

Review: Jack Chick, *Smokescreens: Understanding the dangers of today's call for Christian unity*, Ontario, California (CA), CHICK Publications, 1983

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Be Not Ignorant of Satan's Devices

The stated goal of this work is to wake Christians up regarding the history of Roman Catholicism and its ongoing schemes to bring all religions under the Pope.

The following smokescreens are claimed to have issued out of Rome:

*During the mass, priests turn a wafer and alcoholic wine into Jesus' real body and blood (see Council of Trent, 1551, Session 13, Canons 1-8).

*Suppression of Church history in modern education (e.g. the St. Bartholomew Massacre of 1572, and Irish Massacre of Protestants, 1641).

*WWII Inquisition, delegated to sons of the Catholic faith Mussolini, Hitler and Franco. Proof in its purest form is found in Yugoslavia under Ante Pavelic and Aloysius Stepinac with 500,000 Eastern Orthodox murders (cf. Yad Vashem).

*Revelation 17 and seven prophetic fulfilments by Rome.

*Another gospel and the rise of a super (mega) church (really just Rome swallowing the others).

*Suppression of 'anti-Catholic' material post-WWII, image re-branding and Vatican II's attitudinal change towards 'separated brethren' (cf. Paul VI, Unitatis Redintegratio).

*Christian TV and the de-emphasis on scripture. The casting of priests and nuns alongside Christians in shows, promoting confusion.

*Billy Graham, 'pied piper' to evangelicals who was 'puffed' and managed by Catholic media.

*Truth distorters like (libellous) Louis Adamic who convinced President Roosevelt for a time the Inquisition in Croatia was not happening. Also Dr. Walter Martin in 'Kingdom of the Cults' failing to include Rome.

*The Vatican is poor, and not one of the richest organisation on earth.

*A well-matured plan exists to take power in the U.S. politically, economically, military and religiously.

The reader will likely be drawn to further profitable research in evaluating whether all these things be true. Charles Chiniquy's '50 Years in the Church of Rome' for example contains the following words of Abraham Lincoln, murdered in a Jesuit plot (cf. Paul Serup, 'Who Killed Abraham Lincoln?'):

“This [American Civil] war would never have been possible without the sinister influence of the Jesuits. We owe it to popery that we now see our land reddened with the blood of her noblest sons.”

And:

“no liberty of conscience can be granted to men who are sworn to obey a Pope, who pretend to have the right to put to death those who differ from him in religion.”

Photo's effectively support each chapter, particularly the Orthodox massacre in WWII Croatia, and Graham's liaisons with Rome.

The author is heartfelt in giving his testimony for shining light onto the Great Whore. A poignant observation is made (regarding the ALBERTO series): why the fuss over comic books yet silence over pornographic and other evil material spread across society? Why did Jack Chick's company only come under attack after beginning to expose the Whore of Babylon?

As Rome's nature never changes the reader will still find this book right up to date.c

I) The Wafer God (pp. 7-11)

The heart of Roman Catholicism is the Eucharist, the consecrated 'host' ready to be offered up for sacrifice.

According to the Council of Trent, if any man say the only begotten Son in body, blood, soul and divinity is not present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist, or that it is not to be set before the people and adored he is to be accursed.

Pope John XXIII re-affirmed the above doctrine at Vatican II with the following: "I do accept entirely all that has been decided at the Council of Trent."

II) The Hand of Rome (pp. 13-18)

The pitiful state of Protestantism today is due partly to historical revisionism by Rome – after only two generations knowledge is lost. Most Christians are blissfully ignorant of the heritage of the faith, e.g. the Reformation.

This ignorance extends to the Inquisition, which is still alive and well. The driving force behind it is the Pope's claim to temporal power – over persons, their property and religion.

Two historic examples are given for illustration on what an Inquisition is:

(i) The St. Bartholomew massacre of August 24, 1572. The King of France arranged a marriage between his sister and Protestant Henry of Navarre. After four days of feasting the signal was given to begin the bloodbath. Admiral Coligny of the Protestant army's head was sent to the pope as a trophy.

(ii) The Irish Massacre of Protestants of October 23, 1641¹. Part of a larger Irish rebellion to expel English from Ireland, a bloodbath ensued as up to 40,000 defenceless people were murdered in cruel and unusual ways.

An astute observation is made, that right before each of these massacres a false sense of security was induced, precisely so Protestants would drop their guard.

III) A 20th Century Inquisition (pp. 19-32)

Hitler's war machine in WWII was financed by the Vatican. The Catholic axis of Mussolini, Hitler and Franco. The outcome was to be a millennial reign under the pope. Evidence of Vatican influence comes from Franco's press release on 3 May, 1945 after Hitler's death:

“Adolf Hitler, son of the Catholic Church, died while defending Christianity...Over his mortal remains stands his victorious moral figure. With the palm of the martyr God gives Hitler the laurels of victory.” (!)

This chapter includes many important quotes:

“I learned much from the Order of the Jesuits. Until now, there has never been anything more grandiose, on the earth, than the hierarchical organization of the Catholic church, I transferred much of this organisation into my own party.” (Hitler)

“The S.S. organisation had been constituted by Himmler according to the principles of the Jesuit Order...Himmler's title as supreme chief of the S.S. was to be the equivalent of the Jesuit's 'General' and the whole structure was a close imitation of the Catholic Church's hierarchical order.” (Walter Schellenberg, former chief of Nazi counter espionage)

“The Third Reich is the first world power which not only acknowledges, but also puts in practice the high principals of the Papacy.” (Papal Chamberlain and Nazi Franz Von Papen)

A photo of the 1933 *Reichskonkordat* signing is on p. 21 with power figures at that time and the future: Cardinal Pacelli (future Pope Pius XII), Vatican prelate Martini (future Pope Pal VI).

On p. 22 there are Reich Bishop Muller and Abbot Schachleiter in priestly garb heartily shaking with Hitler.

From Adolf Hitler (p. 23) [re: Protestant churches], "I will protect the rights and freedoms of the churches and not let them be touched." It seems Hitler was less antagonistic to Christians than Rome.

The claim is made Rome created Communism to destroy her despised enemy, Eastern Orthodoxy (as fortified by Russia). Seeing this failed due to a betrayal of those *agenturs*, Fascism was raised up to try again. A picture of one Franciscan Stane Kukavica is side by side one in uniform as an ustasi.

The Inquisition of Rome is seen in Croatia: Orthodox buildings burnt down, Church documents destroyed and for the people conversion, death or expulsion.

Incriminating photos of Ante Pavelic on pp. 26-27 have him surrounded by Catholic clergy (April 1942), and by bishops and archbishops. Also with Croatian nuns after they were decorated by him for 'heroic deeds'. The Catholic nature of the regime is evidenced by a photo of nuns marching as a unit amongst ustasi soldiers.

Tellingly, massacres mostly took place in rural districts (away from witnesses). Forks, spades, hammers and saws were used to torture victims. Skin and beards were torn off, eyes blinded by knife or simply ripped out.

A photo of an ustasi with a severed Orthodox priest's head, and one mentioned of a soldier with a necklace of torn-out tongues and cut-out eyes.

Most horrific, between villages of Vlasenica and Kladanj Nazis discovered children *impaled* on stakes. Catholic priests preached infanticide-Ivan Raguz:

"not even the seeds of the beasts are left." (in reference to Serbian children)

Catholic priest Juric: "today it is no longer a sin to kill a child of seven."

The most evil account is of Catholic Crusader and law student Peter

Brzica. On August 29, 1942 he was awarded a gold watch, silver service, suckling pig and wine for cutting the throats of 1,360 victims at Jasenovac concentration camp. At this camp, 12,000 Orthodox children were murdered.

The most satanic is the feeding of starved Serbian children with *their father's roasted flesh*.

“Rome in minority is gentle as a lamb, in equality clever as a fox, in majority fierce as a tiger.” (unknown)

IV) The Whore of Revelation (pp. 33-38)

Seven similarities between the Great Whore of Revelation 17 and Rome are laid open:

- *Sits on many waters-->is over a multitude of peoples.
- *Kings committing fornication-->most kings in history (starting with Pope Constantine the Great) have had political, religious or economic ties to the Vatican.
- *Arrayed in purple and scarlet-->these are the colours of the bishops and cardinals especially.
- *Decked with gold and precious stones-->the Vatican is charged with being the richest organisation on earth.
- *On her forehead MYSTERY-->Catholicism's roots can be traced back to Babylonian customs (i.e. Semiramis and Tammuz).
- *Mother of Harlots-->Catholicism birthed Islam, Nazism, Communism and even Voodoo.
- *Drunk with the blood of the saints-->over 68 millions are claimed to have been murdered by the Great Whore.

V) Another Gospel (pp. 39-44)

The Catholic Charismatic movement of praying the Rosary in tongues and growing in deeper relationship with Mary should raise red flags over the ecumenical movement. Rex Humbard, famous evangelist said of his meeting with Pope John Paul II, “...those were milestone moments in my...spiritual life.”

Rome, though the smallest nation can overcome others by *intoxicating* them. The confused and disoriented are easily conquerable. Deceit is similarly used-Christians now believe Rome is merely a backslidden Church.

Jack Chick with his allegations has been charged with causing division within the Body of Christ.

Prophetically, the rise of the Superchurch is foretold, however this is simply the Roman Catholic Church!

VI) Cover Up (pp. 45-48)

After WWII Rome really had to create a smokescreen to divert attention. Pope Pius XII saw the writing on the wall with the Nazi defeat and immediately jumped sides. Ubiquitous books identifying the Whore's actions had to be stopped, Christian publishers intimidated, etc. Vatican II was called to redefine Protestants as now only 'separated brethren'. A common enemy was also needed-enter Communism.

Psychologically, Hollywood has even be involved in endearing Catholicism (e.g. Father Mulcahy in MASH) to the masses and portraying Christians in a negative light.

VII) Show Biz (pp. 49-52)

Christian television (TBN with Paul and Jan Crouch, Jim Baker on PTL, Pat Robertson on the 700 club, etc.) are effective tools for Rome to manipulate the ecumenical movement. Every show has priests and nuns.

In many ways Christian television has replaced Bible reading.²

Again, prophetically the above ministries will be picked off one by one (the Baphomet 'solve' and 'coagula' principles).

VIII) The Fallen Idol (pp. 53-58)

Billy Graham is undoubtedly the star of modern-day evangelism. The claim is made Rome needed a 'pied piper' after WWII to bring evangelicals

into the fold, but one that would never attack the Vatican.

Serious incriminating evidences implicating him with Rome are given:

*Roman Catholic Knight of Malta William Randolph Hearst used his newspaper to 'puff' Graham.³

*Most tellingly, Graham has never come under fire from the media and is generally praised by men. Jesus Christ however was hated and crucified for His preaching.

*A letter from Roman Catholic Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina is reproduced, in which Rev. Cuthbert E. Allen describes Graham's preaching as "a moral and evangelical theology most acceptable to Catholics."

*Graham was awarded an honorary doctor's degree from Belmont in 1967. He amazingly stated: "[the] Gospel that founded this college is the same gospel which I preach today."

*The Catholic Herald of 3/6/1966 quotes Graham as being a friend of the Jesuits.

*Graham said he was not 'worthy to touch the shoe laces of St. Francis of Assisi'.⁴

*In 11/10/1979 on the Phil Donahue show⁵, Graham said of Pope John Paul II the U.S. was looking for a spiritual leader (which the pope was).

*After a crusade in Mexico, Graham told those who received Christ to go back to their Roman Catholic churches.

*Alberto Rivera claimed the Vatican was using Graham from 1950 when word came to the Jesuits in Central and South America to fill the stadiums with Roman Catholics whenever he spoke.

*Pope John Paul II and Graham had a two-hour meeting on 13/1/1981.

*After the New England Crusade, thousands that came forward have been

integrated into the Catholic Church. After one meeting at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, 9/6/1982, list of 2100 inquirers were given to priests and nuns!

*In *The Star*, 26/6/1979, Graham hailed Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage to Poland as a triumph for Christianity.

*Graham sought advice from the Vatican before his trip to Russia. He was silent about persecution, even stating the country had religious freedom.

IX) Betrayed (pp. 61-68)

It is claimed when a Catholic plot is exposed, Rome calls in truth distorters. This happened during the massacre in Yugoslavia, where reports were labeled anti-Catholic and bigoted. One Louis Adamic who worked to convince President Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor it was propaganda.

Adamic charged all reports as propaganda, the Chetnik messenger Dr. Sekulitch as being a Nazi Agent, and when forced to acknowledge the murders said the number was tens of thousands *only*, rather than the conservative 180,000 already reported.⁶

Today, the Jesuits employ a new tactic of setting up religious cult experts who attack all except Rome (which can only be seen as merely an apostate church).

Dr. Walter Martin (1928-1989), founder of the Christian Research Institute (CRI) and 'father of Christian cult apologetics' was such a man. In his work *Kingdom of the Cults*, Rome is conspicuously absent.⁷ He fits well as Jesuit-controlled opposition.

The classic example is with the Alberto series where CRI's research assistant Brian Onken, and Gary Metz in *Christianity Today* were pushed globally in defaming Alberto's character *before* material even reached respective markets.

On 2/2/1982, Trinity Broadcasting Network, Walter Martin was described by ecumenist Harold Bredeson as defending Roman Catholic Charismatics as brothers and sisters in Christ.

X) The Richest Man on Earth? (pp. 71-73)

The Vatican Billions is referenced as to Rome's massive wealth (figures are USD as at 1973):

*Deposits with the Rothschilds, Hambros Bank, Credit Suisse, Morgan Bank, Chase-Manhattan Bank, First National Bank of New York, the Banker's Trust Company.

*Equity investments in Gulf Oil, Shell, General Motors, Bethlehem Steel, General Electric, International Business Machines. These are conservatively estimated at \$500m.

*The Boston archdiocese listed its assets at \$636m and there are ~150 diocese in the U.S.

*The Catholic Church must be the biggest corporation in the U.S.

In summary, the Catholic church is the biggest financial power, wealth accumulator and property owner in existence. The pope then as the visible ruler becomes the richest individual on earth.

Ironically, the Vatican doesn't even meet anti-money laundering standards!

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XI) Blueprint For Catholic America (pp. 71-90)

According to Rivera, Rome's plan was built in stages:

*Jesuit infiltration went back to the second group of pilgrims.

*The Pilgrims were escaping from Rome's Inquisition and therefore created laws to keep out Jesuits, and also ban the mass. Despite this, immigrants posing as Protestants from England, Ireland and France still arrived.

*Control of the scholastic system was next, replacing the Bible with Ignatius Loyola's psychology found in the *Spiritual Exercises*.

*Control of the courts and legislature was next so the Constitution could eventually be changed.

*Control of political parties, then the military and media.

*De-industrialisation of America via extreme (Jesuit-controlled) union demands.

The above was information Rivera received under Cardinal Augustin Bea (1881-1968), General Pedro Arrupe (1907-1991), and General Jean Baptiste Janssens (1889-1964).

While the overall situation is described as bleak, Chick's ministry has had an impact on Rome and caused a dilemma of detection amongst the masses. This means a time extension is available to the Church to preach the true gospel and call Catholic's into the truth.

On the military front, de-militarisation spearheaded by gun control is a key policy to weaken America. One-sided (U.S.) nuclear-disarmament is also critical. In U.S. News & World Report, 8/11/1982, a five-man Committee of U.S. Catholic Bishops on War and Peace denounced the country's policy as immoral, viz.:

*First use is unjustifiable.

*Targeting of civilian areas (e.g. Russian cities) is wrong, as is firing even if U.S. cities are struck first.

This pacifist stance comes out of Vatican II and Pope Paul's encyclical *Gaudium et Spes* ('Joy and Hope').⁹

The Roman Catholic Knights of Columbus are mentioned. This order was created on 2/10/1881 by Irish priest Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. Based on a 1957 LIFE edition devoted to the Knights the “right lay-arm” of Rome in America numbered one million. As at 2013 membership is 1.8M.¹⁰

Historical precedent is given for conspiracy assigned to the Knights of

Malta, the American Civil War of 1861. Abraham Lincoln as quoted in Charles Chiniquy's *50 Years in the Church of Rome*:

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As to the spiritual condition of California, after sending *The Godfathers* to 100 local pastors, CHICK Publications received *zero* responses.

A testimonial from W. K. Linden concludes who states in 1956 steel cages were still hanging in the steeples of the Munster cathedral. Ana-baptists were starved to death in them until birds ate their flesh.

¹The book states this is the feast day of 'St.' Ignatius Loyola (it is actually July 31st). His birthday is conjectured to be 23rd October.

²Cf. II Tm 4.3

³Cf.

<http://moversandshakersofthefather.blogspot.com.au/2008/08/william-randolph-hearst.html>, 1.2.14. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has recently awarded Wheeling 4 University USD75,000 to fund health science scholarships. http://www.wju.edu/about/adm_news_story.asp?iNewsID=4063&strBack=/Default.asp, 1.2.14

⁴The 13th century Roman Catholic saint known for his works-based salvation doctrine and strange behaviour towards animals.

⁵Transcript #10119.

⁶Cf. <http://www.reformation.org/holoc9.html>, 1.2.14

⁷The Contents page of this book is printed on p. 65-no mention of Rome.

⁸Cf. <http://www.investopedia.com/articles/investing/030613/secret-finances-vatican-economy.asp>, 1.2.14

⁹Thirty two years later Rome's policy is still the same. Cf.

http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents

[/vat-ii_cons_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html](#), §80, accessed 2.2.14.

Paul VI states, “Any act of war that indiscriminately destroys entire cities is a crime against God and man.” In reply see Jesus in Mt. 22.1-7.

¹⁰Cf. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knights_of_Columbus, accessed 2.2.14.

This equates to a compound annual growth rate of ~14% p.a. since foundation, ~29% since 1957.