

CHAPTER XVII
C a t h o l i c .

The Christian religion is the best known, and the most widely attended of all of the Religions in the modern world, it was started at the beginning of the Roman Empire, and its start was at Antioch in Asia Minor; this religion was started, founded, and organized by the Greeks of Antioch, and neither the jews, nor the Romans had anything to do with the making of this new creed; although its hero is supposed to be a Jew, and its name is Roman; it was started by some smart Greeks, one of whom was called Paul of Tarsus, ^{and} was probably the real founder, at least he had the most to do with building up and making the creed.

These Greeks were smart enough to know that a new religion was needed in the world, all of the older religions except the Jewish were broken down, and had lost their hold on the people, the Roman Empire had no religion, but it tolerated all creeds, the result was no real good form of worship for all people was in existence; so many Gods so many creeds, left the vast majority cold, so the time was ripe for something entirely new that would appeal to the masses; unfortunately the creed started in Antioch, possibly the worst city in the world at that time, and it was started amongst the lowest class of the City, the thieves, beggars, slaves, drifters, and the scum of the population were the first Christians, they had nothing to lose, and Paul was intelligent enough to promise them a grand reward in the hereafter, so it is no wonder that they flocked to his new church, for at least some hope was in store for them, it was preached to them that they were religiously and socially as good as anyone else. and it is not surprising that the poor and ignorant joined the new creed en masse.

The exact date of the beginning of the Christian Church is not known, for in all contemporaneous history, there is no mention of this religion, or its hero; at that time the Romans and Greeks had good historians and there were others in Egypt, but no history of that period has a single line in it of the start of the Christian Church, or a single word about its God; all we know of it is contained in the New Testament ~~with~~ which is a continuation of the Old Testament, and the two of them combined

formed the most remarkable unbelievable, most senseless mass of misinformation ever printed in one volume.

It is hard for a sane man to actually believe that any one single sentence in the combined Bible is true, even if one wants to believe the facts in the Bible, are such crude inventions that the intelligence revolts, and common logic forces a man to cast it all aside as pure inventive imagination; we must remember that all of it was written when men were dense and ignorant, and could believe anything no matter how absurd, but in this modern world to try to unload this mass of Ridiculous misinformation upon an educated community as true facts would seem to be the desire and will of a maniac; the Christian Religion was made by the Greeks of Asia Minor, and every word of the New Testament, and of the Gospels and Epistles were written in Greek, not one single word of it was written in Hebrew, or Latin, and from end to end it was formed, compiled and written in Greek, for the Greeks, so it can be positively asserted that not a particle of it is Jewish or Roman.

The story of the New Testament is written around a Jew who was supposed to have been born in a stable at Bethlehem; this man is called Jesus, and the word Christ was added to that name, so we find him designated as Jesus Christ, and both of these words, are pure Greek; It is certain the Jews of Nazareth at that time did not know a word of Greek, consequently could not know even the word Jesus, their children were usually named after some one of the Jewish Biblical heroes, so the name Jesus would not even be known to them, it can be stated as a positive fact that no Jew born at Bethlehem would or could have been named Jesus, therefore the man named by the Christians never existed at least under that name.

The word Christ in Greek means Savior, the first Christians were the Savors, and that is reasonable enough, but for the Christians to call a Jew, Jesus Christ, is simply ridiculous, for no Jew named Jesus Christ ever existed; the whole story of this man is written around his miraculous birth which is the climax of unbelievable stupidity; there is not a single statement of that story that does not revolt the senses.

The story is about a girl named Mary who is engaged to marry a carpenter named Joseph; an angel visits Mary in her sleep, and tells her she is to be blessed above all women, that without the assistance

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of Joseph she will have a child who will redeem the world; who wrote this story of the angels visit, did Mary, Joseph, or Mary's mother publish this piece of great news? Or was it some Greek scribe in Antioch 200 years after, we know not, nor do we know how the Greek writer ever acquired the information.

Shortly after the Holy Ghost in the form of a white dove enters Mary's bed-room and by some means unknown to man, this bird makes Mary pregnate, and then somebody we know not who, makes known to the world, we know not how, that Mary is going to have a child without the assistance of a man; that kind of a fairy tale might have been put over at that ignorant period of time, but we doubt it, but try and imagine what would happen to a girl of today if she tried to put across a tale of that description, can you imagine the ribald laughter, and what physicians would have to say about it? An educated Jew asked about this, explained it as follows: A Jewish girl violating the moral law was stoned to death, Mary met and loved a Roman Officer who could not possibly offer her marriage, but nevertheless they went together, and Mary found herself with child, which if found out would cause her death; the Roman officer wishing to save her, offered Joseph a large sum of money if he would marry Mary, and give her child a name, Joseph needing money badly, accepted the offer, married Mary and saved the situation: that version of the story which is as good as the Bible story, only far more sensible and believable, is a very good view of what the Jews think about the whole story; if Mary herself had announced to the married woman of her acquaintance that she was going to have a child without ever being with a man, we can be positively certain those women would have received her story ~~with~~ with such an outburst of scorn, ridicule and laughter that the embarrassed ~~girl~~ girl would have been glad to leave the town.

The child is born in a stable, which is as good a place as any other for the purpose, but even that natural event is at once spoiled ^{by a miracle} which is that three wise men from the East ~~xxx~~ unexpectedly arrived, and announced they know the glad tidings; what is the reason for all of this miracle stuff, it is not in any way necessary and seems to be a clerical boost only; this whole story of the annunciation, and the immaculate conception, is crude, false, silly invention, there cannot be a word of truth in the whole story; no one knows who started the story at that time, or who told the facts no one knows, if Mary or Joseph ever spoke of this to any body, or if they themselves recited these miracles to any one, Who did they tell the story to, and who was the reporter who recorded the news

These stories were written and composed by the Greeks in Greek two or three hundred years after they were supposed to have occurred, and as there was no written record of the events how did the composers a long time after become acquainted with the real facts; the whole story from start to finish smacks of priestly invention. There was positively no means by which the facts and details could have become known outside of Bethlehem, especially after two or three hundred years had gone by; Did Mary and Joseph name him Jesus? Of course not, then who named him. The only way we can determine this is to guess, and our guess is that this Bible character was named by some Greek in Antioch possibly by Paul himself, who was quite an inventive Genius, he could do anything else, so it would be an easy matter, for Paul to invent a name for his hero; ~~xxxxxxxx~~ no Jewish records ^{or} ~~any~~ traditions of that time have a word to say about this astounding series of events, and that is strange indeed, for the Jews were at least intelligent, and surely would know some of these world-stirring events, but not a single word from Palestine, the whole mass of it is invented in Antioch.

We will pass over the silly miracles and say that Jesus grew up and worked as a carpenter, and then suddenly drops completely out of the picture, and for a long time disappears and nothing whatever is known of his life at that time; we are inclined to believe that the invention of the Greeks gave out at this period, or they possibly made a story so ridiculous that the later fathers of the church may have considered it the part of wisdom to destroy it, and let the public guess what became of Jesus when he disappeared from the map; suddenly he turns up again about thirty years of age, and not one single word about where he has been, or what doing, a long dead blank hard to believe and harder still to swallow.

From then on Jesus begins his grand career of performing miracles- that is his whole stock in trade- miracles by the hundreds, did the inventors of these stories seem to think that the more ridiculous and unbelievable these stories are, the more readily they will be accepted? On the foolish theory that the greater and larger the lie, the more people will believe it; Had Jesus made one miracle only, performed before, and attested by the proper Roman authorities, that one miracle alone would have been sufficient to have proved him an exceptional man, but a thousand unattested miracles would not have raised him in the estimation of any intelligent person; all of the three years Jesus was performing those wonderful miracles, the Roman officials, well educated, intelligent men, appear not

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to have heard one word of them, there was a host of Romans in Palestine, and it is impossible they could not have heard of a single one of them, and if they had learned of even one of the miracles, the news would have been dispatched to Rome, and the Emperor, and the Senate would have demanded his presence at Rome instantly to explain and show what he was doing; but not a line in history- not a line from any official in Rome, located in Palestine do we find; not a single intelligent Roman of the thousands living in Palestine knew anything whatever about any of these great miracles, yet some obscure writer in Antioch could give the most minute details about everyone of them.

If Jesus wanted to impress the world with his power, why did he not go to Jerusalem, and perform a miracle before the Roman Governor and his staff, had he done so, all of Rome would have known the facts within two months, but no, he performs these stupendous events before a crowd of stupid country louts without a single Roman official or soldier present; is it a fact that Jesus did not want an intelligent audience? was he afraid to pull off any slight of hand before discerning critical men? At least it appears so, for of the thousands of Romans living in Palestine, not one of them records either seeing or hearing about one of these great miracles; the fact of the matter is, that not one of these great miracles, was pulled off by Jesus in Palestine, they were born in the smooth brains of the smart Greeks in Asia Minor, who not only invented this new religion, but also the characters in the Book and the wonderful things they did; there never was, and there never will be a Biblical miracle performed, they are to put it plainly, impossible, and no educated man in his sober senses can give any credence to such incredible trash.

What is a Biblical miracle? Many think it is an impossible task, really accomplished by a God, a semi-God, or some prophet of God, something no one else could do, that is the usual conception of a Biblical miracle; the real explanation of a Biblical Miracle, is a violation of a law of nature; now we all know well that no law of nature can be violated, therefore there cannot possibly be a Biblical Miracle; thousands of natural miracles take place every day; when a woman conceives and brings forth a child, that is a natural miracle; plant an acorn and a fine oak tree appears; plant a grain of corn and it grows and multiplies a thousand fold, and so on down the line; these wonders take place before our eyes every day.

Now let us note the difference between a Biblical and a natural miracle; in the Biblical you plant an acorn, and a horse grows out of the ground, or you mate a pair of ducks, and they hatch out a crocodile, or you plant a potato, and it brings forth an elephant, or two humans marry and their offspring is a peach tree; those are all good examples of Biblical Miracles, for we must always bear in mind that the smallest miracle is just as difficult as the largest, it is no more difficult to raise a man from the dead than it is to stop the sun in the sky for six hours, each are equally large, equally small, and equally impossible.

No man or woman on this earth from the beginning of time, until this day, has ever performed a Biblical Miracle, for nothing on earth can change a law of nature; let us take a very simple example, could any churchman in this world today, assisted by the prayers of every member of his creed, change a fish into a bird? Now that would be a very simple one, not near so hard as stopping the sun for six hours; could the combined efforts of all of the churchmen living today bring back the life of a man who was really dead three days? Let the best physicians and surgeons we have, answer that question? However, there is no need for the question to be answered even by experts, for we all know what the answer would be, therefore it can be assured here with out fear of truthful, or sensible contradiction that no Biblical Miracle was ever performed on this earth by any man, or woman who ever lived.

Miracles are only created by the makers of a religion to astound the ignorant, and compel them to accept the new creed in awe and fear, and even the miracles of Mahomet and the makers of the Mormon Creed are laughed at and derided today, and yet their miracles are as silly and ridiculous as the Christians - no more and no less.

The Greeks at Antioch having started a new religion, it was necessary for them to make a God to head it; they were all acquainted with Jehovah, the Jewish God, a well known character in Asia, but they could not place him at the head of the new creed alone, for that would look like stealing Jehovah from the Jews, but they could use him. and by some changes get new converts and perhaps get some of the Jews to join the new Church.

So they filched Jehovah from the Jews, and had him create a son and a ghost, and behold we have the old pagan Trinity which all

of the Pagan people of the East could understand and accept, for we must remember that the first Christians were Pagans, and would have scorned a religion like the Jews with only one God; so the makers of the new Christian religion, created their new God, and of all the Gods created by every race in the world, this new God, was the most ridiculous, incredible unbelievable of all; this Christian God must have been born in a brain storm in a lunatic asylum.

Let us analyze this Christian God; one part of him is the old hateful, murderous Jehovah, the God of the Jews; another part of him, ~~he~~ is a Jew carpenter whom they named Jesus, and whom they insist is the son of Jehovah, and they make another part of him, and call it a ghost, and give it the form of a white dove; now let us see what these three Gods mean; Jehovah is the creator of heaven and earth, of all living creatures, including saints and devils, so we can understand his place in the universe, but what did Jehovah create God the son for? For what purpose? Did he create him merely to have him crucified? In all of the billions of years, before Jehovah made this earth, did the God Jesus have absolutely nothing to do? Did he rest on a cloud for billions of years and let God Jehovah do all of the work? And what is the work of Jehovah and Jesus today, is Jehovah still damning and sending to hell the majority of mankind in his old, hateful, spiteful way? And What is Jesus doing? Is he trying hard to have Jehovah change his mind occasionally, and pardon some weak sinner?

One of the two Gods Jehovah, is mean, hard and vindictive, who likes murder and torture, the other Jesus is meek and tender and forgiving, so there must be some very hot arguments between the two, Jehovah trying to punish, and Jesus trying to save, and the queer part of it, is that Jehovah will have his way, for according to the teaching of the Bible the majority of mankind are going to hell; the third God of this Trinity the Ghost, seems to have been created for one purpose only, and that was to make pregnant a woman in Palestine; try as hard as we can, we cannot discover any other thing this Ghost has done; now if that is all he was created for, we must imagine him during countless billions of years, doing absolutely nothing; this stretches the imagination enough to drive the sense out of a man's mind.

By a strange piece of Eastern Magic, the makers of these three Gods made them one person only; that is the supreme joke of all God makers, the best practical joker who ever lived, perpetrated a hoax

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on such a grand scale, it includes everything from the sublime to the ridiculous; when Jehovah was on earth, talking personally to Abraham and Moses, where were the God Jesus and the Ghost God, they were not with Jehovah, consequently they must have been elsewhere, and if they some where else, then they must in fact be three separate persons, and not three-in-one; when the ghost God was announcing to Mary she was to be a mother, and when he was impregnating Mary, where was Jehovah and Jesus? They were not with the Ghost, so we are again faced with the fact that they are three separate beings and not three-in-one; we are almost forced to give another example of the absurdity of this three Gods in one claim; after Mary's conception, and before Jesus' birth, he was a part of Mary, now doing that period of gestation, where was Jehovah and the Ghost, surely they were not where Jesus was, and we are again faced with the fact that they are three separate persons.

Another illustration, Jesus died on the cross, and then went down to hell, therefore he was dead, and in hell three days; was Jehovah and the Ghost, dead and in hell at the same time? Or were they alive and in heaven, if Jesus was dead, and in hell, and the two other Gods were alive, and in heaven, then of necessity the three ^{are} separate and distinct persons; no matter how you figure it out, you must come to the same conclusion, not by any twist of the imagination can you prove it different.

The men who made up this astonishing trinity, did something the best mathematician who ever lived could not do, and even a deity could not accomplish the feat; they proved the multiplication table was wrong; according to the table three times one make three, but according to the genius who created the Trinity, three times one make one; Pythagoras Euclid, Kepler, Laplace and Newton could not do that, they could not possibly change that table, but any ignorant half educated country preacher can shout at the top of his lungs that three times is one, and ^{three} idiots will believe him to be correct.

We often wonder who was God the Mother, the heavenly Mother of Jesus the son, or did he spring fully born from the brow of Jehovah? A good imitation of Greek mythology? And why not God the Daughter, were the Greeks who made this Trinity so impolite that they deliberately ignored the women? Or was their estimation of womanhood so low that they did not consider them worth thinking about?

That must have been at the beginning of the religion for later on some of the very smart Greeks must have observed the

omission so they got busy and created a female God; they selected for this post of Goddess, a Jew woman Mary, whom they say is the earthly mother of Jesus; they placed a halo around her head, and she is now worshipped as the grand Goddess of heaven; they went even further than that, they created a whole flock of little Gods, so they display as many Gods as the Greek and Roman mythologies; the Jew Joseph was made a saint which is a form of little God, and numerous others were created, Saints, Paul, John, Peter, and a host of others. then they added the heavenly Saints, Michael and Gabriel, and afterwards they made Saints by the thousand, and in the end they had as numerous a body of Gods, as the Romans, from the very small Gods like the saintly martyrs to the great God old blustering Jehovah; we now find in the Christian religion any kind of a God or a sem-God, or a God half human, and half mortal that any one may select to pray to; you can pray to any one of the Trinity, to the Goddess Mary, to the Archangels, to the big men Saints, or to any one of the numerous martyr saints, whom they are still creating.

The makers of the Greek and Roman Mythologies were child-like and simple in their creating; the Christian Creators were so far superior in making a gigantic bunch of Gods, that the Greek and Roman efforts seemed childish in comparison; let us pause and ask here, can an intelligent human mind possibly by any means imagine more than one God? When one says two Gods does not that in itself state the impossible? How could there possibly be two or three or more Gods, if there is a Supreme Being, he or it, must be by nature itself- one in authority, and undividable, it is unthinkable that there could be two parts to a deity; by every sense of reason and logic, there could ^{only} ~~not~~ be one supreme creator of the Universe, and to attempt to divide that Supreme Being into different parts only makes him or it, ~~rather~~ ridiculous, the Jews were the most intelligent of all God makers, for they had the sense to reason out that there could not possibly be more than one God in the universe.

The question now is, did the man Jesus ever really live; historically nothing is known about him, for no contemporaneous history has a single word about him; none of the histories of Rome or Athens or Alexandria mentions him, and no Roman records have a single word about him, or any of his doings or works; Older histories and records mention thirteen Christs who have been crucified; this story was well-known throughout all of the Eastern countries, and the Greeks who made the Christian religion undoubtedly knew the story very well for it was common knowledge

at that time, and it is very possible they adapted this old story, and made it a part of the new creed; it is possible that at this time, there was an itinerant Jew preacher and healer travelling around Palestine pretending to heal the sick, and doing about the same as all of these so-called divine healers do; this travelling healer and preacher may have built up quite a reputation as a healer, and his renown may have reached Antioch; and the Greeks in that City knowing of this healer may have adopted him as their leader, and finally built the whole story in the Bible around him, and in the end made him their man-God; this seems a good explanation why the Greeks of Antioch made their God out of a Jew preacher.

Search history from end to end, read all records known, and not one word of Jesus do we find; Pliny the Younger mentions the Christians of Asia, as a low turbulent vicious sect, causing the Roman officials trouble in trying to control them, and he considers them as a mob so mean and vicious that he advocates using strong and stern measures to control them, he writes of them as Christians, meaning saviours, but no where does he mention the word Jesus; the only record we have of Jesus the man is contained in the New Testament, and the Christians claim that the Bible is absolute proof of his life and Godship, while as a matter of fact, the Bible proves nothing, and not one single fact in the Bible would be accepted in any Court of Law as proof, for not one single fact in the Bible is provable, everything in it is pure invention, not a single sentence of a religious sense is believable, and to accept any statement as a recorded fact is past belief.

The Bible is not built on facts, but on fancies; all of the great characters of that time, are recorded in history, their deeds and even their personal habits are known, even Caesar's writings have come down to us, so there is a good reason for us to know these men lived, and reputable historians have left us a believable record of their doings, but when we try hard to discover a trace of Jesus, we run into a blank wall, not a single trace do we find, so the Bible instead of proving that Jesus lived, really seems to prove the contrary, for no doubt it is not historically correct, and some facts in the Bible are not true; if one single sentence in the Bible is false, then the whole structure falls to the ground, for if it is divinely inspired, then each and every word in it would have to be true, yet if one statement is false, then not one word of it can be claimed to be divinely inspired, for it is unthinkable

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that a divinity inspiring this work would cause one single false statement to be made in the whole Book, therefore we can conclude that the Bible does not absolutely prove a single thing that ever happened on this earth.

There not being any proof that the man Jesus ever lived, any man may reasonably doubt that part of the Bible story of him is correct, and may also doubt that he ever lived, and may also sensibly and reasonably believe that the whole story of Jesus in the Bible was concocted and made up in the brains of the men that started this religion and creed in Asia two thousand years ago; when you bring a case into a court of law, your case to be accepted must be based on facts, and the facts must be substantiated by plain, unvarnished evidence that can be understood by the court, otherwise your case would be thrown out, and you would be reprimanded by the Judge for wasting the time of the Court in basing a case on fiction alone.

The Bible records the life of Jesus very plainly from his ^{thir-}~~thir-~~^{ty}tieth year until his death, and the whole story is his wonderful miracles, his parables, and his preaching to the people; some of it is admirable, good sensible virtues that should be practiced by all good men, but the miracle parts of it are unbelievable trash, not mentally acceptable to any sensible man; the only way to explain this is to believe that the men who invented these silly tales were so densely ignorant that they actually believe that all future generations of men would be as silly and ignorant as they themselves were; they could not foresee that man would become civilized, educated, and intelligent, and that the period in civilization would arrive when men would think, and reason with logic, and form their own conclusions on metaphysical matters, and not believe without a particle of proof every cock and bull story concocted by those ancient ignoramuses.

Jesus now gets into a fierce wrangle with the Jews, and they show a very violent hatred towards him; you will note here the fine hand of the Greeks in forming a hatred against the Jews, as they are going to blame the Jews for the death of Christ, yet note their smartness- they know the Jews cannot kill Jesus, so they have the Romans do the deed, but they dared not blame the Romans, but laid the death on the shoulders of the Jews; Jesus is brought before Pilate, the Roman Governor for trial, and on the most flimsy pretext and excuse, is condemned to death; that seems to us false to the very core, for the inventor of that tale, certainly knew nothing of Roman law and justice, no man was condemned to death in a Roman Court without a very good reason, and there was not the slightest reason

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for Pilate sentencing Jesus to suffer the death penalty; but now the most unreasonable and senseless part of the whole tale occurs, Pilate orders Jesus to be crucified by his soldiers, and hung on the cross until he was dead.

According to the well known Roman Law, the proconsul or Governor or any agent of the Roman Government could ^{not} order a man executed after a trial, the sentence of death could only be ordered by the Emperor or the Senate; Pilate could try Jesus and condemn him, but Pilate would be compelled by Roman Law to send the findings of the trial to Rome, and the Emperor and Senate alone could order the sentence carried out; had Pilate ordered Jesus executed on his own responsibility, he himself would have been ordered to Rome at once to be tried and executed himself for daring to disobey Roman Law; Pilate was a Roman politician and statesman, and well knew the Roman Law, and had far too much sense to put himself in certain danger of death in order to slay an unknown Jew who had not violated Roman Law, and whom he actually believed innocent: in spite of what the Bible says, ~~Pilate~~ the Roman Governor did not order the execution of Jesus by Roman soldiers; this is a statement of plain facts, based on the rigidity of Roman Law, which ~~Pilate~~ ^{Pilate} did not dare to violate, even if he wanted to for certain reasons of personal vengeance; this whole story of trial, condemnation and execution smacks of invention from the very first word to the last.

The Roman soldiers now proceed to crucify Jesus, and all of the brutal details are fully explained in the Bible, but where the writers of this story obtained the details no one knows. Jesus is forced to carry a heavy cross on his shoulders for a long distance, the soldiers clapped a crown of thorns on his brow, and showering him with insults and blows drive him on his weary way to death; not one word of this is reasonable; the soldiers could not have felt a particle of enmity towards Jesus, they were not brutal, and certainly would not have tortured a poor man going to his death, had they been compelled to execute him, they would have hauled the cross in a cart to the place of execution, taken him quietly, and carried out the orders of their superiors.

This tale smacks of falsehood a mile, and only shows that the inventor of this story knew nothing of Roman Law, Roman Governors, or Roman soldiers; Jesus could not have been put to death without an order from Rome; the Roman soldiers were not brutal, they were stern, brave, just men, and their lives and character were built up against brutality

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and injustice, they were taught to obey, but never to injure and torture; Pilate knew he would be committing suicide had he ordered this man executed, and yet he orders him executed, defies Roman law without a single reason, and to make matters worse for himself, does not make the slightest report of the whole matter to the authorities at Rome.

This whole tale is invention only, not a word of it is based on known facts of Roman Law, and Roman character; the tale is made to appear that Jewish hatred had Jesus condemned, and that Roman Law killed him without reason; this is the common sense view we take of this ancient story in the twentieth century, the people of the fourteenth century could and did swallow this tale, but that does not mean that the educated men of to-day must believe this story, or that for some unaccountable reason they must not write about it in plain newspaper English; if the Bible is divinely inspired, and true, all of the criticism in the world cannot injure it, but if it is not divinely inspired, and is perhaps false, then any man may write his opinion of it.

Jesus is taken down from the cross, and his body is prepared and placed in the grave, and his soul goes to hell, and remains there three days, what he goes to hell for, the Bible does not give a good reason; in the meantime his body is rotting in the grave for in a warm country the body decomposes very rapidly; when a man dies decomposition sets in at once, and decomposition is only an instant, and violent change of all of the atoms in the body, gases form and escape through the orifices of the body, every part of the body changes its matter or assumes a different form, and three days after death the body bears no resemblance whatever to the body of the man alive; and yet in spite of this, in three days Jesus came back to life, a living man again; does that infer that decomposition ceased? And went backward, and that every atom of that body resumed the original position it occupied in that body at the instant moment of death? That all of the gases that had escaped returned at once, and joined again with the body in their original places? Would a well educated chemist or physician believe that possible? They might but it would be very hard to convince the average educated man today that such an absurd violation of the laws of nature could at any time take place.

It is such statements as that in the Bible that cause a man to reflect, and try to figure out in his own mind if such a thing was possible, and ~~that~~ ^{many} at once so mental objections enter the mind, that the more one reflects, the more absurd the story seems; read deeply about chemistry

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and physics today about the atom, and the contents of the body, and what happens to the corporeal body immediately after death, and then see if we can reconcile the intellectual ^{known} ~~known~~ facts about the atoms and their movements with this story ^{of} ~~and~~ the resurrection, the hard facts make the Bible story violate every law of nature and the atom.

Jesus is now alive again fully restored in mind and body, and again starts out on his travels about the country, where he is seen and converses with several people who all record his doings, and sayings although none of them can read or write, so how they made a record of this for the composers at Antioch is past understanding; it is supposed that Jesus ate, and drank as a normal man would, and visited around with his old friends, and companions, but now a new ^{dilemma} ~~problem~~ arises in the minds of his creators, they must get rid of him in some miraculous way, and they certainly succeed by bringing on the story of the ascension, a masterpiece of fiction; Jesus' body itself is going to ascend into heaven, clothes atoms and all; probably there was one hundred thousand people living in Jerusalem at that time, and when a man's body arises flat-footed off of the ground, and ascends upward to the zenith at mid-day at least ten thousand of them should have witnessed that grand sight, yet not a single Roman or Jew records the great event, ~~and~~ an event that would astonish the whole world; had one hundred Romans witnessed that feat, it would have become common knowledge in every corner of the earth, and yet not a word of it is recorded in history.

Jesus' body then ascends to heaven- wherever that is- we cannot imagine how far his body had to travel, or at what speed, but we do know it had to pass through a degree of cold of absolute zero; that poor body must have been frozen stiff before it went 500 miles; can you imagine Jesus' frozen body, sailing through absolute zero and darkness? If his destination was the first fixed star Alpha, it would have to travel four and a half light years before arriving, and arrive frozen stiff; in time the body of Jesus arrives in Heaven, clothes, atoms and all, and in the meantime parts of God's body remain on earth, that is a paradox, yet it is strictly true; when Jesus' body arrived in Heaven it was the whole body he had at the time of his death, yet during his thirty three years of life, he shed off a good many parts of his body, his hair that fell out or was cut off, the trimmings from his finger nails and toes, some of his blood that he must have shed when he was working at the carpenter trade, and being a Jew, a part of his body was

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cut-off at circumcision, and that part of him was ~~that~~ thrown away;
so his body as arisen is in Heaven, and all of those parts of his
body that he lost during his life ^{are} in Palestine today, so we have
the strange paradox of a part of God in Heaven. and a part of him on
earth.

Perhaps some explainer will say that when Jesus' body
ascended all the other parts of his body that were in Palestine instantly
followed him into the sky, even his baby teeth went with him, but let
it be said here and now that very few people would give much credence
to such a clumsy explanation; some very smart cleric will have to think
up something far more credible than that.

It is strange the makers of the Bible did not think of this,
and they might have started a grand search throughout Palestine for these
parts left behind, and they might have discovered a half a ton of Jesus'
personal relicts to sell to the faithful; they did ~~x~~ though discover
several kegs of nails used in nailing Jesus to the Cross, and several
cords of wood from the Cross upon which he was crucified, have been re-
covered, but it is strange the hunters have not come across any parts of
his body that are in Palestine today, however, we need not despair, some
lucky saint may come across one of his milk teeth one of these days; that
is the story of the man-God Jesus, we find in the Bible, and no where
else; all people who want to believe it, can believe it to their heart's
content, and at the same time all people who do not care to give the
slightest credence to this story, are just as much entitled to their
adverse opinion as the believers are to theirs.

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The Christian Religion ~~is~~ now made, the Gods are created
by the founders of the new creed, and they proceed to build up a large
number of converts, and as the people are eager for something new to
believe and worship, they flock to the new Church in droves, the ignorant
the slaves, the thieves, beggars, and the rif-raff of the East, and the
new teaching spreads all over the ~~Mediterranean~~ Mediterranean basin and finally
reached Rome which was the world's sewer at that time, and from then on,
the history of the Christian Church is the history of the Eternal City;
The history of the Christian Church for the next three hundred years
is a mass of fanatical riot, vicious quarrels amongst themselves over
senseless parts of the doctrine and creeds, violent quarrels for power
and place, hatred as bitter as gall of one sect of Christians for others,
insane disobedience against all law. church and state, and the early

Christians can be said to have been the most perfect nuisance any country has had to put up with. 164

From first to last, they made every kind of trouble for public authority, always turbulent, never obeying the law, never keeping the public peace, they were the most disturbing element in the Roman Empire; all governors in all places, complained they could not control this mean, vicious element in the Cities, and Pliny, the Younger, advocates stern hard measures against them; that is the real reason for the so-called persecution of the poor, meek Christians; the Christians make those mad idiots mild saints being persecuted by Pagan Rome on account of their dear religion, while as a matter of fact the Roman Emperor, and the Government did not object to the Christians or any other religion being preached or practiced in Rome as long as they obeyed the law and kept the peace, but the trouble-making fanatics could not, and would not, be peacable, law abiding citizens. They deliberately made all the trouble they possibly could for Roman authorities.

That was the real reason for the so-called persecutions of the early Christians, and it gave the Church the opportunity of manufacturing martyrs by the thousands; every insane rioter slain by the police was at once converted into a saint; the early Christians of Rome were the Bolshévics, Reds, Socialists, Communists and Anarchists of Rome. and caused as much trouble to Roman authority as these late martyrs do today; finally Roman Authority began to use force, the Emperors gave instructions to suppress them, but it was too late, the fire had spread far and wide, and when it was stamped out in one place, it burst forth in another, the mistake the Roman Government made in the first place, was in not stamping it out, and destroying it at the very beginning; however, the Emperors tried to suppress it, they condemned and killed, but to no avail, when one was killed, another took his place; fanaticism cannot be smothered by force, it can only be annihilated, but we do know that the persecution of the Christians by Rome was not religious, but political only.

The Christian Church always twists facts to suit their purpose, no matter how very ridiculous the conclusions they arrive at are, for instance the Bible tells of Jesus deliberately setting out on his journey to Jerusalem for the express purpose of being put to death to redeem mankind from sin, and yet when the Roman soldiers are sent to apprehend him, he hides; now if he wanted martyrdom, why did he hide from the soldiers, for

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he was trying his best to escape arrest, we know he was hiding from the positive statement that Judas betrayed his hiding place for thirty pieces of silver, so his hiding place being discovered, he was placed under arrest; according to the fact stated in the Bible, if Judas betrayed his hiding place, then Judas merely carried out the Lord's wishes, for if Jesus had escaped, he would not have died, and redeemed mankind, so Judas' betrayal was only helping to carry out the Lord's command, and yet for helping to carry out the Lord's plan of salvation, Judas has been cursed, and condemned ever since, when as a matter of fact he should have been applauded.

After two or three hundred years of violent quarrels, contentions and bitter strife, the Christians finally called together the Council of Nicaeaⁱⁿ Asia Minor, to patch up their wrangles and differences in dogma and creed; this council assembled about the year 325, and proceeded to give the finest exhibition of religious riot, contention, and personal hatred ever known, it was an assembly of maniacs in a mad house, confusion hatefully compounded, and out of this insane asylum of fanatical lunatics, there emerged by a close majority vote the Christian Creed, not by a very large majority, but by a very close vote was decided what was true, and what was false in the Christianity of that date; imagine the true word of God being put to a vote in a mob of raging fanatics, and the ~~xx~~ wild crowd decided once and for all the real inspired Christian doctrine; is it any wonder that a sane man cannot understand it, or believe it, when those religious wranglers themselves could not agree upon which was true and which false, and yet we are asked to believe today as divinely inspired truth, the doctrine handed down to us by that frenzied mob; one would think that the Council's decision settled the matter, and that contentions and quarrels would cease, but on the contrary, they became worse and the discensions, and bitter hatreds ~~broke~~ broke out more bitter, and violent than before; to make matters worse, the Roman Empire had been ~~xx~~ divided East and West; the Capital of the West was Rome, and the East Constantinople, and that divided the Roman Government and the Christian Church.

Each sect now strived to gain political and physical power, and when they succeeded, woe to the other sect, for the sect acquiring power at once set to work to religiously assassinate, ^{SSI} massacre, ^A torture, and cast into dungeons the Adherents of the other sects, and to gain power they resorted to every kind of trickery, bribery, falsehood, and any and all vile means to gain their ends; finally the Emperors ^{began} began to take sides and that

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brought the vicious quarrels to the very lowest depths of infamy and degradation, from then on, the whole mess became so nauseating it ended in becoming disgusting.

The Western Roman Empire begins to decay, being weak and impotent and the hardy barbarians of the North assail it at will, and finally in the Fifth Centurey, they capture Rome, and the Western Roman Empire ceased to exist; at that time, the Bishop of Rome claimed to be the Grand High Bishop of the World, and whether his claim was just or not, did not matter in the least to him, he at least claimed it at the top of his voice and all the power of his lungs.

When the Empire fell, the only authority left in Rome, was the Bishop, and he being a cleric was of course sleek and smart, and seeing his opportunity, he seized the political power as there was no one to gainsay him, so the Bishop of Rome became the Roman Emperor in all but the title, while his church became in fact the Roman Empire, so his Church from then on became the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and it is neither Holy Roman Catholic or a Church, for it is the most unholy institution known, it is not Roman, but Greek, it is not Catholic because it is the most narrow, biggotted creed of all, and it is not a church, but a political and financial institution.

All that the Catholic Church inherited from the Roman Empire was its Paganism, which it had adopted bodily, the worship of images, the numerous gods, goddesses, and saints, the spectacular awe inspiring ceremonies, and all of this splendor mummery and tinsel was taken directly from Pagan Roman bekiefs, and exhibitions, and cannily used to over-awe and astound the ignorant public; from that day to this, the Roman Catholic Church has been the one-surviving remnant of pure paganism remaining in the world, q direct descendant of Zoroaster, Osiris and Jupiter, the last but the most powerful Pagan Religion that ever existed upon this earth.

From this time onward, the Pope as he was now called, and the Church bent all energy, force and will power towards gathering financial and political power; the Pope used any and all means to obtain political and sovereign authority, fraud, cunning, wile, guile and force were all used for the acquisition of land, cities, countries, and to add them to the Pope's domain, and every possible means were used to acquire wealth; one of the smart Popes invented one of the best methods for obtaining money ever made, this was the sale of indulgences, the indulgences were sold for cash money to a King, Prince, Count, or even to a wealthy man

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for the express purpose of permitting him to commit any crime on the Calendar, he could plunder, rape, murder or torture as he pleased, and the indulgence gave him full pardon for any atrocious crime before it was committed.

We can imagine what a flood of money this scheme poured into the coffers of the Popes'; a man wishing to get rid of his wife, bought an indulgence, and proceeded to cut her throat; a man wanting to get rid of a neighbor, bought his indulgence, and then joyfully murdered the victim, and seized his property; all kinds of people paid all kinds of money for the permit to commit all kinds of crime; one could buy an indulgence to commit rape, upon the body of an innocent girl, and the scoundrel after committing the foul deed could show the Pope's permit to do the foul crime, and the Pope's pardon for violating the moral law; no financier ever devised a better plan for making easy money than this; it is the world's masterpiece for the gain of dirty money without the slightest effort.

Another fine method for gathering coin was put in force, the communicants of the Church were early taught to contribute money to the Church and clergy, and to contribute largely and freely, all of the clergy got a part of the coin, the priest got his share, the Bishop his, and in all cases a large part was sent to the Pope, with all this incessant gathering of money, we can well believe a large share found its way into the Pope's pocket; the Popes also interfered in governmental and political matters, and between one sovereign and another, always with an eye to the benefit of Pope and Church, this led to the invention of the Papal Bull, another very useful instrument in the hands of the Pope.

The Bull was an order or written command of the Pope, and all Catholics were compelled to obey a Papal Bull; by it he could damn a nation a sovereign, a city, a people or a man, it was all the same who or what was damned, they stayed damned until pardoned by the Pope, and no one could disobey or refuse to carry out the orders of a Bull; this gave a large amount of personal power to the Pope, and gave him the power to order and rule through abject fear, and the Popes worked upon that craven fear to the very limit.

A Papal Bull could also be a blessing, and a means of thanking a sovereign or a nation for some certain act which gave pleasure or profit to the Pope; for instance after the massacre of saint Bartholomew in Paris, the Pope wrote a Bull thanking the French Court for religiously

massacreing their brothers and neighbors, the French Protestants; that was a nice way for the Pope to pay the Catholic party of France for services rendered, as it did not cost him any material wealth, but only a scrap of writing; the power of the Bull was based entirely upon ignorance and fear; and we can readily perceive why the Catholic Church always bent towards the task of keeping its communicants ignorant; ~~uneducated~~, ^{an educated,} ~~unintelligent~~ citizenship would in time see through the silliness of their fears of a harmless Bull, but if the average man could not and would not reason and reflect, the Bulls could hold the minds of men in fear and subjugation for ages, it is only since the world has been enlightened by study and reflection that the Bull has lost its force as a political weapon.

A division now separated, the Catholic Church. The Eastern Catholic^{Constantinople} at the head of which was the Bishop of ~~Constantinople~~ became dissatisfied with the pretensions and claims of the Bishop of Rome, who insisted that he was the all highest, and broke away entirely from the Roman Church and became the Greek Catholic Church, and strange to say the Greek Catholic Church is the first and original Catholic Christian Church of the two, for the very good reason that the Greeks of Antioch formed and made the Christian Religion and creed, gave it its God, and really founded the Church, therefore the Greek Catholic Church is the first Catholic Church; the Roman Catholic is secondary, it was made in Rome, and is only the successor of the Pagan Roman Empire, so no matter what Rome may claim, the Greek is the first, and oldest Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church from then on ascends to power in Europe, and while it ascends in power and wealth, it descends in religion and humanity, and the result is that for the next thousand years we have what are called ^{the} Dark Ages, when ~~a~~ ignorance and greed ruled the world, all teaching, all schooling and all reading of science, and philosophy was abolished, and the vast mass of the people were brought down to the mental and intellectual level of animals; by every means in its power, the Church put an end to intellectual teaching and training, no studies could be made in physics, surgery, medicine, geographey, astronomy, literature, humanity, and All of the so-called learning was in the heads of the priests and monks, we are therefore not surprised when we learn that the vast majority, ~~probably~~ ninety per cent of the people thought and acted like brutes.

When the intellectual food for all of the people for hundreds of years, was the dumb-founding creed and dogma of the Catholic Church we can very well imagine to what depths of mental depravity the inhabitants of Europe reached; during this period this Church was the grand trouble maker of the globe in every country, and in every way the Church interfered in politics, in government, in the rule of the cities, in the conduct of the Churches over the clergy, and they even poked the Church nose into the innermost private lives of the people; no ancient Pagan Church was ever so tyrannical, cold, mean and heartless as the Catholic, none so rapacious, greedy, avaricious, or so brutally cruel; in the whole government of the Church, there is not a spark of humanity, kindness, charity, brotherly love, and no forgiveness except at a set price.

All of the brotherly love of Jesus their God, was forgotten, not one of his virtues was practiced, and the Ten Commandments were a joke, as no body believed or obeyed them, the Pope least of all, and as they would not follow the life or teachings of Jesus, they gradually pushed him aside and set up in his place to worship his Mother Mary, who for ^{some} astonishing reason they designate, the Virgin Mary, although she was the earthly Mother of Jesus, and is said to have had several other children; why call a woman a virgin who has given birth to children is entirely beyond our comprehension, for the dictionary defines a virgin ~~a~~ woman who has had no sexual intercourse, and as Mary had several children, this makes the term Virgin Mary a religious paradox.

About this time there developed something in Christianity that hardly ever happened in any religion before or since, and that has continued to this day, and that is the Christians stopped practicing Christianity - in fact the ~~makka~~ practice was quit entirely, none of the teachings of Jesus or the early leaders was followed, none of their rules of conduct carried out, and from then on until the present time are the only people in this world who do not practice Christianity ~~xx~~ the Christians themselves.

The first political recognition of the Christian Church came from the Emperor Constantine, as fine a ruling murderer as history records; this bloody tyrant slaughtered indiscriminately, killing

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whoever he disliked, his own personal family included; he gave his official stamp of approval to the Church because he needed the Church's assistance, and not for the reason he believed in it, for it is certain that this cold blooded monster did not believe anything, in fact he was hardly human; on account of his political assistance, the Church makes a fine hero of this Royal Murderer - in fact he is almost a saint in their point of view, and in the Catholic School Histories a very amusing miracle is made by the clerics to exalt this man; it is told that during a great battle when it seemed that he might be defeated, he suddenly decided to become a Christian, and at once a large sign of fire was seen in the sky, the sign reading "In hoc signo vincis" or translated "In this sign conquer." which he proceeded to do at once, supposedly with angelic assistance.

Is not that a nice little miracle to astonish school boys with? and yet it is on a parity with all Church Miracles; we are sorry to say the history does not tell us what kind of light, ^{it was} but perhaps the Roman Army at that time ~~was~~ knew how to stretch electric signs high in the sky, that can be called a tale that even the Baron Munchausen could not beat.

The whole history of the Catholic Church from then on, is centered around the Popes, who were to all intents and purposes emperors of Rome, and as a rule they behaved as all emperors usually do; the Popes were forbidden by Church law to marry, as were the ordained clergy, therefore they could not have sons or daughters, but strange to say most of the popes had several nephews whom they took very good care of, giving them titles and wealth, and in some cases sovereign power, in some small country, and taking good fatherly care of them indeed, if the discerning men of the time smiled and winked at the practice, that was all they did, for it was very dangerous to criticise the Pope for death followed rather speedily.

Some times a Pope in Peters Chair did not give a hoot for public opinion, and openly acknowledged his children; such a one was Rodrijo Borgia, known as Pope Alexander VI, who had five bastard children, amongst whom were two very well known in history. Caesar and Lucretia Borgia; Alexander not only lived openly with the mother of his children, but also had several accomodating women living in his Palace who we will politely say were concubines, he certainly patterned after that old reprobate King Solomon.

Some times there was a frightful wrangle over who was the right and lawful Pope, and at one period of Church history, there ~~was~~ were three Popes at ~~the~~ one and the same time, each claiming to be the one true infalible successor of St. Peter, and each of them denouncing the others as frauds and imposters; a rather contemptible indecent brawl to be indulged in by the heads of the very Holy Church.

During the dark ages, was made the insane attempt to conquer Jersalem from the Turks called the Crusades, and enterprise bungled and botched from beginning to end, it gave the clerkly much to slobber over, but the attepmt was a failure as the Catholics hated and fought each other as much as they did the & Turks; it did though create some new saints for the Church, and as Saints are a great benefit to humanity, probably the terrible suffering and death caused by the Crusades was worth the price.

During all this time the Church taught, and proclaimed as Gospel the theory of astromomy as taught by Aristotle, that the world was flat and that the sun moved around the earth every twenty four hours, you will note from this that the Churchmen had not enriched their minds in hundreds of years; but again light began to penetrate the minds of men; Copernicus a Monk after intensive study, gave out his theory that the sun was the center, and that the earth revolved around the sun, but he took very good care to give this discovery to mankind on his deathbed, as it would not have been safe for him to announce it if in good health, for he knew that deadly punishment might be in store for him, should he go contrary to Church teaching; at that time another world benefactor Kepler announced his three laws which proved the Copernican theory, and demonstrated how the plamets were kept in their courses by natural law, and then the third of that splendid trinity appears upon the scene- Galileo, a student of Mathematical Astronomy.

Gallileo learning of the invention of the telescope, and how it was ~~Constructed~~, undertook the task of making one, and finally made one of very small power, but to his astonishment, upon lining it up with the Planet Jupiter, he plainly saw the moons around that planet, and when u pon ~~approximating~~ poining it at the planet Venus, he saw the Phases of Venus, and the Copernican theory was proved by observation to be true; Galileo immediatly announced his discovery to the world, and of course vital trouble followed; he was denounced as a heretic for daring

to call the Catholic ^{belief} false, and he was haled before a conclave of Cardinals to be tried as a Heretic; there he was brow-beaten and abused, and finally threatened with the torture of the inquisition if he did not recant, and Gallileo not being a fool, and seeing no reason why he should suffer torture, readily recanted, but with his tongue in his cheek; this is in a line with the scientific progress of the Catholic Church for twelve hundred years, and readily accounts for the dense ignorance of the Catholic Clergy and layman during the dark ages, and the Catholic Church did not officially acknowledge the Copernican theory until about the year 1828.

Another grand scheme for raising money was invented in Spain by a half-insane cleric named Torquemada, who started what is known as the Inquisition, and upon which the Pope finally gave his seal of Approval; This was the one invention of the Church that must have been spued up by Satan out of the lowest depths of hell, for it was the most cold blooded piece of outrageous brutality that ever foully disgraced any religion; the Inquisition had the power to denounce, and try any person whatsoever, they held the trial in secret, the accused was not confronted with his accuser, he was not told the nature of his crime, could not call witnesses for his defense, and was not allowed an advocate for his defense; he was accused in secret, tried in secret, and condemned in secret as the jury of Inquisitors could at their own sweet will condemn him to the torture, and then burnt at the stake.

Now observe the contemptible hypocrisy of these inhuman demons, they did the trying and condemning, but forced the secular arm of the law to carry out the sentence; craven cowardly, hypocrites, they did not have the moral courage to carry out themselves their frightful sentences; to make matters worse, all of the property of the condemned was confiscated for the benefit of the Church, and many a rich man was mercilessly slaughtered in order that he might be robbed, is it any wonder the Church grew rich and fat? This under-handed, secret butchery and robbery, was carried on in Spain, France and Italy, that is wherever the Catholic Church had the political power, and it was not stopped until the scorn and hatred of all decent men put an end to this unnatural hell-founded thieving brutality.

The people who suffered the most from this scheme, were the Jews who had money, the Moors who were hated, and last but not least, all

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people who had property or wealth, for by a piece of sly trickery, they made a rule that any person who would secretly denounce anyone would be given a small share of the plunder after the victim was tortured and burnt; this ~~xxxxx~~ bred a nice mob of lying, sneaking spies who smelled out and denounced all who had money, or any person whom they personally hated, for you may be sure that having this frightful power, it was terribly abused, not only for the purpose of robbery, but often for hatred and personal vengeance; in all history, there is no equal to this for sheer villainy, no ancient or modern ^{religion} ever sank to such depths of black infamy, and no apologist since has been able to explain away this unspeakable foulness, nor cleanse the page of religious history of this foul blot on the very name of humanity and brotherly love.

The Popes interferred in all political matters in all courts when they were permitted to edge in, assuming the attributes of a worldly sovereign, the Emperor of Rome; in some cases they made a fine mess of it, as in the case of Henry VIII of England; Henry was married to his brother's widow, a woman somewhat older than himself, and he became infatuated with a young hussy of his Court whom he wanted to marry, that made it necessary for him to divorce his wife in order to ^{do} which he had to have a dispensation from the Pope who was perfectly willing to grant it; Henry's wife was a sister of the Spanish King, and as the King was a very powerful Monarch, "The Pope was between the devil and the deep blue sea," Afraid to deny Henry's request, and more afraid of the merciless King of Spain.

So the Pope gave a fine exhibition of cowardly procrastination, he dodged, and he ducked, and did everything he possibly could to avoid a decision; Henry growing impatient at the Pope's petty excuses, and childish squirming, finally makes a decision that changes the ~~xxx~~ religion of England, he decides to break away entirely from the Catholic Church, and start a religion of his own, of which he could make himself Pope; the Protestant- Episcopal Church of England is made, the King making himself Pope of the New Church, divorces his wife, marries his little Hussy, and all goes on merry and happy- everyone satisfied except the Pope; This cowardice of the Pope was a severe blow to the Catholic Church, it not only lost the support of England, but was the direct cause of all of the religious wrangles in England for years after; some times the Catholics were in power and persecuted with all their might, and the Protestants did

the same when they had the opportunity, so all of that bloody trouble was the direct result of the Pope's pusillanimous conduct.

The pope's interference in French politics was still worse, and caused far more evil results, for it was longer and more widely spread out, it was not one decision that made the trouble, but hundreds of years of malignant evil which did untold injury to the French people; the Popes always upheld Kingly power, no matter how vile, tyrannical, and ~~awful~~ evil it was, the Church winked at the evil, and upheld the power because the king needing the support of the Church permitted every kind of clerical abuse, and the Churchman could and did commit every kind of excess; they held in fee most of the best land in France, they paid no taxes, and they were permitted to raise money by any means they choose, and the clergy as a rule, instead of being men of God, living a good Christian life, as a moral example to the people, were licentious libertines, usually spending their time with the beautiful women of their flock; this was exemplified in one terrible period of French history, the reign of Louis XIV, the Royal Blackguard of Europe.

The Catholic School histories in the Chapter devoted to this reign, head it "The Glorious Reign of Louis XIV." and refer to him as "The Grand Monarch"; this man was without doubt one of the most contemptible characters in modern history, and during his long reign, every deed he committed was condoned and upheld by the Catholic Church and all of its clergy from the Pope down; Louis was five years old when his father died, and during his minority, the political power was held by his mother, and his Prime Minister Mazarin, who died when Louis reached his twenty-second year, Louis then grasped the Royal Power, and held it until he died in his 77th year.

Now begins his glorious career, the main features of which was that he was the most successful, wholesale seducer of women in Europe, he had a legal wife living in the Palace, but that did not deter him from openly living with harlots in the same building, and this noble Christian King forced his wedded wife to socially receive those harlots.

Louis openly bred several sets of bastards, and then had the impudence to command the French Parliament to proclaim them legitimate, thinking he could abolish the moral law by a decree; he turned his palaces into cess pools of debauchery, and there is not one single instance not one single record of any Pope, Bishop or Priest ever protesting against this open flagrant violation of the Commandments of God, or of the Church, and in payment the Church, and Clergy were given permission to do any and all evil deeds they wished to accomplish.

When any one displeased this fine gentleman himself, or any one of his harlots, or her friends, they were arrested without warrant and thrown into a dungeon of the Bastile where they were forgotten and left to rot of old age; this was done secretly without a trial, without guilt, without proof of wrong doing-nearly at the displeasure of this despotic tyrant; he was uneducated, vain pompous and pretentious, and had no talent, one who always made both political and military mistakes, always doing the wrong thing at the wrong time, and every thing he undertook failed miserably; as he grew old and physically could not practice a seduction, he practiced sodomy and his companions - male and female in those beastly excesses became his chosen friends and counsellors, and at that time he made the greatest political mistake in history.

Louis' grandfather- Henry IV by the Edict of Nantes, had granted the French protestants religious liberty, they had to obey the law, but were permitted to worship in their own way; at this period of French History, the Huguenots were the bone and sinew of France, the best manufacturers, merchants, bankers and seamen in the land, but the Catholic Clergy hating these people with a deadly Catholic hatred, determined to get rid of them by means of their ascendancy and power over the King; Louis as he grew older began to have a deadly fear of hell. we can well believe that for he lacked sense and reason, so his Jesuit confessor ably assisted by the Kings' left-handed concubine, so worked upon the fools, fears and dreads that the Church would not keep him out of hell fire, finally revoked the Edict of Nantes and 270 thousand of the finest and best citizens of France were forced to leave their homes; imagine this injury to France in driving these very best citizens out of the country, sending them to enrich neighboring countries with whom Louis was at war, ^{deliberating} ~~deliberately~~ ^{them} enriching at the expense of his own, could any political move be more silly and foolish than this? It was done only to please a cunning Jesuit, and a low designing woman.

That was one of the reasons why that during the latter part of this reign, France lay prostrated; senseless wars were forced on other nations without cause or good reasons, the country drained of money for these senseless wars, and for rewarding his henchman, and his vile harlots, the land drained of money and men to feed the vanity, and lechery of this Royal Blackguard.

Louis was the direct cause of the French Revolution, others may have helped it a-long somewhat, but he was the main cause of that

revolt, for when he died the country was impoverished and prostrated the best manhood was killed off in the wars, the Huguenots were banished, and the nation overburdened with a frightful debt, even the interest of which could not be paid; such was the reign of this glorious Catholic King, whom the Church still acclaims as the Grand Monarch, but students of history who delved deeply into records, and who reason and think to a conclusion, acts that have been done by those holding supreme power, place this unspeakable wretch Louis as one of the lowest and most contemptible characters who ever disgraced the pages of history; Robespierre was a saint compared to Louis XIV.

The new world of the West America became a fine source of graft and profit for the Church, as the Spanish adventurers journeyed to the West to conquer and plunder, they were accompanied by the priests who saw to it that the Church got its share of the spoils, not only did the Spaniards conquer and rob the people of the new world, but the priests seized the best of the land, converted the natives by fire and sword, and then enslaved them, the Spanish soldiers armed with swords and firearms, and the priests with the Bible, Cross and the Faggot; a good combination - give up your wealth or be slaughtered, and join the Catholic Church or be burnt alive; we can well believe the Spaniards became wealthy, and that all of the natives became good Catholics, the Priests tore a page out of Mahomet's history and improved upon it, so you will find the East Mohammedan and the west Catholic.

The French Revolution was inevitable, but it was brought to a head by Louis, somewhat assisted by his successors, who were even more stupid than he was. It came after a thousand years of suppression, cruelty and want; the king, nobles and clergy made serfs of the majority for their own pleasure and profit, the kings, nobles and clergy paid no taxes, produced nothing, and seized all, so the poor people were ground down in poverty and oppressed by tyranny; when at last the French people awoke to their power, they enacted a bloody vengeance for a thousand years of wrong, the king, the nobles and the priests, were gillotined, their lands were confiscated, and returned to the people where they rightfully belonged, and at last real freedom dawned in Europe- freedom from absolute Monarchy, and religious freedom from the tyranny of Rome.

Had Napoleon been a far sighted patriotic statesman, he would have put an end to the Catholic Church power for all time, as he had the power to do so, but like other short sighted statesmen before and since he made

the fatal mistake of compromising with Rome, leaving the Pope just enough power to meddle in public affairs, and continue to stir up strife and bitterness; since the revolution the Catholic Church has tried hard to regain some political influence in France, but to no avail; ~~xx~~ the enlightened French people have not only prevented that, but from time to time, have made more stringent laws against the Church, like suppressing the Holy Orders and confiscating their property, controlling the clergy, and forcing the parochial schools to abolish Catholic instruction, and permitting them to teach only the same studies as the State Schools, the result of that is, that the Catholic Church in France is slowly dying out, and in the course of time, it will ~~x~~ disappear in that country.

Spain one of the strong, Catholic Countries of the world surprised every one by forcing the King to abdicate, forming a Republic and abolishing the Catholic Church, as the State Religion; they went even further by abolishing Holy Orders, and seizing their property, and like France Spain has almost put an end to the Catholic Church both politically and religiously; of all of the great Catholic Countries in Europe, only two are left - Ireland and Italy, and of these two, Ireland will probably be Catholic for all time, for there must be some country to furnish a supply of Catholic Priests, as almost all of the clergy we know in that Church are Irish; Besides the Irish, for some reason, lack the power of logic, and either cannot, or will not, use their minds logically, consequently not being able or willing to think or reason, they will always remain good Catholics.

Italy is the queerest of all, considering what has happened; Rome was the head of the Church from the beginning, yet in spite of that Garibaldi and his Red Shirts in 1870 captured Rome, and abolished the Sovereignty of the Popes, and added the Pope's domain to United Italy, thus the Popes lost their political power; lately an Italian Adventurer, a reincarnation of Caesar and Napoleon managed to grasp political power in Italy and made himself Dictator or Emperor which any one sees fit to call him; after this man entrenched himself firmly in power, he made the same old mistake all others have made by compromising with the Pope in order to gain a little more political power, foolishly believing the Pope would come to his aid in the hour of need.

In order to placate the Pope, he gave him again political

sovereignty, made him in fact a little King once more, and the

Pope is again Emperor of Rome - a very small Empire indeed, but it enables the Pope to again have armed guards like a King, to form a Court, to send plenipotentiaries to other countries, and in every way to assume the attributes of Monarchy; the whole thing a farce - a pretense of royalty, and so contemptible in this modern age of democracy, that it is not conceivable why either the Pope or the Italian Dictator could stoop to such a piece of comic opera buffoonery. We are wondering why the people of Europe have not laughed themselves sick at this piece of nonsensical comedy.

Let us now review the scene in Rome - the seat of the Holy Roman Catholic Church; there is the Trinity of God - God the Father Jehovah - the hot tempered killer, maker of heaven and hell, the good old Jew God, working now for the Catholics, then Jesus, God the Son, a Jew Carpenter, and the unknown Ghost who flies about like a white bird, but does nothing, that is the old Trinity - three-in-one or three times one is one; then we have political Rome, and the same old Trinity bobs up, three Kings in one, King Pius, King Victor Emanuel, and King Benito, so we now find two Trinities religious and political, and it is to be supposed they all cry in unison three times one is one, three Gods are only one God, and three Kings are only one King; it is hard to judge which is the most laughable, although in comparison, it looks like King Benito is Jehovah, King Pius is Jesus, and King Victor Emanuel is the Ghost, at least he is unseen, and seems to have no part to play and nothing to do.

It is a wonder how the intelligent people of Italy submit to this nonsensical situation; have they lost or surrendered their high ideals, of humanity and liberty? And have they forgotten Garibaldi, and his magnificent efforts for political and mental freedom? We would not be surprised at some backward people, submitting to this, but we are surprised and pained that the proud Italian race could have fallen so low in surrendering their personal liberty gained at such a heavy cost.

The Spanish countries of America gained their political, and religious liberty some time ago; Mexico was the last of them to awaken, but when Mexico did awake, it woke up with a vengeance, after years of political, and clerical oppression, patriotic Mexicans seized the governmental power, and from then on, Mexico advanced with gigantic strides towards liberty and education; Parochial schools were abolished, foreign

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preists were banished, the church was forbidden to mix in politics, and Mexico at once joined the long procession of nations, marching onward to freedom, justice, and a firm desire to bring to a high intellectual level all of the citizens of that country; the splendid patriotic Mexicans who have accomplished such wonders in such a short space of time, are to be commended, and congratulated by all good thinking men.

Some parts of Catholic Church rules cannot be understood— for instance the Oath of Celibacy of the Priests who cannot marry according to Church law, but we do not understand that the Priests are castrated when they take that oath, are we to suppose that they take the oath of celibacy, and yet retain all of their physical manhood? And are they supposed no matter how much they are sexually tempted, never to violate the oath of chastity? If the oath is necessary, why not the castration, which would absolutely prevent ^{them} ~~xxx~~ from violating this oath, it seems the two should go together for a man willing of his own free will to take the oath of celibacy should be just as willing to submit to castration, and then all people would be certain that the oath is never violated, as it is, it leaves us very much in doubt about the chastity of men, especially young healthy men who freely mingle with women, and yet remain purely chaste, the fact of the matter is civil laws of all countries should rigidly enforce such a law, and compel by the laws of the state, that a man willingly taking the Oath of Celibacy, should at once be castrated.

Another deadly law of the Church is the iron law of oral confession, this dark sinister practice was invented in the early days of the Church, and no doubt was made for the express purpose of spying into the inmost thoughts, and lives of the communicants; this is one of the most repugnant practices of the Church, and to the laymen seems the most cold-blooded and sinister of all; men, women, boys and girls by the law of the church are compelled to go alone in a secret place with a priest, and openly confess to him all of their inmost thoughts, desires and sins, and all ~~must~~ be told, nothing can be omitted, or changed under penalty of committing a mortal sin, and subjecting the sinner to everlasting hell-fire.

This seems an outrageous piece of Chicanery; a married woman in the confessional can be asked any question by the Priest, any extremely intimate question concerning the habits, or doings in the bedroom, and she is compelled to give true answers to all of his questions, no

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matter how sexually intimate they may be; and a man can be questioned the same way; a boy can be rigidly examined, and his inmost secret thoughts probed, no matter how lascivious they may be, and these may implant many secret, and unnatural desires in the boy's mind.

Worse still, a good young girl enters the confessional to be examined by a strange, strong healthy man, and this man is permitted to ask this innocent girl any sexual, lascivious, lecherous questions he may desire to ask her, there is no check on what he may talk about as he is alone the judge of what he does, or says to this girl, and no matter what takes place, the girl is frozen to silence, she cannot repeat one word that goes on in the confessional without mortal sin, and danger of hell-fire; what do fathers and mothers really think of this? of Subjecting their young innocent girls and boys to this degrading practice, to this terrible risk of their children hearing in the secret confessional of sex matters that should never contaminate their young minds.

The proper confession for a boy ^{is} to confess to his father, and a girl to her mother, and the state should have in every public school an elderly Matron of unblemished character, a motherly consultant for girls, and an elderly good man as a moral guide for boys; this would be a great benefit to children whose parents for some reason are too modest to talk plainly to their children, but to turn them over to a strange and unknown man who is not, and never will be, a father, is disgustingly degrading.; that any certain man is commissioned by the Supreme Being to forgive a deadly wrong is a downright lie; no sophistry or cant can confuse this point; no one living, can forgive a deadly injury except the person injured, that is plain common sense and common logic, and all of the tongue twisting in all languages cannot change it.

A man commits a cold blooded murder in California, and confessed the murder in secret to a Priest in Boston, and the Priest forgives him and will not turn him over to the Justice of the land; what do the law abiding citizens think of that? A man robs a widow, and her orphan children of everything they possess, and in a different state, the thief confesses, and is pardoned by the Priest, and the bald effrontery of the claim that his God gives him that power, the only person on earth who could

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forgive that thief is the person robbed, and for a priest to claim that he can forgive it is an impudent falsehood; the iron hand of the criminal law should forbid, and suppress oral confession, it should be prohibited in all countries, and severe penalties should be enacted against it, and if that is not enough to put an end to it, it should be suppressed by force for any practice that might smirch or soil the minds of the children, should be sternly suppressed by the moral, and physical force of all upright men; according to the law of confession, a man can break the Ten Commandments ten times a day for twenty years, and if he confesses before he dies, he is forgiven, and can enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but should he break one Commandment ~~only~~ during the whole of his life of 75 years, and not have time to confess before his death, he would go straight to hell to burn forever in everlasting torment; if any man or woman cares to believe that outrageous nonsense, they may do, ^{so} but it seems it would degrade their intelligence to the intellectual level of a lousy ape.

A long while ago some cleric in Rome had a brain storm and from it emerged one of the finest schemes ever invented for raising money, he invented Purgatory, and so brilliant was the idea, that we are sure the Church made him a Saint at once, for this cleric certainly did his bit in filling the coffers of Holy Church; let us examine this scheme and note how very smart it is, also it is patented, and used only by the Catholic Church so they have a monopoly of it: Before Purgatory was invented, there were only two grand divisions for the sheep and the goats, the good sheep went to heaven, and the bad goats went to hell; now this smart cleric saw there was something missing, for when a man went to hell that was his finish, no use wasting prayers over him, but that did not bring any money into the Church coffer, so something had to be done about it; well this smart man planned a Purgatory, a place neither Heaven or Hell, but betwixt and between, no heaven and no joy, and not exactly hell, for although ~~he would~~ burn like hell in Purgatory, it will not last forever, for there was a way out, for after ~~being~~ burning ten thousand years he could be pardoned and ascend to heaven, and the way to have him pardoned was to pray hard for him, and have numerous masses said for him to move God ~~to~~ pity and pardon him.

So this fine scheme was put in force, and when any one died and his sorrowing relatives were told he ~~xx~~ was burning in Purgatory, and that masses said for him might obtain his release, you may be sure his heartbroken frightened relatives immediately paid cash for a large number

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of masses to drag him out of this burning pit; The Standard Oil Company never invented a better way of making easy money, the only trouble ^{this} with ~~arrant~~ nonsense is that we know no more about the location of Purgatory than we do of Heaven and Hell, so we are compelled to think that it only exists in the imagination of the Priests.

It is a wellknown fact that large numbers of people have paid in advance during their life-time into the Church Coffers vast sums of money to be used by the Church in saying masses for those people after they are dead, it would be hard to estimate the immense sums of money that have been paid in for that purpose, and we would like some proof that this vast amount ever prayed one single person out of this imaginary little imitation hell.

Divorce has ever been frowned upon ^{by} the Church, and the communicants are forbidden by Church law from obtaining a divorce, and yet there is a loophole in this law that permits a well-known, or wealthy person to circumvent that rigid rule; should a wealthy person desire to obtain a divorce, they can buy a dispensation for money, and Rome grants the dispensation, the communicant is divorced, and can then remarry; This is very convenient for wealthy people, but seems very hard on poor people who cannot afford the money ~~xx~~ for the dispensation, and are compelled to drag out a miserable existence if they are unhappily married; it is the old story, money can buy anything. This granting of dispensation is on ~~xx~~ a par with the ~~old~~ law of granting indulgences, but is not so good ~~sa~~ a money maker.

It is a well known fact that whenever education, and knowledge advances in a country, Catholicism declines, this has been noted as a fact for a very long time, and has been proven in practically all of the civilized countries of the world, in all cases the ignorant countries remain strongly Catholic, and in enlightened countries the membership declines; to some extent the Church overcomes this seeming decline, for it is a Church Rule "That ^{once} ~~xxx~~ a Catholic, always a Catholic" prevails, so that the Church counts as communicants, all of those who once belonged to the Church whether they have quit the Church or not, for statistical purposes, they are still Catholics, but students of world affairs can readily see the decline in such countries as Spain, France, Italy, Mexico, and in others, the falling off is proportionally large, yet perhaps not so well known. It is safe to say that there are far more believing and practicing Mohammedans in the world than there are Roman Catholics, those who really believe and

really practice their religion daily.

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Some times the mind reverts to Christian Doctrine, and endeavors to reason out real answers to these questions; as a mental exercise it would be good relaxation to read over the following questions carefully, and see if logical answers can be made for them; they are as follows:

Did the Virgin Mary conceive a child without male physical connection?

Did Jesus' Body actually leave this earth?

Did Jesus actually come to Life after being dead three days?

Did decomposition set in immediately after his death?

Did the Atoms in Jesus' Body change position after death?

Did Jesus' actual physical body arrive in Heaven?

How long did it take Jesus' Body to reach Heaven?

What is the distance from Earth to Heaven?

In which direction from the Earth is Heaven?

Where is hell located?

Where is Purgatory located?

Will a Soul burn in hell for a billion years?

Who made the Heaven and the Earth?

Who made the Angels?

Who made man?

Who made the devil?

Who made hell?

Is the soul of man made of earthly substance?

Is the Soul of man composed of atoms?

If a soul has no substance, how can it burn?

If a soul has a substance, what is the substance?

Can the Pope of Rome perform a miracle?

Is the bread and wine of the Sacrament the actual body and blood of Jesus?

Can any official of the Church today raise a man from death to life?

Can the multiplication table be changed?

Can the law of gravity be changed?

Is every statement in the New Testament an actual fact?

In what contemporaneous history is Jesus mentioned?

Are the words Jesus Christ Jewish?

A study of these questions should prove good mental exercise and improve ones' mind in religious thinking and study, and while studying them, it would be a good idea to read up on astronomy, chemistry and physics; it might possibly provide a mental treat, at least mental exercise has never done any harm to the mind of man.

There is hardly any doubt that in the course of time, the Catholic Religion will be as dead as that of ancient Rome, Greece, Babylon, Zoraaster, and others who are buried in the ~~h~~ past; Mohammedanism may possibly survive it, but it is certain that in the end, education will sound the funeral note of the last surviving Pagan Religion in the civilized parts of the world.