

WERE PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS THE SAME DURING THE REFORMATION??

There are Protestants today who understand the plain cold and hard facts: Rome has actually not changed since the Dark Ages. How do we know? Much of this website with the strange people being depicted can instill into your minds the fact that what was just stated is the truth. One such strange person was attacking the Adventist Church. He was participating on an "Adventist" internet discussion forum. In the course of his participation, he early told us that he gets angry when anyone says that the papacy is the Antichrist. Of course, this is a dead giveaway! For hundreds of years, anyone making such a statement would have been known to be a papist. He, however, denied that he was a papist. He was designing for us the idea that his verbal declarations have to take the supremacy over evidence, except when we make verbal declarations. He does not respect our word for anything.

He, a short time after, told the forum that he will attack anything that stands in the way of the churches uniting. He did not bother to add "with Rome." Another poster asked him who or what will lead this great body of united churches, and this man replied, "JESUS CHRIST!"

All of these are dead giveaways that the man in question is an infiltrator militia man of the papacy. Historically, there was no question on this point. That's why they created this hyper-questioning environment that we have today in the world: so that no other voices can be heard clearly except those of their own. That was the agenda behind the ever popular expression, "DIVERSITY IS THE SECRET OF OUR STRENGTH!" Everyone is debating pro and con and canceling each other out, while above that confusion, singular and despot voices are coming more and more into prominence giving us all the "FACTS". They are almost the only ones making definite statements now that everyone has to believe and accept. They are telling us what is fact that everyone must plainly see.

We met another strange person--a woman--who continued to attack Ellen White, calling her a plagiarist. She showed much emotion and she was relentless in her attacks. The problem is that this same woman told the forum often that we are not to focus on anything but Christ. We are not to post about anything else. She then proceed to make sure that PRACTICALLY EVERY SINGLE ONE OF HER POSTS were attacks against Ellen White and Adventism. From day one we tried to awaken any kind of conscience within her, but she refused. She showed also much emotion in declaring that Ellen White was a plagiarist. This "crime" made her quite upset. We made attempts to expose her, and in response she accused us of being in an "obsession" against her and that our hearts are filled with "hate."

We then posted documentation of the horrible Massacre of St. Bartholomew out of the book "Foxe's Book of Martyrs." That narration demonstrated how Rome tricked the Protestants by becoming tolerant and friendly with them. They got the Protestants into a great celebration--(is that word becoming more and more familiar nowadays?)--and then suddenly attacked and murdered them sparing neither age nor sex.

When that horrible narration was posted, there was immediate silence on that forum from the strange people posting there. Upon prodding the strange people on that forum again and again to respond to why their blood pressure goes high when they document what they claim is plagiarism, and yet they get quiet and yawn over the horrible massacre of thousands of people, the lady responded by making the statement that both Protestants and Catholics were just the same hornery and ruthless.

The following is an article I found on the newsgroups that helps to support this delusion. It says, in this portion of it:

Answers to Objections Regarding the Church: The Catholic Church butchered 68 million people during the Middle Ages. by Gary Hoge

The Protestants persecuted each other, and Catholics, and witches, to the limit of their ability. If they were responsible for fewer deaths than the Catholic Church, it is only because they controlled less territory. The "persecution argument," then, cuts both ways. If it is an argument against the validity of Catholicism, then it is also an argument against the validity of Protestantism.

Let's face it, some of our history as Christians is not very attractive, no matter on which side of the Reformation you find yourself, and Protestants who accuse the Catholic Church of atrocity are simply throwing stones from within their own glass house. I will not defend the Inquisition, and other such persecutions: I think they were barbaric. I will simply note that it was a barbaric time, by modern standards, and that Protestants were indistinguishable from Catholics in this regard.

We may not be able to condone what our ancestors did, but perhaps we can try to understand it. To do so, we need to understand that the people living back then had a very different attitude towards heresy than we do. In the Middle Ages, the entire society was organized around religion. Thus, heresy was not seen as simply a matter of personal sin or ignorance, but as a crime against the public order. To advocate a different religion was seen as a challenge to the state and the common good. Unfortunately, this led to some terrible persecution, of which all Christians should be ashamed.

Is what was said here true?

We therefore have to put the facts in order. This is just another indicator that Rome has not changed a bit! Now, with fears about Rome coming to power again as prophecy tells us, isn't it the time to notice that strange people defending Rome are using deception to do it? Those were the component principles that made Rome so dangerous: deception and oppression. What are we supposed to think if we see these qualities again returning?

If you therefore think that the Protestants were just the same as the Catholics who always sought to murder them historically, check out the following differences, and ask the strange people on the forums to answer. More than likely they will ignore you like they have done to us.

First however understand that Protestants did persecute. Remember, all Protestants were even once Catholics and condoned persecution under her. It is hardly likely that as they moved away from that system, they would not take with them some of the characteristics of that organization. What persecution they did however, was not nearly to be compared to what Rome has done as we will show:

1. Do the Protestants in their base doctrines have any provision whatsoever for the persecution or destruction of those who do not agree with her doctrines? We already know that Rome has. Can any statement be found among their Protestant doctrines showing that they believe they have the right to punish or even kill Catholics or those who do not accept their beliefs?

2. Do the Protestants have a history of constructing implements of torture? Can these devices be found? Do any of their churches in their foundations have dungeons underneath them or any implements of torture?

3. Do Protestants proudly display those whom they have killed as does Rome in her main Cathedral?

4. Do Protestants have a history of deception that Rome has even now in the present with the strange unscrupulous people on the forums? In most every massive attack such as the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, the Catholics became friendly with the Protestants, pretended to have changed, and then went to the Protestants and told them that they had changed and wanted healing. Do we know of any time when the Protestants went to the Catholics and say, "WE'VE CHANGED!! WE WANT HEALING, UNITY, CELEBRATION, and PEACE!! NOW WE ARE JUST LIKE YOU??" Did they then get them to celebrate and then start a massacre?

Remember closely that many strange people are telling us that both the Protestants and the Catholics were the same and just as horney during those horrible days. Is that so? Why would Rome come so many times to the Protestants to tell them that she has changed and want healing, if the Protestants were just as mean and horney as were the Catholics? Why would they approach the Protestants so many times to tell them that they have changed, when they were already the same as the Protestants?

5. Do Protestant writings show anywhere the necessity of people giving up their liberties? We are working on statements from Dark Ages Vatican people on the newsgroups telling us as a matter of fact that Americans should give up their liberties. This cry is much louder now in wake of the new terrorist attacks, but it was sounded well before that happened.

6. Do the Protestants have any writings today which tells the world that they are constructing a One World Government and that all, including the Catholics, must surrender to this new structure or expect to become extinct?

7. Do the Protestant Churches have writings revealing that they are intolerant like Rome has? Here are some examples:

"If Catholics ever gain a sufficient numerical majority in this country, religious freedom is at an end. So our enemies say, SO WE BELIEVE" (The Shepherd of the Valley, official journal of the Bishop of St Louis, Nov. 23, 1851).

"No man has a right to choose his religion." -- (New York Freeman, official journal of Bishops Hughes, Jan. 26, 1852).

"The church . . . does not, and cannot accept, or in any degree favor, liberty in the Protestant sense of liberty." -- (Catholic World, April, 1870.)

"Protestantism has not, and never can have, any right where Catholicity has triumphed." -- (Catholic Review, June, 1875)

"Religious Liberty is merely endured UNTIL THE OPPOSITE CAN BE CARRIED INTO EFFECT WITHOUT PERIL TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH." -- (Rt. Rev. O'Connor, Bishop of Pittsburgh.)

"The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error--a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state." -- Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius IX, August 15, 1854.

"There is, ere long, to be a state religion in this country, and that state religion is to be the Roman Catholic. . . The Roman Catholic is to wield his vote for the purpose of securing Catholic ascendancy in this country." -- (Father Hecker, Catholic World, July, 1870.)

"If the liberties of the American people are ever destroyed, they will fall by the hands of the Catholic clergy." -- Lafayette

"You ask if the Pope were lord over this land and you were in a minority, what he would do to you? That, we say, would entirely depend on circumstances. If it would benefit the cause of Catholicism, he would tolerate you: if expedient, he would imprison, banish you, probably he might even hang you. But be assured of one thing, he would never tolerate you for the sake of

your glorious principles of Civil and religious liberty." -- (Rambler, one of the most prominent Catholic papers of England, Sept., 1851.)

Notice how that last quotation declared that the principles of civil and religious liberty were Protestant belief ALONE, and was even ridiculing the concept!

After displaying this to a determined papist who called us "bigots," his reply was that we did not understand the true meaning of those statements. I then asked him if he would understand the true meaning of those statements if these quotations were Adventist quotations. He ignored my question.

Are writings even similar to these found in Protestant Churches? Therefore are the Protestants and the Catholics just the same? Is it true that the Protestants murdered sufficient Catholics to be worthy of note while Rome did not do similarly worthy of note? How come Foxe's Book of Martyrs and other Protestant writings tell us that Rome is intolerant, uses deception profusely to accomplish her aims, and never changes, yet the very writings of Rome herself confirm this, and yet strange folk are around telling us that we don't even understand the clear language written above, but we are just bigots for posting them?

Look at the dates of these declarations folks! These were all written LONG AFTER FREEDOM WAS ATTAINED! As you can see here, Rome hasn't learned a thing and does not agree with the principles of freedom that were acquired!

8. Do we see the whole world changing to Protestant principle? Or do we see it changing to papal globalistic principles as we speak and even against all the strong opposition to it?

9. Did Rome come up with the principles of freedom which we enjoy today and which the forum Jesuits pervert even. They are telling us that everyone has the right to disagree. I believe that also. But how come thence they are teaching us, telling us what is clear, plain, up, down, scriptural, erred and the like and are not accepting this rule by actions, by do so by lips?

10. If you are a Protestant, does your church have secret orders like the Jesuits, the Knights of Columbus and all? Since Rome has these orders, can you explain why your church doesn't need them? What is their purpose? What they are doing now, etc?

One person in particular has said that the attendance in the Roman Church is sadly languishing, and that the Jesuits and other orders are there to correct that. If you are a Protestant and that happened in your church, would you create secret militia orders to make horrible oaths, to infiltrate and subvert societies and armies and all? Since Rome has these orders and the other churches do not, has attendance at Catholic Churches been percentage-wise significantly greater than that of the other churches?

With these orders comes the mandate for the elimination of the principle of Separation of Church and State. Rome, like during the horrible past, goes into both STILL! Does your church do that?

The question again is: Were the Protestants and the Catholics the same? The answer is clearly NO! We are therefore contending with the same deceptions that empowered the Inquisitions of the Dark Ages!

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TEMCAT'S NOTE:

I think this story from history best answers this question.

Sermons from the Armada.

We looked at the amazing story of the Spanish Armada and how the Roman church was so sure at this time they were going to force all of Europe back into bondage to the Pope— and it all blew up in their faces. Well many interesting happenings occurred at that time, which teach lessons that, sad to say, most people today don't know about. It was like God preached sermons to both Papists and Protestants.

As the ships of the ill-fated Armada were driven into the north of the British Isles by the storms that struck them with such fury, many were driven towards the rugged coasts of northwest Ireland.

Now Ireland at this time was largely a Catholic country; in fact the English were concerned that if the Armada survivors reached there, that the Irish Catholics would join them in attacking England.

But what really happened when the pitiful survivors were struggling to shore in western Ireland, from their wrecked galleons? The Catholic Irish, instead of helping their ill-fated brethren, saw the gold chains and rich cloths that some of the Spaniards wore and for the sake of stealing these riches, they murdered in cold blood many who made it to shore.

It was calculated that in the month of September alone, 8,000 Spaniards perished between the Giants' Causeway and Blosket Sound; 1,100 were executed by the Government officers, and 3,000 were murdered by the Irish. Remember— these were their 'brethren' in faith!

Later, a ship containing a few wretched survivors managed to come into the harbour at the town of Anstruther, Scotland.

One morning in the beginning of October, 1558, so James Melvine, tells us in his autobiography, he was awakened at daybreak by an officer coming to his bedside, and saying,

"I have news to tell you, sir: there is arrived in our harbor this morning a ship full of Spaniards, but not to give mercy, but to ask it."

The minister got up and went with the officer to the town hall, where the council was about to assemble to hear the petition of the Spaniards, who meanwhile had been ordered back to their ships.

After the magistrates, burghers, and minister had talked it over, the commander of the ship was introduced, "a very reverend man, of big stature, and grave and stout countenance, gray-headed, and very humble-like, who, after many and very low courtesies, bowing down with his face near to the ground, and touching my shoe with his hand," began the story of the Armada and its mishaps.

This "very reverend man," who was now bowing before the minister of Anstruther, was the admiral of twenty galleons. He had been cast upon the "Fair Isle" between Shetland and Orkney, and after seven weeks' endurance of cold and hunger among the natives, he had managed to find a ship in which to come south, and now he was asking "relief and comfort" for himself and the captains and soldiers with him, "whose condition was for the present most pitiful and miserable:" and thereupon he again "bowed himself even to the ground." The name of the commander was Jan Gomes di Medina, the Armada's Admiral.

What now happened in this Protestant area, when these men, whom they knew were their enemies, appealed for mercy?

They were taken into the homes of the nobles and entertained as guests and the 260 "young beardless men, weak, toiled, and famished", were permitted to come ashore, and were fed by the citizens till they were well enough to be able to continue their voyage.

Please remember that we are pointing out the effects of different religious systems— not that one nationality is 'better' than another. It is Bible Truth that makes the difference!

Now tell me; which of the two groups were 'Christian' unto those wrecked Spaniards? Which ones did what Jesus would have done? Their Irish Catholic 'Brethren'? Or their Protestant, Scottish 'Enemies'? =^..^=