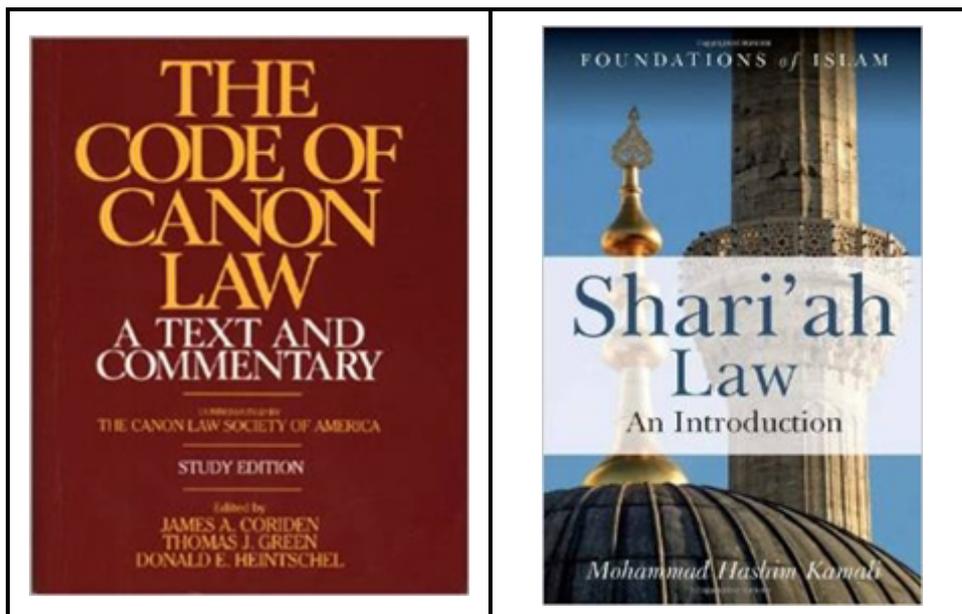


# Ecumenism, *Anathema*, and the Roman Catholic Curse on All Born-again Christians

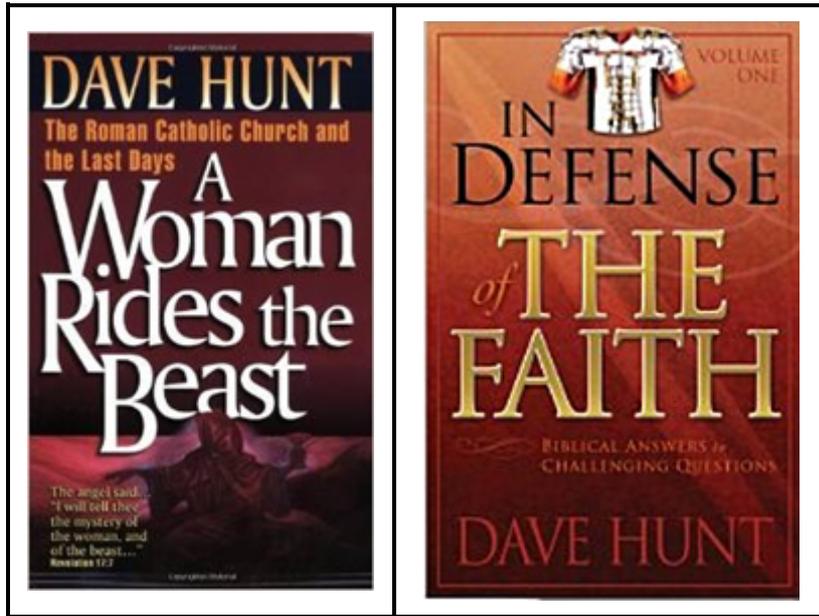
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Most born-again Bible-believing Christians would be greatly surprised if they were told that the Roman Catholic Church has placed them under formal condemnation. They would be even more surprised if they knew that this condemnation makes the accused liable – under circumstances which are not clearly specified – to severe penalties, including death by execution.

This may seem like a fanciful or misplaced reference to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when the Church of Rome carried out appalling crimes against anyone who supported the Reformation. By what logic, if any, can one argue that a similar attitude still prevails today?

Dave Hunt, who went to the Lord in 2013, was one of the few well-known believers who consistently warned the church of the iron fist that Rome conceals beneath a velvet glove. He referred many times to the *anathemas* pronounced at the Council of Trent (1545-1563) and to the fact that they were confirmed by the Second Vatican Council (1963-65). These *anathemas* are still effective today. They have the same legal force under Canon Law as they had in 1563 (Canon Law is the Roman Catholic equivalent of Shariah Law in Islam. The power to execute apostates is enshrined in Canon Law, just as it is in Shariah Law).



### **Code of Canon Law**

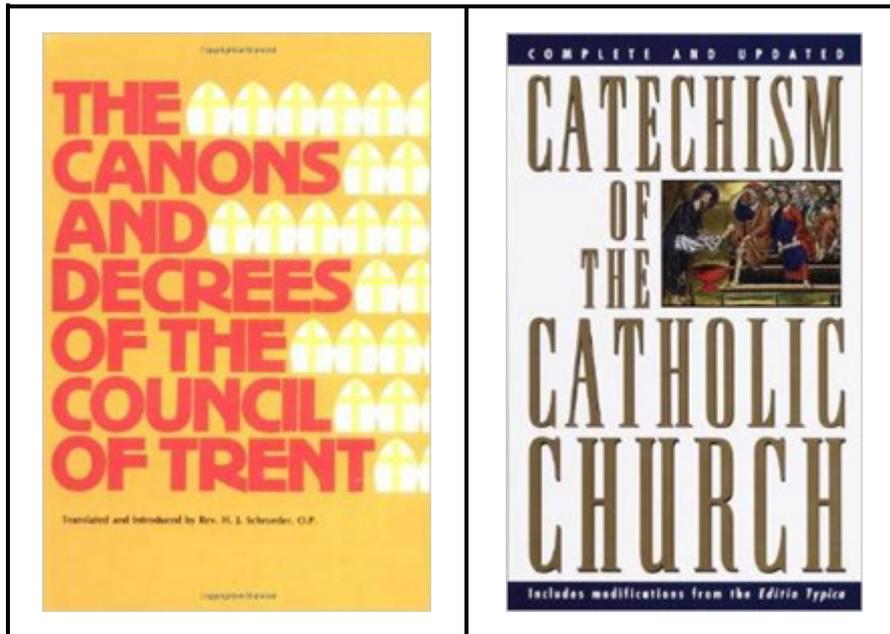
Since they are overseen by the religious authorities, both Canon Law and Shariah Law need the approval of the civil authorities if they are to operate successfully. This is not a problem in Islamic countries which have either abolished or never developed a secular form of government, such as Iran or Saudi Arabia (The latter is ruled by members of the radical Wahabi sect). On the other hand Islamic countries which have continued to maintain a clear distinction between the religious and the secular, such as Turkey or Egypt, have suffered far less from the excesses of Shariah Law.

Since Canon Law is implemented behind the scenes, the average Catholic is hardly aware that it exists, but on those occasions in history when the secular or civil arm of government was subservient to Rome, the power of Canon Law became much more visible. The Inquisition, which caused terror on a grand scale, was a pan-European program operating under the legal framework Canon Law. So too was the Counter-Reformation, during which Rome persecuted and slaughtered millions of Bible-believing Christians.

When the *anathemas* or condemnatory curses were pronounced by the Council of Trent, a large part of Europe was still subject politically to Canon Law. This meant that Rome could hunt down dissidents at will, try them in a religious court, and then hand them over to the civil authorities to be tortured and killed.

### **The Curse of *Anathema***

What sort of 'crimes' were these unfortunate people guilty of? We give here just a few of the offences that caused untold numbers of innocent Christians to be murdered by Rome:



### **Rejecting the false Roman Bible**

"But if any one receive not, as sacred and canonical, the said books entire with all their parts, as they have been used to be read in the Catholic Church, and as they are contained in the old Latin vulgate edition; and knowingly and deliberately contemn the traditions aforesaid; *let him be anathema.*"

### **Rejecting salvation by works**

"If any one saith, that the justice received is not preserved and also increased before God through good works; but that the said works are merely the fruits and signs of Justification obtained, but not a cause of the increase thereof; *let him be anathema.*"

### **Rejecting Roman baptism**

"If any one saith, that in the Roman church, which is the mother and mistress of all churches, there is not the true doctrine concerning the sacrament of baptism; *let him be anathema.*"

### **Rejecting the belief that Christ is bodily in the communion bread**

"If any one denieth, 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 saith that He is only therein as in a sign, or in figure, or virtue; *let him be anathema.*"

### **Rejecting the necessity of confession before a priest**

"If any one denieth, either that sacramental confession was instituted, or is necessary to salvation, of divine right; or saith, that the manner of confessing secretly to a priest alone, which the Church hath ever observed from the beginning, and doth observe, is alien from the institution and command of Christ, and is a human invention; *let him be anathema.*"

### **Rejecting the 'sacrifice' of the Roman Mass**

"If any one saith, that the sacrifice of the mass is only a sacrifice of praise and of thanksgiving; or, that it is a bare commemoration of the sacrifice consummated on the cross, but not a propitiatory sacrifice; or, that it profits him only who receives; and that it ought not to be offered for the living and the dead for sins, pains, satisfactions, and other necessities; *let him be anathema.*"

### **Rejecting the spiritual 'power' and 'authority' of the Roman clergy**

"If any one saith, that there is not in the New Testament a visible and external priesthood; or that there is not any power of consecrating and offering the true body and blood of the Lord, and of forgiving and retaining sins; but only an office and bare ministry of preaching the Gospel, or, that those who do not preach are not priests at all; *let him be anathema.*"

Many more examples could be given. The Council of Trent pronounced over 130 *anathemas*, dozens of which are directed today against ALL born-again Christians.

Understandably, Rome does not want born-again Christians to know that they are still under formal condemnation, therefore she tries to dismiss these curses as an archaic carry-over from less enlightened times, with no real meaning in our modern world. She also tries in other ways to conceal her real agenda, the re-absorption of the "separated brethren" into the Roman fold. For example, the Office of the Inquisition still exists today, but its true purpose is disguised under the title, *Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith*.

### **Some Dark Facts**

The terror unleashed by the Council of Trent could be seen, naively, as just another dark chapter in European history, a cycle of cruelty and bloodshed that will never be repeated. But if that were so then why did Rome reaffirm all of the *anathemas* at the Second Vatican Council, some 400 years later? And why did she solemnly publicize and perpetuate the fact in the official Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church in 1992? And why does the Code of Canon Law (1983) include provision for the imposition of severe punishments on any of "Christ's faithful" who commit an offence?

An official document of the Second Vatican Council, 'The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church' (known as *Lumen Gentium*), which was promulgated by the Pope in 1964, stated:

"51. This Sacred Council accepts with great devotion this venerable faith of our ancestors regarding this vital fellowship with our brethren who are in heavenly glory or who having died are still being purified; and it proposes again the decrees of the Second Council of Nicea, the Council of Florence and the Council of Trent." [*emphasis added*]

Referring to the Council of Trent, the Catechism in its prologue states, "It lies at the origin of the Roman Catechism, which is also known by the name of that council and which is a work of the first rank as a summary of Christian teaching." Given that the canons and decrees of the council are concerned mainly with the formal denunciation of 'heretics' [true Bible-believing Christians], replete with a long series of *anathemas*, we can only marvel that Rome should see fit to endorse, after an interval of 400 years, the very document that launched the bloody reign of terror known as the Counter-Reformation.

Canon 1311 of the Code of Canon Law (1983) states: "The Church has its own inherent right to constrain with penal sanctions Christ's faithful who commit offences." The penal sanctions may include "expiatory penalties...including expiatory penalties which deprive a member of Christ's faithful of some spiritual or temporal good." Ominously it then adds: "Use is also made of penal remedies and penances: the former primarily to prevent offences, the latter rather to substitute for or to augment a penalty."

By any reckoning these powers are draconian. The Roman Church will decide whether an offence has been committed (or might possibly be committed in the future) and deprive the accused of any temporal good – property, liberty, or even his life. The power to "augment" a penal remedy means that Rome can go as far it chooses in punishing its victims. Since imprisonment and torture are acceptable "penal remedies" in many parts of the world today, including the US, they are certain to be included in this category.

The power to exact penal remedies in order "to prevent offences" is effectively a licence to suspend *habeas corpus* and imprison without trial whomever they choose. In short, under Canon Law – the official legal framework of the Roman Catholic Church – the Pope or his deputy may, if he so decides, exercise exactly the same unlimited, tyrannical control over a territory or nation as any despot in history. He can detain, arrest, imprison, torture and execute whomever he chooses, and confiscate their property.



## **The Origin of the Term *Anathema***

Some readers may regard this interpretation of Canon Law as somewhat exaggerated. Surely an *anathema* in our modern age is simply a formal declaration that the person concerned is thereby excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church? It seems unreasonable to assume, they argue, that the powers that the Pope may exercise today under Canon Law can extend to actual physical punishment.

These objections are refuted by history and by the nature and extent of the powers that the Roman Church arrogates to itself under Canon Law 1311. They also fail to take account of the fact that, in circumstances where Papal authority supersedes civil authority, excommunication can be tantamount to a death sentence.

The Church of Rome does not regard any other authority, temporal or spiritual, to be higher than – or even equal to – itself. Thus a person who has been excommunicated or declared *anathema* is effectively a non-person. He is utterly repugnant to the Church of Rome, a heretic whose very existence is a threat to the welfare of others. The civil authorities may do with him as they wish. And since the civil authorities were in former times required by Rome – under threat of retribution – to deal summarily with all heretics, their fate was sealed.

To fully appreciate the implications of the word *anathema* in the dark theology of the Roman Catholic Church, we need to understand how the word was first used in a Biblical context.

The word is found in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, and five times in the Greek of the New Testament. It is significant that the translators of the Septuagint used *anathema* to translate the Hebrew word *herem*. The great Bible scholar, David Baron, explains the matter as follows:



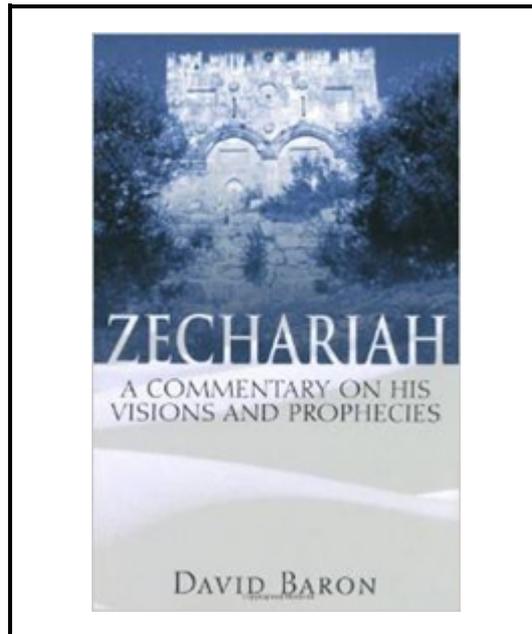
"The word הֶרֶם, *herem* (which is a masculine noun), describes primarily something *devoted* – usually for utter destruction, but occasionally also for sacred uses. Thus, for instance, the cities and inhabitants of Canaan were devoted by God to utter destruction, and of Jericho particularly we read: "And the city shall be הֶרֶם, *herem* (devoted) – even it and all that is therein to Jehovah" (Joshua 6:17). Achan, by taking *min hacherem*, "of the devoted thing," made the whole camp of Israel הֶרֶם [*herem*], "accursed," or devoted to destructive judgment, until it was purged by the discovery and stoning of the transgressor, who became himself *herem*, like the "devoted" thing which he had stolen (Joshua 6:18 and 7:11-13). If an individual or a whole city in Israel forsook Jehovah and turned to serve other gods, they became *herem*, devoted to utter destruction (Deuteronomy 7:25-26 and 13:12-17). In Leviticus 27:29, where we read, "All devoted (*herem*), that shall be devoted from among men, shall not be ransomed, he shall surely be put to death," it is such cases which are contemplated, *i.e.*, those devoted by God "from among men" for utter destruction, either on account of apostasy or because of some special crime. Thus Benhadad is called "a man under my *herem*, or ban," "one whom I have devoted to utter destruction" (1 Kings 20:42). So likewise were the Amalekites, etc. The Septuagint properly renders הֶרֶם [*herem*] in Zechariah 14:11, by *anathema*." – *Zechariah: A Commentary on His Visions and Prophecies, David Baron, 1918 (Chapter 20).*

The Apostle Paul declares a person *anathema* or accursed for teaching false doctrine (Galatians 1:8-9 and 1 Corinthians 16:22). By this he means *herem*, set aside for destruction under God's righteous judgment. The judgment would be administered in due course by God, not man. Meanwhile, the individual concerned would be excluded from church fellowship.

The Roman Catholic Church has taken and modified this and for several centuries employed it as a weapon against anyone who disagreed with her teachings. Incredibly, in doing so she has presumed to have the right to criminalize offenders – to strip them of their dignity, to subject them to imprisonment and torture, and even to kill them. She perverted the Biblical meaning of *anathema*, as used in the New Testament, and turned it into an instrument of systematic persecution that contaminated the whole social fabric of Europe. The fear generated by this ever-present threat kept millions in subjection and ensured that the reign of the Papacy remained virtually undisputed for centuries.

### ***Anathema in practice***

We are addressing this question in some detail since it is vital that born-again believers understand what the Roman Catholic Church really means when it subjects each and every one of them to a number of formal *anathemas*. *Anathema* means *herem* which means *set aside for utter destruction*. All born-again Christians today are officially accursed in the eyes of Rome. The Roman theologians therefore are being extremely deceitful when they try to maintain that *anathema* is simply another word for excommunication, with no ulterior effect.



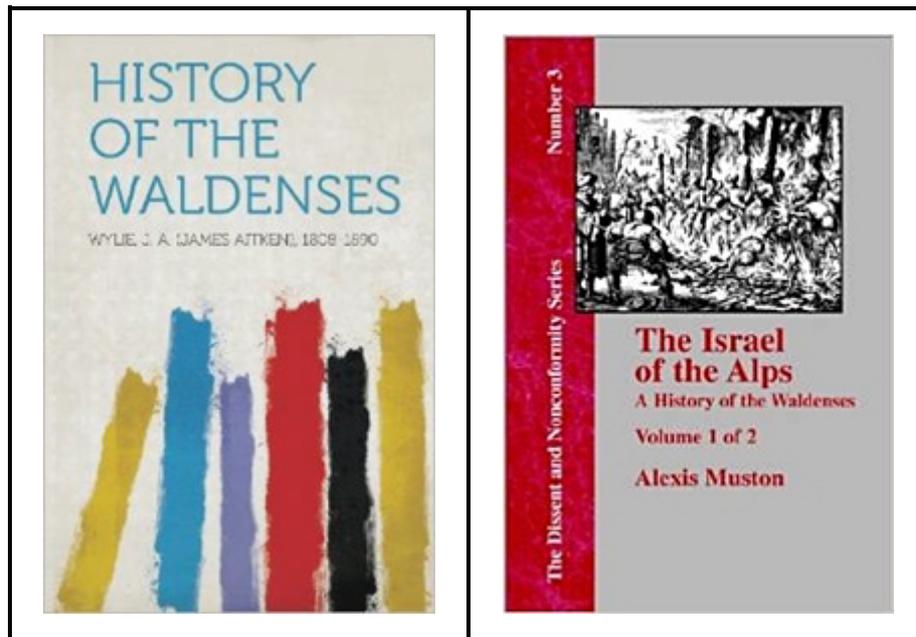
We will now examine what *anathema*, being set aside for utter destruction, has meant historically. In *The Israel of the Alps*, Volume One (1875) by Alexis Muston, the author describes how twelve members of the Vaudois, a true Bible-believing church, were treated by the local Catholic archbishop in a chilling act of barbarism in 1348:

"[The] twelve unfortunate Vaudois, who were seized upon that occasion, were subjected to all the tortures which superstition and cruelty could inflict. Conducted to Embrun, in front of the cathedral, in the midst of a great concourse of people, surrounded by fanatical monks, and clothed in yellow robes, upon which were painted red flames, symbolical of those of hell, to which they were deemed devoted; they had an **anathema** pronounced against them, their heads were shaved, their feet made bare, and ropes passed round their necks; after which, at the sound of the bells which tolled their funeral knell, the Catholic clergy raised a chant of execration and of death. The poor captives were dragged, one after another, to a pile, surrounded with executioners." [p.38]

As the Word of God has warned us, there is nothing new under the sun. "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been..." (Ecclesiastes 3:15). The events of 1348 have come around again and again throughout history and, as Canon Law 1311 confirms, the Church of Rome has made all necessary legal provision for the next manifestation of this terrible plague.

In another atrocity cited by Muston, seventy Vaudois

"...were seized and loaded with chains. These new confessors of the gospel [i.e. the Vaudois], in the presence of a new Paganism, more cruel and more treacherous than the ancient, were carried prisoners to Montalto. There they were subjected to torture; the inquisitor, Panza, made them all endure the rack, the cords, the wheel, the iron wedges, or the boiling water, to compel them not only to abjure their religion, but also to denounce their brethren and their pastors!" [p.144]



The monks, priests and others who carried out and directed these terrible crimes took sadistic pleasure in devising new ways of tormenting their victims:

"Another prisoner, named Verminello, had promised, in the extremity of his suffering, to attend Mass. This yielding made the inquisitor hope that by augmenting the violence of the tortures he would at last extort a confession of the crimes which he was so desirous to fasten upon the Vaudois, and of which no testimony had yet been obtained. With this view, the unhappy captive was kept for eight whole hours on an instrument of pain, called *hell*, but Verminello constantly denied the truth of these atrocious calumnies. Bernardino Conto was covered with pitch at Cosenza, and burned alive before all the people. Another martyr, named Mazzone, was stripped of his garments and scourged with small iron chains, and when his flesh had been thus torn in pieces, he was dragged through the streets, and killed at last by blows with burning billets of wood. Of his two sons, the one was flayed alive, as a sheep is flayed by the butcher, and the other was flung down from the summit of a tower." [p.89]

Muston also describes the horrifying treatment of women:

"Sixty females of St. Xist, as Gilles relates, were tortured in such a way that the cords, having entered into their flesh, and no relief being given them, devouring vermin were engendered in their wounds, which could only be killed by quicklime. Some of them consequently died in the dungeons into which they were cast; others were burned alive, and the best-looking were sold, as in Turkey, to the highest bidders, who, of course, were also the basest of men." [p.90]

These bestial acts were common occurrences across central Europe for several centuries. Here, for example, is an incident from the 17<sup>th</sup> century:

"Having thus deprived these unfortunate families of all their defenders—having none before them but women, children, and aged men—the soldiers of Catinat rushed like savage beasts on that inoffensive multitude, so basely deceived; massacred some, tortured others, stripped them of everything valuable; seized the women and girls, to subject them to the most brutal treatment; satiated upon them the most infamous passions, and subjected them to all the horrors of rape and assassination. There were some of them who resisted with so much courage that their destroyers could not succeed in their vile endeavours till they mutilated them in all their four members, nothing but a bloody torso being thus left for the prey of these demons." [p.443]



In *The History of the Waldenses*, J A Wylie attests to the horrific nature of the crimes committed against thousands of true believers, crimes so repulsive and so vile that they could not even be described:

"The soldiers were not content with the quick dispatch of the sword, they invented new and hitherto unheard-of modes of torture and death. No man at this day dare write in plain words all the disgusting and horrible deeds of these men; their wickedness can never be all known, because it never can be all told." [Chapter 13]

Despite these horrifying facts, a great many Catholics, as well as naïve Evangelicals, still believe that Rome has moved far beyond this mode of operation and would never again resort to such methods. If so, then why are the *Anathemas* still in effect? Why does Rome still claim, through Canon Law 1311, to have the right to exercise powers similar to those employed during the Counter-Reformation? Why has she consistently supported numerous fascist regimes in Latin America over the past century? And why did she try to forcibly convert thousands of Orthodox believers in Croatia in the period 1941-1944, murdering 750,000 innocent victims, including women and children, in a campaign of terror that Rome has tried ever since to conceal?

### **The Ecumenical Attack on True Christianity**

The Catholic Church continues to slander the memory of the Waldenses and Vaudois today. For example, she uses *Wikipedia* to present her distorted version of history (We adverted to this in an earlier paper, *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, published in 2013). The article entitled *List of Christian Heresies* describes the Waldenses/Vaudois as a 'Christian' heresy, while the section in the same article dealing with Roman Catholic heresies lists Christian Zionism! These are shameful, albeit typical, examples of Roman propaganda. Firstly, the Roman Catholic Church is not Christian, either in the sense that the churches of the Reformation were Christian or in the sense that it upholds the true gospel of Christ and the absolute authority of Scripture. Secondly, the Waldenses/Vaudois were never heretical, but were only classified as such by the Roman Church in order to exterminate them. Thirdly, Christian Zionism is a recognized and long established branch of Evangelical theology. The only 'church' that classifies it as heretical is the Roman Catholic Church, so why does it feature in an article on 'Christian Heresies'?

That Wikipedia should slander true Biblical Christianity and Christian Zionism in this way will not surprise anyone who knows how Rome is operating today. She is using her immense wealth and influence, along with her global network of carefully placed sympathizers and change-agents, to redefine Christianity. Wikipedia, the most widely used reference and information archive in the world today, is now treating Catholicism in some of its articles as though it was in some way representative of true Christianity, while true Christian churches are being increasingly marginalized, to the point where Christian Zionism is now being categorized as a Christian heresy.

For a taste of the extent to which Rome is exploiting Wikipedia to present a distorted view of history, read its articles on *The Inquisition* and *The Historical Revision of the Inquisition*. The latter is little more than a platform for the bizarre views of Edward Peters and Henry Kamen, who reduce a large proportion of the crimes committed during the 500 or so years of the Inquisition to a "body of legends and myths which, between the sixteenth and the twentieth centuries, established the perceived character of inquisitorial tribunals and influenced all ensuing efforts to recover their historical reality." In short, having examined the surviving records, they have concluded that, while some crimes were committed by Rome, the supposed severity of the Inquisition has been grossly exaggerated by Protestant reformers for propaganda purposes. Meanwhile the other article in Wikipedia contains the following astonishing paragraph:

"Beginning in the 19th century, historians have gradually compiled statistics drawn from the surviving court records, from which estimates have been calculated by adjusting the recorded number of convictions by the average rate of document loss for each time period. García Cárcel estimates that the total number of people put on trial by inquisitorial courts throughout their history was approximately 150,000, of which about 3,000 were executed – about two percent of the number of people put on trial. Gustav Henningsen and Jaime Contreras studied the records of the Spanish Inquisition, which list 44,674 cases of which 826 resulted in executions *in person* and 778 *in effigy* (i.e. a straw dummy was burned in place of the person). William Monter estimated there were 1000 executions between 1530–1630 and 250 between 1630–1730. Jean-Pierre Dedieu studied the records of Toledo's tribunal, which put 12,000 people on trial. For the period prior to 1530, Henry Kamen estimated there were about 2,000 executions in all of Spain's tribunals."

Rome is engaging in cynical revisionism in order to disguise her longstanding hatred of Protestantism, her ruthless suppression of dissent in any form, and her appalling record of terror, torture and murder.

Please be very careful when using Wikipedia. It is one of the most insidious tools in use today for shaping public opinion, distorting history, suppressing information, framing priorities, and discrediting views that are inimical to the long-term goals of globalism and the New World Order.

### **The Guiding Spirit that Never Changes**

As we have stated in many of our papers, Rome is using the Ecumenical movement to infiltrate, undermine and corrupt true Biblical Christianity. In one paper we cited a statement by Pope John XXIII: "The [Roman Catholic] Church has always opposed these [Protestant] errors, and often condemned them with the utmost severity. Today, however, Christ's Bride [Rome!] prefers the balm of mercy to the arm of severity." Well, if that were really the case then the church of Rome would have (a) repented of the campaign of terror that she conducted for centuries against millions of innocent Christians and (b) withdrawn and totally abrogated all of the *anathemas* promulgated by the Council of Trent.

Has this happened? Of course not! Ecumenism is a deadly trap that has been prepared with meticulous care by an ancient organization which likes to boast that she never changes – **Semper idem** (Latin for *always the same*). She does not regret the murder of vast numbers of Christians, but only that her vicious attempts to annihilate them were not entirely successful. The same goal is still being pursued today, but this time – for a limited time only – her *modus operandi* will consist mainly of lies and deception. At some point, however, Canon Law 1311 will be employed to deal with the stubborn minority who simply refuse to co-operate.

As a corporate motto, **Semper idem** is actually a very apt description of the Roman Church. The same supernatural entity that oversaw her remorseless campaign of terror during the Inquisition and the Counter-Reformation is still at the helm today. Nothing has changed. The spirit is the same. *Semper idem*.

By the way, the number 1311 is a significant number in the occult, as is any combination of 3, 1, 1, and 1. In our study on Babylonian London, we showed that the number 3111 is woven into the occult signature that spans the city: "The number 3 is highly revered by the Babylonians because they believe that all creative processes must incorporate the number 3 if they are to flourish. It is the number of change and growth. The more often it occurs, the greater the likelihood that an event or process will run to completion and produce the outcome desired. The number 3111 embodies 1, the number of unity, three times and connects it with the number 3. It is therefore the Babylonian number for the Trinity – Osiris, Isis and Horus. They are the One in Three and the Three in One." We should hardly be surprised, therefore, if the most ominous provision in the Roman Catholic Code of Canon Law has been given the number 1311.

**The Roman Catholic Church has placed all born-again Christians under a number of formal curses known as anathemas. This means they could be subject at some future date to a punishment specified under Canon 1311 of the Roman Catholic Code of Canon Law.**

### **Sovereign Citizen**

Some readers may have difficulty translating our warning about *anathema* into a real situation that they might expect to witness in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Well, the following example may help to illustrate the imminent reality of what we are talking about.

In an earlier section we said: "...the Church of Rome recognizes no authority, temporal or spiritual, that is higher than itself. Thus a person who has been excommunicated or declared *anathema* is effectively stripped of his civil rights. He is utterly repugnant to the Church of Rome and therefore rejected by God. The civil authorities may do with him or her as they wish." This is very similar to the treatment received by an American mother before a Family Law Court in 2011.

On 21 December, 2011 – the Winter Solstice – a state judge in Fort Collins, Colorado ruled in a Family Law Court that a woman (Stacy Lynne, an investigative researcher) should lose custody of her own child because, as the judge ruled, she (the defendant) was a "sovereign citizen." Lynne was refused the constitutional right to state (and thus read into the court record) legislative provisions relevant to her situation or to produce evidence in her defence. She was not charged with violating any laws and had not been arrested. Her son (aged 9) was in good health, had not been harmed in any way, and was living quite happily with his mother and attending school regularly. The removal of her son was solely on the grounds that, as a "sovereign citizen," she was deemed by the judge, Julie Field, to be an unfit mother. The judge also directed that she pay \$14,000 in respect of attorney fees incurred by the child's father (who was awarded sole custody of the child by the court) and that her travel movements be restricted to Larimer County, as a result of which she was unable to attend her place of work and earn an income. The child's father had played no role in his life for about nine years. The court ignored all testimony relating to the unfitness of the father.

Ms Lynne gave a harrowing account of her treatment outside the court after the hearing – this may be seen on [YouTube - click here](#).

According to her own testimony outside the court, she was being targeted as a long-time activist dedicated to exposing corruption in Larimer County. This vile plan was initiated in order to destroy her emotionally and financially.

The main charge against her was that she had (allegedly) declared herself to be a "sovereign citizen," although she had never done so. As Ms Lynne said, this effectively defined her as a terrorist. The other charge against her was that she was a "Constitutionalist." Given the way this term was interpreted in Larimer County, she said, this too put her in the same category as a terrorist. She was not charged with either "neglect" or "abuse" and the court had not received a complaint from anyone who knew the child. Neither her parenting skills nor her personal character were called into question by the court or by any witness for the prosecution. She was not allowed to call any witnesses on her behalf or to present any evidence, including any documentary evidence, in her defence. She was ordered by the local police outside the court to "produce her son" or face criminal charges. When she made desperate efforts to secure an injunction against the court order before the 90 minute deadline expired, she was arrested.

So what is a "sovereign citizen" and how is it possible for a judge to apply that label to someone who never claimed at any time to be one?

The term "sovereign citizen" initially meant someone who did not recognize as legitimate a government which in their opinion circumvented the Constitution. The police authorities have decided that the term is tantamount to a declaration of civil disobedience or even membership of a subversive movement. *Sovereign citizen* is even being interpreted in some quarters to mean that a person so described is stateless since he is deemed to have renounced his citizenship. In such circumstances the court may decide that, as a stateless person, the accused cannot cite statutes or case law or produce evidence in their own defence. So even if a person does not claim to be a "sovereign citizen" he can be instantly stripped of his civil rights if a judge decides arbitrarily to apply that label. That is essentially what happened to Ms Lynne.

How does this differ from the condemnation of *anathema*? In practice it doesn't. In both cases the person is placed beyond the protection of the law. In both cases he is deemed to have incurred this opprobrium through his own fault. In both cases he may be deprived of "some spiritual or temporal good" (such as Ms Lynne's loss of her son). In both cases there is no recourse and no remedy. And in both cases the police and security services will do whatever the court directs.

## **Conclusion**

The various Christian churches in America today are being aggressively drawn into an ecumenical alliance with Rome. The leaders of these churches are guilty of deliberately betraying their flock and leading them by stealth into the clutches of Rome. Among these false teachers are Billy Graham, Rick Warren, John MacArthur, Bill Hybels, Brian McLaren, Rob Bell, Mike Bickell, Tony Campolo, Mark Driscoll, Kenneth Copeland, Willis Harmon, Jack Hayford, Benny Hinn, Cindy Jacobs, Bill Hamon, C Peter Wagner, Bill Johnson, Rick Joyner, Tim Keller, Max Lucado, Beth Moore, Richard Land, John Ortberg, Joel Osteen, Dutch Sheets, Leonard Sweet, Philip Yancey, and a great many others.

None of these are calling for Rome to withdraw the *anathemas* of Trent which continue to be directed at all born-again, Bible-believing Christians. None of these are warning their flocks of the ceaseless assault that Rome is conducting against the true gospel of Christ and all who believe in it. And none of these are preaching the terrible truth that Ecumenism and 'inter-faith spirituality' are nothing but a treacherous betrayal of the Reformation and the countless individuals – men, women and children – who were slaughtered by Rome in her sadistic quest to destroy all opposition to the Papacy and its revolting Babylonian corruption of true Christianity.

*Anathema* means the utter destruction of all who oppose Rome. Whether it is implemented under another name – such as 'sovereign citizen' – or under the guise of another program, such as *world peace*, *universal tolerance* or *the brotherhood of man*, is immaterial. The legal mechanism is still the same, namely, through false accusation define and categorize the individual as an enemy who has placed himself beyond the protection of the law, then stand back and let the civil powers destroy him.

Canon Law 1311 is designed to do exactly that.

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