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HOW TO MEET FALSE DOCTRINE

Catholicism

COME ONTO ME — AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

1. The Priesthood

WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, TO BE TESTIFIED IN DUE TIME

(1) Man cannot stand between God and the sinner.

I. Tim. 2:6; Matt. 11:28

I Sin 2:5

I TIM. 2:5 Learn self

The blood is the only access to God's presence.

Heb. 4:14-16; 10:19-22

By a new and living way

Let us come boldly into the throne of grace

(3) All true believers are priests.

you are a chosen generation a royal priesthood

Rev. 1:5-6; I. Pet. 2:9; His privilege is access to God,

thru the rent veil Heb. 10:20. *By a new and living way*

and made us kings and priests

(4) We offer the sacrifice of our living body.

I am now ready to be offered pure religion and undefiled

Rom. 12:1; Phil. 2:17; II Tim. 4:6; Jas. 1:27

Secondly we offer praise to God, continually, Heb. 13:15

Thirdly we offer our substance. Heb. 13:16; Rom. 12:13;

Gal. 6:6; Heb. 13:2. *entertaining angels unawares*

(5) The New Testament priest is also an intercessor.

I Tim. 2:1; Col. 4:2. *continues in prayer*

(6) Catholics teach that if the priest has not the right intentions while performing his duties, his services are not effectual.

But him that is troubled in the word commendeth

to our reference

See him let offer the sacrifice of praise

2. Purgatory.

(1) The teaching of purgatory was introduced toward the close of the 6th century. It was not made an article of faith until 1439. Luke 23:42, 43; Phil. 1:23.

3. Indulgences.

(1) An indulgence is a remission of the whole or a part of the punishment due for sins already forgiven. Indulgences are obtained by the payment of money, by praying to certain saints, reciting the rosary, etc. Its theory is that after God forgives sin, a certain amount of pain must be undergone, due to the justice of God either here in this world, or after death in purgatory.

4. The Mass (The Lord's Supper).

- (1) Catholics teach that in the mass, Jesus Christ is daily offered on the altars of the Church as a propitiary sacrifice to God for the living and the dead. Mass avails for souls in purgatory.
- (2) In 1215 the Catholics adopted the idea that the bread and wine are changed into the real body, blood, soul and Spirit of Christ. The wafer is to be adored as Christ. Luke 22:19 is interpreted literally.
- (3) The Bible teaches that Christ was offered ONCE FOR ALL Heb. 9:25-26; 10:10-12; Rom. 6:8; Christ is not on Catholic altars now, but he is now in Heaven. Phil. 2:8-9.
- (4) In 1414 the Church decided that the cup should not be given to the communicants. See. Matt. 26:27.

5. Mariolatry and Image Worship.

- (1) This doctrine that Mary was to be adored as the queen of heaven was introduced in 1301, and after bitter controversy was made a doctrine in 1854.
- (2) The Scriptures never grant Mary attributes of deity, worship or any superior place. Matt. 12:50; Jn. 19:26; Acts 1:14.

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- (3) The one commandment of Mary is in John 2:5
 (4) Images are strictly forbidden. Ex. 20:4; Isa. 42:8; 44:9.
 (5) Angel worship is forbidden. Col. 2:18
6. Confession, penance, absolution.
 (1) No Scripture teaches to confess sins in the ear of a priest.
 Acts 8:22; Jas. 5:16; Prov. 28:13; Ps. 32:5.
 (2) Absolution is priestly power declaring sins forgiven.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

1. Christian Science has three main teachings:
 (1) Principle - Divine Mind, God, Love, Truth, etc.
 "The absolute allness of God".
 (2) Mortal Mind - error, illusion, nothingness. There is no sickness, no pain, no physical body, etc. *1 Jn. 4:3*
 (3) Demonstration - getting yourself to believe these ideas, and to affirm that they are true, and to act accordingly.
2. Christian Science denies the Word of God. It denies that the Bible is the authentic and fully inspired Word of God. II Tim. 3:16; Isa. 8:20; II Pet. 1:21.
3. *Learn* Christian Science denies the personality of God. "God is a Principle and impersonal Being." "As a Principle is all and is good, there is not anything that is not Good." Things which appear to be Evil are not real, they simply appear." The Bible everywhere declares that God is a Person able to will, to speak, and to act. Gen. 1:1; 3:9; Jer. 18:7-8; John 4:24. *Learn*
4. Christian Science denies the INCARNATION. Mrs. Eddy claims that Jesus was merely an idea -- "The offspring of Mary's self-communion with God." Luke 1:30-35; John 1:1
5. *Learn* Christian Science teaches that there is no ATONEMENT for sin. "The efficacy of the crucifixion lay in the practical effectation and goodness is demonstrated for mankind. The material blood of Jesus was of no more avail when it was shed upon the cross than when it was flowing in His veins. He came to save men from believing they were sinners." Isa. 53:5; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:23,26; Eph. 1:7.
6. *Learn* Christian Science denies the DEITY OF CHRIST. "Jesus Christ was not God's son in any other way than as every man is God's son. John 1:18; 10:30; Col. 2:9; Matt. 16:16.
7. *Learn* Christian Science denies the RESURRECTION of Jesus. "He hid in the tomb. To accommodate himself to immature ideas of spiritual power, Jesus called His body flesh and bone." Luke 24:39; I Cor. 15:15-21; John 1:14. *Learn*
8. Christian Science denies the ASCENSION OF JESUS. "The corporeal Jesus continued until the Master's ascension, when the human concept, or Jesus disappeared, while His spiritual self or

Acts 1:9, Heb. 4:14

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Christ, continued to exist." Acts 1:9; Heb. 4:14; Heb. 7:22,25; Acts 1:11.

Learn

9. Christian Science denies the true doctrine of Sin. "Man was, *learn* is, and ever shall be perfect." Gen. 6:5; I Jn. 1:10; Rom. 3:23. *Every false religion comes to the parting of the ways at the Cross of Calvary.*

10. Christian Science denies the Holy Spirit. "This Comforter, I understand to be divine science." John 14:16. Science is impersonal, but the Holy Spirit is a Person, able to will, feel, and to act. Mrs. Eddy imparted divine science, which she claims is the Holy Spirit, for the sum of \$800, for 12 lessons. I Cor. 3:16. *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.*

Learn

11. Christian Science denies the existence and personality of Satan. "The devil is the unreal evil of false and mortal mind." *learn* John 8:44; I Pet. 5:8-9; Rev. 20:10; Job. 1:8-9. *and the Lord and into Satan*

ye are of your father the Devil and the lusts of your father ye will do.

Be sober, be diligent for ye and the Devil cast into the Lake of fire & brimstone to be tormented.

12. Christian Science teaches that Angels are only pure thoughts from God. Gen. 19:11; Matt. 28:2-4; Acts 12:7; Jude 6.

learn

13. Christian Science denies the privilege and power of prayer. "Prayer is not a petition, it is simply an affirmation. Prayer to a personal God is a hindrance and may lead into temptation. God is not moved by the breath of prayer to do more than He already has done. Sin, sickness, death, sorrow, are due to a perverted imagination. Man is immortal and cannot die. No final judgment awaits mortals. Heb. 9:27; Rev. 12:15

be forcible

memory

RUSSELLISM. "JAHOVAH'S WITNESSES"
"JUDGE RUTHERFORD" - EXPONENT OF THE DOCTRINE

1. Russellism is known by various names. "Millennial Dawn", "Watch Tower and Tract Society," "People's pulpit," "International Bible Student's Association." Pastor Russell is the founder.

2. The errors gather around the
1. Person and Work of Christ.
2. The doctrine of grace relating to our Salvation.
3. The future life of the saved and the unsaved.

3. False teaching about Christ.
1. His deity denied, Russell says Jesus is a created being like the angels. John 1:1-3; Heb. 1:2; I Tim. 3:16; Col. 1:16-17.

2. His incarnation is denied. "Russell says "He did not possess two natures when on earth, nor does He possess two natures now. He dropped His spiritual nature when he came to earth and dropped His human nature when He left the earth." He is now simply a spiritual being of a higher order." Thus there could be no atonement, for How could more man bear our sins in his own body on the tree. I Tim. 2:5; Acts 1:11; I John 1:7; Heb. 10:11-14.

TABLE: *"Truth & Error went walking together. Error came out first and stole Truth's clothes. Truth came out and found Error's and wouldn't put on the dirty clothes; he is still a naked Truth." "I'll cut even up the truth with falsity"*

Paulism. No immortality by resurrection. Bible: Ye must be born again; fr. I. 2.

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- His resurrection is denied. "His body may have dissolved into gases, or it may be preserved somewhere as a memorial. "No one knows." But the Bible says "If Christ be not raised your faith is in vain. I Cor. 15:27-21; Luke 24:39; John 20:27, 28.
4. His second coming is denied. The second advent is supposed to have occurred in 1874, though Christ is invisible. Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:14-17.
 4. False Teaching about Salvation.
 1. He that believes on Jesus Christ does not have everlasting life now, but only in some future time, according to Russell. See John 5:24; John 3:18-36.
 2. Russell teaches "Although one believes on Christ now, and is justified by faith, he is not "begotten" of God. One cannot be "Born again" until he has been raised from the dead. Sanctification is the result of works, the result of our consecration and self-sacrifice. See John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:8-9.
 5. False teaching about Retribution.
 1. Soul sleep. "When a man dies his soul passes out of existence until the resurrection." Luke 16:19-31; Matt. 10:28; Heb. 9:27; Mark 9:44.
 2. Second probation. Russell teaches that "The wicked will have another opportunity to receive Jesus Christ during the millenium and under more favorable circumstances than now exist." "The sacrifice of Christ secured for mankind an awakening from death, and the privilege of there after coming to perfection, and if saved, of living forever. II Cor. 6:2; (Heb. 9:27;) Acts 17:30; Rev. 22:17; John 5:40. *"appointed unto man but once to die and then judgement."*
 3. Annihilation of the Wicked. In Matt. 25:41-46, Jesus represents the punishment of the wicked as being just as EVERLASTING as is the joy of the righteous. Mark 9:48 says "die not." Matt. 3:12; Jude 7; Rev. 14:10,11, tell of no rest days or night. From Rev. 20:10 we learn that the beast and false prophet will be in the lake of fire after 1000 years are ended. After the judgment we read, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still". Rev. 22:11-15.

"NEW ISSUE"

TRI-UNITY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
The Names of God

Because Matt. 28:19 speaks of a name which belongs to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, it is well for us to study God's names to see if there is any name which includes all three persons of the Godhead. There are three such names! They are Elohim, Adonai, and El Shaddai. In the Hebrew there are three numbers -- the singular, which denotes one; the dual, which denotes two; and the plural, which denotes three or more. Each of these three names is in the plural form in the Hebrew and therefore shows that the God whom it names is represented by a plural name. In Genesis 1:1 the name in the original is Elohim -- a name which is used in the Bible about two thousand five hundred times; in

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Genesis 15:2, it is Adonai, which is used two hundred ninety times; while in Genesis 17:1 the word is El Shaddai, used forty eight times. Surely our God made it very clear, even from His names in the Old Testament, that while "the Lord our God is one Lord," yet in some mysterious way in that One there is plurality.

"US" --- Genesis 1:26; Genesis 11:7; Isa. 6:8.

"MAKERS -- HUSBANDS" --- Isa. 54:5

"SON OF GOD" --- Psa. 2:7; Psa. 2:12; Prov. 30:4; Dan. 3:25.

TRINITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT --- Matt. 3:16,17; John 14:16; John 14:26; John 15:26; Acts 7:55,56.

"THE SON OF HIS FATHER" --- II John 3

JESUS WAS WITH THE FATHER --- John 1:1,2; John 1:14

JESUS IS WITH THE FATHER --- Acts 7:55

THE FATHER'S TESTIMONY --- Matt. 3:17; Matt. 17:5

UNITY, BUT NOT UNITY OF PERSON --- John 17:22

In GEN. 1:26; GEN. 11:7; and Isa. 6:8, God expresses the plurality of the Godhead by the use of the plural personal pronoun "US".

Our King James' translation of Isa. 54:5 fails to give us the correct reading, for the words "Maker" and "Husband" should both be in the plural -- "Thy makers are thine husbands."

From Psa. 2:7, Psa. 2:12, Prov. 30:4, and Dan. 3:25, we learn that the Old Testament tells of God's having a Son.

Matt. 3:16,17; John 14:16; John 14:26; and Acts 7:55,56; each speak definitely of the three Persons of the Trinity. John 15:26.

II John 3; "The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father" very clearly says that the Person who is called "Lord Jesus Christ" is "the Son of the Father." "Lord" and "Christ" are here parts of the name of the Son, not the names of the Father and of the Spirit. There is only one place in the Bible where the title, "Father" is given to the Son of God, and in that place, Isa. 9:6, it is not referring to relationship of persons, but to the relation of Creator to the things created. The correct reading of the expression "the everlasting Father", is "the Father of the ages", or "the Father of eternity." Christ is the Creator of the ages, and so is called their Father.

John 1:1,2 and John 1:14 tell of the Son's having been with the Father before His incarnation.

Acts 7:55 speaks of the Sons' being with the Father after His incarnation.

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In Matt. 3:17 and Matt. 17:5 the Father Himself speaks, and calls Him His Son.

How then can we explain God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as being three and yet one? Patrick is said to have used the shamrock to make it clear---the three separate leaves on the one stem. There are three, yet the three are one. God's Word makes the meaning clear in JOHN 17:22. Christ prays that the church may be one as He and the Father are one. In what sense could the church be one? Could it be one in person? No, that would be quite impossible, as it is composed of many, many people. Then how was it to be one? It was to be one in desire, will, spirit, purpose. And in the same way Christ says He and the Father are one---one in spirit, desire, will and purpose, but not one in person. They are Three, yet the Three are One.

"MODERNISM."

BIBLE INSPIRED---II Tim. 3:16

CREATION---Gen. 1:26 (Omit last part. End with the words "after our likeness.")---Gen. 2:7

CHRIST--Birth and Deity--Isa. 7:14; John 1:14; John 3:16

Resurrection---Luke 24:39

SIN---All are sinners---Rom. 3:23

Result of sin---Rom 5:19; Rom. 6:23.

A REDEMPTION THROUGH BLOOD----Eph.1:7; Heb. 9:22.

JUDGMENT---II Pet. 3:9; John 12:48; Matt.25:41.

To fully meet this teaching we would need to give the entire Bible, from God's plain facts of creation beginning with Genesis 1:1 to the last book of Revelation, which tells what God says of those who would add to or take from His Word (Rev. 22:18,19). But as this cannot be, just the passages which meet a few of the outstanding points have been selected.

II Tim. 3:16. Modernist teachers tell us that the difference in belief is just the difference in interpretation. There are some things in the Bible which may allow different interpretations, but the fundamental doctrines are not among them. When God says that white is white and black is black, is it merely a matter of interpretation when man says that white is black and black is white?

Gen. 1:26. Evolutionists say that man came through some branch of the monkey family; God says he was made in His image and after His likeness.

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Is there any way of reconciling the two statements--image of monkey with image of God?

Gen. 2:7 -- "formed of the dust of the ground"-- not evolved.

Isa. 7:14 - God even foretold in prophecy the supernatural birth of His Son--"a virgin" and "shall call his name Immanuel." His mother should be a virgin, His name should tell His nature--"Immanuel" means "God with us." The One who was to be with us would Himself be God, born of a virgin mother.

John 1:14 - "Only begotten of the Father." John 3:16 - "only begotten Son." We may be sons through creation and through regeneration, but He alone is the "begotten Son"-- The Son through generation.

Luke 24:39 - tells of a very literal resurrection.

Rom. 3:23 - After thousands of years of "evolution" man is still a sinner!

Rom. 5:19 - God's words do not sound like the teaching of evolution.

Rom. 6:23 - The universality of sin.

In Eph. 1:7 and Heb. 9:22, God says nothing of man's atoning for his own sin, but tells of a cleansing through the blood of Christ.

Modernism tells of a God who is too loving to punish man. II Peter 3:9 also speaks of a God of love, but in John 12:48 we find there is a judgment for those who refuse to accept His way of love, while Matt. 25:41 tells of the punishment which awaits. God has opened a way of salvation. But if a sinner refuses to be saved, there is no alternative but that he should be lost.