



**THE SPREAD OF FALSE  
RELIGION - Lesson 10-02  
The Roman System**

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# What is Truth?

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Pilate asked Jesus a profound question:

John 18:35 Pilate answered... what hast thou done?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world....

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered... To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth....

38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?....



# What is Truth?

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The pitiable problem with Pilate is that he didn't hang around for an answer.



# What is Truth?

In general, **worldviews** may be thought of as those that are **Judeo-Christian God-centered**, those that **adhere to false gods**, and those that are **essentially atheistic or man-centered**.

As such, **worldviews** are either **true or based on lies**.

To the **Christian**, the **Christian worldview** is **truth**, while all others are **based on lies**.

# What is Truth? [108]

## Some beliefs of the Christian WORLDVIEW

<u>Truth</u>	-	<u>Lie</u>
Christian	-	Non-Christian
God is	-	God is not
Obedience to God	-	Opposition to God
Biblical	-	Non-Biblical
Man is sinful	-	Man is basically good
Supernaturalism	-	Naturalism
Moral absolutes	-	Moral relativism
God created	-	Evolution
Life begins at conception	-	Life begins at birth
Free will	-	No free will



# What is Truth? [108]

Since the prevailing worldview sets the agenda, the agenda of the prevailing worldview is to **change the minds of the next generations.**

Gradually, the worldview of this nation is being changed from a **Christian worldview** to a **secular worldview.**

In today's society, **the prevailing worldview is set by teacher's colleges,** and in turn it is passed on to your children.

# What is Truth? [108]

The prevailing worldview is **further spread by propaganda and indoctrination.**

When Carl Sagan, in his “COSMOS” TV show, said that *“the cosmos is all there is,”* he injected the subconscious idea that **there is no God.**

If he had said outright that there is no God, many viewers would have turned him off.

Without you realizing it he has planted the lie.



# What is Truth? [108]

For example, lying is wrong because it is **contrary to God's nature.**

**God cannot lie.**

**If there is no God, there is no meaning in life, nor free will (we are just a cosmic cause and effect machine), and have no foundation for ethics.**

**If there is no God, then ethics is situational, we can't truly determine right from wrong.**



# What is Truth? [108]

If we can't determine right from wrong, how do we determine what is good and right?

Since there are no absolutes, that's why, in today's society, we take polls and look at statistics to determine what the majority **feels** is right.

Today's society is a law unto itself.



# What is Truth?

**If you can eliminate credibility of the Christian worldview in society and substitute a new way of thinking, then you can establish a new religion and a new world order.**

**Efforts are currently underway to do just that.**



# What is Truth?

The failure of the Christian today is that they **fail to adhere to their own worldview.** [108]

We buy into many of the lies of the prevailing worldviews.

Since everyone is doing it, it must be right.



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**Paul admonished us against this as follows:**

**Rom 12:2** **And** be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**We must be transformed.**

**We must study to truly renew our mind.**



# What is Truth?

**Many Christians fail because they don't study, but are willing to accept what others are saying, or what they feel is truth.**

**This is certainly true of Catholicism, where truth is dependent on tradition – and Catholics must believe in the “truth” as given by the Church.**



# Catholicism and Tradition



# Catholicism and Tradition

It is my belief that the **foundation** for world religion may be found in the **ecumenical willingness** of the Catholic Church and the **compromises** of liberal Protestantism.

**What is Catholicism?**

Catholicism is based on **Scripture and tradition**, with a heavy emphasis on tradition.

In fact, **tradition** is viewed as equal to **scripture**.



# Catholicism and Tradition

In general, the Catholic Church would agree on the **essential doctrines** of the Christian faith, but have added to their doctrines many **non-Biblical traditions and practices** that have **cultic overtones**.

In support of their various non-Biblical doctrinal positions, Catholics must seek **extra-biblical sources**, since many of their traditions are not mentioned in the Word of God.

The interesting thing about traditions is that they are not necessarily so.



# Catholicism and Tradition

The Scriptures are the most reliable source.

As my Catholics friends would attest, the New Testament was written within the lifetime of the **eyewitnesses**.

Liberal skeptics, without success, have attempted to place the writing of the Gospels out of reach of the eyewitness period.

In fact, a simple, although not altogether scientific, proof of the eyewitness testimony can be found in your own Bible.



# Catholicism and Tradition

The opening verses of the book of Acts by Dr. Luke are as follows:

**Acts 1:1** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

**2** until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

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# Catholicism and Tradition

3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. NKJV

What was the former account that Luke referred to in these opening verses of Acts?



# Catholicism and Tradition

## Notice:

Luke 1:1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us,  
2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,  
3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,

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# Catholicism and Tradition

4 that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. NKJV



# Catholicism and Tradition

If you search the book of Acts (an historical account of the early church) you will find nowhere mentioned the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Since Jerusalem was a center of Christian activity during the early church, don't you think it odd that there is no mention of that fact?

The conclusion is that the book of Acts must have been written before 70 AD.

The Gospel of Luke can be dated even before the book of Acts.



# Catholicism and Tradition

Going a bit further, the Gospel of Mark, which is considered to be Peter's Gospel, is considered to be the earliest written Gospel.

Notice that Luke mentions that "many" wrote accounts of what were their beliefs (other Gospels).

The implication is that very soon after the crucifixion, Gospel narratives were written down **within the lifetime of the eyewitnesses who could refute them**, including the Jewish and Roman leaders.



# Catholicism and Tradition

**Some theologians believe the Gospel of Mark to have been written by 40 AD.**



# Catholicism and Tradition

Since the New Testament books had been copied repeatedly by the believers in the early church, we have thousands of copies of New Testament texts.

Using the tools of textual criticism we know for certain what the words of these books actually are.

These words are contained in your Bibles today.

The handful of uncertain words do not add to or change the meaning of any essential belief in your Bible.



# Catholicism and Tradition

With **tradition** it is a bit different.

These traditions do not necessarily stem from any New Testament eyewitness accounts as with the Gospels and Epistles.

These traditions, as employed by the Catholic Church, stem from **apocryphal literature, early Christian writers and thinkers, not eyewitnesses.**



# Catholicism and Tradition

The Catholic would say that, “The Bible achieves its full value as revelation when mediated by tradition, which serves as a kind of environment or atmosphere in which the Bible is read.” [31, 70]

This is another way of saying that the Bible is only true when it lines up with the traditions of the Church.



# Catholicism and Tradition

It is extremely difficult to debate with a Catholic when their source material is **Papal infallibility and tradition.**

Using these arguments, the Bible can be made to say anything they want it to say.



# Catholicism and Tradition

Many Catholic beliefs and practices are based on **tradition or on infallible utterances** of the Catholic pope.

Some of these beliefs are papal infallibility, transubstantiation – the idea that Christ is literally physically present in the communion bread and wine, Mary as Mediatrix, Mary as Queen of Heaven, Mary was conceived without sin, prayers to Mary and the saints, and purgatory – a place of temporary punishment.



# Catholicism and Tradition

The idea of purgatory implies the idea that Christ's sacrifice was somehow insufficient for our complete salvation.



# How Can We All Agree?



# How Can We All Agree? [66]

Although opposed to religious traditions, *Humanist Manifesto II* makes this statement:

*“Some humanists believe we should reinterpret traditional religions and reinvest them with meanings appropriate to the current situation.”*

However, most humanist would abolish religious beliefs as restrictive of allowing full human potential and responsibility.



# How Can We All Agree? [59]

If the world is to be one, then somehow **the world's religions**, including Catholicism must be **made to cooperate** with each other, **tolerant** of each other's beliefs.

But, based on what we have already seen, how could Catholics and Protestants be made to agree?

More than that, how could Christianity be made to agree with the various pagan religions of the world?



# How Can We All Agree? [59]

The current thinking is that **“Interfaithism”** is the answer.

*“Interfaithism – the concept that all religions are valid and are merely different pathways to God – would have to become the dominant view.”*



# A New Religious Worldview



# A New Religious Worldview [59]

Leading the charge toward a new religious worldview is the United Nation's Robert Muller who believes that **world unity** cannot be achieved without **a one-world government and a one-world religion.**

Robert Muller attributes his **New Age worldview** to his **Catholic upbringing.**

His spiritual goals are in line with the teachings of New Ager Alice Bailey (Lucis Trust) and Catholic theologian Teilhard de Chardin.



# A New Religious Worldview [59]

Muller has an openness to **Eastern meditation** as a way to communicate with **God**, combining **Eastern mysticism** with the teachings of **Catholicism**.

**Gary H. Kah** observes:

*“Apparently, Muller had become convinced that Catholicism and the pantheistic religions of the East have the same spiritual roots, a conclusion also reached by Teilhard Chardin.”*



# A New Religious Worldview [59]

When Muller first arrived at the United Nations he was greatly influenced by the Buddhist Secretary General, U Thant.

Muller claims that the Buddhism of U Thant and the teachings of his Catholic priests were **philosophically essentially the same.**

# A New Religious Worldview [59]


In his book, *The New Genesis*, Muller says that **a United Nations-based world government and a new world religion** is the only answer to mankind's problems.

In addition, he links **the United Nation's mission to Catholicism**, in particularly the involvement of the Catholic priest, Father de Breuvery who was heavily influenced by Chardin, and according to Muller, **“started a rich process of global and long-term thinking in the UN, which affected many nations and people throughout the world.”**



# A New Religious Worldview [59]

Chardin's influence helped inspire **modern-day ecumenism**, an integral part of the broader **one-world movement**.



# Modern Ecumenism



# Modern Ecumenism [59]

“The founding of the pro-UN *World Council of Churches* in 1948 marked the beginning of the modern **ecumenical era.**”

Its purpose was “to help create a **religious atmosphere** for achieving a **new world order.**”



# Modern Ecumenism [59]

In 1994, *The World Council of Churches* stated in a report:

*“After the Second World War, the establishment of the World Council of Churches in 1948 signaled the resolve of the ecumenical community both to work for the fuller unity of the church and to participate in the struggle for a new just world order.”*



# Modern Ecumenism [59]

While the efforts of the *World Council of Churches* serve to bring the liberal Protestant denominations together, the Catholics were brought to the ecumenical table by *Vatican Council II* beginning in 1962.



# Modern Ecumenism [59]

**According to the prominent Catholic priest:  
M. Basil Pennington:**

*“[The Vatican Council urged] all Christians...to act positively to preserve and even promote all that is good in other religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, and other world religions.”*



# Interfaithism





# Interfaithism [59]

Pope John Paul II brought **interfaithism** to the ecumenical table when he held the interfaith summit in Assisi, Italy in 1986.

This summit consisted of representatives from many of the world's major and minor religions.

**Interfaithism** is a broader attempt to **unify all the world religions.**



# Interfaithism [59]

It must be noted that the New Age planners have **encouraged ecumenism** in order to bring in **interfaithism** for the purpose of **merging Christianity with the other religions.**

To this end, the 1993 *Parliament of World Religions* was held in Chicago.

Robert Muller of the UN was the keynote speaker.



# Interfaithism [59]

Representatives of the world's religions attended including Catholic, Protestants, Buddhists, Hindu, Theosophists, voodoo and druid priests, wiccans (witches), as well as representatives of *Lucis Trust* among others.



# Interfaithism <sup>[59]</sup>

Out of this 1993 Parliament, came the *Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders* which produced an **interfaith document** drafted by the Catholic theologian, Hans Kung, condemning the “abuses of the earth’s ecosystems.”

It affirms interdependence and calls for “a common set of **core values**...found in the teachings of the religions.”



# Interfaithism [59]

Kung has also written a book, *Global Responsibility: In search of a New World Ethic*, in which he makes it clear that **this new ethic (religion) will not be optional.**

In that book Kung states:



# Interfaithism [59]

*“Any form of...church conservatism is to be rejected.... To put it bluntly: no regressive or repressive religion – whether Christian, Islamic, Jewish or of whatever provenance – has a long-term future.... If ethics is to function for the wellbeing of all, it must be indivisible. The undivided world increasingly needs an undivided ethic. Post modern men and women need common values, goals, ideals, visions. But the great question in dispute is: does not all this predispose a religious faith?... What we need is an ecumenical world order!”*



# Interfaithism

These ideas are **promoted in public schools via Muller's and the United Nation's The World Core Curriculum**. [59]

This new international curriculum is part of a campaign to **replace traditional Western curricula**, based on a strong sense of national identity and the **Christian ethic**.

This curriculum promotes the concepts of **world government and pantheistic religion**. [59]



# United Religions





# United Religions [59]

Further results of the *Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders*, led by Muller, came another organization with backing by the United Nations.

This organization is intended to emulate the UN in the area of religion.

This organization is called *United Religions*.




# United Religions [59]

The agenda of *United Religions* is to bring all the worlds religions into cooperation with the **United Nations**.

Working closely with Muller in this effort is Rev. William Swing of Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco.

Also, working closely with the *Gorbachev Foundation* and the *World Conference on Religion and Peace* (a Vatican supported organization), Swing assembled a *Global Interfaith Summit* in San Francisco in 1996.





# Conclusion



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**With all this effort and influential backing, is there any doubt that the push for a new one-world religion is real?**



# Conclusion [59]

**Gary Kah believes:**

*“The problem with interfaithism is that it offers a false unity, not a unity based on truth. God’s truth is absolute and cannot be modified for the sake of achieving a particular goal. If unity becomes the main pursuit, truth is sacrificed, and participants end up believing a lie for the sake of their cause. True unity comes from God and is a by-product of seeking His truth. It is never an end unto itself.”*<sup>60</sup>





# A Strong Delusion



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In view of the world effort towards unity, the strong delusion of 2 Thessalonians 2 takes on fresh meaning:

**2 Thess 2:3** Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first.....

**7** For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

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# A Strong Delusion

**8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

**9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

**10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.



# A Strong Delusion

**11** **And for this cause** God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

**12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



# End of THE SPREAD OF FALSE RELIGION - Lesson 10



# Closing Prayer

# Creation Revelation



God is in the details

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Psalm 119:160

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