

Drawing Aside the Purple Curtain

The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News

Priests Thumbing Their Noses at Popish Doctrine, Going Their Own Way

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A pattern has been emerging now for a number of years. As the new version of Roman Catholicism being promoted aggressively by the Jesuit pope and his Jesuit Order continues to gain momentum, Popish leaders are doing the most un-Popish things, in open violation of their “Church’s” official teachings and practices.

The Papacy of Francis is definitely seeking to undermine and eventually officially alter various teachings and practices of Rome which are at variance with the vile “values” of the modern western world. But Francis and his cohorts know they have to do this carefully and somewhat slowly. In true Jesuitical style, therefore, Francis speaks out of both sides of his mouth. On the one hand, he says things which *appear* to place him within the conservative camp of the hierarchy, committed to maintaining the status quo, upholding official Romish doctrine. On the other hand, however, on a regular basis he lets slip some comment or other which is so obviously progressive and anti-conservative, so obviously contrary to official Romish doctrine, that it causes the liberal wing of the Roman Catholic institution to rejoice and claim him as one of their own. And indeed he *is* one of their own, but he knows he must tread carefully. The unofficial Jesuit motto is, “All things to all men.” A Jesuit is a true chameleon. He can speak like a true Protestant if he wants to, and turn around and spout pagan Roman Catholic theology in the very next breath if he needs to. He will say what his audience wants to hear him saying. Conservatives want to hear their pope speaking as popes are expected to speak, being upholders of the Popish faith; and Francis gives them just enough to calm their fears. But when he feels he can get away with it, he speaks as a true radical and liberal, who is out to massively change the direction of the false “Church” of Rome.

India: Cardinal Pays Homage to Hindu Idol-Gods!

Things have been turned so upside-down in many circles that we are now witnessing the astounding spectacle of ordinary Roman Catholics openly rebuking their own priests, bishops and archbishops, and demanding that they return to the “real” Roman Catholic faith!

In Goa, India, for example, about 500 Roman Catholics, including a few priests, signed an online petition in which they rebuked the archbishop of Goa, Filipe Neri Ferrão, for *endorsing visits by Popish priests to Hindu idols*. These priests visited Hindu family shrines displaying idols of the elephant-headed god, Ganesh. And in an article in a diocesan magazine, Ferrão actually urged Roman Catholics to “imbibe the perennial values” which Hindus celebrate in the festival of Ganesh.¹

The Association of Concerned Catholics posted the online petition. It stated that a priest of Rome who dons his cassock, takes his people to visit a Hindu family shrine and then stands reverentially before the idol during the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, dethrones Christ as the only way to God and demotes him to being just one way to him. Now of course, the priests of Rome and their flocks are not true Christians and the “Christ” they proclaim is not the true Christ of God. But this petition was seeking to uphold official Romish doctrine and to oppose Jesuit-inspired syncretism and relativism.

The petition also drew attention to the picture on the cover of the diocesan magazine, which portrayed

symbols of the major world religions on flower petals, all equidistant from the centre, thereby making the point that all religions lead to God in the end. The symbol of the cross – representing Roman Catholicism – was just one of the symbols. The petition stated that this placed the cross “on par with the Islamic crescent, the Hindu Om, the Buddhist dharmachakra, the Sikh khandā and other symbols in the pluralist pantheism.” It asked: “Why is Cardinal Ferrão promoting the master symbol of a masonic relativism...?”² This is exactly what it is: Masonic relativism.

Roman Catholics who signed the petition asked their priestly leaders not to lead them astray in this way. What times these are, when ordinary Roman Catholics are more faithful to the teachings of their false “Church” than their own priests! This presents true Christians with a great opportunity to evangelise Roman Catholics, many of whom are confused and hurt by what their priests are doing today.

Nor were these merely a few isolated incidents. Various priests, and nuns as well, paid homage to Ganesh in the recent past. The religious order of nuns known as the Daughters of the Heart of Mary printed invitations in which they called for the worship of Ganesh, asking people to join them in celebrating the festival and to “seek the blessings of the lord [Ganesh].”

In addition, the diocese of Goa urged Roman Catholics to hold interfaith prayer meetings, and to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali! A priest of Rome in Goa, Aleixo Menezes, drew parallels between the Hindu lamp which is lit for the Diwali festival and the Roman Catholic “paschal candle” which they claim symbolizes Christ! He urged Roman Catholics to “discover the richness of the [Hindu] symbolism, which crosses the boundaries of religion”. This man is one of those who also promoted the visits of priests to shrines of Ganesh.

A Popish priest and scholar of Hinduism, Victor Borde, said that things had become so bad there was a danger that the Romish hierarchy would fall into *zoolatry* – the worship of animals. In an article entitled “Don’t Put Ganesh on Par with Jesus, Cdl. Ferrão”, he denounced the cardinal for replacing the “uniqueness and definitiveness” of Christ with a “fruit salad of religions” which has the effect of “witnessing to a radical religious relativism which puts the living Jesus on a par with a clay Ganesh.” If these quotes had come from a true Christian we could say Amen to them. But they were made by a priest of Rome, a man as idolatrous and as lost as any Hindu, who worships “another Jesus” and follows “another gospel” (2 Cor. 11:4).

A Roman Catholic intellectual and writer from Goa, Oscar de Noronha, declared: “They’ve crossed all limits. This madness must stop.” His column was entitled “Elephantine Blunder.”

Roman Catholicism is a version of ancient Baal worship, which began in Babylon, and Hinduism is another version of it. In fact, all the false religions of the world had their origins in Babylon. As the ancients spread out across the earth they took this religion with them, but naturally with the passing of time it changed somewhat in each land and culture. Even so, however, it is easy enough to see that all the world’s false religions have much in common. So it is not at all surprising that Roman Catholicism can fit in with, and even absorb, Hindu religious concepts, teachings, rituals, etc. Rome has in fact done this time and time again throughout history. But the difference between what it did in the past, and what it is doing today under the Jesuit control of the Vatican, is that in the past Rome declared that all these other religions were false and that it, alone, was the one true religion. Today, however, its approach has changed: it is now going all-out to promote interfaith and syncretism – treating all religions as equal, and even encouraging its people to pray to the gods of other religions. It still *claims* to be the only truth; but its liberal-leftist priests now also declare that there are many elements of truth in these other religions, and that Roman Catholics, rather than proselyting them for Rome, should now accept them as following “other ways to God” and even worship alongside them.

The Same Cardinal Upholds Bahā’ī Doctrine

The same cardinal, Filipe Neri Ferrão, believes in teaching Roman Catholic catechists to uphold the Bahā’ī theology of religions, again relegating the Roman Catholic “Christ” to just one of many gods.

He wrote in his “pastoral letter” as follows: “The commandment of love is at the heart of every religion. Every religion is at the service of humanity. The purpose of every religion is to help the human person grow spiritually, and the one who is spiritually enriched works towards fulfilling the dreams of bringing forth a new humanity. This new humanity, by transcending all barriers, embraces the entire humankind.”³ Not only were these statements gross errors, in that love is *not* at the heart of every religion and the various religions do *not* serve humanity, but in preaching such things this cardinal was promoting the teachings of the diabolical New Age movement.

At a seminar in July, Roman Catholics were shown a picture of the Bahā’ī doctrine that all religions are “different lamps” which emanate from the “one light” of an “unknowable” God. According to the teachings of the Bahā’ī religion, the major world religions all teach the same truth; and the scriptures of various religions are recited in Bahā’ī temples during their services. The Bahā’ī website states: “God has sent Divine Messengers known as Manifestations of God – among them Abraham, Krishna, Zoroaster, Moses, Buddha, Jesus Christ, Muhammad, and, in more recent times, the Báb and Bahā’ullāh.”

Italy: Romish Bishop Co-Inaugurates a Masonic Lodge

Before looking into this, a brief word of explanation: for centuries, Roman Catholicism forbade its people from becoming Freemasons. It saw Freemasonry as a rival religion – which it is, despite denials by many Masons themselves. This is not to say that no Roman Catholics have ever been Freemasons; but those who joined did so either in defiance of their “Church’s” teaching, or (in the case of certain Jesuits) because they were under dispensation from Rome to join so as to act as secret agents of the Vatican from within Masonry. Given the support of Masonic lodges for various revolutions, notably the French and Russian revolutions, and of how Rome itself has come to embrace the ideals of Communism, Masonry and Romanism co-operate far more than most realise.

Still, *officially* Rome condemned Freemasonry in the past.

So now to Terni, Italy, where an Italian Romish bishop, Francesco Antonio Soddu, co-inaugurated a Masonic lodge along with Stefano Bisi, the grand master of Italy’s largest Masonic organisation, the Grand Orient of Italy.⁴

The bishop did this because, in the present climate of interfaith and syncretism and all the rest, priests and bishops of Rome are at pains to appear accommodating to all religions. In this case, however, it may have backfired: “Instead of appreciating the prelate’s presence, Bisi used his inaugural address to humiliate the Catholic Church by calling for the anti-papal event of Sept. 20, 1870, to be immortalized as a national holiday in Italy. Papal rule over the Eternal City ended on that date”. He said: “Today, as in the past, our goal is always the same – to celebrate all the battles of freedom, starting with the one that in 1870... put an end to the dominion of the Church [of Rome], favouring the birth of a free and secular Italy.”

Such anti-Roman Catholic words from the grand master outraged Roman Catholics, who demanded answers from the bishop as to why he was there and had participated. He had to come up with something to say in his defence, and this was the best he could do: his presence there “had the sole purpose of witnessing faithfully to the gospel and to the Church, especially at this time of the Synodal Path that characterizes it.” The so-called Synodal Path is seeking to change Romish doctrine to make it radically liberal. Roman Catholic journalist, Andrea Zambrano, was quick to ask Soddu “what he had said that was so faithful to the gospel and to the Church” when he was participating at the lodge. He also reminded the bishop of the “over 200 notices of excommunication issued in official pronouncements of popes and bishops against Freemasonry, of every order and rite, over the centuries.” None of which would move any prelate bent on radically re-orienting the Roman Catholic institution towards multifaith and syncretism, in line with the Jesuit/Francis vision for the “Church” of Rome.

In fact, European Freemasons have *praised* Francis I for statements consistent with the teachings of Freemasonry! The principal Masonic lodge of Spain, the Gran Logia de España, stated that Francis’ document, *Fratelli Tutti*, “demonstrates how far away the present Catholic Church is from its former

positions”. It declared: “In *Fratelli Tutti*, the pope embraces universal fraternity – the great principle of modern Freemasonry.” Then, an article in the October 2020 issue of the journal of Italy’s largest Masonic lodge, the Grand Orient Lodge, praised *Fratelli Tutti* as being “close to the ideals that have constituted the very foundations of Freemasonry from the very beginning”. It said Francis had expressed “*apertis verbis*” (i.e. “in explicit words”) a “key to universal fraternity” consistent with the doctrine of Freemasonry. It pointed out that *Fratelli Tutti* has “many similarities with Masonic principles and vision”.⁵

This is not at all surprising to those who understand how the Jesuit pope is working.

Belgium: Bishops Publish a Liturgy for “Blessing” Sodomite Couples

In September 2022, the Flemish bishops published a liturgy for “blessing” sodomite couples, in direct violation of official Vatican teaching and policy. But they were not in the least troubled by this. In fact, they boldly stated that Francis himself approved of what they were doing, by quoting from the Roman pope’s document, *Amoris laetitia*, in which he stated that “every human being, regardless of his sexual orientation, must be respected in his dignity and treated with respect.” Furthermore, Francis asked “these families to offer respectful pastoral guidance so that their homosexual members can enjoy the necessary support to understand and fully accomplish the will of God in their lives”. Although Francis stopped short of actually saying sodomy was now acceptable, this was a careful step in that direction. Likewise when he called a sodomite couple in 2020 and said he understood their point of view, and that they should take their children to the parish, where they would definitely be welcomed. It was not an outright endorsement of sodomy; but it was hardly a condemnation either.

Things are so topsy-turvy now – and deliberately so – that the lead bishop responsible for the rite of “gay blessings”, Johan Bonny of Antwerp, said that he had spoken to the pope of Rome, and learned that the liturgy “for the blessing of homosexual couples that we have recently published is in line with Pope Francis.” He said, “I was called to Rome, and there I said what was my opinion about it. I have also personally spoken with Pope Francis about it. I know now what he thinks. That is for me the most important thing.”⁶

These statements were in a similar vein to ones made in 2018 by French priest, Daniel Duigou. He said that Francis had endorsed his “blessing” of sodomite couples. “The first question he [Francis] asked me,” Duigou said, “was: ‘Do you bless divorced and remarried couples?’ which is one of the big questions today in the Church.” Duigou said that he replied, “I listen and I bless, and I also bless homosexual couples”; to which Francis replied, “Yes, because to bless means that God thinks well of people and God thinks well of all people.” The interviewer asked Duigou, “Does this mean that the pope is in favour of blessing homosexual couples?” And Duigou replied, “Yes, absolutely. It is not about marrying them.”⁷

Ireland: Bishop Reprimands Priest Because He (Wait for It)... Preached against Sin

An Irish priest said in a sermon that abortion and homosexuality were sinful behaviours – which is official Roman Catholic teaching – but instead of backing him up, his bishop, evidently acutely embarrassed that his priest had *dared* to say such things, *apologised* for “the deep upset and hurt caused by the contents” of the sermon!

The priest’s name is Sean Sheehy, and the bishop is Ray Browne. Sheehy is retired, but had been filling in for a priest in Listowel, County Derry, Ireland. In his sermon he said, “You rarely hear about sin, but it’s rampant. We see it in the promotion of abortion. We see it for example in this lunatic approach of transgenderism”, and also in “the promotion of sex between two men and two women. That is sinful. That is a mortal sin and people don’t seem to realize it. It’s a fact, a reality, and we need to listen to God about it because if we don’t, then there is no hope for those people.”⁸ Now of course, he is a priest of Rome, not a Christian pastor and not a true Christian, so his understanding of

sin is limited, and his reference to “mortal sin” is to the myth taught by Rome that sin is divided into “mortal” and “venial”. All the same, however, what he said about abortion, homosexuality and transgenderism was what virtually every priest in the world would have preached, once upon a time. These things *are* sins, and just a few short years ago he would have had the backing of every bishop in the land. But today?

Today, he gets reprimanded by his superior.

Sheehy called on his hearers to repent of these and other sins, saying sin would lead them to hell. Again, he would have meant “repentance” in the Roman Catholic sense of “penance”, not the biblical sense; but the point here is that this is what priests of Rome are required to do as priests, and have done through the centuries in accordance with the teachings of their “Church”. Sheehy was heckled by some people in his congregation, and a number of them walked out – demonstrating that Roman Catholics today have been sharply divided into conservatives and liberals by the Vatican’s Jesuit approach under Francis.

But over and above reprimanding Sheehy, his bishop’s apology went so far as to say that “the views expressed [by Sheehy] do not represent the Christian [he meant Roman Catholic] position.” This was an outright lie, and Browne knew it. Any perusal of the official catechism of the Roman Catholic “Church”, or of other official documents, would reveal this in a moment. In fact, virtually all priests, and many ordinary Roman Catholics, would know precisely what their “Church” teaches about such sins. But this bishop was prepared to lie, and lie publicly.

This is how Browne the bishop continued: “The homily at a regular weekend parish mass is not appropriate for such issues to be spoken of in such terms”, and, “The gospel... is a gospel of love and ever proclaims the dignity of every human person. It calls on us all to ever have total respect for one another.” So according to the good bishop, the “gospel” of Romanism is so concerned with upholding the dignity of everyone that it will never tell them they are sinners, and Sheehy should never have called his hearers to repentance. Yet sin is what the Roman Catholic institution has proclaimed for centuries! Oh, it has not proclaimed the *true* nature of sin – but it refers numerous times, and in numerous contexts, to sin. Browne was lying, plain and simple. Sheehy himself said, “I know myself what I said cannot be disproven by any honest-to-God Christian [Papist] or Catholic teaching, and that’s the bottom line.”

Next, the vindictive Browne – not content with issuing an apology – ordered Sheehy to stop saying mass. Sheehy said that Browne was “muzzling the truth in order to appease people”, and he was not taking his silencing lying down. He said he stood by his sermon and would not apologise. But by now the entire country was stirred up one way or the other. Former prime minister, Leo Varadkar, an open sodomite who has stated he is not religious, nonetheless did not hesitate to issue a statement through his spokesman in which he said, “As Pope Francis said, ‘Who are we to judge?’ As the Bible says, ‘Judge not lest you be judged.’ We are all God’s children.” His spokesman said he “does not believe that gay people will go to hell for being who they are, nor does he believe that any man or woman can make such a judgment.” Since he does not even define himself as “religious”, why would he think that any Romanist would even care what he thinks about hell? Note how quickly such “non-religious”, defiant sodomites are able to quote the Bible when they want to, and then proceed to pontificate on what it means!

Interesting, though, isn’t it, that once again Francis is quoted *in support of* something his “Church” condemns! See my comments above, regarding the fact that the Roman pope, in Jesuitical fashion, is constantly making statements which are snatched up by radicals on the left, even though he knows very well he is flying in the face of his own “Church’s” official doctrine.

Various conservative Papists and Papist organisations came out in support of Sheehy, expressing outrage at Browne’s behaviour towards Sheehy. Irish Roman Catholic and founder of The Conservative Woman, Laura Perrins, accused Browne of cowardice for “appeasing the atheists” and “appeasing the Catholic haters on Twitter.” “Do not be under any doubt as to the seriousness of what

the bishop has done here,” she wrote. “It is one thing to be condemned by the Irish Times, or RTE or the folks on Twitter, but for a priest to be cancelled by his own bishop for warning his flock about sinful behaviour is a disaster. What this means, is that other priests have been put on notice that they are not to condemn sin.”⁹ And in this way the Francis-supporting, Jesuit-inspired priests and bishops will advance their agenda: through intimidation, fear and threats.

And meanwhile – once again – the whole episode has left ordinary Roman Catholics confused and shocked. This is very obviously not the “Church” they grew up in! Everything has been turned on its head. As a Roman Catholic parishioner from the Kerry diocese said, “Hopefully our bishop will tell us where Father Sheehy got it wrong and help clear up the confusion over the Catechism of the Catholic Church.”¹⁰ This poor person will likely have a very long wait. What a time this is for sharing the true Gospel with Roman Catholics! They need to be shown that *both* Roman Catholic “gospels” – its official version and its new, unofficial but Jesuit-promoted version – are devilish lies leading men down the broad way that leads to eternal destruction, to hell itself. And they need to hear the glad tidings of the only One who can save sinners: the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man.

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