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HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED WHEN YOU DIE?
Ann Richards, deceased former governor of Texas, will mainly be remembered for her attack on then Vice President George H. Bush, when she said: *“Poor George, he can’t help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth,”* her Texas twang in full effect.
Would it not be best to be remembered by God alone, than to be remembered for being nasty?

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To the Priests entrusted into my care, and to all Priests:*

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

Occasionally I observe that a Priest seems to have some confusion as to exactly what his job is. There are many aspects to your position as a Priest. Many of them overlap your being a member of the True Church, some coincide with your being a Christian, and some exist simply because you are a human made in the image and likeness of

God.

There are a few, a very few but an extremely important few, which are unique to your Priesthood.

Your prime, unique, job as a Priest is to use your unique Priestly powers and authority to get other people into Heaven.

Think of this life as a journey where all people must travel because as each day passes the necessities of life where each individual is, are consumed, and each *(Continued PRIEST on page 4)*



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Saint Matthew was a customs tax collector at a place where two provinces met. His position was an extremely lucrative one for two reasons. He not only collected customs taxes on goods which were imported and exported from one province to the other, but also collected toll road taxes. The way the system worked, he had to send his superior a set sum for all transactions, and was allowed and expected to charge a higher rate out of which he would collect his own fees. So if the customs tax was one silver coin per wagon load of wheat, he might charge one and a quarter silver coins. If the toll road fee was one copper coin, he might charge one and a half copper coins.

When our Lord called him and Saint Matthew became one of our Lord’s followers *(Continued FORMATION on page 27)*

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Please use this space below to **PRINT** the names of your family members and friends who you wish to be remembered in the special Divine Liturgy of All Souls Day (the day after All Saints). Cut the list out (or photo copy) and mail it before October 23, to: Holy Innocents Orthodox Church - 311 Hickory Avenue - Harahan, Louisiana 70123 - USA

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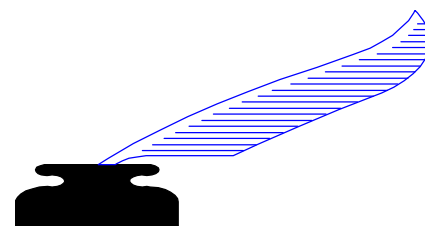
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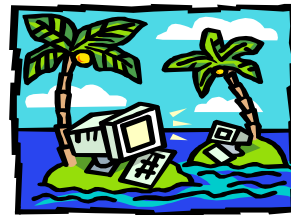
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PRAYERS

Prayer requests operates under a simple premise. When we pray for each other we fulfill a portion of our Christian duty. Prayers for the living and for the dead are allowed and welcome. Those who make prayer requests agree to include the prayer requests of all who make them here. Prayer requests MUST be moral and for moral

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cross that the fruit of the womb of the Mother of the Church redeemed mankind. 18

WE CAN NOT SIMPLY ESTABLISH GOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND LET THEM RUN They require constant supervision, management, and correction 19

HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY THAT I LOVE YOU (Lyrics by Scott Wiseman) Have you ever been thinking about someone you love very specially such as your spouse or your betrothed, and began humming or singing the song, "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You"? 22

EVERYTHING IS RECONCILED TO THE FATHER THROUGH THE SON Jesus raised the young man from Naim from the dead and gave him to his mother. He gave her that which she prized most in this world; what she needed most in this world; that which she thought she had lost forever. Jesus gives the same to us. He gives us that which we need, and when it is lost He returns it to us. 23

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AGAINST WHICH THOSE WHO WOULD FOLLOW GOD MUST GUARD IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ABORTION AND OTHER FORMS OF MURDER OF CHILDREN Response to those who oppose our injection of our moral beliefs into the political system, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, Stem-cell method of murder, Culling the yet to be born for defects, Murder Plan B 23

BISHOPS AND PRIESTS RELIGIOUS AND LAITY Bishops and their Priest, and to a lesser extent Deacons and Religious, have the most unusual of occupations with associated and equally unusual obligations, duties, and expectations. Unlike a father, mother, or head of household, or even a king or president, who are only re-

sponsible for providing material needs and moral guidance and training, Bishops and those who are associated with them in the Church, are responsible for being shepherds of all of those entrusted to them, and that means every person in the world. 24

PROGRESSION AND FORMATION OF LOVE And a question of punishment or control as a means of abolishing evil And consideration of loving those who cause evil Mat. 22::37. . . Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind. 22:39 And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 25

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MOTHERHOOD OF MARY September hosts the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. It is well to think about her nativity, and about her. He Whom the whole world can not contain, shut Himself up within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taking on complete human nature and form, while retaining His complete Divinity. 26

EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS — HOW TO BE TRULY HAPPY Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the load that hangs thereon. There is nothing in nature, and nothing within the innate ability of mankind, and nothing which is within man's power to acquire on his own, which can do any more than maintain us in nominal existence within this life we live here and now. If one has faith in something which is not real or in something which is without the power to accomplish permanent things, then that one is doomed to obtain only that which is available in this temporary existence. 26

RESPECT AND TOLERATION OF ERROR IS STUPID AND INTOLERABLE Do you respect someone who firmly believes the world is flat? Will you fly in an aeroplane or sail in a ship guided by a navigator who believes the world is flat? No. Do you respect some-

one who believes one plus one equals nine? Would you tolerate your tax expert if your tax expert believed one plus one equals nine? No. 28

HOLY NAME OF MARY Some people think that the Ever Virgin Mary had an advantage of some sort because they think God chose her from the beginning and preserved her from sin and from committing any sins so that she would be worthy of being the Mother of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. These people have their thinking backwards. God knew that the Ever Virgin Mary would commit no sins and therefore would be the perfect Mother of His Son 29

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Not to be outdone, Buffet's wife's foundation, the Susan Thompson Buffet Foundation, also supports pro-abortion advocacy.

Gates and Buffet are not humanitarians. They are murderers because anyone who provides the means by which murder is committed with the intention that murder be committed via those means, is a murder. And both have not only advocated such murders but have also provided the means by which the murders are committed.

Stem-cell method of murder:

In a recent newspaper column Cokie (Roman Catholic?) and Steven Roberts condemned President Bush because on the matter of stem-cell research he, "takes a theological view, not a scientific one," like Senator Bill Frist. They also stated, "The president lives in a world of absolutes, and refuses to recognize that most moral choices are not between good and evil, but between competing virtues." (*The Times-Picayune, Friday, July 21, 2006, page B-7*). (Incidentally, Cokie Roberts is the daughter of deceased Representative Hale Boggs and retired Representative and Clinton administration Ambassador to the Vatican Lindy Claiborne Boggs. She should know better. - Ed.)

Moral choices are not what Mr. and Mrs. Roberts state. Moral choices are making the choice to obey God or do something else. Killing unborn children, no matter what their state of development, is never a virtue.

The Roberts column is a form of lie through mis-direction which is also used by those who support stem-cell research and others who support killing without restriction.

A new method of obtaining stem-cells for research has been devised by the California biotech company Advanced Cell Technology (and possibly others), and reported in the British journal, *Nature*. Advanced Cell Technology and

embryonic stem-cell research advocates imply that in this method the development of an human embryo is halted, a single cell removed, and that cell used to create a stem-cell line, while the remainder of the embryo is intact. "Or so they say."

In actuality five or six cells are removed from the embryo to improve the odds of success. Removal of that many cells at such an early stage of development kills the embryo.

But even if it did not, the process remains one of creating human life for the purpose of harvesting body parts, and as such is completely immoral.

There are no competing virtues in embryonic stem-cell research.

All the stem-cells necessary for all of the research desired by anyone can be obtained from afterbirth, from umbilical cord blood, which is very easy to obtain.

Culling the yet to be born for defects:

Preimplantation genetic diagnosis is the scientific name for the procedure whereby the genes of an embryo are screened for those genes which cause or may indicate a propensity for certain diseases or conditions. It has been used for more than a decade by people using in vitro fertilization, as a means of screening out any babies with the potential for undesirable conditions which those ordering the tests call "defects".

It also is used to screen for certain genes which the individuals ordering the tests deem desirable. Thus hair and eye color, skin texture, facial composition, muscle development, and even brain organization and synaptic configuration, and even more, can be selected. At the present stage only as few of the "desirable" genes can be implanted, but this number quickly increases with rapid scientific advances.

What has not changed is that those babies with undesirable genes are discarded, which is a politically correct

way of saying they are killed, or frozen until someone forgets them and they are then thrown out with the trash - killed.

The only opposition to this procedure and process other than moral opposition, is opposition by those who fear an increase in the "class divide" because the procedure, being extremely expensive, is available only to the rich or the financially well off.

Checking your baby for genetic problems so the problems can be corrected as early as possible is not playing God. But choosing your child's physical properties is playing God and will lead to there being a group of people who deem themselves to be genetically superior to all others. This practice will, in all probability, continue, since many humans believe what ever they want is proper and what ever they do is what should be done because they are who they are. This will lead to struggle, and even war, between normal people and the genetically designed.

It also kills babies.

Murder Plan B:

Calling Plan B a health care measure, proponents of abortion applaud the FDA approval of Plan B.

Plan B is a "morning after" - after engaging in sexual intercourse - procedure composed of two drugs taken after sexual intercourse. It may inhibit fertilization, but it works by inhibiting implantation by altering the endometrium - in plain language the womb will not accept the baby (called a fertilized egg or zygote) being attached to it.

Proponents deny it is an abortion drug because the baby never becomes attached to its mother's womb.

But the baby is killed.

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purposes . . . hopefully morality will not have to be defined at length (i.e.: use common sense).

Participants and subscribers agree to honor the moral prayer requests posted, and to pray for those intentions and persons for at least one week.

BIBLE-DAY

Every day we try to post a Chapter of one of the Books of the Bible on the ML for discussion. This began with Genesis, Chapter 1, and continued to the end of Genesis, and so on to the next Book. Discussion is not limited to the Chapter posted each day. We use the Douay-Rheims translation which, while it sometimes has editorial comments biased against the Orthodox Church, is a basically a good, non political translation.

SERMONS

A place to exchange sermons by Christians. POSTERS must be, and certify they are: male; duly ordained Priests, Deacons, Ministers, or seminarians of, a Christian Church, Jurisdiction, or Religion; that the Creed of the Council of Nicea is the Creed, or expresses the basic dogma, of the Church of which each participant is a member. Rabbi may participate and post. (Us Christians may learn something). ANYONE may RECEIVE the ML.

When you post in this ML you must provide your church/religious affiliation in the post.

STUDIES

The STUDIES ML is a list which studies Orthodoxy and the Theology/Dogma of the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church. We attempt to have the text of what ever book/publication we are using posted in pertinent parts during the discussions. This is a slow moving ML, primarily because most people do not wish to or have the time to or are not inclined to read and study as is required for participation in a ML

such as this. However, for those who do, it is well worth the effort.

ONE-BODY

This is a mailing list designed to promote and further reunification of the Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church with the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church and all other Jurisdictions of the Body of Christ; and to bring each and every human being into union with Christ Jesus our Lord. **Activity - very light.**

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You can e-mail commands to the listserver using the addresses and commands below:

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User Commands

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Subscribe to an email list.

E.G.:

To subscribe to a mailing list, send a message to:

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In the message area put:

subscribe studies

subscribe sermons

subscribe prayers

subscribe bible-day

subscribe one-body

unsubscribe

Unsubscribe from an email list.

inactive

Make yourself inactive on the list. This is good for when you leave on vacation, or just don't want any email for a while.

active

Make yourself active on the list again.

get

Request an information file from the server. The list administrator may set up files for you to retrieve that may contain various information. Do not use a file extension.

help

Retrieves this information.

info

Retrieves information on email lists hosted by this server

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individual must move forward or die.

There are rising cliff faces which are smooth and sheer, having no footholds, up which each individual must climb. Some of these are short, being just a few inches or feet high. But some are very high, being beyond the grasp of most if not all individuals.

The shorter cliffs can become stumbling blocks. You are there to catch people as they stumble. Others can cause some people to lose their balance. You are there to steady them. The cliffs which are high, but within the grasp of some people, you are there to give them a boost as they pull themselves up. And the cliffs which are beyond an individual's grasp, you are there to lift them up so they can grasp the top and pull themselves up.

In lifting them up, as they sprawl over the top, if you hold on to them you are carried along with them, so that you too are lifted over the top. Do not drag them down.

Thus, in saving others, or in helping to save others, you yourself are saved. It is not the only way for you, but it is the way "at hand".

You do this through teaching, giving example, and administration of the Sacraments. Anyone can teach, and anyone can give good example, and anyone can administer some of the Sacraments.

But you are the only group of people who can confect and administer the Eucharist and Absolution. Only you can change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and only you can forgive sins.

Not even the Ever Virgin Mary Mother of God can change bread and wine into her Son. And not even she can forgive sins. Only you can do these things.

Of these two Sacraments, one, Absolution, requires the participation,

or at least the acquiesce, of the person or persons whom you are helping. You can not forgive the sins of one who refuses to accept absolution.

You also can not give Holy Communion to one who does not wish to receive it, but since the Eucharist is confected within the Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass), you can pray the Divine Liturgy for anyone and even if they refuse to accept that Divine Liturgy there is nothing they can do about it. It is totally within your purview. Thus you can help anyone, even those who refuse help, for the power of the Divine Liturgy is the power of The Last Supper and of Calvary.

You do not have a large congregation? Oh, yes you do. You have the whole world. There are few or no people at daily Divine Liturgy, and just a few more at Sunday Divine Liturgy? Oh, how wrong you are. For at every Divine Liturgy all the Angels and Saints of Heaven are present surrounding the Throne of God as the Blessed Trinity embraces you in your prayers and the Consecration. Why do you think you lift up the Sacred Elements and pray, "Thine of Thine Own we offer unto Thee, on behalf of all and for all"? It is because all of Heaven wishes to bow before Christ Who is in your hands as you offer God to God. It is because you make the offering of God to God, on behalf of all and for all. You offer it both for those who can not offer it as well as those who can, and for the benefit of those who can not confect it as well as those who can.

Within the Divine Liturgy there are prayers for every situation, every person, and every type of person. Prayers of joy, sorrow, thanksgiving, and supplication, flow with worship as we both acknowledge our unworthiness and our God given worthiness.

We tremble in our own knowledge of our sinfulness, and tremble even more knowing that our knowledge of our own sinfulness encompasses only a small portion of our sinfulness and

unworthiness. Yet we proceed, hoping in God's forgiveness, praying it will cleanse our souls as we receive His Body and His Blood; and that He will not just remove the sins and their effects, but also destroy any potential for future sins - knowing that this last will not happen for it is in forgiveness He shows His power and in being tempted and overcoming temptation that we are become strong.

Yes, you may have to consider Church finances, meet with different organizations, and do "busy work". Or, you may have nothing to do. Or so it seems.

You must always make time for Divine Liturgy for there is no other prayer comparable to it. And if you have no other pressing matters, then you can rejoice and revel in the Divine Liturgy. You can focus on a few of the multiple facets of every prayer within that Prayer.

Being a Priest is not a means of obtaining accolades. It is not for your glory. It has nothing to do with pomp, ceremony, unusual clothing, receiving respect, ease of living - three square meals a day and as roof over your head. It is being a shepherd working in harness with the Shepherd, lifting the lambs over the styles and rocks, up the face of the cliff, to the greenest pastures flowing with rivulets of springs, covered with shade and sunlight. The sheep are smelly and may leave their stink on you. They also sometimes bite and kick. The rocks may bruise you, and the cliff faces may dirty you.

Why did you become a Priest? There may be many answers, many reasons. But amongst them must be, that you had certain knowledge that you were designed to be, supposed to be, called to be, a Priest. If that was true when you were ordained, then it remains true today and for all eternity. It is part of the foundation on which you function. A foundation created for you by Christ at the direction of the Father and sustained by the Holy Spirit. (Continued page 5)

HOLY NAME OF MARY

Some people think that the Ever Virgin Mary had an advantage of some sort because they think God chose her from the beginning and preserved her from sin and from committing any sins so that she would be worthy of being the Mother of Our Sviour Jesus Christ.

These people have their thinking backwards.

God knew that the Ever Virgin Mary would commit no sins and therefore would be the perfect Mother of His Son, and therefore granted her the special privilege of being conceived without Original Sin, so that her perfection would be complete and she would be in all ways the perfect Mother of His Son. She merited this privilege, and it was granted through the merits of Her Son, applied to her in the eternal now.

It may seem impossible for us to attain this level of holiness, but it is very possible. We simply do not take hold of our own individual potential for holiness, or do not so do continually.

But every so often someone comes close, such as Saint Anselm, Saint Ambrose, Saint Theodora, or The Little Flower.

Try your best to take hold of the holiness which God offers to you, and to make it the essence of your life. Try to do everything, from washing dishes to loving your spouse and children, and even cleaning your teeth, and voting, in accordance with God's will.

If you do this you will be attacked and tempted by the devil more strongly than you are now, because the devil does not wish you to be eternally happy but does want you to be eternally miserable like he is.

So as you progress in holiness be prepared for temptations and adversities in levels which may seem beyond your ability to overcome. And rely on God to give you the strength to overcome them.

And as always, pray.

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done by his "Gates Foundation". After all, The Gates Foundation has given assistance to the New Orleans public schools which were destroyed in hurricane Katrina (There are many who believe the New Orleans public schools and school system were destroyed long before hurricane Katrina).

Warren Buffet is also hailed as a great humanitarian because he is donating \$44 billion, some four-fifths of his fortune, to the Gates Foundation.

Humanitarians are by definition people who are concerned with the well-being of humans, who strive to assist all of

mankind. Gates is not an humanitarian nor is Buffet, for both support abortion without reservation or restriction.

Since 1998, the Gates Foundation has provided \$12.5 million to the Planned Parenthood Foundation for support and advocacy of abortion. The money is used to influence teenagers to support and have abortions and to lobby the United Nations to support pro-abortion activities and programs.

The Gates Foundation has also given \$21 million to International Planned Parenthood, to promote abortions and establish abortion mills and centers in developing nations, especially in South

and Central America and in Eastern Europe, particularly those Eastern Europe countries which were under Communist control.

The Gates Foundation has also provided \$2 million to Planned Parenthood of Central Washington and of Western Washington, for the purpose of promoting and providing abortion.

And, the Gates Foundation has also provided \$1.3 million to the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada for the promotion and provision of abortions.

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no one else wants their belongings stolen.

But the holy and more noble standards must be taught. If what one is taught is that which comes from rap music, then one is taught to kill, that women are things which exist for the gratification of men and have no value beyond that, and that what ever one wants is rightfully theirs without regard to the rights of others. If one obtains his or her values from most modern movies and plays, then one learns that self gratification and self interest are the only matters of value, and that anything that opposes one's self interest can be destroyed with impunity. If one is exposed to television programs such as Seinfeld or Friends, or plays such as Cats, one learns that anything that pleases oneself is permissible and proper, even though it harms others or even one's self.

But if one is exposed to good movies such as Shane, or reads books by Louis L'Amour, or Zane Grey (even though Zane Gray wrote soap opera westerns and exhibited racial and social prejudice in his writings - he still maintained a clear sense of good and evil, right and wrong), or experiences good plays such as those written by Shakespeare, such a person learns good moral values. Such persons learn that good deeds are rewarded, and that evil deeds are punished. Such persons learn that self interest is only of value in-so-far-as it induces one to be pleasing to God.

People who deem themselves to be sophisticated share something with people who proudly deem themselves to be criminal scum. They all ridicule virtue and anything which teaches virtue.

Saint Matthew knew virtue, and he responded to it by accepting it and accepting Jesus Christ. He is an example that even those who are sophisticated and even those who are criminal scum, can change, can accept virtue, can become virtuous, can follow God.

We have a fantastic form of literature which has evolved in America - the Western. It is a combination of the American fable, the American fairytale, and traditional morality plays of the middle ages. But instead of being created, it is based in actual history - in fact, not in fiction - for it is founded in the actual history of America. There have been many attempts to turn the Western, the story of cowboys, trappers, Indians, buffalo hunters, calvary, Spanish Ranchers, railroads and wagon trains, into vehicles for portraying sex and unwarranted violence, but all of these attempts meet with failure, for we hold our early Western life as though it were sacred.

When we see Matt Dillon protecting Miss. Kitty in the Long Branch Saloon, or Dock Weaver taking care of a foolish boy who wanted to be a gun-slinger, or the Rifleman protecting people of a different culture, we are seeing examples of Godliness triumphing over evil. What can be more inspiring to both boys and girls, and more morally reinforcing to both men and women, than Zane Grey's Knights of the Range, where Holly Ripple is not some brainless, helpless idiot, but a woman of values and abilities, where Renn Frayne is neither some super brave and brainless Hulk nor some self doubting whimp but a man who has done good and evil and eventually chooses good, just like Saint Matthew.

The crux of this is, we learn from our environment, which includes our form of prayer and our form of entertainment. If we pray and worship in error, we will believe and live in error. And if our entertainment is based in sin, we learn to love sin. But if we worship and pray the way God has taught us, and if we choose moral entertainment, we learn to worship God, and to live in Him.

Ref: Ezech. 1:10-14; Mat. 9:9-13; Ps. 36:1, 30-31

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RESPECT AND TOLERATION OF ERROR IS STUPID AND INTOLERABLE

Do you respect someone who firmly believes the world is flat? Will you fly in an aeroplane or sail in a ship guided by a navigator who believes the world is flat? No.

Do you respect someone who believes one plus one equals nine? Would you tolerate your tax expert if your tax expert believed one plus one equals nine? No.

Do you respect someone who believes the heart is located in the small intestines? Do you want the physician who performs open heart surgery on you to be one who believes the heart is located in the small intestines? No.

Then why do you expect true Christians, especially Orthodox Catholics, to respect and tolerate Christian heretics? Why do you expect true Christians to respect and tolerate those of other religions who try to convert us to their erroneous religion be the religion a form of Christianity or some other system of belief? Why do you expect us to respect and tolerate those who would enslave us or kill us because of our Orthodoxy?

To expect an Orthodox Catholic, Roman Catholic, or any Christian, to accept, respect, or tolerate erroneous beliefs, is to expect Orthodox, Roman, and other Christians to be stupid.

One must always respect the right of another to be wrong, to be in error. But resecting the right of others to be in error does not mean one must allow that error to be forced upon one's self or to be practiced upon one's self. It does require those in possession of the truth present the truth in as acceptable a manner as possible to those in error, but never is it proper to attempt to force one out of their error.

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If you did not have certain knowledge that you were designed to be, supposed to be, called to be, a Priest, you are a Priest, so be a Priest. You may function as a Priest in a manner different from that in which most Priest function, but you _ are _ a _ Priest. A man endowed with grave powers and authorities, able to do that which very few people can do. Pray the

Divine Liturgy. Even if you have been laicized, seek permission from your Bishop to "privately" pray the Divine Liturgy. Do not allow the special gift God has imbued in to you to be neglected.

Remember the journey of life? It is not just other people who are on that journey. You are on that journey too. And so am I. You too will need

assistance at some of the cliffs. Your brother Priests and I are there to help you. I too need help at some of those cliffs. You and your brothers are supposed to be there to help me.

None of us must fail in our job.



+ Paul, S.S.B.

BELOW AND ON THE NEXT PAGE ARE MORE PICTURES FROM GUATEMALA March 2006 A. D.



Blessings and greetings from the women and children in Avocado. The different clothing color schemes indicate different villages and "clans".



In a different town, another of our Churches is built into the side of a mountain - a very steep mountain.



The black and white print publication picture does not show the different color patterns of the attire (this can be seen in color on the web site)



Interior of the above Church prepared for Divine Liturgy.



The bridge to Enolia (sp?) and Santa Maria was washed out in the hurricanes.



So we had to ford the river.

Enola was once plantation which Archbishop Andres and the Church obtained and turned over to the people for homes and self-sustaining farms.

After Divine Liturgy, which was in the evening, the people held a fiesta for us, as they had in every parish we visited. Some of us "paid a last visit to Jesus Christ God" just before we left.



THE BASILIAN FATHERS

(The Society of Clerks Secular of Saint Basil)

We welcome Rev. Father Dcn. Blass Lorencana (and Matuska Reyna Aragon) to the Society of Clerks Secular of Saint Basil.

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they know that the happiness they obtain is fleeting. Their hope is limited to things of this world, and to belief in a dream-state existence in any afterlife which may exist.

But those of us who have true faith, faith as taught by Jesus Christ, know that what we do in this life will determine what our situation is after death.

The ten lepers had faith, and this faith gave them hope, so that when they were instructed to go show themselves to the priest, they had hope that the reason for them going to show themselves to the priest was for something beneficial, something good. And this faith and hope were rewarded, and they were cured.

The rewards of eternal life are not given to everyone. They are only given to those who believe rightly and who act in accordance with that belief. These people have faith. But those who believe wrongly, can not have faith, and therefore can not receive the rewards of eternal life. We can not know what happens to those who believe wrongly through no fault of their own - perhaps they are provided with additional divine education after death - but our subject is those who do have faith.

As we have seen from the ten lepers, faith gives birth to hope. But there are more than faith and hope, for as we see from the actions of the ten lepers, only one of them came back to thank Our Lord for being cured - and our Lord said: Were not ten made clean? And where are the nine?

The nine did not have charity. Now, charity is not just love. Charity is something much more - it is divine love. It is perfect love. It is a loving and positive relationship with God, and from that relationship with God comes goodness which is incomprehensible. It is a sharing in the divinity in a union with God, and therefore is beyond our ability to properly express. It is an acquiring of the Holy Spirit, and therefore being ac-

quired and possessed by and of the Holy Spirit.

Faith, hope, and charity, and the rewards of living a good life and trying to be and being holy, are singular to those who follow The Way taught by Christ, just as the promise made to Abraham was made to his seed - which is singular, not plural, but which since it is Christ, includes His Church, The Communion of Saints, The Body of Christ, and which even therefore includes Abraham as his own seed. But these rewards are not closed; they are not just available to one people - they are open to all - for the one leper who demonstrated he lived all three of faith, hope, and charity, was a Samaritan - a people who were not true Jews. Our Saviour cured all ten lepers, so all received the benefit of their faith and the fulfillment of their hope, but only one, the one who was not a member of the promised people, received and demonstrated charity.

When you know there is a viable chance for eternal happiness with God, it changes our outlook on life. The problems and blessings of this world are experienced through the vision of eternal happiness, and this sight of eternal happiness makes the tribulations of this world easily bearable and even welcome, for the bearer knows the tribulations can be made to assist the bearer and others to eternal happiness. But this also makes the joys of this life much more intense, for the one who experiences happiness in this life knows that there is an even greater and more intense happiness which awaits him in eternity. It means the measure of sorrow in this life is replaced by an infinite multiple of eternal happiness, and the measure of happiness in this life is replaced by an ever increasingly greater measure of happiness in heaven.

Ref: Phil. 2:5-11; John 12:3-36; Gal. 3:16-22, Luke 17:11-19

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lowers, Saint Matthew actually had to leave his position, with no ability to regain it, since it had to be filled immediately. So, unlike Saints Peter and Andrew, who could always return to their fishing business, Saint Matthew completely left his old life to follow Christ.

Many people would find it difficult to give up a position which brought in such great sums of money, for it would allow a person to live a life of great luxury, a life which many people would envy and wish to emulate. But Saint Matthew found it easy to give up that life because he had been taught to be good and to avoid evil.

The law of God did not just spring up in his heart of its own accord. It was carefully planted there by God, just as God plants it in the heart of every man. Saint Matthew listened to what was in his heart, and responded in acceptance rather than in rejection. He obviously was a man of education and position, for the custom-house was not just a place of government business and of taxation, but also a place of business contracts and business contacts, and an ill educated person would not have been allowed to work there. He had been exposed to morality in his education, and responded favorably when the crucial time for response arrived.

Many people who really do not have a proper exposure to morality, respond positively to God, but it is very difficult to follow God's desires if one does not know them, if one has not had proper exposure to them, or if one does not experienced them regularly. If you have not been exposed to knowing what is right and what is wrong, then you have only the natural knowledge of what is right and wrong which every person has - that which comes from knowing what we desire to be done to us and not done to us and which we apply to others in our conduct towards them. No one wants his belongings stolen, and therefore it is a simple matter to project that upon others, and therefore to know that

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SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MOTHERHOOD OF MARY

September hosts the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. It is well to think about her nativity, and about her.

He Whom the whole world can not contain, shut Himself up within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taking on complete human nature and form, while retaining His complete Divinity.

He, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the foundation stone of the Church. Those of us living now, in union with the Saints in Heaven, form the Communion of Saints. It is an integral part of the body of Christ in His Church.

While Our Saviour is the cornerstone and head of the Church, The Ever Virgin Mary, His Mother, is the mother of the Church. In His conception in her womb, and in her giving birth to the one who is called Emmanuel, she gave birth to the Church. On Calvary Her Son gave her to His cousin Saint John as Saint John's mother, and Our Lord also gave Saint John to the Virgin Mary as her son. In so doing Our Lord gave all of us His own mother as our mother, and gave all of us to her as her children. She therefore is truly the mother of the Church and of all of us.

Unlike Eve, who is the mother of the human race, the Virgin Mary did not fail her children. Eve left her children destitute, but the Virgin Mary provided the redeemer of us all, including her own self. When Eve died, she left her children, but when the Virgin Mary died, she became glorified and while she is eternally in heaven in union with God, she also is with us as our mother.

Our Mother Mary is just that, our Mother. Our Saviour told us that a father will not give a stone to his child who asks for bread, and that God our Father is even more generous than a human father for He loves us more than a human father can even begin to love. With that as our guide, the magnitude

of our Mother Mary's love for us obviously is incomprehensibly greater than our regular mother's love for us, and we know that our regular mother's love is beyond measure.

Of her own volition, and obviously with God's approval and in concert with God, the Ever Virgin Mary has provided the miraculous healing waters of Lourdes. She constantly appears to and talks with Mirna Nazour in Damascus, and as proof of this when Mirna prays she exudes olive oil - which is the substance of Holy Christm.

Our Mother Mary is not a nosy busybody trying to control our lives. She is not a demanding mother who requires our constant attention. She is the caring mother who leads us to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Leading us to her Son Jesus is her focus and her goal, and has been her focus and her goal not just from the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel, but actually from her conception, and she began acting on that focus and goal from her very birth.

There are many who call themselves Christians, who refuse to pray to the Blessed Ever Virgin Mother Mary. They say they pray directly to God, yet they also form prayer groups and have prayer telephone lines where they pray for each other and the intentions of each other. Considering their practice of seeking intercessory prayer from those in their churches, their refusal to seek the same from the very Mother of God is at best, strange.

Those who ignore The Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, and those who refuse to pray to her requesting her intercession and her help, either do not comprehend reality and that Our Saviour desires we seek His mother's help, or they have rejected Our Lord.

Ref: 2 Cor. 3:4-9; Luke 10:23-37; Prov. 8:22-35

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EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HOW TO BE TRULY HAPPY

Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the load that hangs thereon. There is nothing in nature, and nothing within the innate ability of mankind, and nothing which is within man's power to acquire on his own, which can do any more than maintain us in nominal existence within this life we live here and now. If one has faith in something which is not real or in something which is without the power to accomplish permanent things, then that one is doomed to obtain only that which is available in this temporary existence.

As an example, one who believes in reincarnation focuses on coming back into this world for another round of futility - but reincarnation is not real so such a person is doomed and even his futility is futile. He will not come back for another round of futility. He will die and go to eternal reward or eternal punishment. If reincarnation were real, then he would be in a never ending cycle, and even if he were to escape from that cycle, if reincarnation were real, he would become part of a larger entity and lose his individual identification according to the theory of reincarnation. Thus, within the reincarnation theory, his individual efforts are futile, for they result in no permanent reward or punishment for his deeds. Since reincarnation is not real, since it is a false theory, such a person does not perform deeds which are designed to assist him in pursuit of that which is real, his deeds are not designed to attain eternal union with God as described by Our Saviour, and he therefore obtains no benefit from his deeds - and he has little or no reason to follow the teachings of our Saviour. The happiness which such a person attains is limited to the happiness which one can obtain in this life. Since this life is very temporary and very short, such persons both attempt to acquire everything which pleases them in this life, and also live in permanent despair for

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NOTICE TO WOMEN WHO ARE CONTEMPLATING BECOMING MOSLEM (MUSLEM)

Subtitled: WESTERN ATHEISM FOLLOWS THE KORAN IN ITS SEXUAL ORIENTATION AS SHOWN BY SELECTIONS FROM THE KORAN (QURAN) WITH COMMENTS WHICH SHOW THE ONLY VALUE WOMEN HAVE IS IN THE SEXUAL DELIGHTS THEY CAN PROVIDE

And even well educated Americans and Europeans are being stupid by becoming Moslems

Hopefully, we have your attention. These passages from the Koran show and prove - not indicate but show and prove - in the Islamic world view the only reason women exist is so-as-to provide sexual pleasure for men. If you are a woman who has a young child, the only reason a child will be in the Islamic heaven is to provide sexual pleasure for men.

If there are Moslems who do not like this statement; well, it is your "holy" book, and this is what your "holy" book states:

Koran

SURA LXXVIII. THE NEWS [XXXVII.]

Mecca. 41 Verses

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Of what ask they of one another?
Of the great NEWS.1

The theme of their disputes.

Nay! they shall certainly knows its truth!

Again. Nay! they shall certainly know it.
Have we not made the Earth a couch?
And the mountains its tentstakes?
We have created you of two sexes,
And ordained your sleep for rest,
And ordained the night as a mantle,
And ordained the day for gaining livelihood,
And built above you seven solid 2 heavens,
And placed therein a burning lamp;
And we send down water in abundance from the rain-clouds,
That we may bring forth by it corn and herbs,
And gardens thick with trees.
Lo! the day of Severance is fixed;
The day when there shall be a blast on the trumpet, and ye shall come in crowds,
And the heaven shall be opened and be full of portals,
And the mountains shall be set in motion, and melt into thin vapour.

Hell truly shall be a place of snares,
The home of transgressors,
To abide therein ages;
No coolness shall they taste therein nor any drink,
Save boiling water and running sores;
Meet recompense!
For they looked not forward to their account;
And they gave the lie to our signs, charging them with falsehood;
But we noted and wrote down all:
"Taste this then: and we will give you increase of nought but torment."

But, for the God-fearing is a blissful abode,
Enclosed gardens and vineyards;

And damsels with swelling breasts, their peers in age, And a full cup:

There shall they hear no vain discourse nor any falsehood:
A recompense from thy Lord sufficing gift!

Lord of the heavens and of the earth, and of all that between 3 them lieth the God of Mercy! But not a word shall they obtain from Him.

On the day whereon the Spirit 4 and the Angels shall be ranged in order, they shall not speak: save he whom the God of Mercy shall permit, and who shall say that which is right.

This is the sure day. Whoso then will, let him take the path of return to his Lord.

Verily, we warn you of a chastisement close at hand:

The day on which a man shall see the deeds which his hands have sent before him; and when the unbeliever shall say, "Oh! would I were dust!"

1 Of the Resurrection. With regard to the date of this Sura, we can only be guided (1) by the general style of the earlier portion (to verse 37, which is analogous to that of the early Meccan Suras; (2) by verse 17, which presupposes lxxvii. 12; (3) by the obviously later style of verse 37 to the end.

2 See Sura ii. 27. This is the title given by the Talmudists to the fifth of the seven heavens.

3 This phrase is of constant recurrence in the Talmud. Maimonides, Yad Hach. i. 3, makes it one of the positive commands of the Rabbins to believe "that there exists a first Being and that all things existing, Heaven and Earth, and whatever is between them, exist only through the truth of his existence."

4 Gabriel.

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"But, for the God-fearing is a blissful abode, Enclosed gardens and vineyards; And damsels with swelling breasts, their peers in age,"

So, women don't count for much except as sex objects, and then, only the young

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ones with "swelling breasts". Not bad for the guys, but apparently a woman who attains heaven either must be a lesbian, or become a man.

This obviously is a religion whose rewards are based on earthly pleasures, NOT on unification with God.

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Koran SURA LII, LVI

SURA LII. THE MOUNTAIN [XLIV.]

MECCA. 49 Verses

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

BY the MOUNTAIN,
And by the Book written
On an outspread roll,
And by the frequented fane,1
And by the lofty vault,
And by the swollen sea,
Verily, a chastisement from thy Lord is imminent,
And none shall put it back.
Reeling on that day the Heaven shall reel,
And stirring shall the mountains stir. 2
And woe, on that day, to those who called the apostles liars,
Who plunged for pastime into vain disputes
On that day shall they be thrust with thrusting to the fire of Hell:
"This is the fire which ye treated as a lie.
What! is this magic, then? or, do ye not see it?

Burn ye therein: bear it patiently or impatiently 'twill be the same to you: for ye shall assuredly receive the reward of your doings."

But mid gardens and delights shall they dwell who have feared God,

Rejoicing in what their Lord hath given them; and that from the pain of hell-fire hath their Lord

preserved them.

"Eat and drink with healthy enjoyment, in recompense for your deeds."

On couches ranged in rows shall they recline; and to the damsels with large dark eyes will we wed them.

And to those who have believed, whose offspring have followed them in the faith, will we again unite their offspring; nor of the meed of their works will we in the least defraud them. Pledged to God is every man for his actions and their desert. 3

And fruits in abundance will we give them, and flesh as they shall desire:

Therein shall they pass to one another the cup which shall engender no light discourse, no motive to sin:

And youths shall go round among them beautiful as imbedded pearls:

And shall accost one another and ask mutual questions.

"A time indeed there was," will they say, "when we were full of care as to the future lot of our families;

But kind hath God been to us, and from the pestilential torment hath he preserved us;

For, heretofore we called upon Him and He is the Beneficent, the Merciful."

Warn thou, then. For thou by the favour of thy Lord art neither soothsayer nor possessed.

Will they say, "A poet! let us await some adverse turn of his fortune?"

SAY, wait ye, and in sooth I too will wait with you.

Is it their dreams which inspire them with this? or is it that they are a

perverse people?

Will they say, "He hath forged it (the Koran) himself?" Nay, rather it is that they believed not.

Let them then produce a discourse like it, if they speak the Truth.

Were they created by nothing? or were they the creators of themselves?

Created they the Heavens and Earth? Nay, rather, they have no faith.

Hold they thy Lord's treasures? Bear they the rule supreme?

Have they a ladder for hearing the angels? Let any one who hath heard them bring a clear proof of it.

Hath God daughters and ye sons?

Asketh thou pay of them? they are themselves weighed down with debts.

Have they such a knowledge of the secret things that they can write them down?

Desire they to lay snares for thee? But the snared ones shall be they who do not believe.

Have they any God beside God? Glory be to God above what they join with Him.

And should they see a fragment of the heaven falling down, they would say, "It is only a dense cloud."

Leave them then until they come face to face with the day when they shall swoon away:

A day in which their snares shall not at all avail them, neither shall they be helped.

And verily, beside this is there a punishment for the evildoers: but

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PROGRESSION AND FORMATION OF LOVE
And a question of punishment or control as a means of abolishing evil

And consideration of loving those who cause evil

Mat. 22::37. . . . Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind. 22:39 And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

First we must love God with our entirety. Then we must love ourselves. Then we each must love everyone in all of creation as though each person were us individually. This love for ourselves and for each other person in all of creation must be like the love we have for God. Not the same as the love we have for God, but extremely similar to that love for God.

This precludes even the contemplation of revenge. We do not wish to be punished for the evil we do, and no one else wants to be punished either. If we are evil and wish to remain evil, then we wish to continue our evil unchecked, and thus we remove ourselves from receiving good, including the good of not being punished - but punishment is God's alone to inflict. It is not the place of creatures to punish, but restriction of rights and privileges can be used by creatures to control evil creatures so that the evil creatures are induced to avoid performing evil, and to prevent evil creatures from performing evil.

As a side note, the desire to escape punishment is so strong that people deny the existence of hell or that God will send them to hell, and deny the existence of purgatory or that purgatory is a severe place, because they do not wish to have painful punishment inflicted upon them. These denials do not effect the reality of hell and purgatory. They only show our desire not to be punished.

This love of God and of one for another

requires forgiveness by one creature to another, for the wrongs committed against the forgiver. We do not know if God forgives before a sinner requests forgiveness, and thus the sinner accepts the forgiveness God already has in place, or if forgiveness is granted by God in response to a heartfelt plea on behalf of a sinner - but we do know the sinner can not receive forgiveness from God until he has made a heartfelt request for it and that forgiveness is always granted. We must likewise forgive. — What constitutes a heartfelt request, and how this forgiveness is implemented, is beyond the scope of this exploration, but has been already covered elsewhere extensively.

The love we have for God has as its model God's love for us. God's love for us also is the model for the love we are to have for each other.

Therefore, we must not only return good for good, but also return good for evil. God never commits evil for it is contrary to Himself. Even in sending to hell the devil and those humans who reject Him, God is returning good for evil, for instead of erasing the individual from existence God keeps the individual in existence. However, God's justice requires that those who have permanently rejected Him receive permanent punishment, just as those who accept God receive permanent happiness after a brief period of purification.

Saint Paul tells us: (*Eph. 4:1*) . . . *walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called (4:2)* . . . *supporting one another in charity.*

The vocation to which we are called is to be Christians. The support which we are to give one another is Charity - and Charity is Divine Love, agape (ag'ape) love, the love which God has and which He gives to us. This love is a totality. It prompts mercy, precludes revenge, but does not preclude justice. It is not the emotional bond evoked in an adult by a child but that same bond evoked in humans is prompted by Divine Love. It is not the bond evoked between spouses

but that same spousal bond is also prompted by Divine Love. It is not the response of sorrow evoked by seeing someone harmed or seeing a good person fail but that response is prompted by Divine Love. It is not the satisfaction and pride evoked by your child succeeding in something but that satisfaction and pride are prompted by Divine Love. It is not the comfortable feeling we experience when we complete something successfully, but that comfortable feeling is prompted by Divine Love. It is not the relief we experience when a stress is removed, but that relief is prompted by Divine Love. It is not the horror we experience at some horrible occurrence but that horror is prompted by Divine Love.

Every person has experienced one or more of these things. Thus we can know that we have all experienced the prompt of Divine Love. It is but a simple matter to allow that prompt to become part of us, to acknowledge it when it occurs, and to allow it to grow within us so that we can express it to others, to ourselves, and to God.

It will grow quietly without our being aware it is growing until one day we may realize, but only might realize, that it is there. But when it is there we will begin to have true sorrow for our sins, not just out of fear of hell but for the hurt we cause God. Then we will be able to have true hope for eternal salvation. Then our faith will expand beyond just simple belief. And with this will come sorrow at the realization we can not implant this into others, but that each person must come to this themselves.

Ref: Eph. 4:1-6; Mat. 22:35-46

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BISHOPS AND PRIESTS RELIGIOUS AND LAITY

Bishops and their Priest, and to a lesser extent Deacons and Religious, have the most unusual of occupations with associated and equally unusual obligations, duties, and expectations.

Unlike a father, mother, or head of household, or even a king or president, who are only responsible for providing material needs and moral guidance and training, Bishops and those who are associated with them in the Church, are responsible for being shepherds of all of those entrusted to them, and that means every person in the world.

Every Bishop, and those who work with them, is responsible for every person in the world. The areas of responsibility are divided up according to geographic, ethnic, cultural, and other factors, and various responsibilities are delegated within an even amongst those factors, but each leader of the Church is responsible for the entirety.

Bishops are obligated to teach and to practice Christ's teachings. When Bishops teach Christ's teachings, they must do so with clarity and without alteration. Bishops must not taint His teachings with their own desires or with the desires of others or with anything else. Because He is perfect, God's teachings are perfect. Perfection never changes for if it changed it either was not perfect before it changed or became imperfect after it changed. Therefore, not only does God never change, but His teachings never change.

This means that things which God has said are immoral, such as sexual intercourse outside of marriage, abortion, discourteous conduct, and the such, remain immoral. And those things which God said we must do, such as worship Him, keep the Lord's Day holy, seek forgiveness for our sins, pray, and the like, remain things which we must do.

We can not change this, and we should not desire to change this for God's way is the way of perfection and ultimate happiness, and any other way will prove to be dysfunctional and lead to permanent and total unhappiness and horror.

The laity have obligations as well. Prime amongst those are to obey the Word of God, and that Word of God is Jesus Christ. This means we must obey His teachings, and not attempt to modify them. The laity are obligated to heed the spiritual guidance of the Bishops of the true Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and to avoid anything which comes from any group which has broken off from the True Church, or which has broken off from one of the many splinters which have broken off from the True Church.

If a leader of the True Church should falter in teaching or practice of God's Dogma, the Laity must challenge that Bishop, Priest, Clergy, or Religious, first by making the superior of that individual aware of the problem, and if necessary, making the problem known very publicly and informing all the Bishops - even to the extent of informing all of the Bishops in the world - of the problem. Laity should therefor be very sure of themselves, and proceed very carefully, but they should never shirk this duty. But they should also not try to start their own church or join some organization of heretics, for in so doing all those who leave the True Church accomplish is an increase in the probability of their own eternal damnation.

Laity also have the obligation to support their Bishops, Priest, Clergy, and Religious, in the material needs of this world, to the best of their ability, to the extent they perceive there to be a need for such support. Laity always have a prime duty to support their own families, so support of the Clergy should be out of the largess of the laity and not from the necessities of the laity.

Laity have the right to expect the Clergy will teach, act, think, and even desire,

in accordance with Dogma. And Clergy have the right to expect the same of the Laity. But while the Laity has the right to expect the Clergy have real knowledge and practice of all matters in accordance with Dogma, the Clergy do not have the right to expect the same of the Laity; for the Clergy are supposed to have become learned in the Word of God, but the Laity are only expected to have practical working knowledge and application of that very same Word of God.

Bishops and Priests are ordinary persons who have an extraordinary occupation, and that occupation comes with extraordinary duties and obligations, as well as the extraordinary powers and abilities needed to engage in that occupation and to fulfill those duties and obligations. Because of this, Clergy become extraordinary persons. In becoming extraordinary they must be careful not to attribute any greatness to themselves, but to God. But the Laity must acknowledge this greatness for there is no one of the Laity who can forgive sins or change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, or Ordain a Priest or Consecrate a Bishop, or invoke the Holy Spirit into someone.

Because of this, the Bishop, Priest, Clergy, or Religious, who abuses their position, who are an evil shepherd, receive a horrible reward. But the ones who are good shepherds receive the reward which is beyond expression.

Ref: Eph. 3:13-21; Luke 14:1-11

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most of them know it not.

Wait thou patiently the judgment of thy Lord, for thou art in our eye; and celebrate the praise of thy Lord when thou risest up,

And in the night-season: Praise him when the stars are setting.

1 The more prosaic style of this verse indicates a later origin than the context. Muir places the whole Sura in what he terms the fourth stage of Meccan Suras.

2 Of the Caaba.

3 Comp. Psalm lxxviii. 9.

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("Eat and drink with healthy enjoyment, in recompense for your deeds." 'On couches ranged in rows shall they recline; and to the damsels with large dark eyes will we wed them.)

Again, what is expressed is a physically oriented heaven, and women are merely things for the enjoyment of men.

(And youths shall go round among them beautiful as imbedded pearls:)

Ditto for little boys. What is depicted is a pervert's delight, a pervert's vision of heaven.

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SURA LVI. THE INEVITABLE
[XLV.]

MECCA. 96 Verses

In the name of God, the
Compassionate, the Merciful

WHEN the day that must come shall have come suddenly,1
None shall treat that sudden coming as a lie:
Day that shall abase! Day that shall

exalt!

When the earth shall be shaken with a shock,
And the mountains shall be crumbled with a crumbling,
And shall become scattered dust,
And into three bands shall ye be divided: 2

Then the people of the right hand 3

Oh! how happy shall be the people of the right hand!
And the people of the left hand Oh! how wretched shall be the people of the left hand!
And they who were foremost on earth the foremost still. 4

These are they who shall be brought nigh to God,
In gardens of delight;
A crowd of the former
And few of the latter generations;
On inwrought couches
Reclining on them face to face:
Aye-blooming youths go round about to them

With goblets and ewers and a cup of flowing wine;
Their brows ache not from it, nor fails the sense:

And with such fruits as shall please them best,
And with flesh of such birds, as they shall long for:

And theirs shall be the Houris, with large dark eyes, like pearls hidden in their shells,
In recompense of their labours past.

No vain discourse shall they hear therein, nor charge of sin,
But only the cry, "Peace! Peace!"
And the people of the right hand oh! how happy shall be the people of the right hand!
Amid thornless sidrahs 5
And talh 6 trees clad with fruit,
And in extended shade,
And by flowing waters,
And with abundant fruits,7

Unfailing, unforbidden,
And on lofty couches.

Of a rare creation have we created the Houris,
And we have made them ever virgins,

Dear to their spouses, of equal age with them, 8

For the people of the right hand,
A crowd of the former,
And a crowd of the latter generations. 9
But the people of the left hand oh! how wretched shall be the people of the left hand!
Amid pestilential 10 winds and in scalding water,
And in the shadow of a black smoke,
Not cool, and horrid to behold. 11

For they truly, ere this, were blessed with worldly goods,
But persisted in heinous sin,
And were wont to say,
"What! after we have died, and become dust and bones, shall we be raised?
And our fathers, the men of yore?"
SAY: Aye, the former and the latter:
Gathered shall they all be for the time of a known day.

Then ye, O ye the erring, the gainsaying,
Shall surely eat of the tree Ez-zakkoum,
And fill your bellies with it,
And thereupon shall ye drink boiling water,
And ye shall drink as the thirsty camel drinketh.
This shall be their repast in the day of reckoning!

We created you, will ye not credit us? 12

What think ye? The germs of life 13
Is it ye who create them? or are we their creator?
It is we who have decreed that death should be among you;
Yet are we not thereby hindered 14
from replacing you with others,
your likes, or from producing you again in a form which ye know not!

Ye have known the first creation: will ye not then reflect?
What think ye? That which ye sow

Is it ye who cause its upgrowth, or do we cause it to spring forth?

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The Orthodox - Basilian Catechism

Q. 433. What are the sins against the Holy Ghost which Our Lord said will not be forgiven either in this world or in the next?

A. The sins against the Holy Ghost which Our Lord said will not be forgiven either in this world or in the next, are sins committed out of pure malice, and greatly opposed to the mercy of God, and are, therefore, seldom forgiven.

Q. 434. Why did Christ send the Holy Ghost?

A. Christ sent the Holy Ghost to sanctify His Church, to enlighten and strengthen the Apostles, and to enable them to preach the Gospel.

Q. 435. How was the Church sanctified through the coming of the Holy Ghost?

A. The Church was sanctified through the coming of the Holy Ghost by receiving those graces which Christ had merited for His ministers, the bishops and priests, and for the souls of all those committed to their care.

Q. 436. How were the Apostles enlightened through the coming of the Holy Ghost?

A. The Apostles were enlightened through the coming of the Holy Ghost by receiving the grace to remember and understand in its true meaning all that Christ had said and done in their presence.

Q. 437. How were the Apostles strengthened through the coming of the Holy Ghost?

A. The Apostles were strengthened through the coming of the Holy Ghost by receiving the grace to brave every danger, even death itself, in the performance of their sacred duties.

Q. 438. What does "Apostle," and what does "Gospel" mean?

A. "Apostle" means a person sent, and

"Gospel" means good tidings or news. Hence the name "Gospel" is given to the inspired history of Our Lord's life and works upon earth.

Q. 439. Name the Apostles.

A. The Apostles were: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas Iscariot, in whose place Mathias was chosen.

Q. 440. Was St. Paul an Apostle?

A. St. Paul was an Apostle, but as he was not called till after the Ascension of Our Lord he is not numbered among the twelve. He is called the Apostle of the Gentiles; that is, of all those who were not of the Jewish religion or members of the Church of the Old Law.

Q. 441. How did St. Paul become an Apostle?

A. While on his way to persecute the Christians St. Paul was miraculously converted and called to be an Apostle by Our Lord Himself, who spoke to him. St. Paul was called Saul before his conversion.

Q. 442. Who were the Evangelists?

A. St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John are called Evangelists, because they wrote the four Gospels bearing their names, and Evangelia is the Latin name for Gospels. St. Mark and St. Luke were not Apostles, but St. Matthew and St. John were both Apostles and Evangelists.

Q. 443. Why did not the Apostles fully understand when Christ Himself taught them?

A. The Apostles did not fully understand when Christ Himself taught them because during His stay with them on earth they were only preparing to become Apostles; and their minds were yet filled with many worldly thoughts and desires that were to be removed at the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Q. 444. Will the Holy Ghost abide

with the Church forever?

A. The Holy Ghost will abide with the Church forever, and guide it in the way of holiness and truth.

Q. 445. What benefit do we derive from the knowledge that the Holy Ghost will abide with the Church forever?

A. From the knowledge that the Holy Ghost will abide with the Church forever we are made certain that the Church can never teach us falsehood, and can never be destroyed by the enemies of Our Faith.

Q. 446. What visible power was given to the Apostles through the coming of the Holy Ghost?

A. Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the Apostles received the "gift of tongues," by which they could be understood in every language, though they preached in only one.

Q. 447. Why did such wonderful gifts accompany confirmation, or the coming of the Holy Ghost, in the first ages of the Church?

A. Such wonderful gifts accompanied Confirmation in the first ages of the Church to prove the power, truth and divine character of Christianity to those who otherwise might not believe, and to draw the attention of all to the establishment of the Christian Church.

Q. 448. Why are these signs not continued everywhere at the present time?

A. These signs are not continued everywhere at the present time, because now that the Church is fully established and its divine character and power proved in other ways, such signs are no longer necessary.

Q. 449. Were such powers as the "gift of tongues" a part of the Sacrament of Chrismation (Confirmation)?

A. Such powers as the "gift of tongues" were not a part of the Sacrament of

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EVERYTHING IS RECONCILED TO THE FATHER THROUGH THE SON

Jesus raised the young man from Naim from the dead and gave him to his mother. He gave her that which she prized most in this world; what she needed most in this world; that which she thought she had lost forever.

Jesus gives the same to us. He gives us that which we need, and when it is lost He returns it to us. This does not apply just the opportunity for eternal happiness, **but everything in this world as well provided it is worth having.**

Generally, we obtain that with which we are familiar, and we obtain **from** that with which we are familiar. If we are more familiar with this world than we are with the spiritual world, we will obtain primarily from this world. If we are more familiar with the spiritual world, we will obtain primarily from the spiritual world.

We can obtain both good and evil from this world and from the spiritual world, but whatever we obtain from this world will perish. Only that which we obtain from the spiritual world will exist forever. Be it good or be it evil. it will last forever.

It is very much worth noting - in fact it is extremely worth noting - that we never obtain something from ourselves and that we have nothing in and of ourselves.

This is because there is no one who **exists** in and of himself other than God. Not one of us is the cause of his own existence. Our bodies, souls, and spirits come from God. Our existence comes from God. Not one of us was created having anything other than that which was given to us by God, and after our creation none of us has ever had or obtained anything which did not once belong to someone else. We may have earned what ever we have; we may have

been given what we have. We may have modified something which we obtained. But whatever we have we always have obtained from someone other than ourselves. And everything which we have always traces its origin to God.

While what we have comes from God, what we do with what we have ultimately originates from ourselves. What we do is influenced by a multitude of factors, so it is very important that we ascertain which influences are Divine and which are not. Then apply the Divine influences and avoid those which are not Divine in origin. We can know that an influence is Divine if we do not have or feel the need to justify it before God. Likewise, we can know that what we have done and what we do is as a result of Divine influence or in accordance with Divine influence if we do not have to or feel the need to justify it before God.

If we are thoughtful in what we seek to obtain, and in what we do, attempting to always be directed by that which is in accordance with the unmodified will of God, then whether or not we or others believe we have been successful, everything will be reconciled to God in an through Our Saviour, His Son, Jesus Christ.

Ref: Gal. 5:25-26; 6:1-10; Luke 7:11-16

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AGAINST WHICH THOSE WHO WOULD FOLLOW GOD MUST GUARD IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ABORTION AND OTHER FORMS OF MURDER OF CHILDREN

Response to those who oppose our injection of our moral beliefs into the political system, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, Stem-cell method of murder, Culling the yet to be born for defects, Murder Plan B

Response to those who oppose our injection of our moral beliefs into the political system:

When you oppose our injection of our moral beliefs into the political system, you defacto require we accept your injecting your moral beliefs or lack thereof into the political system. You require we approve our tax money be used for what we consider immoral purposes. You require we give up our rights and allow you to enslave us. You require we happily go to hell with you.

This we are not required to do. Neither God nor the laws of our country require this. The laws of our country permit, allow, and encourage us to promote what we believe to be morally correct and proper, just as they allow you to go to hell in what ever manner you desire.

Therefore, we will not cease to promote our moral positions, nor will we acquiesce and allow your immorality to prevail. However, we will hope you repent, change your positions to moral positions, and at the same time we uphold your right to go to hell in what ever manner you desire provided it causes harm to no one else. Happy journey.

Bill Gates, Warren Buffet:

Bill Gates is hailed as a great humanitarian because of the wonderful work
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abortion on demand. And they attack anyone and any organization which dares to disagree with them, with ridicule and viciousness. In a Christian city, homosexuality and homosexual activities are morally condemned and the practitioners sought to be reformed mainly for the purpose of saving their immortal souls. But they are not physically attacked or abused because such is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. However, in an Islamic city, especially an Islamic "holy city" homosexuals are killed (and the murder is called an execution), as are abortionists.

So even in their own application of the term "holy city", journalists are inconsistent. Generally journalists condemn Christianity as being intolerant. Yet, simultaneously, the same journalists declare certain cities of Islam, the most intolerant of religions, as being holy, and thereby decree Islam to be holy when it is not.

The Journalists and Moslems constantly emphasize peace, saying Islam means peace, while neglecting to state the obvious: Islamic peace requires total capitulation to Islam; which, of course, is not peace. It is enslavement by force. But since Moslems say Islam means peace, and leave out the total submission aspect, the journalists do not report this aspect of Islam.

If it is not the case that the journalist are intentionally misrepresenting the facts, misrepresenting the truth; then, the only alternative determination which can possibly exist is, that these journalists are lazy people who repeat the hand outs they receive from Moslems without examination, consideration, or reservation.

In either instance it is obvious most journalists of today neither deserve the title of journalist nor practice the profession of journalism. It also is obvious that they are not holy in any measure by any definition.

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HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY THAT I LOVE YOU (Lyrics by Scott Wiseman)

Have you ever been thinking about someone you love very specially such as your spouse or your betrothed, and began humming or singing the song, "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You"?

Have you ever been in Church when this happens and had that special feeling of goodness and happiness which accompanies love flow into a realization of your love of God as well as love of your beloved?

This is just one of the many ways in which love for another can lead to and initiate an increase in your love for God.

This song has such elements of beauty that it could easily be transformed into a song of worship of God, while remaining a love song of one human to another, not just love between spouses or the espoused, but even of a parent to a child or a child to a parent.

Both the Ricky Nelson rendition, which is:

Have I told you lately that I love you?

*Have I told you lately that I love you?
Could I tell you once again somehow?
Have I told with all my heart and soul
how I adore you?
Well darling I'm telling you now*

*Have I told you lately when I'm sleeping
Every dream I dream is you somehow?
Have I told you why the nights are long
When you're not with me?
Well darling I'm telling you now
My heart would break in two if I should lose you
I'm no good without you anyhow
And have I told you lately that I love you
Well darling I'm telling you now*

*My heart would break in two if I should lose you
I'm no good without you anyhow
And have I told you lately that I love you*

Well darling I'm telling you now

and the Rod Stewart rendition, which is:

*Have I told you lately that I love you
Have I told you theres no one else above you
Fill my heart with gladness
Take away all my sadness
Ease my troubles thats what you do*

*For the morning sun in all its glory
Greets the day with hope and comfort too*

*You fill my life with laughter
And somehow you make it better
Ease my troubles thats what you do
Theres a love thats divine
And its yours and its mine like the sun
And at the end of the day
We should give thanks and pray
To the one, to the one*

*Have I told you lately that I love you
Have I told you theres no one else above you
Fill my heart with gladness
Take away all my sadness
Ease my troubles thats what you do*

*Theres a love thats divine
And its yours and its mine like the sun
And at the end of the day
We should give thanks and pray
To the one, to the one*

*And have I told you lately that I love you
Have I told you theres no one else above you
You fill my heart with gladness
Take away my sadness
Ease my troubles thats what you do
Take away all my sadness
Fill my life with gladness
Ease my troubles thats what you do
Take away all my sadness
Fill my life with gladness
Ease my troubles thats what you do*

or a combination could be easily so transformed by a knowledgable musician. Hopefully this will one day be a reality.

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Chrismation (Confirmation), but they were added to it by the Holy Ghost when necessary for the good of the Church.

LESSON TENTH: On the Effects of the Redemption

Q. 450. What is an effect?

A. An effect is that which is caused by something else, as smoke, for example, is an effect of fire.

Q. 451. What does redemption mean?

A. Redemption means the buying back of a thing that was given away or sold.

Q. 452. What did Adam give away by his sin, and what did Our Lord buy back for him and us?

A. By his sin Adam gave away all right to God's promised gifts of grace in this world and of glory in the next, and Our Lord bought back the right that Adam threw away.

Q. 453. Which are the chief effects of the Redemption?

A. The chief effects of the Redemption are two: The satisfaction of God's justice by Christ's sufferings and death, and the gaining of grace for men.

Q. 454. Why do we say "chief effects"?

A. We say "chief effects" to show that these are the most important but not the only effects of the Redemption -- for all the benefits of our holy religion and of its influence upon the world are the effects of the redemption.

Q. 455. Why did God's justice require satisfaction?

A. God's justice required satisfaction because it is infinite and demands reparation for every fault. Man in his state of sin could not make the necessary reparation, so Christ became man and made it for him.

Q. 456. What do you mean by grace?

A. By grace I mean a supernatural gift of God bestowed on us, through the merits of Jesus Christ, for our salvation.

Q. 457. What does "supernatural" mean?

A. Supernatural means above or greater than nature. All gifts such as health, learning or the comforts of life, that affect our happiness chiefly in this world, are called natural gifts, and all gifts such as blessings that affect our happiness chiefly in the next world are called supernatural or spiritual gifts.

Q. 458. What do you mean by "merit"?

A. Merit means the quality of deserving well or ill for our actions. In the question above it means a right to reward for good deeds done.

Q. 459. How many kinds of grace are there?

A. There are two kinds of grace, sanctifying grace and actual grace. We also know that sanctifying grace is an emanation of the essence of God, a manifestation of His essence.

Q. 460. What is the difference between sanctifying grace and actual grace?

A. Sanctifying grace remains with us as long as we are not guilty of mortal sin; and hence, it is often called habitual grace; but actual grace comes to us only when we need its help in doing or avoiding an action, and it remains with us only while we are doing or avoiding the action.

Q. 461. What is sanctifying grace?

A. Sanctifying grace is that grace which makes the soul holy and pleasing to God.

Q. 462. What do you call those graces or gifts of God by which we believe in Him, hope in Him, and love Him?

A. Those graces or gifts of God by which we believe in Him, and hope in Him, and love Him, are called the Di-

vine virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Q. 463. What do you mean by virtue and vice?

A. Virtue is the habit of doing good, and vice is the habit of doing evil. An act, good or bad, does not form a habit; and hence, a virtue or a vice is the result of repeated acts of the same kind.

Q. 464. Does habit excuse us from the sins committed through it?

A. Habit does not excuse us from the sins committed through it, but rather makes us more guilty by showing how often we must have committed the sin to acquire the habit. If, however, we are seriously trying to overcome a bad habit, and through forgetfulness yield to it, the habit may sometimes excuse us from the sin.

Q. 465. What is Faith?

A. Faith is a Divine virtue by which we firmly believe the truths which God has revealed.

Q. 466. What is Hope?

A. Hope is a Divine virtue by which we firmly trust that God will give us eternal life and the means to obtain it.

Q. 467. What is Charity?

A. Charity is a Divine virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Q. 468. Why are Faith, Hope and Charity called virtues?

A. Faith, Hope and Charity are called virtues because they are not mere acts, but habits by which we always and in all things believe God, hope in Him, and love Him.

Q. 469. What kind of virtues are Faith, Hope and Charity?

A. Faith, Hope and Charity are called infused theological virtues to distinguish them from the four moral virtues -- Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance.

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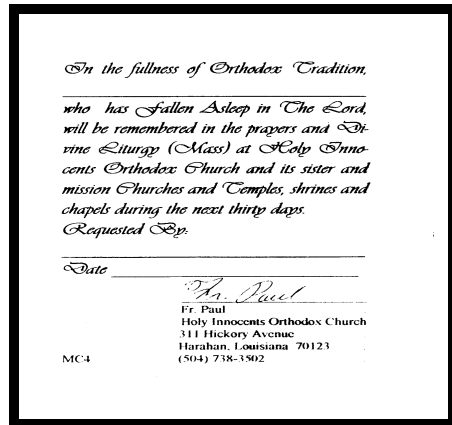


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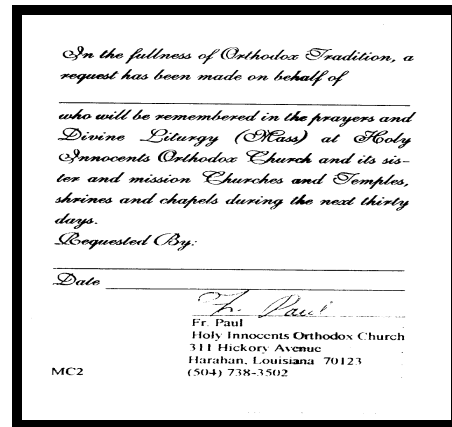
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cited as established fact without investigation or inquiry.

HOLY:

What is holy about the so called "holy city of Karbala" in Iraq? What is holy about any other city which is called holy?

Holy or, rather, holiness, is a quality of character. It is the quality or state of being holy, of purity and integrity of moral character, of freedom from sin, and of sanctity.

A city is often thought of as an accumulation of buildings. Buildings are inanimate, can not sin, and are neither holy nor unholy. They have been built and continue in existence because of the efforts of humans.

A city also is a place where there is an accumulation of people. Individual people can be holy or unholy, but there has never been an instance where the entire population of a city was holy.

So what is meant by the term, "the holy city of _____"?

An examination of the term as used in modern times indicates it is used exclusively to refer to Moslem cities where certain events occurred in the early history of Islam (including some of history it borrowed from Judaism and Christianity), and to pagan cities where similar events occurred or certain individual reside or traditionally have resided.

So the term "holy city" actually is meaningless in application to the city in question for by definition the city is not and can not be holy. But an event which some religion considers to be crucial in its history or in its functioning occurred in that city so that religion attempts to magnify itself by calling the city holy.

When a journalist calls such a city holy, the journalist is lending credence to the propaganda of the religion which calls the city holy. The journalist is saying, "This city is holy".

It may be there are some journalist who are qualified to determine whether or not someone is holy, but that is unlikely. It is very difficult to ascertain whether or not someone is holy. Such determination is usually made long after the person has died, when through intercession with God that deceased individual is the instrument by which a miracle - something which scientifically can not happen - is made to occur. One therefore does not need a journalist to inform them that someone is holy. The proof is in the miracles.

Since there has never been a city which has died and then interceded with God on behalf of anyone and by that intercession was the instrument initiating a miracle, the use of the term "holy city" is inappropriate.

Now, if the term is used as it was used just a century or two ago, to designate the officiating place where someone whose office demands a holy person occupy that office (even though the office may only occasionally be occupied by a holy person), or to designate a place where an event universally acknowledged as leading to holiness for those who faithfully follow the precepts of that event occurred, then, perhaps, that term could be proper.

But how can it be proper when it is used to refer to a city where an event took place in a religion which dictates its followers kill anyone who refuses to convert to that religion, such as Islam?

How can it be proper when used to refer to a city where the predominant religion does not acknowledge the continuing individual, but only an assimilation of every individual into one being with concurrent loss of individual identity? Since holiness is a character quality attained by an individual, those who subscribe to there being an Oversoul, or to the equality of good and evil in a never ending battle, practice a religion where there can be no holiness.

In modern times journalistic use of the

term "holy city" is almost exclusively applied to Islamic cities or cities which Moslems would like to control because they perceive a connection between that city and Islam.

It falsely presents the image of a place where people walk around praying and doing good works. A place where there is tolerance and brotherly love. Places where all persons are treated equally without regard to gender, race, or any other natural quality or intentional choice are not these so called "holy cities". These Islamic so called "holy cities" are places where hatred of anything and anyone not of the individual's particular breed of Islam predominates every aspect of life. But the "journalists" only rarely even hint of this.

EXECUTION:

These same "journalists" write stories about and show pictures and films of Europeans, Asians, and others being murdered by Moslems. Most of those murdered by the Moslems are people who have devoted their lives to assisting people in the town or general geographic area where they were murdered. The usual scenario is, after many years assisting the indigenous people an individual is kidnapped and then a few days or weeks later is tied up and placed in front of a video camera and then has their head hacked off. The Moslems who commit these murders call the murders executions. The journalists who report these murders parrot the murderers and call the murders executions.

SUMMARY:

These same journalist who tell us that congregations of murderers constitute a holy city, and that their murderous activities are actually executions, are amongst the strongest proponents of permissive sexual activities of any and every nature. They not only condone but actually promote homosexuality and homosexual activities. They also are amongst the foremost proponents of

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Moral values were taught or at the least reflected or reinforced in school because that was the will of the community. The values taught were those of the community.

The best method by which a population can be taken over is by using a long term program of taking over the education system. It is in the education system that values are taught. So, the corrupt legislators, and the immoral people slowly revamped the educational system to reflect their corrupt immorality, and used the judiciary to prevent a return to God given values.

With the decline in moral values came a corresponding decline in the actual education of the students, because teachers who have no values or evil values do not have the virtue of doing a good job of teaching. Most students did not complain because school work is work, and the easy way is often sought by people in education, work, and life in general. Sloth is one of the deadly sins for a good reason - but modern public school students are not aware of this because Sloth is a religious, God given, concept, and has been legislated and adjudicated into legal non-existence. That does not make it less of a fact, less of a reality, but it does keep it from being taught in public school.

The decline in moral values in public schools allowed easy entry of teachers with sexual perversions: homosexuals, lesbians, pedophiles, and such. These began teaching there is nothing wrong with these sexual perversions, and their right to teach this immorality has been upheld by the immoral jurist approved by the immoral legislators.

Again the lack of vigilance and strong governance by the population in general has allowed the public school system to become ineffective in meaningful teaching, and very effective in teaching immorality.

It is the same with religious organizations, and even with the Church itself.

From time to time throughout the almost two thousand year history of the Church, immoral people have gained control of portions of the Church and caused great damage. In every instance up to the present, the forces of good have risen to counter the forces of evil in the Church. In the past the forces of good have eventually won, and they will always eventually win because the Church is the Body of Christ and ultimately under His authority. But it requires the vigilance of good people, and their strong actions, to overcome evil until such time as God Himself intervenes.

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Without the strong and moral thoughts, words, acts, deeds, and practices of good and Godly people, the forces of evil which have already infiltrated the Church will continue their infiltration in ever increasing numbers. Their influence can already be seen. In the Roman portion of the Church, the loss of a proper Divine Liturgy, corruption of even the simplest of sacramentals such as the blessing of water for Holy Water, change in the liturgy for ordination of Priests so they are no longer ordained to confect and administer the Sacraments, especially Absolution and the Eucharist, but now are ordained to be prayer leaders, are the most obvious elements. In the Orthodox portion of the true Church, ethnic, geographical, and cultural divisions (especially Eastern versus Western liturgies and practices) continue to be so divisive as to obstruct perception of the fact there is unity of Dogma, and fog perception of the need

and obligation to follow Christ's teachings.

Again, the lack of continual vigilance, and lack of strongly presented and pressured good and Godly based demands by Religious, Clergy, and Laity of moral honor, have lead to the corruption of the Church.

Men and women of good will must overcome their exasperation caused by the need to be ever vigilant, and again press the way to full, good, proper Apostolic and Sacramental practices in the Church, to the exclusion of every evil.

What ever your culture, ethnic origin, or rite may be, when someone of another culture, ethnic origin, or rite desires to worship with you, be concerned mainly about the correctness of their Dogmatic beliefs and practices. God is not Russian, American, Greek, Romanian, Italian, Antiochian, black, white, yellow, red, brown; but did create each person who is any of these, any combination of these, and everyone else as well. He is concerned about their Dogmatic correctness. Your attitude to those who are the same as you, and who are different from you, should be the same as God's attitude towards them, and His attitude towards you. Since He loves, cherishes, and desires to protect each person because He Is Who Is, so too should you.

And if your Bishops or Priests have liturgical practices which are not good, point these errors out to them in a charitable manner, backed up with written references and copies of the proper liturgical practices and their source material.

Practicing active vigilance is hard but necessary work.

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IMAGES OF THE FALL AND OF THE SALVATION

It is good that the feast of The Exaltation (Elevation) of The Holy Cross, and one of the feasts of The Seven Sorrows of The Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, occur within a few days of each other.

It was on the wood of the tree that the fruit of man's downfall was gathered by the issue of the side of the first man. It was on the wood of the cross that the fruit of the womb of the Mother of the Church redeemed mankind.

When Adam ate the forbidden fruit, he poisoned man and alienated man from God. But the fruit of the cross purged the poison.

From the side of the first man came Eve, who lead her husband Adam away from God, a path he willingly followed. Her womb was fruitful in the flesh, but mostly barren in the spirit. From the side of the Man - God flowed the path to God, the Church, His bride, which nurtures the children of God.

As it hung upon the tree all mankind was drawn to the forbidden fruit. And in being lifted up upon the cross Our Saviour brought all to Himself.

The food of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil brought death. But the food of the tree of life brought eternal salvation.

Through the tree of Eden man was delivered to his enemies. Through the tree of the cross he was delivered from his enemies.

Her Son said, behold thy son, behold thy mother. The lance of Longenus was the sword of Simeon, piercing the heart of God and the heart of His Mother. In holding all of mankind to her heart does she soothe the wound by bringing her new children to her only begotten Son.

Next the cross in tears unceasing,
Worn by sorrow aye increasing,
Stood the Mother 'neath her Son

Though her soul already riven,
Simeon's sword divinely driven,
Edged with anguish, lo! Hath run.

Sad, afflicted as no other,
Was that chosen blessed Mother,
Having none but Christ begot.

Faithful Mother! Upward gazing,
Heart and hands to Son upraising,
Mourns and grieves His cruel lot.

Hard the man his tears refraining,
Watching Mary uncomplaining,
Bear a sorrow like to none.

Hard the man that shares no sorrow,
With a Mother fain to borrow
Every pang that writhes her Son.

Tortured, scourged in expiation
Of the sins that marred His Nation,
Mary watched His every pang.

She beheld her dear Begotten,
Stretched in death by all forgotten,
As on hoisted rod He hang.

Mother, fount of love, the purest,
Floods of sorrow thou endurest,
Turn them toward this heart of mine.

With these waters purge its guileness,
Burn with love its innate vileness,
With the flame of love divine.

Hallowed Mother, do this favor,
Those five wounds that gored my Saviour
Deeply on my heart engrave.

Pains thou gladly with Him sharest,
Anguish that thou bravely bearest,
Fully share with me, I crave.

Blend thy tears with mine in wailing,
Sorrow for my sins prevailing,
Till the break of endless dawn.

Next the cross to take my station,
By thy side in desolation,
Thus, I long with thee to mourn.

Maiden of all maidens fairest,
Sate me with the grief thou bearest:

Spurn me not, be thou kind.

Mine it be Christ's throes in sharing,
Mine it be His anguish bearing,
These His wounds to keep in mind.

May His scars my body carry.
May His cross and blood not tarry
Soul of mine to satiate!

Thus inflamed with love consuming,
Shall I not thy aid presuming
Safe the reck'ning day await?

When in death my eyes are losing,
Ope them, Lord, to see reposing
Victory's crown in Mary's hand.

When my frame by death is broken,
And my doom by Thee is spoken,
Be it, Lord, the better land.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we beseech Thee
that now and at the hour of our death
the Blessed Virgin, Thy Mother, whose
most sacred soul the sword pierced in
the hour of Thy passion, may intercede
for us at the throne of Thy mercy.

Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet
the load that hangs thereon: to bear up
the King and Lord of heaven nought
was worthy save thou, O holy cross.

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If we pleased we could so make your
harvest dry and brittle that ye
would ever marvel and say,
"Truly we have been at cost, 15 yet are
we forbidden harvest."

What think ye of the water ye drink?
Is it ye who send it down from the
clouds, or send we it down?

Brackish could we make it, if we
pleased: will ye not then be
thankful?

What think ye? The fire which ye
obtain by friction

Is it ye who rear its tree, or do we rear
it?

It is we who have made it for a
memorial and a benefit to the
wayfarers of the desert,
Praise therefore the name of thy Lord,
the Great.

It needs not that I swear by the setting
of the stars,

And it is a great oath, if ye knew it,
That this is the honourable Koran,
Written in the preserved
Book: 16

Let none touch it but the
purified, 17

It is a revelation from the Lord of the
worlds.

Such tidings as these will ye disdain?
Will ye make it your daily bread to
gainsay them?

Why, at the moment when the soul of a
dying man shall come up into his
throat,

And when ye are gazing at him,
Though we are nearer to him than ye,
although ye see us not:

why do ye not, if ye are to escape the
judgment,

Cause that soul to return? Tell me, if ye
speak the truth.

But as to him who shall enjoy near
access to God,

His shall be repose, and pleasure, and a
garden of delights.

Yea, for him who shall be of the people
of the right hand,

Shall be the greeting from the people of
the right hand "Peace
be to thee."

But for him who shall be of those who
treat the prophets as
deceivers,

And of the erring,

His entertainment shall be of scalding
water,

And the broiling of hell-fire.

Verily this is a certain truth:

Praise therefore the name of thy Lord,
the Great.

1 The renderings of Mar. cum inciderit
casura, or as in Sur. lxix, 15, ingruerit
ingruens nearly express the peculiar
force of the Arabic verb and of the noun
formed from it; i.e. a calamity that falls
suddenly and surely. Weil renders,
ween der Auferstehung's Tag eintritt (p.
389). Lane, when the calamity shall
have happened.

2 Comp. Tr. Rosch Haschanah, fol. 16,
6.

3 Lit., the companions of the right
hand, what shall be the companions of
the right hand! and thus in verses 9, 37,
40.

4 Lit., the preceders, the preceders.

5 See Sura liii. 14, p. 69.

6 Probably the banana according to
others, the acacia gummifera.

7 "A Muslim of some learning
professed to me that he considered the
descriptions of Paradise in the Koran to
be, in a great measure, figurative; 'like
those,' said he, 'in the book of the
Revelation of St. John;' and he assured
me that many learned Muslims were of
the same opinion." Lane's Modern
Egyptians, i. p. 75, note.

8 Like them, grow not old.

9 This seems a direct contradiction to
verse 14, unless we suppose with
Beidhawi that an inferior and more
numerous class of believers are here
spoken of.

10 Or, scorching.

11 Lit., not noble, agreeable in
appearance.

12 As to the resurrection.

13 Lit., semen quod emittitis.

14 Lit., forestalled, anticipated.

15 Lit, have incurred debt.

16 That is, The Prototype of the Koran
written down in the Book kept by God
himself.

17 This passage implies the existence of
copies of portions at least of the Koran
in common use. It was quoted by the
sister of Omar when at his conversion
be desired to take her copy of Sura xx.
into his hands.

===comment===

(And on lofty couches. Of a rare
creation have we created the Houris,
And we have made them ever virgins,
Dear to their spouses, of equal age with
them, 8)

Mohammed is saying that the only use
for women in Heaven will be for the
sexual delights and pleasure of men,
and that once a woman has had sexual
intercourse, she will return to being a
virgin. Also, that the men will be
perpetually young - all the better to
engage in sexual elights.

=== end comment ===

To those Moslems who are
angered by this presentation: as stated
above, it is your "holy" book, and it
states what you are supposed to believe
and follow. Because of what the Koran
states we deem your religion to be evil -
not necessarily that you are evil, but that
your religion is.

We also see how well your religion is
followed all over the world. The Koran
instructs Moslems to treat anyone who
is not one's individual "brand" of Islam
in any manner the Moslem desires,

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including killing.

The Islamic government of Sudan backs roving bands of Janjaweed (militias) who rape women while saying, "Abdah," which means salve woman, over and over. (Ref: T-P 17 Sep 2006, p. A-24, from Washington Post). These men are being good Moslems. And many of the women the Janjaweed rape are Moslem. When they get hold of a Christian woman, and know she is Christian, we can not print what is done.

It is very common for Moslems to threaten anyone who makes what Moslems consider to be an anti Islamic statement. Just reflect on the response of the Islamic world to Pope Benedict having quoted an anti-Islamic statement authored several hundred years ago. Moslems attacked Roman Catholic Church buildings in various parts of the world, clergy were harmed, threats of violence against Roman Catholic facilities and individuals were made, even after the Pope tendered an explanation that the citation was made in an intellectual discussion setting. Moslem leaders stated in plain language, that unless the Pope apologized, disclaimed the statement and his ancillary comments (which basically were, that God does not approve of violence conducted in His name nor does He approve of forced conversion to Islam), and otherwise obeyed them, the Islamic leaders, that there would be great violence against Roman Catholics and Church facilities.

That threat has been fulfilled numerous times, in numerous places, just a day after the Pope's remarks. Typical is the murder of sixty-six year old Sister Leonelia, a nun who had devoted her life to helping the sick in Africa. On Sunday, 17 September 2006 A. D., two big, brave Moslem men shot Sister in the back four times, killing her at the hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia, **while she was praying**. This is typical of Islamic honor.

Moslems want us to be tolerant of them, but refuse to tolerate anyone else.

The Islamic threats of attack because of the Pope's comments are the normal Islamic response to anything which does not effect total subjection to Islam, and particularly to the particular "brand" of Islam practiced by the one making the threats.

Moslems are fond of accusing any intrusion of any nature, even of attempting to establish a business presence in a Moslem country, by one or more Christians, as an attack by the Crusaders. But Moslems justify their military attacks into Europe as being in furtherance of the spread of Islam. Therefore, in the Islamic mind, any military action by a Moslem is good and proper, but any action of any sort, not just military action but even an attempt by a Christian to live in a Moslem country (though why anyone would desire that is unknowable) is de facto evil.

When the Moslems conquered Palestine, Jerusalem and the surrounding hills were covered with trees. Fruit trees, pine, and hardwood forests covered the land not set to agriculture. Then the Moslems placed a tax on every tree where the tree was owned by someone who was not a Moslem. Within a decade the area was virtually bare of trees, and remained so until the Jews re-established Israel. For the past fifty years the Israelites have been reforesting Jerusalem and the surrounding area, but they have a very long way to go before it is as well forested as it was before the Moslem invasion.

This is the kind of peace, the Islam, of Mohammed, of the Moslem.

In the early part of the Twentieth Century, Islamic Turks murdered hundreds of thousands of Armenian Christians. This was a program of the Turkish government, and least one forget the Ottoman Empire, its fragments are alive and well today and

known as the Islamic world. That Islamic world continues to infiltrate the Christian world through immigration, establishing its military foothold in the Christian world, and from which it intends to increase in population using the anti-discriminatory laws of each nation to protect the Islamic population until the Islamic population is of sufficient strength to overpower the Christian population - by elections in politics, threats of violence, military action and insurrection.

Some may consider these remarks and thoughts such as these to be such as to set back Christian - Islamic relations "for years". That is an erroneous concept, a thought based in error - for the only time advances occur in Islamic - Christian relations or in Islamic - "anyone else" relations, is when the non-Islamic party bows, gives in to, succumbs to, and acquiesces to, the Islamic party.

Others may consider these comments as being overbroad, not indicative of the attitudes of all Moslems, and as overly harsh and shrill.

To these is made the recommendation, read the Koran. The popular translation, "The Holy Qur'an", translated by Shakir, M. H., is an interpretative translation designed to quell the fears of Christians. However, the old, reliable, and standard translation, The Koran, translated from the Arabic by the Rev. J. M. Rodwell, M.A., with an introduction by the Rev. G. Margoliouth, M.A., is the unvarnished translation - a true translation. (Both are available at <http://www.reu.org/public/heretics/koran.htm>) Read this book on how to practice evil against your fellow man and you will realize the comments herein are insufficient in strength.

Are there any good, friendly Moslems? Only those Moslems who have decided to reject the violent teachings of the Koran have the potential of being good, friendly people. But one can never

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know which are which, because the Koran says a Moslem can lie to a non-Moslem about anything, and should lie to Christians and Jews if it gives an advantage over them. Read the book.

Many will disavow this writing saying it will only inflame Moslems. Moslems are already inflamed. Their religion requires they be inflamed against anyone who is not a Moslem, and against anyone how is not their own "brand" of Moslem. This writing only states the simple truth.

Christianity brought mercy, love, an abhorrence for violence, and many other things to mankind, in addition to the opportunity for eternal salvation. But the only thing new which Islam has brought to the world is long-term organized violence, hatred, and evil.

Others may say this writing should not have been done because it hurts the sensibilities (feelings) of Moslems. It is proper to attempt to avoid injury to the sensibilities of those who seek eternal salvation in a manner consistent with the minimum standard set by God, that standard being the Natural Law. Thus different Christian religions can disagree on Dogma, but should attempt to so do in a polite manner. So too can disagreement be made between Christians and Jews, and amongst Jews of different outlooks. Disagreement can even be made with Pagans and numerous different systems of belief, all in a polite manner.

But Islam is a religion of evil, which promotes evil. Just as no compromise can be made with Satan and his minions, so too can no compromise be made with Islam. No polite disagreement is possible with this evil religion because it is evil.

If you do not call the Devil evil, then you are a liar. So too with Islam.

Read the Koran.

Are there any good Moslems, individual Moslems who do not wish to kill Christians, Jews, and non Moslems? Yes, but they are not true Moslems because they do not follow the Koran. They do not follow the dictates of Koran Sura IX, "Believers! wage war against such of the infidels as are your neighbours". They do not follow Mohammed's command which he said he received from God, to convert Christians and Jews, and if they will not be converted, to enslave them, and if they can not be enslaved, to kill them.

Read the Koran.

To those who demand we practice tolerance, we respond: You have been enslaved by the Moslems and you do not realize it.

To those who demand we respect Islam, we respond: We will not respect evil, and Islam is evil.

To those who demand we respect an individual's right to practice what ever religion the individual desires, we respond: We do respect every individual's right to practice what ever religion the individual desires; but Moslems do not respect that right for us.

Read the Koran.

Do we desire war with Islam? No. But Islam desires war with us. Read the Koran.

How can this situation be resolved? Only by converting Moslems to true Christianity.

Indeed, it is only through conversion of the whole world to true Christianity, that all of the world's problems can be resolved. This must include conversion of those who are Christian in name only, to true Christianity. But that conversion can only be accomplished by truly Christian methods and means, not through force and coercion, for force and coercion are the tools of the Devil.

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MORALITY MUST PREVAIL IN INTERROGATION AND TREATMENT OF ALL PRISONERS IN THE TERRORISM WAR And in all wars, e.g.: The War on Crime.

It may seem strange there should be a debate over treatment of terrorist captured by civilized people in the war on terrorism. But the debate exists, and at its root is the fact that the terrorist treat those they capture in a totally immoral manner. The terrorist behead their prisoners, not a quick beheading but a slow, torturing, beheading. A hacking off of the victim's head. They rape, maim, murder, and commit every atrocity they can imagine.

And they do not wear uniforms, so their status of combatant can not be determined; which means technically they fall outside of the protection of the Geneva Conventions.

However, nothing the terrorist do can negate God's Law, God's commands. And morality, which is unchanging and dictated by God, demands terrorist prisoners be treated in a moral manner. It demands the terrorist treat the prisoners they capture in a moral manner - something which they do not do. But just because they do not follow God's law does not excuse those who capture terrorist from treating the terrorist in accordance with God's commands.

So, no, the prisoners who are terrorist can not be harmed or tortured. Man made law requires they be allowed and assisted in practicing their religion; but morality - God's law - does not require they be allowed to practice their religion if it is Islam. In fact, God's law requires they not be assisted in practicing their religion if their religion is Islam because Islam is a false religion.

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