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Roman Pope and Russian Orthodox Patriarch: the Cuba Meeting

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In early February 2016 came the announcement, in the form of a joint press release: "The Holy See and the Patriarchate of Moscow are pleased to announce that, by the grace of God, His Holiness Pope Francis and His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia will meet on February 12 next. Their meeting will take place in Cuba, where the Pope will make a stop on his way to Mexico, and where the Patriarch will be on an official visit. It will include a personal conversation at Havana's José Martí International Airport, and will conclude with the signing of a joint declaration."

To the man in the street this sounded mundane enough. Boring, even, especially to non-Roman Catholics and non-Orthodox. But it was momentous indeed, for many reasons. And every true Christian should take careful note of these developments.

An Important Step Towards the Conquest of Russian Orthodoxy by the Vatican

As planned, on the 12th February 2016 the pope of Rome, Francis I, held a meeting with the Russian Orthodox patriarch in Cuba, and the two men signed a joint declaration. This was the first meeting in history between the leaders of the Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox institutions. Without going into the details now, almost a thousand years ago a split occurred within the false, counterfeit "church" system headquartered in Rome, which resulted in two branches: the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox. Neither one was Christian, although both claimed to be the true expression of Christianity. The Roman Catholic institution became by far the more powerful and influential, internationally, as time went by, as well as the largest – today numbering over 1.2 billion adherents. But within its own vast territory, the Russian branch of the Eastern Orthodox institution became extremely powerful as well. It is the largest of the Eastern Orthodox "churches", consisting today of a sizeable majority of the world's estimated 200 million Eastern Orthodox adherents.

Although having some doctrinal differences, in most matters the two false "churches" were

essentially the same in their heresies, although neither recognised the legitimacy of the other and were bitter enemies. "And ever since [that split]", as I wrote in my book *Satan's Seat*, "it has been the Papacy's desire to destroy the Russian Orthodox institution, and to rule over the land of Russia." For this reason, after trying other, more violent tactics in centuries past, in the twentieth century the Papacy began the slow, laborious process of wooing the Russian Orthodox leaders, via the ecumenical movement. All kinds of meetings have been held, since the early 1960s, with various religious leaders of various branches of the Eastern Orthodox institution – but never with the Russian Orthodox leader. Tensions persisted through the years, between the two. Distrust and hatred marked their relationship. As recently as the year 2000, despite decades of ecumenical groundwork, the Russian Orthodox patriarch said that he would not meet the pope of Rome (John Paul II at the time), and spoke of the obstacles in the way of "unity". One of the main obstacles was the fact of Roman Catholic "proselytism" in Russian Orthodox areas. In fact, this fear of Roman Catholic expansion into traditionally Orthodox areas was one of the primary obstacles to "unity", constantly referred to by the Russian Orthodox leaders. Another constant sticking point was the role of the pope of Rome: the Russian Orthodox simply could not accept papal primacy.

The head of ecumenical relations in the Russian Orthodox institution actually described relations with Rome as a "Cold War", in 2001.⁵ And in 2002, the Russian Orthodox hierarchy stated that it feared the Vatican was invading Russia!⁶ It was certainly correct in perceiving the Vatican's expansionist ambitions in Russia.

Relations continued to be very, very tense. But Rome did not give up: it patiently laboured away, through the years, in ecumenical dialogue, constantly calling for "unity", with all kinds of high-level meetings between Papist and Russian Orthodox leaders. Gradually, little by little, relations started to improve.

And finally, in this year of 2016 and after decades of work and careful planning, the Jesuits, through their pope, Francis (a member of the Jesuit Order), succeeded in bringing about a face-to-face meeting between the two heads of these false "churches". This was momentous indeed.

By no means had full "unity" between the two been achieved. Not as yet. But it was a giant leap forward. The two false religions are now closer than ever before.

After the meeting, in a joint declaration, Francis and Kirill said: "It is with joy that we have met like brothers in the Christian faith who encounter one another 'to speak face to face' (2 Jn. 12), from heart to heart, to discuss the mutual relations between the Churches, the crucial problems of our faithful, and the outlook for the progress of human civilization." Cut through the religiously-worded text, done to give it the appearance of being spiritual, and the thing to note here is that these are two false "churches" taking tentative steps towards "unity" – just as the Jesuits desire.

The declaration continued: "Notwithstanding [our] shared Tradition of the first ten centuries, for nearly one thousand years Catholics and Orthodox have been deprived of communion in the Eucharist. We have been divided by wounds caused by old and recent conflicts, by differences inherited from our ancestors... We are pained by the loss of unity, the outcome of human weakness and of sin" –and of course there was a reference to Jn. 17:21, wrongly applied, as there always is in ecumenical discussions.

Should full "union" between these two institutions ever be achieved, it will *not*, in truth, be the union of two equal partners – it will be the *re-absorption* of the Russian Orthodox institution *into* the Romish institution; the swallowing up of the former by the latter.

And if such "union" is ever fully achieved, the Vatican will then control the millions of the Russian Orthodox faithful throughout the vast land of Russia. It will then have not only achieved its objective of becoming the religious power of Russia, but will have taken a huge leap towards political control over Russia as well. This is because, in the early years of the Russian Communist movement, the Reds actually took control of the Russian Orthodox institution and turned it into an organ of the Soviet (and now Russian) Communist State. There is no way the Reds would have permitted the Russian Orthodox "Church" to continue to exist otherwise! Communist agents infiltrated the Russian Orthodox

institution, becoming priests and patriarchs within it, so that it became a faithful servant of the KGB. Each Russian Orthodox patriarch, like Kirill today, is a member of the Communist Party and under the orders of the Party. At one time, decades ago, this fact was widely known in many Christian circles; but today hardly anyone knows anything about it. After all, they have been fooled into believing the deliberately-promoted lie that "Communism is dead"!

Rome, then, hopes to conquer and absorb Russian Orthodoxy, and thereby also increase its influence and eventual control over Russia.

But there is more that Rome hopes to achieve from this greater co-operation and warming of relations between itself and the Russian Orthodox institution:

Rome's Plans for Russia, and Perhaps for Using Russia Against Europe

It is all very complex, and in order to grasp what is really going on, one must understand the Papacy's long-term plans for the land of Russia. For this reason I am reproducing, here, some of what I wrote in a major article in 2014, entitled *Ukraine, Russia, the US/EU: What's Going On?*¹⁰

Rome's desire is nothing less than the conquest of Russia for Roman Catholicism. The Vatican wants Russia "converted"! To quote from my book, *Satan's Seat:* "The eastern half of the false 'church' system established by Constantine had eventually broken away from Rome, and its headquarters became the city of Constantinople. The 'Eastern Catholic' institution became known as the 'Orthodox Church'. In reality, it was a close sister of the Roman Catholic institution, but it refused to recognize the authority of the pope. The two became bitter enemies. And ever since then, it has been the Papacy's desire to destroy the Russian Orthodox institution, and to rule over the land of Russia." 11

To do this it had to destroy the Czar of Russia, protector of the Orthodox institution. It did this by financing the Communists seeking to overthrow the Czar, through the Illuminati, which was Jesuit-controlled (evidence is given in *Satan's Seat*). The Vatican actually supported the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. And it came up with a very useful and powerful tool to convince its faithful followers of the need to conquer (it would say "convert") Russia to Roman Catholicism: the Fatima revelations of 1917.

In 1917, the very year of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution that swept the Communists to power there, three children in a place called Fatima, in Portugal, claimed to receive revelations from Mary. She told them that "in the end, Russia shall be converted". The Vatican thought that the Bolshevik Revolution would usher in the "conversion" of Russia to Rome, because of Rome's support for the revolutionaries. But this did not happen. Its Communist "daughter" rebelled against it, and Rome became decidedly anti-Communist for decades. Under the Roman pope, Pius XII, it sided with the US against the Soviet Union.

But when, with the passing of time, it became clear that the Soviet Union was a stronger superpower than the US, and that Communism would become the dominant ideology of most of the world, the Vatican decided to throw its weight behind world Communism. This it did, under the papacies of John XXIII and Paul VI, both of them pro-Communist, pro-Moscow popes. The Vatican was now decidedly on the side of international Communism, and priests – especially Jesuits – were actively supporting Communist revolutions worldwide.

This state of affairs lasted throughout their pontificates, from 1958 to 1978. But with the coming to power of John Paul II in 1978, things changed somewhat; and this change is deeply significant. Quoting again from *Satan's Seat*: "John Paul II, while pro-Marxist, was *not* pro-Moscow. He believed in a version of Communism controlled from the Vatican, not Moscow.... he continued to promote Marxism – [but] the Vatican's own brand.... he justified 'Catholic-Communism', but opposed Moscow-controlled, atheistic Communism."12

Rome still desired the "conversion" of Russia to Roman Catholicism. And so, under John Paul II, it instigated all kinds of trouble for the Soviet Union, to weaken and destroy Moscow. For example, it threw its support behind Solidarity, a Polish trade union organisation. Solidarity was a Communist

movement, but a Catholic-Communist one, not a Moscow-Communist one.

Furthermore, the Vatican supported (and still supports) the EU – it was very involved in setting up the EU, in fact. In its early years the EU was described as "the greatest super-Catholic state in the history of the world". With the passing of time, secular humanists and others hijacked much of the instruments of power within the EU, and there is today a clash between the Vatican and these others on various matters; but even so, Rome believes it can use the EU, not least to help bring about the conquest of Russia in time.

Eventually, in the years 1989-1992, the Soviet Union "collapsed" (or so the world thought). In truth it did not; Communists remained in power in almost all of the old Soviet republics. It was a giant smokescreen, designed to fool the west into thinking that "Communism was dead", that Russia could not be trusted as an ally, and that the threat of world Communism had disappeared. It was all a lie.

The Vatican thought that perhaps this was the time to bring about the "conversion" of Russia. It actually made certain high-profile noises giving the impression that this *might*, after all, be the time of Russia's "conversion", in fulfilment of the "prophecy" of Fatima (a lying "prophecy", of course). But in typical Vatican fashion, it was very cautious, in case things went wrong.

And things did. As the years went by it became increasingly obvious that, despite improved relations between Moscow and Rome, Russia was not on the brink of "conversion" to Roman Catholicism. In fact, under Vladimir Putin's presidency there has been a reviving of much of the power of the Russian Orthodox institution. This religio-political system has been under KGB control (now renamed) since the earliest years of the Bolshevik Revolution, and it still is today. But Putin is allowing it much more freedom and influence than it has enjoyed for many decades. He himself is a member, and speaks often in very religious ways. But it has become evident to the Vatican that for all his religious talk, his nice words about the pope of Rome, his visit to the Vatican, etc., Russia remains firmly opposed to being "converted" to Roman Catholicism.

Rome realised, therefore, that to conquer Russia, it would have to isolate it to weaken it, and even support military action against it if that ever became possible. Hence its support for the Ukrainian rebels, and for the US/EU stance against Russia in this conflict. Let a top Vatican journalist, a devout Roman Catholic, explain it. Here are the words of Robert Moynihan, editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine: "since Russia is at the heart of the message of Fatima – 'in the end, Russia shall be converted, and a period of peace shall be granted to the world,' as the Lady said to the three children in Portugal in 1917 – what is happening now in Kiev must also be seen in the context of the Fatima message: in the context of the future of the Christian faith in Russia and of a coming age of peace."13

The kind of Communism Rome supports, under the present pope of Rome, Francis I, is still the Catholic-Communism kind, in opposition to the Moscow-Communism kind. Francis is, after all, a *Jesuit* from Latin America and therefore well-versed in liberation theology (Catholic-Communism). If Russia can be weakened by various means – by splitting off Ukraine from alliance with Russia, and getting it firmly into the EU camp; by isolating Russia; and eventually, even, by supporting massive riots in Moscow itself along similar lines to those in Kiev – the day may yet come when Russia will be "converted" to Roman Catholicism. Not by persuasion, but by force: the Vatican's preferred method of "conversion" throughout its history.

As Moynihan went on to write: "The question becomes: Will the revolution unfolding in Ukraine – a revolution some hope may also unfold in Russia – bring about a 'post-Christian' culture in the former Soviet space, within a highly secularised European Union, and not a religious conversion? Or might what is unfolding, with the presence of many religious leaders from both the Catholic and Orthodox sides, lead to an unprecedented religious conversion?"14

The latter option is certainly the plan. How far the Lord will allow it to proceed remains to be seen. But we can be absolutely certain of this: it is the Roman Catholic *Jesuit Order* which controls the various international Socialist groups seeking to rule the world and enforce a New World Order. This is documented in my book, "*Holy War*" *Against South Africa*.15 The founder of the Jesuits was also the founder of the Illuminati; the Illuminati created Communism; international Communism was

funded by international financiers working for the Illuminati; etc. And so it is a certainty that the Jesuits of Rome, or their agents, are hard at work in the unfolding drama in Ukraine, via the various Illuminati organisations working for the New World Order; and that they are making use of neo-Nazi and other nationalist groups in Ukraine, just as they did in World War Two.

Understanding this background, we can more clearly grasp Rome's goals for Russia in the context of the meeting between Francis and the Russian Orthodox patriarch. Giant plans are afoot, little perceived by most in the world. The Papacy always has long-term plans – and a major one is to conquer Russia. We have seen some of the tactics it is using.

But this is a game the Papacy has been playing for a very, very long time – and it always plays both sides, it always has a contingency plan, it always is ready to change tactics at the drop of a hat if this becomes necessary. Yes, in the Ukraine conflict it supports the EU against Russia, hoping thereby to bring about the conquest and "conversion" of Russia; but in the face of an increasingly secularised, anti-Roman Catholic Europe, it would be quite prepared to do *precisely the opposite* if need be: to support Russia against the EU, *if* Russia's "conversion" to Roman Catholicism occurs soon enough!

As evidence, take note of this section in the joint declaration of Francis and Kirill after their historic meeting: "we give thanks to God for the current unprecedented renewal of the Christian faith in Russia, as well as in many other countries of Eastern Europe, formerly dominated for decades by atheist regimes. Today, the chains of militant atheism have been broken and in many places Christians can now freely confess their faith.... Orthodox and Catholics often work side by side.... At the same time, we are concerned about the situation in many countries [read: western Europe and the United States] in which Christians are increasingly confronted by restrictions to religious freedom, to the right to witness to one's convictions and to live in conformity with them. In particular, we observe that the transformation of some countries into secularized societies, estranged from all reference to God and to His truth, constitutes a grave threat to religious freedom [again, read: western Europe and the USA]. It is a source of concern for us that there is a current curtailment of the rights of Christians, if not their outright discrimination, when certain political forces, guided by an often very aggressive secularist ideology, seek to relegate them to the margins of public life." ¹⁶

Rome always puts its finger to the wind, tests which way the political winds are blowing, and adjusts its goals and objectives accordingly. It has watched, with growing consternation and apprehension, the massive changes occurring in western Europe, its heartland. Until very recently, western Europe (apart from the Protestant countries) was overwhelmingly Roman Catholic, as it had been for many centuries. But in a matter of only a few decades, its political and religious landscape has changed dramatically. Secular humanism has come to dominate much of the European political and religious scene – including the European Union, Rome's very own baby and an institution for which it has great plans. There is a huge conflict raging between Roman Catholicism and secular humanism in Europe. And just at present, Roman Catholicism appears to be losing ground.

But in Russia, things are very different! As explained above, Russia is still Communist, very much so; but Francis and the Vatican do not lose much sleep over this fact, for Francis himself is very pro-Communist, and the Vatican under his leadership has tilted far to the political left, being decidedly pro-Socialist and pro-Communist. Francis, and Francis' Papacy, can work with the Communists —and they do, all over the world.

However, what interests them greatly about Russia is that although it is still Communist, Vladimir Putin has promoted a far more *religious* Communism than before. Putin calls himself a Christian (he certainly is not a *true* one), Roman Catholicism has been able to work in Russia more openly, etc. Putin has visited the pope of Rome and spoken of him with respect. And the Vatican, looking at this developing scene in Russia, has come to realise that in Russia right now, more so than in western Europe, there may be much greater opportunity for its own expansion – *if* it can conquer Russian Orthodoxy by the tactic of ecumenism, leading to eventual absorption. *And then*, in a solid Vatican-Moscow alliance, it will back Russia's expansionist ambitions against western Europe, if these will lead to the eventual "re-Catholicisation" of Europe!

Just to demonstrate that this *is*, indeed, the Vatican's thinking, let us quote again from Vatican journalist Robert Moynihan, editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine and a man who has his finger on the pulse of Vatican intrigues. Commenting on the meeting between Francis and Kirill, he wrote: "Many Catholics will see in this meeting an unfolding of the mysterious prophecy of Our Lady of Fatima, who in 1917 spoke to three shepherd children of Russia's faith at a time when that country was about to become communist." ¹⁷

Fatima again! Every time there is some hope that Russia may be moving towards "conversion" to Roman Catholicism, Fatima is trundled out to encourage the Roman Catholic faithful. One thing is for certain: Fatima would not be mentioned if Russia was simply becoming more Russian Orthodox! The Vatican would not view this as Russia's "conversion", for it despises Russian Orthodoxy and seeks to destroy it, either by absorption via ecumenical success, or by destruction via other means. Therefore, if Fatima is again being bandied about, there are those in the know, within the top circles of influence within the seven-hilled city, who are hopeful that Russia is, indeed, moving Romeward.

Let none of our readers make the grave mistake of many professing "Christians" in the west today, who in their naive ignorance think that Putin is a Christian, or that Russia is now a non-Communist, Christian country, or that there is greater religious freedom and religious safety in Russia than in the west! It is astounding how many are now coming out with such foolish, absurd statements. Putin, faithful Communist that he is, has his own agenda in all this, and it involves expanding Russian influence on the global stage and asserting Russian might everywhere. He is ruthless, utterly committed to the Communist cause. But he is stamping Russia with his own style, and his own brand of Communist ideology, and it suits his purposes to give the appearance of permitting religious freedom. And he is very prepared to work with the Vatican if this will advance his own agenda. So – as in all political alliances – a Vatican-Moscow alliance, if it came about, would be mutually beneficial to both sides. Both have much to gain from it.

Make no mistake: the Vatican does not like what it sees happening in western Europe. It wants to dominate all of Europe, just as it did for centuries. It longs for its glory days during the Dark Ages. And it sees secular humanism as its great enemy on the European continent, and is therefore mustering all its forces to combat it.

An inkling of this is given in the joint Francis-Kirill declaration: "While remaining open to the contribution of other religions to our civilization, it is our conviction that Europe must remain faithful to its Christian roots. We call upon Christians of Eastern and Western Europe to unite in their shared witness to Christ and the Gospel, so that Europe may preserve its soul, shaped by two thousand years of Christian tradition." ¹⁸

The Roman pope and the Russian Orthodox patriarch know very well that in the last few decades, Europe has turned its back on its false "Christian" roots, embracing secular humanism. Much of Europe is falling away from Rome's influence at a steady rate, as large numbers abandon their Romanism in the increasingly secularised European society. This is of grave concern to the Papacy. Roman Catholic Europe is its home, its motherland, the very centre of its existence. It simply *cannot* lose Europe to secularism. Therefore, it is fighting back with everything it has – and it has roped in Russian Orthodoxy to help it religiously, and is hopeful that perhaps, in time to come, if Russia itself is "converted", then it could be an ally against the secularised west.

Rome is thus using the EU/US system against Russia in Ukraine – in case this is ultimately victorious; and it is preparing to use Russia against the EU – if it turns out that Russia can be swung Romeward. Either way, Rome is working both sides. Just as it always does.

Which brings up an interesting aspect of all this: Francis apparently extending an open-arms welcome to Muslims pouring into Europe from the Middle East. If he wants to keep Europe Roman Catholic, and is even prepared to make use of Russian might to achieve this, why would he ask European countries to welcome tens of thousands of Muslim "refugees"? What is going on?

Rome Making Use of Islam in Europe

Always remember: when it comes to the Papacy, nothing is ever quite as it seems. Rome is playing a gigantic geopolitical chess game. And yes, it is gambling on a successful long-term outcome for itself – but it has gambled before, and won. The stakes are very high indeed.

As with Russian Orthodoxy, the Vatican has always desired the conquest of Islam. Now it may seem impossible, at first, to imagine that Rome thinks it can eventually control Islam – but this is indeed what it thinks. Towards this end, it has been making interfaith overtures to Islamic leaders for many decades already – and these have borne much fruit. Of course, there are Muslims who hate the Vatican and the Roman Catholic religion, and want to destroy it (and I dealt with one such threat in my 2015 article, *Islamic Threats Against Rome in the Light of Bible Prophecy*¹⁹); but others are actually falling for Rome's interfaith overtures! *Many* Islamic leaders, political and religious, are very favourably inclined towards the Roman Catholic institution. Just two recent examples will suffice, but many could be given: in 2013 an Islamic leader in Maryland, USA, said that Francis was a model of what a religious leader should be, and that his choice of being named after "Saint Francis" (so-called) bridges the gap between Muslims and Roman Catholics, because "Saint Francis resonates with the Muslim world"; and when the president of *Iran* (of all countries!) visited Francis in the Vatican in February 2016, he actually *asked* Francis to *pray* for him!

Coming then to the Papacy's plans for Europe: *why* would it be encouraging large numbers of Muslims to pour into Europe? What could it possibly hope to gain?

Let us be clear: it does *not* want an Islamic Europe! The comments made by Francis and Kirill in their joint statement (quoted above) make it abundantly clear that there is no intention to turn Europe into an Islamic continent. They have every intention of keeping it "Christian" (meaning Roman Catholic primarily, and Orthodox to a lesser extent). And yet at the very same time, *the Vatican of Francis I is supporting large-scale mass migration of Muslims into Europe* – many of whom are outright fanatical Islamic terrorists. This seems to be absolutely contradictory to Rome's desire to return Europe to the days when the Roman Catholic institution ruled every aspect of life and society!

Since Rome has stated its commitment to *both* goals – a Roman Catholic Europe, and yet a Europe into which Muslims must be allowed to come in large numbers – it must have a plan for this Muslim invasion. And indeed, it does. At least for the time being, it well suits the Vatican's plans to support the flood of Islamic people into Europe.

If this is at first difficult to grasp, compare it with the plan of Russia, which is *also* seeking to conquer Europe. Russia is deliberately using Islamic terrorism so as to weaken and finally destroy the European Union! Vladimir Putin's purpose, in attacking the ISIS stronghold of Aleppo in Syria, is to deliberately flood Europe with millions of migrants, with the ultimate objective being to destroy the European Union, said a top European foreign-policy analyst, Judy Dempsey, who is with the Brussels-based Carnegie Europe and is the editor and chief of *Strategic Europe*. As this human tide continues to push down Europe's doors, there is growing concern among European politicians that unless something is done, they will lose control of their own countries. For a long time the EU countries encouraged Islamic migration, because it suited their purposes; but now the flood is so huge that many European leaders are worried. Most particularly, they are worried about their own careers, as the massive surge in crime committed by Muslim men in European countries is causing a rising tide of nationalism to sweep over European countries. Many left-wing politicians now realise their political futures are in jeopardy. Their multicultural plan is backfiring, as the citizens of their countries begin to push back.

And Russia has been quick to see the potential in all this. As Russian airstrikes pound the rebel strongholds in Syria, this simply increases the numbers of Muslims fleeing Syria into Europe – which plays right into Russia's hands, as anything that weakens the EU is advantageous to Russia.

Now just as Russia makes use of Islamic fanaticism to do its dirty work for it in many parts of the world, and just as liberals and secular humanists, seemingly with nothing in common with Islam, are also making use of Islamic fanaticism to achieve their own goals, so too the Papacy knows that it can make use of Islamic fanaticism in Europe. How so? Well, as these fanatics plunder, rape and murder Europeans, this is shaking those same Europeans out of their apathy, making them realise that their secular humanist political leaders have lied to them, and are in fact bent on destroying European culture and the European way of life by their promotion of this multicultural madness. Long-term, the Papacy believes that this will ultimately cause many Europeans to reject, *en masse*, the secular humanist philosophy, and then they will start returning to the "Church" – or, at the very least, they will start electing *Roman Catholic* parties and leaders all across Europe. This is Rome's hope. It is a gigantic gamble, certainly; but one which it is prepared to take.

Rome is thus employing a multi-faceted approach to the re-conquest of Europe. It is roping in the assistance of Russian Orthodoxy, religiously; it is hoping that its closer ties with Russian Orthodoxy will encourage closer political ties with Russia itself, so that it can make use of the muscle of Russia if the need arises at some future time; and it is encouraging mass Islamic migration into Europe – for now – so as to expose the stupidity of secular humanist multiculturalism, which (it hopes) will cause Europeans to rise up and reject secular humanism. And if they do this, they will also rise up against Islam in Europe, close the borders to further migration from the Middle East, and clamp down on Muslim fanatics already in Europe, thereby containing and ultimately eliminating any Islamic threat to Roman Catholic Europe. For although millions of Muslims will be in Europe by then, they will still be far outnumbered by non-Muslim Europeans – *if* the Islamic flood can be stopped in time.

Rome well knows that any one of these tactics could backfire against it. But the Jesuits are past masters at this kind of thing. It is a deadly game Rome is playing, but the prize is the very soul of Roman Catholic Europe itself.

And there is more. Vatican journalist Robert Moynihan again: "There is no doubt that this meeting [the Francis-Kirill meeting] also has significance for events in... the Middle East, including in Syria, where Russia has recently intervened."²⁴

Speaking with a united voice, these two institutions – Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox – called for an end to the persecution of "Christians" (they are only concerned about those connected to their own false institutions, not true Christians who are suffering there) in the Muslim Middle East, particularly Syria and Iraq. And they called for the international community to act urgently and to end terrorism in the Middle East.²⁵ Given the fact that Russian Orthodoxy is under the control of the Russian KGB (which goes by another name these days), this call for action in the Middle East can be interpreted as the backing of Russia in its Middle East policies. Syria is the main source of Islamic "refugees" and terrorists pouring into Europe, and Russia, supporting the Syrian government against the ISIS terrorists, is taking a far more hardline stance against Islamic terrorism in the Middle East than the United States is, which is supporting ISIS and encouraging their mass migration into the west. It may be that Francis, who does not want an Islamic Europe and only wants to make use of the ISIS maniacs for short-term gains in Europe (as outlined above), is hoping that Russia will destroy ISIS once it has served its purpose. Certainly Francis knows that Obama and the US military will not do so. Therefore, Francis sees closer and better relations with Russia, via the Russian Orthodox institution as well as other channels, to be very advantageous in the long term.

Again, although Francis speaks of inter-religious "peace" with the Muslim world and all the rest of it, he would be very happy indeed if Russia managed to wipe out Islamic terrorism and curtail the rapid growth and spread of Islam which is putting such pressure on Roman Catholic Europe, as millions of Islamic "refugees" pour in. Yes, Francis may talk softly about Islam and the need to help "refugees", but at heart, being a true Papist, he hates Islam and wants to see it destroyed, or absorbed into Romanism one day.

The Deliberate Choice of Cuba for the Francis-Kirill Meeting

The meeting between the Roman pope and the Russian Orthodox patriarch did not take place in Rome, nor in Moscow. It took place in – of all places – Cuba. But this was not coincidental. It was very, very deliberate.

Just recently, Francis visited Communist Cuba, and met with the Jesuit-trained Castro brothers. I analysed this extremely important papal visit in a previous article, entitled *Francis and Fidel*.²⁶ Given the fact that the Russian Orthodox patriarch is, without doubt, a Communist agent himself; given the fact that Francis is very pro-Communist; and given the fact that Communist Cuba is an ally of Russia, the meeting in Cuba, as guests of the Communist government, with a smiling President Raul Castro looking on, was a public relations exercise of note, which further boosted the Communist cause in the world.

We must never under-estimate the importance of symbolism to the Roman Papacy. It well understands that symbols speak more than words, to millions of people. As Papist Robert Moynihan put it before the pope/patriarch meeting took place: "Thus Cuba, the island which, in October 1962, at the time of the Cuban missile crisis, almost became the site of a tragic nuclear confrontation between the US and the USSR, in this way next week will become the site of a very different encounter – an encounter of two world religious leaders, representing two of the great but long-separated traditions of Christianity, that of the Latin West (Catholic) and that of the Greek East (Orthodox, in its Russian form), meeting for the first time." This meeting, in Communist Cuba, was a massive PR success for Francis. He, as leader of the largest and most powerful religious system on earth, now looks like the man who is bringing West and East together, as no man has ever been able to do before.

In their joint declaration after their meeting, Francis and Kirill made it clear that the choice of Cuba was not coincidental, but pregnant with symbolism: "Our fraternal meeting has taken place in Cuba, at the crossroads of North and South, East and West. It is from this island, the symbol of the hopes of the 'New World' and the dramatic events of the history of the twentieth century, that we address our words to all the peoples of Latin America and of the other continents." ²⁸

After the signing of the declaration, Francis and Kirill exchanged a "kiss of peace". Then they addressed members of their delegations and of the press. In his address, Francis said: "We have spoken as brothers. We have the same baptism. We are bishops. We have spoken of our Churches. We agree that unity is made in the process of walking forward.... I don't want to go without giving a heartfelt thank you to Cuba, to the great Cuban people, and to their president here present, Raul Castro. I thank you for your active availability. *If it continues like this, Cuba will be the capital of unity.*"²⁹ Yes, symbolism speaks more than words could ever do, as far as Francis and his Jesuits are concerned. Cuba has been brought in from the cold. No longer the pariah state, thanks to Francis it is now a symbol of the coming together of West and East, America and Russia, Capitalism and Communism, Roman Catholicism and Russian Orthodoxy.

We are witnessing extraordinary scenes.

Conclusion

This was indeed a most momentous meeting, the ripple effects of which will be felt in many spheres for years to come. As Peter Humeniuk, of the international Roman Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, said of it, it was a "declaration that virtually embraces the entire world".³⁰

It is all coming together for the Jesuits. They are on top of the world, for they are seeing their long-term goals being achieved, one after another. Their own man, Francis I, is overcoming religious and political barriers, drawing together long-time enemies, bringing Communism in from the cold by giving it a smiling face and making it very acceptable to millions, and creating a world in which he reigns supreme as the earth's greatest leader, loved by all, admired by all, and fashioning the world in the Jesuits' own image.

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