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Pope Francis I has opened his pontificate with an idolatrous act

I was most surprised to read the headlines in the "Belfast Telegraph", once known amongst Protestants as the "Belfast Bellylaugh", early this morning, Thursday, 14th March. It is a newspaper renowned of old for its support for all things ecumenical and popish. The headline read just as it appears in the web address that follows.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/pope-francis-i-has-opened-his-pontificate-with-a-visit-to-romes-main-basilica-dedicated-to-the-virgin-mary-29130108.html>

I mounted the link under the title of Pope Francis I has opened his pontificate with an idolatrous act (Not surprisingly, God did not answer Warren & Piper's prayers). It is likely the Editor of the BT had an apoplectic fit when he read the headline, and upon recovering, had it changed very quickly. If you click on the link above you get another headline altogether and a very different article. I have removed the link from our 'Latest News Section' for the simple reason that I have no desire to highlight the ecumenical propaganda of the revised article.

If you visit the Roman Catholic newspaper - "**Today's Catholic News**" at you will get the headline that is very similar to that which "The Belfast Telegraph" carried at the first. It is likely that the BT article was largely copied from the Roman Catholic newspaper.

However, the headline and article had to be changed to something which 'bigots' like me could not point to and say that Rome has not changed.

Rome proudly boasts that she never changes. At the same time she would simper that she undergoes reforms etc which "keep" her in obedience to God. Such a latter claim is for the consumption of the gullible evangelicals vying with each other to fawn before the pope, or as we used to say in Ulster, "slabber on the pope's slippers!" May God be pleased to restore such forthright bluntness amongst us again.

Rome is the same old idolatrous system it always was and always will be. It is as incapable of changing as is the devil. It promotes the worship of Mary as the Saviour. That is the spirit of antichrist at work and it is displayed right on the very first morning of the new pope's reign.

Abuse

The new pope is described as 'radical', a 'reformer' etc., etc. This is a public relations exercise directed mainly at the poor suffering people who are part of this dreadful system and who have been humiliated and mistreated by her priests and prelates for centuries. The victims of abuse were, until the recent revelations in this age of the internet and the world-wide platform it provides, kept under the impression that their individual torment was an isolated case about which they must not complain.

However, disclosure by one or two brought forth, like the bursting of a dam, a worldwide torrent of accusations and indictments which uncovered the vile and filthy heart of this evil system. Unbelievable corruptions and wickedness were disclosed in every country where Rome held sway. Indeed, the more Romanist a country was, the worse the crimes were.

Bluff

But Rome has not repented and come clean in the aftermath of the terrible scandals involving every rank from parish priest to cardinal. Rather, she has continued to prevaricate, bluff, cover up and deceive her people. The forcing of the Scottish Cardinal, Keith O'Brien, from office on the eve of the election of this new pope, amidst a storm of accusations of sexual impropriety serves to highlight this truth. Only the biggest fools will close their eyes to the stripping bare again by providence of the wretchedness of this foul institu-



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tion!
The new pope will bring no changes. Though as a Jesuit he may well prove more adept at papering over the cracks.

No, there will be no ending of Rome's wickedness until that event spoken of in Revelation 17:16-17. "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

Here is popery amalgamated with apostate Protestantism and all other false religions meeting her demise at the hands of the forces of the Antichrist, but a short time before the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the believer who mourns over the embracing of yet another pope with such enthusiasm and hope by the millions of his blinded followers, there is the certainty of the destruction of this system of deceit and falsehood.

The excitement of poor Romanists at the appearance of the white smoke should stir us to pray more earnestly for our neighbours who abide under the delusion that they belong to the true church and their loyalty to it assures them of eventual heaven after masses for the dead and purgatory have received their dues.

Gospel of Christ

How far removed from the truth of Christ's gospel it all is!

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Ephesians 2:4-10, KJV.

Here is heaven assured to those who simply believe, who rest entirely upon Christ and what He accomplished at Calvary. Not of works, simply by grace through faith in the Saviour's blood.

That is a message to enthusiastically rejoice in!

Ivan Foster.

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