

Renunciation of Apostasy

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The following came to my attention.

1. Already even before the meeting in Jerusalem May 25, 2014, the Ecumenical Patriarchate website [[http:// www. apostolicpilgrimage.org/](http://www.apostolicpilgrimage.org/)] posted picture of “brotherly embrace” of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Roman Catholic Pope Francis with the images of brotherly embrace of their predecessors and icon of St. Peter and St. Andrew the Apostles of Lord God Jesus Christ as the background.

2. In his “Statement on the Meeting in Jerusalem with Pope Francis,” Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew writes: “With expectant joy and an abiding sense of fraternity, we look forward... to our commemorative encounter with our beloved brother in Christ, His Holiness Pope Francis” [1].

3. According to Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the meeting between Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras “was a joyful occasion that swept aside centuries of division.” Consequently, the meeting of their successors (Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Roman Pope Francis) “is expected to be a strong symbolic confirmation” of the previous commitment.

In a Joint Statement, Archbishop Demetrios and Catholic Archbishop Kurtz postulate that the 1964 meeting between Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras “born good fruit.” In particular,

a/ 1054 mutual excommunications are erased from the memory of the Churches

b/ national theological dialogue set up in 1965 “has issued thirty agreed statements over the years”

c/ “joy that our Churches have increasingly been able to speak with one voice on the pressing issues that our society faces today.”

The authors of Joint Statement ask their people “to pray for the success of the upcoming meeting between Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Jerusalem for the glory of God and the promotion of Christianity in our wounded world” [source: [GOA-NEWS] Joint Statement of Archbishop Demetrios and Catholic Archbishop Kurtz, and goarch mailing: archbishop demetrios, catholic archbishop kurtz celebrate growing closeness between orthodox and catholics ahead of ecumenical patriarch bartolomew, pope francis meeting in jerusalem] [2].

4. “A Joint Letter on the Meeting of Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Jerusalem” by Metropolitan Methodios of Boston and Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley [3] proclaims that “As Popes and Patriarchs have affirmed, we have come to see ourselves as ‘sister churches’ who are responsible together for affirming the faith of the Apostles.”

5. The special website is set: Apostolic Pilgrimage to Jerusalem [[www. ApostolicPilgrimage. org](http://www.ApostolicPilgrimage.org)], at which the travel of “spiritual leaders” of Catholics and Christians is named “apostolic,” and which offers answer for the question “Who were the Apostles Peter and Andrew and what relationship do they have with Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew?”

6. According to information in [4] ecumenical patriarch is named as a “spiritual leader of 250 million Orthodox Christians”; in [5] the number is higher: he is “a spiritual leader of over 300 million Orthodox faithful worldwide.”

Therefore, the referred above announcements of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and its Boston subdivision portray the papal church as the *Christian* “sister” church with the apostolic legacy, which is capable of affirming the apostolic faith and is expected to promote Christianity. Then, 250 or 300 million Orthodox Christians led by the “spiritual leader” of Ecumenical Patriarchate are expected (as the Bostonians already did) to erase the memory of previous discord and confrontation with papal “sister” church. The heresies, past atrocities, and crimes against humanity as well as the current disgrace of world-wide scandal with abuse of children are not even mentioned – evidently, they already are cast into the oblivion. The faithful are expected to work together with papal subjects in promoting Christianity worldwide under two embracing each other “brothers in Christ” – spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians and Roman pope (the Prefect of the Inquisition), who both are recognized as the spiritual successors of the Apostles of Lord Jesus Christ – St. Peter (pope) and St. Andrew (patriarch).

In my deep conviction, every human being has the inalienable right of freedom, including freedom of religion and freedom of expression. I respect the decision of any human being whoever he/she is to choose his/her own religion and to accept as brother/sister whoever he/she finds worthy.

However, respect to the freedom of the others does not mean giving up own freedom and accepting others’ opinions as the very own conviction.

The Christians have criteria of evaluation and commandments given by the Word-God: to judge by the fruits (deeds), to embody the words of God into building of own life, and to love the others as God loves {Matthew 7:15–27; 24:4–12; Luke 6:43–49; John 13:34–35; 14; 15; 16; 17}. The faith is shown by the deeds {in: Matthew 7:21–23; James 2:18, 26}.

Therefore, my opinion based on my Christian faith:

1. Catholicism is not Christianity: the official doctrine of the papal church of Rome is Aristotle–Aquinas’ political theology founded on heathen philosophy, which is rooted in the Orphic doctrine that sustains numerous cults of arch-enemy in image of “absolute divine animal” – arch-serpent/dragon; the papal faith is not compatible with Christianity, as the entire history of papal establishment confirms

2. anyone who accepts Catholicism as Christianity and papal clergy as “brothers in Christ” inevitably has to accept responsibility for the deeds of the papal establishment, which include

– the Crusades

– destruction of Constantinople and establishment of papal empire (short-lived) at the ruins of Christian temples

– atrocities committed and terror unleashed by the Inquisition

– anti-Semitism

– centuries of religious persecutions, forceful conversion, burning people alive at the stakes for rejection of submission to the pope and “heresy,” which often – as it is, for instance, in the case of Bohemian priest Jan Hus – was literal following Christian teachings and consequent rejection of papal heresy, refusal to recognize the pope as the deified representative of God at the earth and as mediator between God and man, refusal to accept deprivation of the laity from the communion according to tradition established by Lord Jesus Christ, condemnation of corruption of the papal officials, and disagreement with fantasies of papal theologians and diviners

– political assassinations, cooperation with Fascism and Nazism, corruption

– abuse and mistreatment of children by papal clergy, esp. such disgrace as Magdalene laundries run by the Catholic nuns who were supposed to be embodiment of love to the underprivileged and sinners, torture and other cruel or degrading treatment and punishment of children (as it is stated in the UN Report), and world-wide net of “priests”-pedophiles

– financial and other scandals

– other shameful deeds

3. assertion of closeness of Christianity to Catholicism is similar to conversion into the papal faith, therefore, to apostasy: the *Filioque* included in papal creed, deification of the pope who asserts submission to him as the mandatory condition for salvation by God, forgiveness of sins that can be bought with money paid to papal clergy are not compatible with the Christian teachings

4. assertion of closeness of Christianity to Catholicism means acceptance of all “fruits” – heresies – brought forth by the papal theologians, especially by Thomas Aquinas (the main papal one) who justified execution of heretics, asserted that the papal church cannot imitate the mercy of God, and named God as the source of evil

5. it is crime against God: coming to agreement with the Ignatius of Loyola’s training of Catholic clergy, and especially Jesuits (including the current Roman pope), in blasphemies against Lord Jesus Christ and silencing own conscience, so the vice becomes the virtue, and black becomes white, if the pope and members of papal hierarchy – “superiors” wish so

6. the history of the papal establishment and the deeds of the papacy and papal subjects must not be cast into oblivion and erased from the memory of any Christian, because behind each of them are suffering, disgrace, or even agonizing death of human beings who were born to live according to blessings, love, and mercy of God, yet, were insulted, humiliated, tortured, killed by the beasts who covered their crimes with the name of Lord Jesus Christ

7. for a Christian, “brotherly embrace” with the Roman pope compared with embrace of the Apostles of Lord Jesus Christ, recognition of the Roman pope – Prefect of the Inquisition as the “brother in Christ,” and bestowing name of Christian church onto the papal establishment indicate acceptance of papal faith and permissibility of crimes committed by the papal subjects; they reveal loss of an ability to distinguish between the good and the evil, between the Christian teachings and heresy: it means conversion into papal faith – that is apostasy.

From my childhood, I was taught to follow teachings of my Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ: He is my Teacher, Leader, and Overseer of my soul, my Peace and Life and Light {*Matthew 23:8–10; John 14; 15; 16; 17; 1 Peter 2:24–25*} – only He, even if all “spiritual leaders of Orthodox Christians” and churches in the entire world accept Catholicism as Christianity, embrace papal subjects as “brothers,” and recognize Roman pope/prefect of the Inquisition as a successor of the Apostle of Christ, as “spiritual leader,” “universal shepherd,” the earthly deity/idol, whatever.

Therefore, as a Christian,

1. I renounce the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the churches, which accept authority of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who asserts himself as a “spiritual leader” of 250 or 300 million of the Orthodox Christians and “fervent suppliant for all,” yet who, in his “brotherly unity” with the Roman pope/prefect of the Inquisition, will lead these 250 or 300 million souls into the pit of apostasy and consequent ultimate ruin

2. I do not recognize such “spiritual leaders” as Christians and their establishments as Christian churches

3. I have no part in their apostasy.

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Additional Notes to original text of 2014:

1. When, in my works, I refer to **the Christians**, I refer to the small group of the ones who know and worship the Triune God, the only One True God, and who live, or at least attempt to live, by His commandments/law – by love and mercy to the others. Presently, some of them are identified as the Orthodox Christians: they have accepted the original Christian Teachings given by the Word–God – Lord God Jesus Christ, and they keep the traditions established by the Apostles of Lord God Jesus Christ.

Hence, the Christians are the ones who

– **accept** The Ten Commandments and commandments of Lord Jesus Christ as the law of God the Creator {*Matthew 5:17–20, 21–48; 6; 7; 19:16–26; 22:36–40; Mark 12:29–34; Luke 10:27–37; John 13:34–35; 15:12, 17; Exodus 20:1–17*}

– **believe** in Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Word–God Who gives knowledge that is the everlasting life {*John 3:16–21, 31–36; 6:28–58, 63–69; 11:25–26; 17:3, 6–26*}

– **live** by the words–commandments–law of God and accept the Word–God and His words as the Absolute Truth {*John 14; 15; 16; 17*}

– **worship** the Triune God, the only One True God in Spirit and Truth {*John 4:23–24; 10:30; 12:44–50; 14:6–28; 15; 16; 17*}

– **love** Lord Jesus Christ and accomplish the will of God by observing His commandments–words–law and embodying them into own daily life {*Matthew 7:21–23; John 14:15–17, 23–24*}

- **confess** the Christian faith according to *The Nicean Creed*, which defines the essence of the monotheist Christian religion. *The Nicean Creed* was composed in 325, by The First Ecumenical Council of Nicea:

The Nicean Creed

**“I believe in one God, the Father, Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages.
 Light of light, true God of true God, begotten not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven and was incarnated by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.
 Crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and He suffered and was buried, and on the third day He rose according to the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end.
 And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father,
 Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.
 In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
 I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
 I expect the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the age to come, Amen.”**

The Christians should not be mistakenly identified as and unified with **the Catholics**, and the Catholics, who also verbally identify themselves as the followers of Christ and claim to propagate the Gospels, should not be identified as and unified with the Christians {*Matthew 7:21–23*}:

- the Christians live by the words—commandments—law of God and accept the words of God as the Absolute Truth
- Catholics contradict the words of God; they live by the laws of their – papal – establishment, in which the “priests who are in mortal sin” discharge their duties “by the power of the Holy Spirit” [[see **Note 279** and **The Fruits** – in **Selections_ & Reprints**]], the mortal man – pope has the place of God at the earth, and which – according to Thomas Aquinas, the main papal theologian – cannot imitate the mercy of God.

The Catholics are the subjects of the deified leaders/popes who asserted themselves as the “substitute of God at the earth” and as the “head” of their church. The Catholics accepted **the Filioque**. Their church – the papal church of Rome, or the quasi–religious establishment – the papal state: the Vatican – has accepted Aristotle–Aquinas political theology as its the official doctrine and operates upon the doctrine of unreserved obedience to the pope, whom they keep as the main condition of salvation and whom they accept as unavoidable supplement to the Holy Spirit.

The current pope propagates new universal religion, pursues globalization agenda, asserts similarity between Christianity and Islam, and “Defends Communist Liberation Theology” [[see **References** in **Note 363** to **Selections_ & Reprints**]].

Some generators of statistics assert that those who identify themselves as the Orthodox Christians compose less than 3% of the world population.

2. For the Christians, apostasy is the greatest crime that a human being can commit against God, against himself, and against those who are under his control and influence: apostasy is disloyalty to God, enmity to God, rejection of God, and such rejection results in forfeiting the eternal life in the presence of God. Moreover, an apostate might destroy the entire establishment or system that tolerates his existence and his destructive influence onto the others: apostasy initiates collapse leading to the total ruin.

If the one wishes to remain loyal to God, to preserve purity of the faith, to be safe from the sin of violation of the First – Third Commandments {*Exodus 20:1–6; Matthew 22:36–38*}, and to maintain spiritual health — the only option is rejection of apostasy, separation from the apostate, and rejection of the establishment that recognizes the apostate as the leader and accepts him as a member.

Concerning ecumenism and apostasy, see the following

1) analysis of the Aristotle–Aquinas’ political theology, which is the official doctrine of the papal church of Rome and the foundation of the papal establishment, in archive files @ **Sundays’ Thoughts** – Folder **Heathen Philosophy** and Folder **Political Theology** [[<http://alicealexandrasofia.net>]]

2) analysis of ecumenism in **Ecumenism**

3) analysis of apostasy, historical examples of apostasy, and its consequences in **Apostasy** with **Supplements**

Concerning incompatibility of Christianity and Catholicism

The papal establishment – papal church of Rome/Vatican – is incompatible with the Christian Church for the following reasons:

1. In 1014, in violation of the decisions of the Ecumenical Councils (431–870), which established **The Nicean Creed** as the unchangeable dogma of the Christian Church, the Roman pope Benedict VII included the Augustine’s addition that the Holy Spirit proceeds “and from the Son” (“Filioque,” which is the heresy directed against God the Father) in *The Creed of the Roman Catholic Church*, alienating the papal church from the Christendom [[the Great Schism]], because of papal acceptance of the heresy incompatible with the Christian faith.

Manichaeen–based imagination of Augustine of Hippo invented **the Filioque**: in direct contradiction to the words of Lord Jesus Christ Who promised to send “from the Father... the Spirit of truth Who proceeds from the Father” {*John 15:26*; also in: *John 14:26; 16:7, 13–15*}, Augustine of Hippo (354–430) asserted that the Holy Spirit “proceedeth also from the Son... even as He proceedeth from the Father... He proceedeth at the same time from both” [Augustine *Homilies on the Gospel of St. John* XCIX.6–9, 383–384].

With such “correction” of the words of the Word–God, the Manichaeen–based imagination of Augustine introduces the multi–deity arrangement, which is incompatible with the monotheistic theology – the Christianity, and which contradicts to **The Nicean Creed** – the Confession of the Christian Faith.

The Creed or *The Nicean Creed* was composed in 325, by The First Ecumenical Council of Nicea. According to decision of the Council in Chalcedon (in 451), *The Nicean Creed* is acknowledged as sufficient for “a perfect understanding and establishment of religion.” The Councils stated that the teachings about the Holy Trinity is complete because “the Fathers of Church” made the clarification about the Holy Spirit with the Scriptures; therefore, *The Creed* must “remain inviolate.”

Hence,

1/ Council of Ephesus (431), Chalcedon (451) and the Fourth Council of Constantinople (the Eighth Ecumenical Council; 869–870) established *The Nicean Creed* as the main universal and constant symbol–Confession of the Christian Faith and condemned as the heretics those who compose, promulgate, teach another creed, or make either any addition to or any subtraction from *The Nicean Creed*

2/ the Second Council of Nicea (787) ordered that for those with the “priestly dignity” the regulations of the sacred canons of the Ecumenical Synods (that is Ecumenical Councils) must “remain unshakeable and immoveable,” because they are enlightened by the Spirit of God [*Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils*, 24, 65, 83, 84, 87, and further].

Therefore, *The Nicean Creed* was accepted by the ancient Christian Church as the permanent unchangeable confession of the Christian Faith, which cannot be altered until the Christian Church exists: *The Nicean Creed* cannot be changed – not by Church’s authority, nor by any cleric, nor by any layman, nor by anyone who identifies himself as a Christian.

For an attempt to compose, write, or produce another creed – that is for any change, addition, or discarding any word of *The Nicean Creed*, bishops and clerics should be deposed and monks and laymen should be anathematized [“anathematized” means excluded from the Christian church and from community of the Christians]; they are heretics – the ones who do not confess the true essence of the Christian Faith and who, therefore, are not Christians.

Consequently, according to the decisions of the Ecumenical Councils, which have established the foundation of the Christian Church as the universal unchangeable system within the world of men,

a) Augustine of Hippo, who invented the *Filioque* that modified *The Creed*, is a heretic

b) the action of the Roman pope Benedict VII who, in 1014, accepted *the Filioque* as the foundation of his establishment, made the Great Schism irreconcilable

**1/ until the Christian Church professes *The Nicean Creed* as the essence of the Christian Faith
and**

2/ until the Roman papal church holds its own creed with the *Filioque* as the symbol of the papal faith

c) the papal church of Rome, which accepted Augustine’s *Filioque* in 1014 and authorized it as ‘*The Creed of the Roman Catholic Church*’ (by the Fourth Lateran Council) in 1215, is not the Christian Church.

Acceptance of *the Filioque* as modification of *The Nicean Creed* by the papal church triggered the **Great Schism**. The Great Schism marked the beginning of separate existence of two irreconcilable theological systems:

1/ Christianity – the original teachings of Lord God Jesus Christ preserved and professed by the Catholic Apostolic (Orthodox) Church (Eastern/Greek Orthodox Churches)

2/ the Roman Catholicism (or Catholicism) professed by the papal Church of Rome, which accepted Aristotle–Aquinas’ political theology as the official doctrine (foundation of Catholicism), canonized Thomas Aquinas, and elevated him at the rank of the main theologian.

In other terms, the one could say that these two churches — the Christian Church and the papal church of Rome — are irreconcilable, because they are different systems founded on different definitions of their main – absolute for them – truth: each system that changes definition of its original absolute truth upon which it was created/established (in other terms, commits apostasy toward the original truth) becomes another system inconsistent with its original version.

Indeed, as the history of the papal church illustrates, the deeds of the papacy and the papal subjects after acceptance of the *Filioque* and after the Great Schism [e.g., deification of the pope, the Crusades (including the Crusade of 1204, during which Constantinople was destroyed, the Christians were massacred, and the Christian temples were desecrated and plundered), the Inquisition, religious persecution, forceful conversion and plunder of the Jews, torture, imprisonment, and death penalty (burning @ the stakes) for the heretics, religious wars, incessant struggle for the world–wide domination, involvement into secular (political) affairs even up to political assassinations (France) and attempts to overthrow the secular leaders/kings (England), cooperation with Fascism and Nazism, etc.] violate the law of God and are not compatible with the Christian teachings granted by Lord God Jesus Christ.

Ultimately, Catholicism developed into another religion – Aristotle–Aquinas’ political theology, that is the derivative of the heathen philosophy irreconcilable with Christianity, and, for the Orthodox Christians, the papal church of Rome ceased to be the Christian Church.

(Concerning Manichaeism, see **Note 1 to *Works of Augustine of Hippo***)

2. it has as its official doctrine Aristotle–Aquinas political theology [referred as “neo–Aristotelian system” [Holmes 7] or as “Christian Aristotelianism” [McKeon 149]] founded on the heathen philosophy – doctrines of Aristotle – derived from the Orphic doctrine [see **Notes 22, 41, 82, and 211 to *Selections_&_Reprints, Doctrine of Thomas Aquinas, and Doctrine of Aristotle* – in *The Heathen Philosophy: Overview***]

3. it operates upon the papal laws that the papacy adopted from the heathen Roman Empire. These laws treat heresy as treason punishable with death penalty, demand mandatory execution of the relapsed heretics, confiscation of property from heretics and non–Catholics, etc. These papal laws alone confirm that the papal Church of Rome is not the Christian Church

4. it has disregarded the most holy tradition of the Christians of the Holy Communion with the bread and fruit of the vine as it was established by Lord Jesus Christ Himself {*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:17–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26*} and revived the Manichean heresy depriving the Catholic laity of the Christian Chalice of Salvation [the communion in one element (by bread only) is the practice of the Manicheans: in imitation of the ancient rite of the Zoroastrians, the Manicheans replaced the Eucharist with breaking of bread; concerning Mani and his doctrine, see **Note 1 to *Works of Augustine of Hippo***]

5. it unleashed the unspeakable evil of the Crusades in the Middle East and Europe, including

1/ the Crusade during which the Christian Byzantium was destroyed, Christians temples desecrated and plundered, Christians of Constantinople robbed, raped, and killed

2/ the Crusade against the Christians of Bohemia who after treacherous execution of Jun Hus the priest rebelled against the papal heresy and demanded the Chalice of Holy Communion for all [see **Heresy and Priest** – *reprints* in **Note 4 to *Selections_&_Reprints***]

6. it established the Inquisition, which during twelfth–seventeenth centuries waged terror of religious persecutions: tortured, burned alive, executed and imprisoned heretics and different–minded – for their beliefs and opinions inconsistent with the papal faith, and schismatics – the Christians for following the Christian teachings, loyalty to God, for rejection of the papal faith and authority of the deified pope who falsely pretends to stand at the place of God and to have a share of dignity of God [see **The Church Militants** in ***Political Theology***]

7. it is headed by the popes who control the Inquisition [until recently, the popes had title of Prefect of the Inquisition, which currently operates under the name of Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith], and it is run by the Jesuits trained to hear the blasphemies against Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, to deprive themselves of the Spirit of God {*1 Corinthians 12:3*}, to accept the will of their leaders as the will of God renouncing own judgment and silencing own conscience even if they are ordered to assassinate the kings (who rejects the will of the pope), to imitate the arch–evil if it is needed for achievement of their purposes, and to perceive behavior of women as resemblance of “the enemy of the human nature” [see **The Church Militants** in ***Political Theology***, and Catholic doctrine of unreserved obedience – in **Note 374 to *Selections_&_Reprints***]

8. during the centuries, it covered own heresy, crimes against humanity, and corruption with the name of Christ, even referring to their habit to burn people alive as to “the law of Christ,” and accepting Aquinas’ dictum that his church cannot imitate the mercy of God. Many centuries the Catholics robbed and

plundered the people of other faiths, whom they exiled (for instance, as the Jews and the Moors who rejected conversion into Catholicism) or imprisoned and burned alive as heretics. The papal Council granted the Catholics who expel heretics (and apprehend their land for occupation by the Catholics) the “holy privilege” of the Crusaders [*Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils* 234]. Consequently, generations of the Catholics believed that the Inquisition is in fact the “holy office,” which acts according to the Law of God. Consequently, they betrayed their neighbors to the Inquisition, participated in torturing and execution of the victims, and enriched themselves with the property of the executed “heretics” and the expelled non-Catholics.

As the result, the pretense of the papacy and papal subjects to speak and to act on behalf of the Christians

a/ made the Catholicism unacceptable for those who evaluate faith by “the fruits” – deeds and words of the believers {*Matthew 7:15–23; 24:4–14; James 2:7–26; 3:18*}

b/ made Christianity unacceptable for those who have neither possibility nor desire to learn the Christian teachings, yet who accept as truth the papal pretenses to speak on behalf of Christendom and who consider the deeds of Catholics as true embodiment of the Christian faith

9. through the centuries, it accepts those in the state of the mortal sin, as “priests,” and it is plagued by corruption, pedophilia, and perversion

[[Mortal sin means willful and deliberate words, actions, and violations of the law of God, which are intended to disparage God, inflict death on His creations, and commit atrocities and acts incompatible with the human nature. The mortal sin is defined as **mortal**, because it results in eternal death—separation of a sinner from God. The New Testament provides examples of mortal sin, such as unforgivable sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, betrayal of the Son of God committed by Judas Iscariot, and murder {in: *Matthew 12:31–32; John 6:64, 70–71; 13:21–27; 17:12; 1 John 3:8–10, 14–15; 5:16–21*}.

The notion of “**priest in mortal sin**” was invented by the papal Council of Trent (the assembly of the clergy at the highest hierarchical levels of papal church of Rome, in 1545–1563), which, according to its participants, was guided “by the mind and spirit of St. Thomas” (Thomas Aquinas was canonized by the papal church as its saint) [Walz ref. in: *New Catholic Encyclopedia* 14:134].

The Council of Trent declared that the “priests who are in mortal sin” still discharge their duties “by the power of the Holy Spirit” received in ordination [*Decrees of Ecumenical Councils* 242, 707]. Evidently, the Council of Trent assumes that the power of God can be bound by men in such a degree that even man in a state of mortal sin, who has rejected God (otherwise, he would not commit mortal sin), still possesses the power received when he was ordained. It means that the Council of Trent has incorporated into papal dogma—Catholicism the heathen belief in the ability of man to bind and control deity with magic rituals or rites of worship and, consequently, ascribes to the man “of devil” the ability to act “by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The Council of Trent based its conclusion on the following assertions of Thomas Aquinas, the main papal theologian:

a/ “members of Christ by the actual union of charity” are free from mortal sins [*Summa Theologica* III Q.8 a3 ro2]

b/ “all the consecrations of the Church are immovable,” and the sacramental power received by consecration remains in men as long as they live, even if they become heretics or schismatics; in support of this assertion, Aquinas refers to the altar, which is not consecrated again “unless it has been broken up” [*Summa Theologica* II–II Q.39 a3].

The Aquinas’ positive correlation of mortal sin and of the status of clergy belongs to another realm of knowledge – the heathen cult of death.

The Aquinas’ speculations resulted in contradiction to the Holy Scriptures; in particular,

– according to St. John the Apostle, man who commits a sin “is of devil” {*1 John 3:4–10*}

– according to the Council of Trent, those who commit a mortal sin (or as St. John the Apostle wrote, are “of devil”) can act with “the power of the Holy Spirit.”

If to read the holy Scriptures, it becomes clear that a mortal sin and the life in God are incompatible: the mortal sin is called “mortal” because the sinner freely has rejected God – the source of life and therefore, entered the realm of death.

The evil and mortal sins of man do not exist in presence of God: either man has the Spirit of God or he is in the state of mortal sin.

Any assertion that the priest in the state of mortal sin still could be a priest or could act with the power of the Holy Spirit received in ordination, contradicts the Holy Scriptures and the Christian dogma: the assertion that God dwells in the sinner along with mortal sin is sacrilegious because it implies that God dwells with the evil. Such assertion may be accepted only those who harbor heathen (and blasphemous for Christian theology) doctrine of dualism.

Sin is a state of the freely chosen death – death of the soul, which rejected God; although the soul is immortal, without God it does not have life, because if it does not live in God, it dwells in death.

Man sanctified by the Word—God is born of the Holy Spirit of God; he dwells in God Who is perfect love, and he is the dwelling of the Holy Spirit of God. Such man cannot sin: sin is lawlessness and “he who commits sin is of devil” {*John 1:12–13; 14:16–17; 15:1–26; 1 John 3:3–9, 14–15; 4:7–21; 5:12, 16–21; James 1:13–15; 1 Corinthians 3:16–17; 6:19–20*} [also, see: St. Maximus the Confessor 34 in: *The Philokalia* 2:244; St. Gregory Palamas §8 in: *The Philokalia* 4:295].

Therefore, this assertion of the Council of Trent

a/ creates the irreconcilable conflict between the definitions of

St. John the Apostle: man who commits a sin “is of devil”

{*1 John 3:4–10; 5:16–17*}

and

the Council of Trent: those who commit a mortal sin

[[or as the Apostle wrote, are “of devil”]]

can act with “the power of the Holy Spirit”

b/ prompts the question, how the papacy could justify execution of Jun Hus the priest if, according to the papal own dogma postulated by the papal Council of Trent, even if the priest becomes a heretic, he still holds the sacramental power received by consecration; does it mean that the papacy burned alive the priest who acted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and therefore, by burning the consecrated priest, the papacy has committed the mortal unforgivable sin – blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

c/ reveals that the papacy commits the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit by postulating that man in a state of the mortal sin can discharge his duties “by the power of the Holy Spirit”; just this one assertion is enough to prove the incompatibility of the papal dogma/faith with the Christian teachings.

The papal dogma that man in a state of the mortal sin (that is the man “of devil”) can discharge his duties “by the power of the Holy Spirit” is the **blasphemy** against the Holy Spirit; just only this one article of papal faith is enough to prove the incompatibility of the papal dogma with Christianity]]

10. some articles of the papal faith, which the many still identify as Christianity, are in fact the blasphemy against God and particularly, against the Holy Spirit {*Matthew 12:31–32*}; such, for instance, as

– the concept of “priest in the state of mortal sin”

– proclamations of pope Innocent III [Innocent III ref. and qtd. in: *Encyclopedia of the Vatican and Papacy* 213–214; La Due 118, 124; Willett 11] that

1/ God appointed the pope to be “His Vicar on earth”; therefore, “as every knee is bowed to Jesus, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth,” in the same fashion all men must obey His Vicar – the pope **[[this, especially in the form of the ritual of kissing the papal shoe, is the direct violation of the second of The Ten Commandments {*Exodus 20:4–5*}]]**

2/ the pope acts on behalf of the Holy Trinity, “by the authority of SS Peter and Paul, and by... own authority”

– proclamations of pope Pius XII that

1/ ascribing “the whole spiritual life of Christians and their progress in virtue exclusively to the action of the Divine Spirit,” without the collaboration of the pope, leads to “deplorable ruin” [*Mystici Corporis Christi*. Encyclical of pope Pius XII *On the Mystical Body of Christ*. 1943; §65, 87]: plainly speaking, Pius XII says that, without the pope, the Divine Spirit **[[that is supposed to be a reference to the Holy Spirit]]** does not work

2/ “Divine Redeemer” **[[that is supposed to be a reference to Lord God Jesus Christ]]** gave the faith “obscurely and implicitly” providing that the papal church would elucidate and explain it [*Humani Generis*. Encyclical of Pius XII concerning some false opinions threatening to undermine the foundations of catholic doctrine. 1950. http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/pius_xii/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xii_enc_12081950_humani-generis_en.html; §21]

3/ “first of all,” all papal subjects must “obey the decrees of the Council of Trent, of the Roman Pontiffs, and the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and what the liturgical books ordain concerning external public worship” [*Mediator Dei*. Encyclical of Pope Pius XII on the Sacred Liturgy. 1947, November 20. http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/pius_xii/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xii_enc_20111947_mediator-dei_en.html; §18].

There is no one word about God and His words in this statements, although the Christian teachings **{the New Testament}** is the only source of knowledge of God and His law for the Christians

11. the very arrangement of the contemporary form of the papal church – the Vatican – is not compatible with the Apostolic traditions: a fter devastating for the papacy deprivation of its civil power over the states and their rulers, which was one of the results of the Napoleonic wars, the papacy obtained its independent status of quasi-religious establishment – the Vatican – with the help of Fascist Italy. The papacy had the positive experience of corroboration with Fascism, and the papal church of Rome became “a buttress” of the Fascism in Italy. Then, through the Concordat of 1929 with Fascist Italy under the Mussolini’s control, the papacy gained at least some of the temporal power completely lost in 1870. By the authority of Fascist state, the Vatican had been granted the status of the independent state, access to control of education, and the possibility to expand the Catholic Action [ref. and qtd. in: *Encyclopedia of the Vatican and Papacy* 292–293].

Then, it is understandable why the pope Pius XII refused to condemn Nazi Germany. While the papal clergy, such as Cardinal Theodor Innitzer the archbishop of Vienna, bestowed blessings upon Adolf Hitler, promoted the “divine idea” of unity all nations under the Nazis, named Hitler “the tool of God called upon to overcome Judaism” (Catholic priest Senn) and to struggle against “all–destroying atheistic Bolshevism” (the Austrian Episcopate) and (as Bishop Rarkowski did) explained to the German Catholics that behind the commands of Hitler – whatever the commands are – “stands God Himself with His will and command” [*La Documentation Catholique* ref. and qtd. in: Passelecq and Suhecky 51–52, 285; Senn and Rarkowski ref. and qtd. in: Lewy 239–242, 279], the World War II, which the Nazi Germany has initiated and slaughter of the minorities (including the Jews, the Gypsies, the Slavs, and others), which it carried out during existence of Nazi regime, took 14 millions of “racial inferiors” and 54.8 millions (estimated) of victims [in: Trager 893, 894]

12. cult of the pope – that is idol-worship; recognition of the pope infallibility stemming from the papal pretense to speak on behalf of the Holy Trinity; pope’s self-positioning above the Law of God and papal pretense on the right to override any law – divine and human; acceptance of the pope as the mediator between God and man, while there is only One Mediator – the Word–God, Lord Jesus Christ; acceptance of the doctrine of unreserved obedience to the pope and members of the papal hierarchy until such a degree that the church must recognize black as white and vice as virtue if the pope says so; practice of indulgences – purchase of remission of sins for money paid to the papal clergy; other articles of the papal faith and practices of the papal church, which contradict the words of God and reject the Law of God.

In summary

A. The complete incompatibility of the papal faith with Christianity is confirmed with

a) the heresy **[[esp., the Filioque – see Note 44 to Selections_& Reprints]]**

b) Thomas Aquinas’ blasphemies, which are elevated into articles of papal faith

c) infamous acts of the papal establishment, which might be referred to as the crimes against God and against humanity, and which include (but are not limited to) the papal attempt to usurp the place of God in His temple

– the crusades (against Muslims and against Christians of Byzantium and Bohemia)

– the inquisition

– forceful conversion

– religious wars, persecutions of the different-minded, tortures and executions (burning alive at stakes) of the heretics and those Christians who

rejected the pope as the substitute of God

– antisemitism

– cooperation with Fascism and Nazism

– the physical and moral corruption of the members of the papal hierarchy who corrupt and destroy faith and life of those who are under their authority

[[for instance, current world-wide scandals with child abuse, abuse of children and adults in catholic educational and charitable institutions, including the recent revelation of the Magdalene laundries in Ireland in the report from the UN committee against torture in June 2011 – which were run by Catholic nuns under protection of the state as late as in 1996 – <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/feb/05/magdalene-laundries-ireland-state-guilt>; see Note 119 (Web references) to Selections_& Reprints]].

d) papal self-deification (see also Notes 344 and 115 to Selections_& Reprints)

B. Christianity and Catholicism are two irreconcilable theological systems, because they have different foundations:

1/ Christianity is the original teachings of Lord God Jesus Christ preserved and professed by the Catholic Apostolic (Orthodox) Church (Eastern/Greek Orthodox Churches); its foundation is the knowledge given by God – the knowledge that is the everlasting life

2/ the Roman Catholicism (or Catholicism) professed by the papal Church of Rome, which accepted Aristotle–Aquinas’ political theology as the official doctrine (foundation of Catholicism), is based upon **the heathen Orphic philosophy** **[[derivative of the Orphic mythical serpentine theology, from which the multitude of heathen cults and religions worshipping the arch-evil sprang]]** covered with the terminology of the Holy Scriptures; it is not monotheistic religion, because

– its credo includes **the Filioque** **[[see Note 44 to Selections_& Reprints]]**

– it is based on **deification of the pope** that presents himself as the necessary component for the works of the Holy Spirit and as the one that acts on behalf of the Holy Trinity.

For the Christians, both these assertions are sacrilegious.

In other terms, the one could say that the Christian Church and the papal church of Rome are **irreconcilable**, because they are the different systems founded on the different definitions of their main – absolute for them – truth (Creed): each system that changes definition of its original absolute truth upon which it was

created/established (in other terms, commits apostasy toward the original truth) becomes another system inconsistent with its original version [\[see Note 44 to Selections_&_Reprints\]](#).

C. Only because of ignorance of the Christian teachings some people continue the blasphemous practice to identify the papal establishment as the *Christian church* and the papal subjects as *Christians*.

The Christian should always remember that faith of man manifests itself through his deeds {cf.: *Matthew 7:21–23; John 8:42–44; James 2:13–26*}, and if anyone customarily uses ceremonial references to the Name of God and pours out “revelations” and “prophecies,” it does not mean that the one observes the commandments of God and does the works of God {cf.: *Matthew 7:15–23*}.

Only because of ignorance of the Christian teachings some people continue the blasphemous practice to identify the papal establishment as the *Christian church* and the papal subjects as *Christians*.

Concerning official doctrine of the papal church see

– *Works of Augustine of Hippo*

– *Doctrine of Thomas Aquinas*

– *Political Theology*

– Heresy, Priest, The Concept of Hierarchy, The Hierarchy, The Fruits, and Lazarus of Bethany and Judas Iscariot – in *Selections_&_Reprints*

– *Ecumenism*

See also

– Notes 3, 4, 14, 19, 22, 29, 41, 44, 86, 107, 114, 115, 117, 119, 139, 236, 261, 278, 279, 281, 355, 362, 363, 365, 367, 374, 504, 523, 543, 572 to *Selections_&_Reprints*

– my book *The Invincible Empire*, Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

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The referred files – *Works of Augustine of Hippo, Selections_&_Reprints*, and the others
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