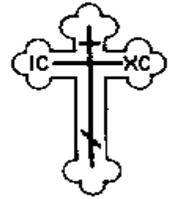


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THE GODDESS SOPHIA, SOPHY: ALSO KNOWN AS THE GREEK GODDESS OF WISDOM (FROM SATAN YOU ARE EXPECTING WISDOM?) - PAGANISM RETURNS !

Claiming to be Christians, several covens of Pagan women met in a Satanic conclave paid for by the the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, for the purpose of worshipping the Pagan Greek goddess Sophia, claiming in part that Sophia is a Biblically sanctioned identity of Jesus Christ and of God the Father.

Under the joint auspices of the World Council of Churches, and with the invocation, "Our maker Sophia, we are women in your image . . . in the flood of our

wombs we give form to new life . . . between our thighs we invite a lover . . . with our warm body fluids we remind the world of its pleasures and sensations . . .", the conclave of covens, held in Minneapolis, promoted not feminist theology, but rather, pure blasphemy.

The Roman Catholic Church appears to have sanctioned this feminist "theology", in the publication of We Are The Circle, a book celebrating the feminine in song and RITUAL, by Julie Howard.

Changing the name of God (presumably, of the Father) to Sophia, and the name of

Christ Jesus our Lord to Christa (feminine form of the Name Christ), the coven instructed women to pray (prey)

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REUNIFICATION OF THE CHURCH

Just as mankind must be re-united with God, so too must those groups, often incorrectly called churches, which are struggling to be Christian, be re-united with the One True Church. Just as God, who by His very Nature is un-changing, will not change His truth, will not lower His standards, so too will the Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church not change the morality, theology, dogma, traditions, and teachings given by God to it and through it to the world. Just as each person must accept a higher standard in order to be united with God, so too must the Christian churches come up to the standards of Orthodoxy; the standards and truths given by the Holy Spirit - not the whims and lies of those who interpret Holy Scripture to suit their own desires.

It is difficult for some to accept that the church of which they have been a member for many years is, in actuality, not following the teachings of God, but rather,

the teachings of an individual or individuals who have their own agenda, not God's agenda. If they do not accept this reality,

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WELCOME

To Rev. Fr. Dcn. Francis X. Grant (USA soon to be Ret.) and to Cecilia Grant, 'nee Lazard, our warmest welcome and best wishes.

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by use of "the honey between their legs" to control the world.

The coven stated that Jesus Christ is an energy field found in the trees and the wind and the water and in what is traditionally referred to as the natural elements. **In so stating, the coven implicitly denied the dual nature of Jesus Christ - denied His Divine Nature and His human nature- and denied that He is God. In proclaiming Jesus to be a phenomena of nature, the coven (witches meet in covens if you have not caught that yet) denied the Trinity, denied an aspect of the true Essence of God.**

In proclaiming nature to be divine, these pagans proclaimed that which is created to be divine, and then, since they are part of creation, they began bowing to each other, each proclaiming herself and her companions to be divine, to be the divinity.

The coven called for the "re-imagining of God", produced the image of the Heart of the Beast, and, in a procession, worshiped and adored Satan in the idol they had created, just as the Israelites worshiped the golden calf they had fashioned in the Exodus.

The defenders of the coven state that theology is constantly changing, and that even the concept of redemption is constantly changing, all as the human imagination fashions new truths. They further claim that all truths revealed by God are revealed through the imagination. **In so proclaiming, they are in grievous error, for God does not change, nor does His truth - which is the only truth.**

The Roman Catholic Church appears to have sanctioned this feminist "theology", in the publication of We Are The Circle, a book celebrating the feminine in song and RITUAL, by Julie Howard (available through The Liturgical Press, St. John's Abbey, a Roman Catholic Benedictine Abbey). The book advises women to look at their

own image and there to find God. **In so doing it actually instructs people to seek out their fallen human nature and to call that fallen nature God.** The book has also devised rituals, and they are called rituals, and ritual actions, in a promotion of the human over the truly Divine. **It is reminiscent of Rogerian psychology in its placing the created ahead of the Creator, of proselytizing the denial of the corrupted or fallen essence of humans and advocating self over God. It is true that man is made in God's image and likeness, but we must look to God, the perfect, not to the imperfect in humans, when seeking God.**

The reimagining of the central theology of the church, so that it could survive into the twenty-first century, was the stated purpose of the coven. **In stating such a purpose, the coven attempted to make itself the conduit of Divine Truth (which it is not), attempted to make that Truth a changeable fact (which it is not), and denied the Divine Nature of the True Church (in that the Church really is a part of God's Kingdom, and as such will survive into the 21st Century and throughout all eternity).**

Ms. Rita Nakashima Brock of Hamline University, a defender of the coven, called the coven and the blasphemy which issued from it, "profound confirmation of the Global Church." If by Global Church Ms. Brock meant a church which

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worships nature and not God, then she spoke accurately; **if Global Church means worship of the planet Earth, the the term accurately expresses the theological position which resulted from the coven.**

Ms. Brock further defended the coven, stating the worship of Sophia is Biblical and that the Bible was everywhere during the coven. **A check of Strong's Comprehensive Concordance of the Bible, and of the King James version of the Bible on CD-**

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MODESTY AND THE FEMININE FACTOR IN SALVATION, A PARTIAL VIEW OF THE OBLIGATIONS INHERENT IN BEING A WOMAN AS RELATES TO THE SALVATION OF MEN AND WOMEN - By Fr. Paul

Just being a woman is being one of the most influential participants and factors in the salvation of all of mankind. It has been so from the beginning, from the creation of the first woman, remains so today, and will, in all probability, be so to the end of this world.

Biblically, Adam, of all Earthly creatures, was unique. He was alone. The Lord saw that Adam was lonely, and created Eve, woman, to be Adam's helpmate.

While Eve was created to be Adam's helpmate, of definition meaning Adam was supposed to be the teacher and leader, his delight with Eve enthralled him so that his judgment was clouded. It was not Eve's status to be leader, but, when induced by Satan to eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree and thus become as powerful as God, Eve took the bait and, disobeying God, ate of the forbidden fruit. She then gained knowledge of good and evil, for before this she had not committed sin, and therefore only knew good, but upon eating that which was forbidden, she knew she had transgressed God's will, and in that knowledge she knew of her own evil.

Adam, upon being enticed by Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit, instead of fulfilling his role as leader, followed Eve's lead, and also ate. Where before he ate of the fruit he had not transgressed God's will, and therefore knew only good, upon eating he sinned, knew he had sinned, and in that knowledge knew evil, the evil he had just committed.

Thus is the power of woman told in the earliest of human relationships.

Eve wished to gain power in knowledge, so that she would be as God is. Adam, in relinquishing his position

and role as leader of the fledgling human race, enthralled with his new companion, followed her lead completely ignoring anything other than her wish that he partake of the forbidden fruit and also sin as she had done.

Thus in an attempt to become free of God's restrictions, which were made for the protection of mankind, Eve opened the doors of hell onto the

Women fight to maintain this power at any cost. Whenever an article such as this is written, many women consider it an attack against women's rights. They consider it an attack on the empowerment of women; an attempt to hold women down in servitude.

Earth, and Adam threw away the key which would have locked hell out of Earth had he used it.

What were these two enticements which Satan used, and upon whom did he use them, to establish the foundations for and ferment the first two sins by humans? Power and desire (which can also be read as lust).

Eve wished to become as knowing and as wise as God, and thus to gain power and authority as god.

Adam's goal was much less than that of Eve. He sought only to not offend the woman, to please the woman. His only reason was that he remembered his loneliness, and did not want to be so alone ever again. He forgot of his companionship with God, in his desire for the woman, and so he placed Eve and the desire to please her, or not offend her, ahead of his relationship with God. He did it without even thinking, and so too do men today often place God below in priority to women.

Here in part is the great power and leadership role thrust upon women. Like so many things of the Divine, it involves opposites - seeming to require one factor at one end of the line so that

another event at the opposite end of the line may come into existence.

Look at any place where men and women gather, but especially at the beach. There you will find Satan's path in the loosening of modesty. It is in the lessening of modesty that women lead men by a sexual / companionship / intrigue desire of a ring through the nose, just as a bull is lead by a ring through the nose. For the favor of a woman, great wars have been made. For the favor of a woman, and in the belief it will raise his stature in her eyes, men abandon honor, their word, their true position of teacher and leader, and are eventually yanked by the nose in animalistic desire. It is important to note that this desire need not be for sexual pleasure, for animalistic fervor can be adequately expressed in a desire for prestige or simple companionship.

Note that this desire of men is well known by the business community. You do not see God gracing the hood of the latest car from Detroit or Italy. You do not see signs in business establishments stating, "Thursday Night is God's Night" or "God dining alone eats at half price". This power of women over men is so very well known that it is used either positively or negatively in virtually every aspect of public promotion. There are even so called Christian churches which use attractive women as leads and inducements for men to join that church.

This is the result of Adam not taking a firm stance and refusing to partake of Eve's sinful act. In following her lead he reversed the Divinely established order of Adam's being the guide and teacher, and of Eve's being the student. Instead of Adam submitting to God's will and Eve submitting to Adam's will, Adam placed Eve in the place which God alone had the right to be, and so reversed the order of authority. Eve became the leader, and lead Adam into sin, and Adam went willingly, replacing God with Eve.

So to do men today replace
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PARISH NEWS**HOLY INNOCENTS NEWS**

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9:45 AM Prothesis
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
Western Rite
11:00 AM - Noon, Fellowship Hour

REGULAR WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

7:30 AM - 7:45 AM Confessions
7:45 AM Prothesis
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
Western Rite

SPECIAL FEASTS,SCHEDULES:

Aug 6 Sat, 8:00 AM Mass, TRANSFIGURATION (GF)

Aug 15, Mon, 8:00 AM Mass, THE DORMATION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS, THE ASSUMPTION (HD)

Aug 29, Mon, 8:00 AM, Mass, The Beheading of St. John the Forerunner (The Baptist)

ST. MARY MAGDALENE NEWS

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
125 Hartsie Drive - 150 Angell Lane
Waveland, Mississippi 39576
(601) 467-3723

RETREATS:

St. Mary Magdalene is primarily a retreat house. Anyone wishing to con-

duct or participate in a one day retreat for a group or an individual should call either St. Mary Magdalene, Holy Innocents to schedule. We encourage everyone to go on a retreat at least once each year - more often if possible. Talks on various special subjects can be arranged for groups in retreat, and those on private retreat will be left alone as they desire. Overnight retreats are not now available due to lack of facilities.

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ST. BASIL NEWS

St. Basil Cathedral
355 Tusculum Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM.

**THE CHAPEL OF ST. MARY
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AUGUST

Aug 1 Mon (W) St. Seraphim of Sarov (C); The Holy Machabees (MM) (r); (E) Dormation Fast Begins; Procession of Cross; Machabean Mm.

Aug 2 Tue (W) St. Stephen of Rome (BM) (r); (E) Tr. rel. Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Bl. Basil, Fool for Christ.

Aug 3 Wed (W) St. Nicodemus (C); (T) Finding of St. Stephen Protomartyr; (E) VV Isaac, Dalmatus and Faust; V. Antony Roman.

Aug 4 Thu (W) St. Nicetas of Remesiana (BC); (E) Seven youths of Ephesus; Maximilan et al; Ven. Mar. Eudocia.

Aug 5 Fri (W) St. Thais (Penitent); (T) St. Mary of the Snow; (E) Antefete of Trans; Mar Eusign; Righteous Nonna.

Aug 6 Sat (W) THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS (w); (E) (GF) THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS.

Aug 7 SUN Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (g) (W) & (E), (W) The Most Holy Name of Jesus (w); Comm. St. Donatus (M); (E) 7th week of All Saints (g) tone 6th, Ven. M. Dometius; Disc. rel. S. Metrophanes; V. Nicanor, W/wkr.

Aug 8 Mon (W) St. Cyriacus and Companions (MM) (r); (E) St. Emilian Cf. Bp; Tr. rel. V. Zosom Sab.; M. Triandaphyle.

Aug 9 Tue (W) St. Xystus and Companions (MM) (r); Holy apostle Mathias, Apostle and Martyr; (E) Apostle Mathias; M. Anthony Alexandria; V. Marcarius Oredesh.

Aug 10 Wed (W) St. Lawrence of Rome (Dn.M) (r); (E) M. Archdeacon Lawrence; Mar. Situs; Bl. Lawrence Fool for Christ.

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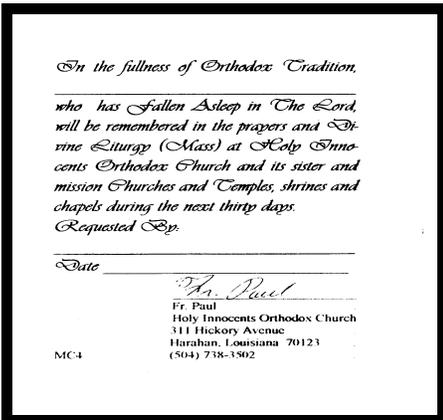


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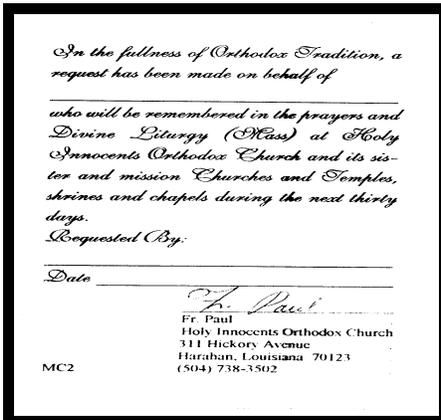
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Aug 11 Thu (W) SS Tiburtius and Susanna (VMM) (r); (E) M. Archdeacon Eupius; Mem Mir. S. Sypridon; M. Susana Virgin.

Aug 12 Fri (W) St. Macrina the Younger (V) sister of St. Basil the Great (w); (E) MM Photius, Anicetus; SM Alexander, Bp.; MM Pamphyle, Capito.

Aug 13 Sat (W) SS Hyppolytus and Cassian (MM) (r); (T) Our Lady Refuge of Sinners; (E) Apodosis Transfig.; Tr. rel. V. Maximus Cf.; S. Tycho, Bp. of Zadonsk.

Aug 14 SUN Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (g) (W) & (E), (W) St. Eusebius (C); (T) Vigil of The Assumption/Dormation; (E) 8th week of All Saints (g) tone 7th, Dormition Antefete; Prophet Michaeas; Tr. rel. Theodosius; (J) Dormation fast begins.

Aug 15 Mon (W) THE DORMITION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS (Falling Asleep in the Lord of the Blessed Virgin Mary), (T) THE ASSUMPTION (HD) (blue or w); (E) DORMITION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS (Dormation fast ends).

Aug 16 Tue (W) St. Joachim (Father of the Theotokos) (w); (E) Tr. H. Mandelius from Edessa to C/ple; Ven. Joachim of Osogovo.

Aug 17 Wed (W) St. Narcses the Gracious (BC); (E) Mar. Myron Presb.; MM Paul, Juliana, et al; V. Alypius, Iconographer.

Aug 18 Thu (W) St. Helen (QW); St. Agapitus (M) (w or r); (E) MM Florus and Lauras; Ven. John of Ryla'; V. Arsenius of Paros.

Aug 19 Fri (W) St. Mamas (M) (r); (E) Gr. M. Andrew Strat.; S. Peterim, Bp. of Vikoperm; V. Theophanes Maced; (J) The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Rev. Fr. Kristopher G. Dowling, S.S.B., Associate Pastor.

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Aug 20 Sat (W) St. Samuel the Prophet (C), (W) (T) Sat. before the last Sat. in August, Our Lady Health of the Sick; (E) Proipheth Samuel; Mar. Heliodore; 37 MM of Plovdiv.

Aug 21 SUN Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (g) (W) & (E), (W) St. Abraham of Smolensk (C); (E) 9th week of All Saints (g) tone 8th, Ap. Thaddeus of 70; M. Bassa and Children; V. Abram of Smolensk.

Aug 22 Mon (W) St. Timothy of Rome and Companions; SS Hyppolytus and Symphorian (MM) (r); (T) Most Pure Heart of Mary / Immaculate Heart of Mary; (E) MM Agathonic, Zoticus, Theoprepius, Acyndinus, et al.

Aug 23 Tue (W) St. Eugene of Carthage (C); (E) Dorm. Apodosis; Mar. Lupis; Sac. M. Irenaeus.

Aug 24 Wed (W) St. Bartholomew the Apostle (r); (E) Sac. Mar. Eutyches; Neo Mar Cosmas; Tr. rel. Mar. Peter.

Aug 25 Thu (W) St. Tarcus (M) (r); (E) Return of relics of Apostle Bartholomew; Ap. Titus, Bp. of Crete.

Aug 26 Fri (W) St. Zephyrinus (Pope/M); (E) MM Adrian, Natalie; Ven. Joasaph; Vladimir Icon of Mary Mother of God.

Aug 27 Sat (W) St. Moses of Ethiopia (C); (E) Ven. Pimen the Great; Ven. Phanourius; S. Osias Cf. Bp. of Cordu.

Aug 28 SUN Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (g) (W) & (E), (W) St. Augustone of Hippo (BCD) (w); (E) 10th week of All Saints (g) tone 1st, S. Augustine; Ven. Moses Ethopia; Syn. V. Frs. of Pechersk; Disc. rel. V. Job Pochaev; (J) The Falling-Asleep (Assumption) of the Birth-Giver of God (Dormation fast ends).

Aug 29 Mon (W) Beheading of St. John the Forerunner of Christ (M) (r); (E) Beheading of St. John the Forerunner of Christ.

Aug 30 Tue (W) SS Felix and Adactus (MM) (r); (E) SS Alenander, John; Paul New of C/ple; Tr. rel. Pr. Alex. New.

Aug 31 Wed (W) St. Aidan (BC); (E) Dp. Zone most Holy Theotokos; Sac. M. Cyprion.

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ROM using the word search/find computer commands, did not reveal any reference to Sophia. Presuming “Strong’s” and the computer and the research done through them to be accurate, Ms. Brock is a liar.

Ms. Brock further, in effect, stated the coven re-examined the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and where it did not defend or promote feminist causes, it was to be re-written to defend and to promote these causes.

Again, Ms. Brock, telling a bald faced lie in defense of the coven, stated, “The Bible addresses God as natural elements, that God is living water, a rock, natural elements . . .” **The Bible does not address God as these things. It draws analogy to some things in nature as examples of characteristics of God, but it does not ever say that God is nature or any part of nature. If it did, then it would be saying God changes, that God is a creature - and our response is that such entity is not God, that the coven has mis-identified God. Who is it the coven addressed as God? Why, Satan, of course.**

Perhaps the only totally honest person at the coven was feminist liberation theologian Chung Hyun Kyung, who stated, “we are here together . . . to destroy . . . Christianity.” (Layman, V. 27 N. 1).

The coven views Christianity as a patriarchal system designed by men solely for the purpose of wielding power and subjugating women. **If the Church is only a system of wielding power, then salvation of souls is excluded as a purpose. In forwarding this thesis, the coven denied the intrinsic Divinity in which Christianity is established, and, consequently, denied the Divinity of Christ, His Redemption of humankind,**

and all the dogma and truths of the Church.

Simply put, no matter how hard a human or a fallen angel tries, it can not re-think God. God is who is. What he has revealed of Himself to us is unchangeable truth, and no Satanically inspired and lead assembly can change God.

Since an Abbey of the Roman Church has promoted aspects of the Sophia heresy, does this mean the Roman Catholic Church is evil, or does the

coven mean that women are not also made in God’s Image and Likeness, or that

“we are here together . . . to destroy . . . Christianity.”

women are to be hated and despised or treated like dirt. No. Definitely not. It does, however, show how Satan will start a movement which has an apparently good purpose, and use that movement for evil. It shows how Satan will infiltrate a good movement and turn it to evil. It shows how religiously oriented groups which are not part of or under the protection of the True Church, are not always guided and protected by the Holy Spirit, and how they are open to implementation of Satan’s plan for the destruction of mankind.

Neither God nor morals nor truth nor dogma nor theology, are relative. They are absolute. The New Age concept, that we each follow the truth within ourselves, is false. The thought, that we should live The Way in the light God has given us to see it, is only partly true - for it leaves out the truth that each person is obligated to truly ascertain what God’s will and teachings are, and to follow them. God gives each of us Light to see the True Way, it is up to us to Light the path with that light. When sign posts appear on the path, Our Lord has set His Church, the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, as the true and only keeper of the sign posts - and only the Orthodox Church has kept to God’s will in that task, with the Roman Church close behind.

Seeking God’s will is a continuing obligation and requires the subjection of the creature’s will to God’s will.

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they have placed a barrier to the reunification of Christians, and to unification of themselves with God.

It is very important to remember the message Our Lady gave to Mirna in Soufanieh, that Our Lord Jesus Christ is very unhappy with the schism of His Church. That those who caused it were wrong. That those who continue the schism are wrong. That He is extremely unhappy with the lack of a common date for the celebration of His Resurrection, of Easter. That the elders (Bishops) must reunify the Church. That if the Bishops do not reunify the Church, it is up to the Priests and laity to reunify the Church. And, if reunification of the Church does not soon occur, He will reunify the Church Himself and will, "rake it over the heads of those who" oppose Him.

If out of fear alone, it is worth wile, not only to stop being an obstacle to reunification of the Church, but to actively promote reunification. This does not mean that reunification can be done through the least and most lax of morality, dogma, theology, and tradition. It must be done under the highest standards of these factors, for what is to be accomplished is the actual bringing of foreign bodies into the Body of Christ. If the foreign bodies do not meet the standards of Christ's Body, they will be ejected.

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LETTERS

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The members of the Minneapolis Witches Coven did not seek God's will, they sought, found, and followed Satan's will.

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God with women.

God made man the leader. Man did not make man the leader. Yet, the power women have over men is very strong, even though it is not from God but rather from the evil forces which originate from Satan.

Women fight to maintain this power at any cost. Whenever an article such as this is written, many women consider it an attack against women's rights. They consider it an attack on the empowerment of women; an attempt to hold women down in servitude.

God did not set women to be slaves of men. He did not establish any one gender or group to be enslaved to any other. Enslavement is therefore not of God, and not in His will or design, and therefore must come from Satan.

God did, however, establish the role of the man as that of the leader. In her desire for power Eve lead the first man astray. In her current grasping for power women again use their wiles to lead men astray - to have men abrogate and abdicate their proper role of leadership in the Divinely inspired plan. Such men are frumps, denatured men without the courage to stand firm and proclaim the unnatural order instituted by Satan must cease.

When a man does decry this unnatural state, he is castigated as a "homofobe" or "woman hater". In reality, when such a man expresses the Divine formulation, he is not attacking women, but rather is upholding that which has been proclaimed by God Himself.

One of the first steps women can take in following God's order of human relationships, is to follow the example of the Theotokos, of the very Virgin Mary Mother of God.

Mary, in both her life on Earth and in her numerous appearances on Earth after her Assumption, has always been modest in dress, appearance, and in expression of her will. Wielding

great power as one who has been Diefied and who is Glorified in Body and Soul and Spirit united with God, she exercises this great power, but does so in full submission and concert of her will to God's Will.

Never before and never since has or will any woman exercised such great power. And never has any woman been so submissive and yet so powerful in her submission.

So it is that the Virgin Mary provides the lead for all women, in her modesty and in her submission. And it is in that modesty that she does not lead men astray, but rather leads them to God. It is in her very submission to God's Will that her awesome power is founded.

That a thing is so is known by its fruits. What is the fruit of the desire for power which women have followed from the beginning? Because of her lust for power, to be equal to God, to not follow her husband's lead, Eve lost Paradise for all of humankind. In her quest for power womankind has left the protected enclave and entered to arena of abuse, assaults, and disrespect. Finding power and the exercise of power is not what they thought it would be, in their pride they refuse to admit they made a mistake, and so continue to neglect that which is most precious and that which God designed for them to be - a helpmate for men in the quest for salvation.

The young people of today suffer because the mothers of today seek their own power and glory, to accumulate physical things and possessions which in truth possess the possessor; and they leave the rearing of the children to the television and the gutter - to Satan.

Crying, "I have the right to do what I wish with my own body," they prevent conception (which God designed) and kill their children before the child is born (thus killing what God has created - not destroying it, for humans can not be destroyed - but killing

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that which belongs to God, a child).

And so, today, we see the fruits of this mad search for power by the female gender. Well taught by their mothers, the children of today have no respect for life, for rights, for God or His law or His will. The total anarchy which is the desire of Satan is being formed through the very oldest of human sin - lust for power by women. It is fueled by the second oldest human sin, that of man's desire for woman - and the women of today (just as we must presume Eve did) use their knowledge of this desire to control men.

Unless she is desirous of an abomination relationship of lesbianism, a woman who dresses skimpily or in a manner which improperly and immodestly displays her physical charms, can not believe she does so for any purpose other than of influencing a man or men. If a woman says counters with the fact that she is not forcing men to lust after her, the counter argument is without merit, for it is the woman in her immodesty who has created the occasion for the man to lust.

Were a woman modestly attired and a man to lust for her, then the sin is solely on the man; but a woman who dresses immodestly shares in the sin of lust of the man, and in the additional sin of tempting someone from God's path.

This situation can only change when women decide to follow God's Will, to cease their quest for equality with God, and to cease their quest for leadership over men in contravention to God's Will.

The woman who, prior to the marriage ceremony, tells her groom she will promise to obey him in the ceremony but for him not to believe it, has planted the seed for negation of that which God set forth in Eden, and that which St. Paul stressed in his Epistle. In seeking to overturn this Divine order, the woman plants the seed of her own fall from the protected status of wife, and places herself into the nature of slave to the sins and lies of Satan - for no matter how hard she tries, no woman can become equal to God.

The Virgin Mary, modest in her attire, seen only by her parents at her birth, and by God, was and is the most beautiful of women. Yet she properly kept her modesty, and retained the knowledge of her true physical beauty for God alone - while her spiritual beauty shone for all to know and see.

A woman who is modest, who does not seek to be equal to or greater than God, teaches these virtues and the path to virtue to all with whom she comes in contact. By suppressing her desire for power, and in being modest, she removes the obstacles each man experiences in following his Divinely prescribed duty, of leading and teaching his wife.

When there is a physical battle between husband and wife, between men and women, when wife beating occurs, or spousal abuse of any kind occurs, its foundation is in the abrogation and negation of the Divine order of the relationship between men and women. A struggle for power on the part of the woman, and for leadership on the part of the man, must of necessity end in conflict.

This is not to support or justify those men (and women) who abuse their spouse. Rather, it is to present the cause, the true cause, of such intolerable conduct - lack of morality and lack of moral training. Whence does the abusing spouse obtain his penchant for abuse - why, in most instances, it can be traced to lack of proper moral training from his/her parents. Since the mother is the one who nourishes not only the body, but the mind and spirit and soul of the children, unless an abusing spouse has negated his/her childhood training, it is a lack of training which has led to the abusive conduct.

How women meet the challenge God has given them, of foregoing the power, have a found effect on the salvation of mankind they are strong enough to meet the challenge? + + +



DO WE BEGIN HEAVEN , OR HELL, WHILE ON EARTH?

Perhaps we do. If one lives a life of holiness, is not his life such that even though he is tortured to death, the Being of Christ Jesus brings him that which flows directly into Heaven. Look at St. Mary Magdalene. She did not know when she was on Earth, and when she was in Heaven while still living on Earth. For all practical purposes, she even had to be made aware of her own death, so that she could see her family and friends and tell them of her death so they could celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the occasion, (The Life of St. Mary Magdalene and of her Sister Saint Martha, Tr. by David Mycoff).

Those martyrs of the early church, and even those of modern times: do they not willingly leap into the death of martyrdom, in a bravery born of the Divinity which already exists within them?

And those whom we consider to be amongst the most evil of men. Was there ever a dictator who murdered and maimed his way into power and kept himself in power by these means, who also had a good night's sleep? No. Look to Stalin and Hitler.

Stalin would roam the Kremlin all night long, falling asleep in a different and unexpected place every night, for fear of assassination. He even had all physicians dismissed from his presence, killing those who knew him best, so that he would not be poisoned or otherwise killed by them. It is ironic that he died from a condition which any physician could have easily treated. Is not this fear part of the very fear of Hell itself? If indeed he went to Hell, is fear removed from his existence, or has the full horror of Hell expanded that fear beyond our comprehension?

Does a man who is holy and happy yell and scream like a madman, in fear, and in raucous jubilation over the torturous death of the innocent? If Hitler went to Hell, do you think he is peacefully surveying the hideous scenery, or do you think he is yelling and screaming in the torture and fear

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Sometimes the Blessed One would rush into the church during the Great Doxology or at the end of the service, at the time of the singing of "Under Thy Mercy" or, if the service was a liturgy, during the "Cherubic Hymn" and, pushing the people aside, he would kneel in front, raising his arms upwards with his gaze towards heaven, praying loudly. Then he would quickly leave the church, followed by a crowd of worshippers attracted by him.

It is said that the Blessed One's power of prayer on those suffering afflictions and illness was unusual. By its action many of the ill and crippled were healed. An official, Maria Grigorievna N., was possessed with fits of raving. When she turned to the Blessed One for help, the Starets read the Gospel over her, then firmly hit the woman on the head with it. As she fell back from the pain, he loudly pronounced:

"In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I command you to **leave!**" and **immediately the** woman was healed.

"If you want to be well," the Starets said as he blessed her, "live at the Kitayevskaya Hermitage and do not venture out from there." Maria Grigorievna lived near the Kitayevskaya Hermitage until her death and daily attended church there.

One of the Metropolitan's smger's, Nikolai K—lov, had such overwhelming passions of the flesh that he was considered possessed since they did not leave his mind day or night. One day in spring, while taking a stroll in the woods, he met Starets Feofil. Hoping to avoid any conversation which might lead to a discussion of his affliction, he tried to turn aside.

"Haloo, Nikolai, wait up," the Blessed One called out to him. "Where are you going? Come here to me. We will delight in lascivious thoughts together."

K—lov felt that he had been accused and wept sorrowfully before the

Starets.

"Well, that's nothing. The Lord is merciful," the Starets said to him in consolation. "Let's go and pray to Him."

He knelt and began to pray. In half an hour he rose and, with a tender face, turned to the sufferer saying:

"Well, go. Lascivious thoughts will no longer disturb you."

Immediately after this the youth was healed of his ailment and his body was no longer consumed with lascivious passions.

The Blessed Feofil lived for more than half a year in the Novopasyechny Orchard but on 29 April, 1849, by an oral decree of Metropolitan Filaret, he was transferred to the Kitayevskaya Hermitage near Kiev.

Here Starets Feofil increased his podvig of foolishness-for-Christ's sake. Although he found a new cross to bear in the form of various trials and persecutions from the superiors, he also received the consolation of solitude. The Kitayevskaya Hermitage was surrounded by high hills covered with thick woods. The Starets used to go deep into them, and there, in God-contemplating solitude, he poured out his soul in prayers to Him **Whose eyes are ten thousand times as bright as the sun and shine upon all of man's doings and sees into his most secret places** (Sirach 23:27: 28).

He often went and knelt upon the stump of a large hewn tree for whole days, endlessly bewailing the corruption of the times and praying for the forgiveness of the sinful world, blind to what it is doing.

Feofil was occupied constantly and exclusively with thoughts of God and with prayer and paid no attention whatever to his appearance. He was concerned with the beauty of the soul, not with the cleanliness of the body. His clothes were threadbare with many patches sewn on with white thread and spotted with dough and oil. Even when going to church, the Blessed One put his mantle over his shirt and with cowl

widely spread, he walked along the street bare chested. On his feet he wore torn slippers or else a worn out high boot on one and a felt boot or a bast-shoe on the other. His head was sometimes tied with an old, dirty towel.

Many mockers would notice the old bandage on the Starets' head and ask him with laughter:

"Father Feofil! What ails you today,?"

"Are you a doctor?" the Blessed One would sternly reply and walk away from them.

Another time, to the contrary, he wished to appear too healthy and thereby expose the corpulent, gluttons.

He placed down pillow on his stomach and walked about the yard. Then he walked through the monastery gates towards the woods where he met some postulants chatting idly and he reproachfully shook his head at them.

"Why were the scribes and pharisees judged?" ..

But the cheerful young people had noticed the large artificial stomach on Feofil and replied with peals of uncontrivable laughter.

But even this untidiness, constantly seen and reproached by all, had a distinctive significance for Feofil. It was noticed that the more slovenly he was dressed, the more his spirit struggled, the more strengthened and ardent were his prayers and the more thoughtful his forehead became.

The Blessed One always prayed in secret. Before beginning his cell rules, he donned his mantle and when he read the Gospel and the akathist, he would light three votive lamps in memory of the three times he was saved from the water. He wore a metal belt with an icon of the Epiphany fixed permanently onto it. So that he would not be idle for a moment the Blessed One spun wool, knitted socks and wove sackcloth which he usually gave to icon-painters for their work. During his work he would recite the Psalter which he knew from memory

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and other prayers. Each day he made countless prostrations before the icons and gave his weary body very little rest. For this he either leaned back against the wall or lay on the stove-bed across which he placed a log or sat in the middle of the cell on a short, extremely narrow bench so that if he should lose himself in sleep, he would fall off and, awoken, quickly returning to his prayers.

Nevertheless, the superior of the hermitage, Hieroschemamonk Iov, detested the Blessed One for his podvig of foolishness and constantly observed his living and behaviour. He could never find the Blessed One at prayer and soul-saving exercises. No matter when he visited the Starets in his cell, the Visionary always knew he was coming. Removing his outer garments, he would topple over onto his bench and feign sleep. In this way he followed the word of the Lord Himself Who said:

"But when you pray, go into your most private room, and closing the door, pray to your Father in secret: and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you in the open" (Matt. 6:6).

By means of his secret, prayerful works and podvigs, he was building an eternal house in heaven and laying up the provisions which are for eternity. The Blessed Starets' cell was always unkempt, jamined and covered with layers of rubbish. When asked why he permitted his cell to be that way, he answered:

"So that everything surrounding me will constantly remind me of the disorder of my soul."

Some elders of the Lavra had visited the cell of this man of God and they related that it was filled with rows of pots and crocks containing prepared foodstuff for visitors—groats, tea, oil, flour, sugar, bread, tarts, honey, roe, fruit, fish, grapes, tapers, and such.

Understandably, his collection of provisions aroused some envy in the monastery, particularly amongst the younger members. These youths wanted

to get into the food and worked out one especially elaborate plan. Having noticed that the superior of the hermitage detested Feofil, they convinced his favourite sacristan, Polykarp, to petition Iov in favour of transferring the Starets to another cell. Polykarp was quite willing to do this since he hated the Blessed One as much as did the superior. It seems that Feofil had a habit of gathering up a whole pile of worms, beetles, cockroaches, and bugs into mattress ticking and then releasing them all in church where they would crawl away into every corner. Alas, Polykarp was then required to search for this crawling army and sweep all of its soldiers out the door. In a fit of anger, Polykarp would fall on the Blessed One with abuse and often beat him but the Starets would only stop before him, fold his hands and keep silent.

"The crafty one has destructive thoughts," said the Prophet Isaiah.

"He contemplates bonds in order to ruin the poor man with words of falsehood, even if the poor man is right."

That was the source of Polykarp's hatred for Feofil. Having cast aspersions on the Blessed One before the superior, he would receive an order from him to move the "guilty one" to another cell. Polykarp then would go immediately to the Starets with a malicious smirk.

"Father Feofil The superior has ordered you to move to another cell."

"Direct my steps according to Thy word," the Starets would humbly reply. And taking his mantle

under his arm, an icon, and a Psalter, he would quickly go over to the cell indicated to him. And the postulants would just be waiting for this. Under the pretext of carrying over the "furniture" (the Blessed One had nothing in his cell but a lectern, a bench, and a crude table), they would get at the provisions. But Starets Feofil would not in the slightest be disturbed by the loss of the delicacies and, in the gentleness of his angelic heart, he would exclaim:

"Wondrous are Thy works. O Lord"

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In order to avoid similar occurrences and also to help eradicate evil which had arisen in people, the Blessed One began to accept cell-mates to live with him. They did not come from among the brothers but rather, he selected them directly from the laity. The Starets paid no attention to the selected person's behaviour, whether it was vicious or not, so long as he was possessed of a keen heart and an open soul and hoped for correction.

Once, a ragged wanderer called Ivan came to the Kitayevskaya Hermitage. He was a deserter from the military service who had committed a whole series of crimes since he had deserted several years earlier. The Starets met him in the monastery kitchen and, having revealed his secret sins, brought the heart of the wanderer to repentance. Seeing this extraordinary monk before him, Ivan was amazed and would not leave the side of the Starets. He began tearfully to repent of his crimes.

Yes, there is great need for me to repent. I committed much evil on earth," Ivan concluded and sighed heavily.

Starets Feofil looked him over from head to toe, shook his head with pity and also sighed deeply.

"Do you know the parable of the talents?" he asked him.

"I know nothing, Batiushka. I was born a fool and I shall die a fool," Ivan replied with contrition.

The Starets told him of the parable of the talents and, having explained the contents, continued:

"And so our life is a time of investing. One must be quick to use it in order to acquire all that is possible. If you brought bast sandals to the bazaar and, instead of sitting with your arms folded, contrived to call buyers in, then, having sold everything, you can buy whatever you need for yourself."

"But, dear Batiushka, when

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which he inflicted on so many?

The lukewarm may experience a suddenness of change from Earth to Heaven or Hell, or Purgatory. The truly Holy and the trebly Evil may well only experience an extension and intensification of that which they began to experience in this life. And those who are struggling to become holy, may well experience an intensification of their sorrow at having failed to live up to what God has directed, and in so experiencing, may be purified of their lack of success in fulfilling God's Will while on Earth.

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CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LOUIS (Fr. Louis is at St. Nicholas Church, Homewood, Illinois, and is under an Orthodox Jurisdiction different from ours - sorry Father, my memory is going. He has agreed to allow RE-UNION to occasionally grace these columns with writings he has published - Ed.)

In worship an individual is brought face to face with his/her MAKER, and there they are reminded of the supreme values of life. They are freed from the clutches of the visible and the transient and are enabled to perceive the invisible and the eternal. They are aided in forming a proper value system based on God's will for them, their family, their community of believers, and their, city, state and nation.

It is estimated on any Sunday more than a hundred million people in the United States attend no church and hence engage in no public worship. Indeed there are millions who do not enter a church throughout the whole year. Within

Orthodoxy, we have those who come to church during the major feasts of Christmas, Pascha, weddings and funerals within families. Back of nearly all this neglect of divine worship is the failure to understand that God WANTS it, has explicitly COMMANDED it, and is ENTITLED to it by the 'most compelling' of all reasons, namely, that of creating us.

It must be stamped upon the minds, written upon the hearts, and woven into the wills of all so that it becomes one of their most profound convictions. Otherwise worldliness and indifference to spiritual values will continue to eat like cancer into the bone and marrow of their moral nature until they become pagans in everything but name.

This is the truth which Thomas Merton expressed so well in THE SEVEN STOREY MOUNTAIN: "It is a law of man's nature, written into his very essence, and just as much a part of him as the desire to build houses and cultivate the land and marry and have children and read books and sing songs, that he should want to stand together with other men in order to acknowledge their common dependence on God, their father and Creator."

This experience is typical of that of all persons who stop to think of the debt which they owe to God for all the blessings and gifts which He has lavished upon them. Among those gifts is the faculty of speech which the individual should use in union with his/her co-believers in worshiping and thanking God. Until the debt of public worship is paid, remorse will disturb the peace of mind of

very person with a sensitive conscience.

That is the note that needs to be sounded in America today. We must not forget the divine Being who has poured out His blessings' and favors upon us with so lavish a hand. Common decency requires us to acknowledge our indebtedness to our Creator and to return to Him the homage of our worship, gratitude and love.

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SURE FIRE INVESTMENT PERMANENTLY AND ETERNALLY GUARANTEED BY AN UNIMPEACHABLE AGENCY

Those who are financially fortunate, their efforts and endeavor to amass wealth or financial security have paid been successful, often spend untold hours exploring the various means of investing their capital so it will support them in event they can no longer work, or desire to retire. Those who have had the questionable good fortune to inherit a substantial amount face the same task, that of securing their future fiscal well being.

Those who have been unable to amass significant sums or capital, rely on the Social Security structure and are dependant on the honesty and integrity of the least honest, most unethical, and least moral establishment ever known to mankind, the elected officials of the government of the United States of America (In support of this statement we say, Teddy Kennedy).

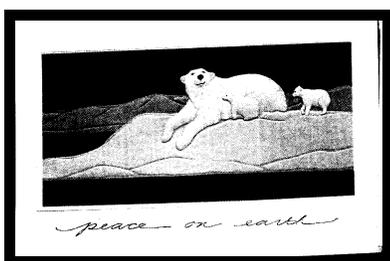
Try investing in the Holy Spirit. You can bank on Him. +

**Protestant Christmass
Cards Leave Some-
thing To Be Desired
Such As Remembering it is
Christmass !**

Reproduced below is a selection of more than seventy Christmass Cards from The Gallery Collection, through Prudent Publishing, Ridgefield Park, NJ. Of the more than seventy Christmas cards, only two have Nativity scenes. Nowhere in the selection is Christ mentioned - not even in the Nativity scene cards. These two cards are entitled: "The Virgin Adoring the Baby" and "The Adoration of the Shepherds".

Just who or what is being adored is nowhere stated - and remember that approximately 97% of these Christmass Cards do not even mention Christ or His Birth !

They may be elegant, but they ain't Christian.



Of course the originals, in full colour and in stunning black and white, are extremely beautiful. But they miss the entire point of Christmass (yes, two s's - the old way of spelling Christmass).

In their inability to produce or tolerate the creation of an image or symbol of Christ, Protestants have caused the removal of religious symbols which actually support the religious concepts associated with various religious topics. Thus, Christ, who in most Protestant thought, can not be represented in art, paintings, sculpture, for so to do would be idolatry, has been left out of all but two of these seventy plus Christmass Cards. This has been a foundation cause of the true meaning of Christmass being lost in the Protestant community, and of that infection of lack of faith and belief making inroads of contamination into the membership of the True Church.

The secularization of Christmass is now supported by those who do not wish to offend those who are not Christians, or who do not believe that Christ Jesus is God, or that He was born of the Virgin.

OFFEND THEM, BY GOD ! They are the ones who are wrong! They are the ones who have made the error! They are the ones who do not have the True Faith. It must be terrible to be a Protestant, for they can not even openly worship God on His Birthday.



UNCHRISTIAN “CHRISTIAN” CLERGY, WHEN WILL THEY RECOGNIZE GOD COMES FIRST? DO THEY HAVE FAITH, OR JUST BALANCE SHEETS?

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN (N.J.), Christian citizens have been fighting to overturn a Township ordinance which prohibits Nativity scenes, and which was designed to prohibit Christian Nativity scenes. Two local citizens, with the assistance of the American Catholic Lawyers Association, Inc., filed suit against the Township, desiring to erect and, at the appropriate time, remove, a Nativity scene at their own expense.

A member of the local Clergy (member of one of the largest Christian Jurisdictions in the world, with valid Apostolic Succession), intervened on the side of the **Township**. This member of the hierarchy of the local clergy accused the two people who wished to erect the Nativity scene, of being anti-Semitic, and stated he and his fellow “clergy persons” support the town in banning the Nativity scene.

The ACLA reports the clergyman also ordered pro-life petitioners to leave his (his ?) church for fear of losing its tax exempt status.

Here we have a valid member of the Clergy forgetting his prime duty is to Jesus Christ. If the whole world attacks him, if he loses the tax exempt status for his facility, if he offends other members of the community, so what. He is supposed to be a follower of Christ, and is supposed to be a leader of the followers of Christ, entrusted with teaching his

flock by example.

The early Christians did not deny their Faith, but this clergyman has denied his faith by failing to take the proper moral stand in two instances: the creche and in the matter of abortions.

It is also interesting to note he refers to himself and his associates as “clergy persons”. Whenever the word “persons” is used, it is a positive indicator that one or more of the “persons” is female, and a female who refuses to be placed within the generic term “mankind”. There can be no valid female members of the clergy. This heretic, this man without Christian Faith, without Divine Conviction, this false priest, commits the horrible sin of scandal in his actions which are a denial of Christianity.

Legislating Nativity **scenes** out of public existence is a straight forward attempt to regulate public **expressions of belief** in Christ Jesus out of existence. It is not an exaggeration to say, that should the anti-Nativity scene forces be successful, then, one day, it will be unlawful for a Church building to have a sign on it saying what it is, and it will be unlawful for anyone to say grace before a meal in a public restaurant. You did not believe that contraceptives would lead to abortion on demand, but it did. Now you do not believe the importance of the Nativity scene litigation, but if the litigation goes against the Christian forces, then

will you see the terrible effect on your right to practice your worship of God.

AN INTERESTING SIDE ISSUE IS A LOCAL RABBI (IN THE TOWN) SAID THE CRECHE REMINDED HIM OF THE NAZI HOLOCAUST. Guess Christians had nothing to do with stopping Hitler and the Nazis, nothing to do with freeing the Jews, nothing to do with the establishment and continuation of the State of Israel. If we attack the rabbi as being anti-Christian, do we run the risk of being called anti-Semitic? If we do, we take the risk. That rabbi should kiss every Christian he meets, in thanksgiving for getting him out of the Nazi clutches. I guess no Christians were killed in the Nazi camps, no Christians were killed fighting the SS and Hitler, no Christian Russians were killed at Stalingrad, no Polish or Dutch Christians were killed hiding Jews from the Nazi (guess the diary of Anne Frank was a hoax). (*See The ACLA Report, VI, N2-4, January, 1994.*)

SISTER HELEN PRE-JEAN IS AT IT AGAIN, ANGRY THAT THE PATRIARCH OF ROME WILL NOT ALLOW HER TO BECOME A PRIEST, CALLING HIS POSITION AND THE ISSUE OF ‘WOMEN PRIEST’ A “SEXIST PHENOMENON”. (*T-P Jul 3, 1994.*)

While many American Bishops of the RC favor ordination of women, and have effectively broken with Rome, it is good to note that the Patriarch of

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Rome has drawn a line, hopefully in granite, denying the ordination of women.

This is not an anti-woman position. It is an acknowledgment of the Divine order establishing the respective roles of men and women. Is it impossible for women to be ordained Priests? No, but such must be approved in a true Ecumenical Council of all the Bishops, guided by the Holy Spirit. It is not likely this will happen, for women are not Biblically granted that role, or if they are, it is not obvious to some two thousand years worth of men and women students of the Bible.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS SUPPORTED A BILL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS

by the State of Louisiana in instances of rape or incest. Currently, Louisiana provides funding for abortion in the instance where the mother's life is in danger. The bill was introduced in response to Clinton the Murderer's threat to withhold funding from any State which prohibits public funding of abortions. In supporting the bill, the RC Bishops held the current State law to be unconstitutional, and that it is better to have a law which restricts abortions in some manner rather than to have no restrictions at all. What the RC's fail to realize is that they have aligned themselves with Satan in supporting his program of killing babies. It is dogmatically and morally impossible to support evil in any manner, even for the pur-

pose of preventing a greater evil. In effect, in supporting the pro-abortion bill, the RC's have lent credence and support to the pro-abortion position. There can be no compromise with evil, no half way measures. Following God's law is an all or nothing proposition. If innocent people die, either through abortions or from lack of medical care because of lack of public funding due to Louisiana's pro-life laws, then so be it. For those who believe these comments are being made from the safety net of a hospitalization or medical insurance policy, think again. They are being made from the position of one totally dependant on the charity of others in-so-far-as health care is concerned.

Compromise with Satan, and you have compromised your salvation.

Even a bill which provides, should the current law be held unconstitutional, then other restrictions would come into effect, is a questionable course, for it can easily serve to encourage a slackening of tough pro-life laws.

THEY KEEP ON TRYING TO MAKE HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONS MORALLY ACCEPTABLE. WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO FIGURE OUT IT IS GOD WHO MAKES MORAL LAWS AND MAN CAN NOT CHANGE THOSE LAWS. In 1991 the Presbyterians tried to float the premise that sex outside of marriage between genuinely consenting adults (how does genuinely consenting differ from old fashioned regular consenting -

also known as fornication if it is outside of marriage) is morally acceptable. In 1993 the Lutherans openly challenged the Biblical sanctions against homosexuality. Now the Episcopalians are saying the idea of life long faithful unions for heterosexual and homosexual couples is acceptable. **Exactly what part of the word NO do these purveyors of immorality not understand?** Incidentally, the Episcopalians are trying to institute a new standard for ordination to the priesthood - that the candidate for ordination be one who is a "wholesome example". Presumably, child molesters, homosexuals, and lesbians, are now considered "wholesome examples" by this part of the Episcopal leadership. There can be no dialog on this - immorality is and will always be immorality. It will never become moral, for the standard is set by God, not by men, and God does not change.

THE CORNERSTONE OF BELIEF OF The Metropolitan Community Church, is that homosexual men and women may remain sexually active and still practice the Christian faith. Well, in a real sense they are right. Of course, when they engage in sexual relations, they commit grievous sin, sufficient to send them to hell. But that is not a factor which prevents them from believing Jesus is God and the Saviour of all mankind. After all, Satan himself believes Jesus is God, but of course Satan does not practice Christianity, and neither do members of the Metropolitan Community Church. +

QUICK SHOTS

WOMEN have a phenomenal responsibility, for wherever they lead men are sure to follow. Whether it be on the path to God's Will, or to hell itself, a woman can influence men to follow. It is in seeking and following God's Will, not her own will, that a woman is of benefit to mankind. It is seeking power and roles and positions which are improper, manipulation and control, self interest, and in using men to these ends, that women ignore God and follow the lead of Satan. Since they have this phenomenal power of influencing men, they must use it for God's purposes, not their own.

THE DEATH CLOCK shows an approximation of the number of people who have been murdered at any instant in time in the USA - but it leaves out the number of babies murdered while still in the womb. A clock which shows the number of babies legally murdered by abortion at any instant in time in the USA, would far outstrip the numbers murdered illegally.

PRIEST: Go to confession to the Virgin Mary or to an angel, and you have done nothing for they can not absolve you. Neither can they give you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But the simplest of priests, he can. Who feeds you with the Body and Blood of Christ, who washes your soul for the last time before you meet Our

Lord, who Baptized you - giving you a pass port into the Kingdom of God, a Priest. Were a Priest to fully realize that which he is and does, he would surely die, not from fear but from love. (*St. John Vianney*)

PRESIDENT'S BASH reads the headline from a recent American Bar Association article promoting a lawyer's convention in New Orleans. Should lawyers present the image of a bunch of drunken bums slobbering all over the gutters? Well . . . perhaps a sufficient per centage of that once honorable profession are now amongst the dregs, so that the image fits.

SAINT JAMES: tells us to look to Abraham and the justification of Abraham in his works, not in his faith alone. You see that a man is justified by his works and not by faith alone, James 2:21-25. So don't just stand there. Speed up, turn, jump or drop dead, but what ever you do, if you are not acting on your faith, then get out of the way of those who are acting on their faith, who are doing works. If you think Faith alone will get you to heaven, think again - but also be prepared to be surprised at what is works, what is fruit. A man in an iron lung can be known as a man of Christian Faith by his works. Think about it.

HAVING AN OPINION IS YOUR RIGHT, and having an informed opinion is your obligation.

COFFEE, first it came in

a one pound container, then the manufacturers vacuum packed it in packages of less than a pound but told everyone the difference in ground gave the same yield as a pound, and they charged the same price as a pound. Now they've got it on sale, with a full pound, and are telling us we are receiving 23% more free. Thou shalt not lie; Thou shalt not steal.

DAVID KORESH, of the Branch Davidians, the ones in Waco, Texas, who were burned to death by Janet Reno and Bill Clinton - there can be little disagreement as to his mental stability, it appeared to be marginal. However, Biblical scholars Philip Arnold of Houston's Reunion Institute (no association with REUNION) and James Tabor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, found Koresh's decoding of the seals (in the Apocalypse - Book of Revelations for the Protestant readers), to be a substantial piece of work. They estimated Koresh needed another two to three weeks to finish "decoding" the seals. While no supporter of Koresh's life style, the findings are very interesting. If Koresh was actually on to something, actually doing good scholarly work regarding the seals, would it not make sense that Satan would want the work to stop? This is verry interesting.

LADIES, stay beautiful on the inside as well as on the outside. **You** can lead your children, small and tall, to Heaven, and it will not be adverse to your salvation either. + + +

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and **where am I to get these talents?** I am illiterate, foolish, simple. I haven't got any."

"Not true! The Lord gave something to everyone who was born. It means that each person has something with which to invest and to make a gain."

"But where then! Where are they?"

"Well, just look at yourself carefully and you will discover what talent you have and how you can use it for gain. On that dreadful judgement day, everything will be asked about:

Did you have hands? What did you acquire with them? Did you have a head and tongue? What did you acquire with them? The reward will not be given for the fact that you acquired but for what it was that you acquired."

For a whole day after this conversation, Ivan stood aside and observed the Starets, amazed at his simplicity, humility, and wisdom. Finally, towards evening, he was inflamed with a desire to live under the spiritual direction of the Blessed One. He approached Feofil and with cries fell at his feet.

"Batiushka.! Take me unto you! Don't let my soul **peish in sins and vice!**"

"**Very well, very well!**" answered the Starets. "**Who comes unto me will never be turned away.**" I see that your heart truly desires to work for the Lord. Come and live with me and save yourself but bear in mind that since I possess nothing, you can expect to experience cold, thirst, grief, and deprivation. And do not complain about this fate when you begin to endure it."

"My true father! Even if I had to give up my life for you, for the Saviour's sake, I am prepared to do so."

From that time on Ivan began to serve the Blessed One and became his first cell-mate. Starets Feofil was strict and, with a vigilant eye, followed the development of his spiritual improvement, intercepting each wave of evil which arose.

Once, the Blessed One was brought a large piece of cured fillet of

sturgeon. Tempted by the gift, Ivan appropriated it for himself and ate it. But suddenly he felt a terrible pain in his stomach and he began crying out, begging for help.

"Suffer, suffer, brother. This fish is being digested in your stomach," the Starets said jokingly to him. And then he added, "Why did you listen to the enemy? Why did you become led into partaking of food which ought not to concern you?"

But he saw the open-hearted repentance of the guilty one and pitied him. The Starets prayed a while and the illness disappeared at once.

In this way he educated his cell-mate by means of various works and foolish orders which, although strange in essence, had in them a great benefit for the development of his mental purity. Mixing his speech with spiritual directions understandable to him, the Starets very soon succeeded in cleansing Ivan's heart from everything bad, all his vices and temptations.

The grateful cell-mate acknowledged his insignificance before the Starets. Seeing his unchanging fatherly love and care, Ivan paid the Blessed One for this with the most tender dedication and childlike obedience.

"Ivan!" the Starets said to him one day. "Take a basket and let's go gather some mushrooms."

They took what was required and set out into a very dense thicket of woods. The air was very hot. Starets Feofil gathered mushrooms but all the while he sighed:

"Ah, what a storm is approaching. What a storm!"

Ivan looked up. The sky was azure, limpid, and clear.

"There will be no storm, Batiushka. There is not a cloud to be

seen."

"Oh, there will be one very soon. It's already approaching us. Here it is!"

At that very moment, three strapping young fellows with clubs lept out from bushes and angrily ran up to the Starets.

"Aha, we've caught a monk! Give us money!"

The Starets crossed himself, then peacefully rummaged in his basket and handed over the largest mushroom, saying, "Eat to your heart's content."

"What?" the robbers cried out. "You are even laughing at us?"

And they began to beat him all over.

"Ivan, go away!" the bloodied Starets whispered.

"No," replied the faithful servant. "Where the master is, his servant is also there." Seeing the blood on the Starets, he threw himself at the robbers in a frenzy. But they were twice as strong and, tying up the cell-mate, they also beat him unmercifully. Having enjoyed themselves over the defenceless sacrifices, the robbers disappeared.

Then Ivan understood what kind of a storm had been approaching them.

The Starets' second cell-mate was a retired soldier named Kornily. He was an unusually obstinate and stubborn fellow and, moreover, had a very sharp tongue. Visitors to the Blessed One suffered various insults from Kornily and often complained to Feofil about the coarseness of his cell-mate.

"You don't know how to behave as an eremite," the Starets told Kornily sternly. "I'll send you to the Lavra. There they will soon drill you, you bear."

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Our Lady of Soufanieh has told us, "Endure and Forgive - endure much less than the Father did." Just think of what God the Father endured. He saw His Son tortured and murdered in the most horrible manner, all for the sake of those who committed the atrocities upon Him.

The Theotokos also told Fr. Joseph (and us), to pray, "God saves me, Jesus enlightens me, the Holy Spirit is my life. I am not afraid. (Soufanieh)



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And he sent Kornily to the Lavra's guest hostel. As a consequence, when Igumen Agapit was appointed superior of the Lavra's guest hostel, he took Kornily as his cell-mate.

Agapit was a great starets and his name was long remembered by those who benefited from his charity. He used to buy whole pieces of broadcloth, sackcloth, and other material in order to sew clothing for men and women. All this he gave to poor pilgrims. Aside from the constant distributing of money, clothing, and bread, Father Agapit also gave monthly pensions to a sizable number of truly poor and burdened families in the city. He accepted single people into the Lavra almshouse, feeding, clothing, doctoring, and admonishing them into salvation.

It was with this Starets that Kornily found himself. True, it was not easy for Father Agapit to get along with Kornily. Still, eventually he tonsured him, named him Nestor, then buried him and remembered him with love. But it is necessary to pay a tribute to Kornily. He was irreplaceable in the secret charities of Father Agapit and, in general, he was dedicated to him with his soul. Father Agapit did not limit his charities to the Lavra. He liked to visit the city prison, refuges of extreme poverty, and generally, truly poor people. On such trips Kornily used to accompany him. They would load their driver with parcels of clothing and, taking baskets of white bread and money, they set out for the city as if to make purchases at the store. Actually, they were conducting spiritual business by visiting the needy. They would clothe some, give money and bread to others. After that they would fill their baskets with some goods for the sake of appearance and return home happy and content. After his transference to the Lavra, Kornily was truly transformed from an ignorant "bear" into a worthy pupil of his great starets-teacher.

The Blessed Feofil foretold this long beforehand. When Father Agapit (Timofey Milovanov "in the world") visited the Starets for the first time in

the Kitayevskaya Hermitage, he was told:

"When you will become superior of the Lavra hostel, this crank Kornily will serve you. He argues with and scolds everyone but he will get along with you."

A certain Panteleimon was the Blessed Feofil's third cell-mate. After the death of the Starets, he lived at the Lavra hostel until old age. He told many of the elders of the various miracles of the Blessed One and of his wonderful forevision which he himself had witnessed many times.

Once, on the orders of his Starets, Panteleimon was carrying dinner from the refectory when he slipped and dropped the food near the threshold. In order to avoid chastisement, the confused cell-mate began to sweep up the food in the hope of refilling the dishes. But the Starets came up to him and said:

"You don't know to carry out an obedience, Panteleimon. You won't become a monk until you are dying." And so it happened. Panteleimon, who lived to a very old age, remained only a postulant until just before his death when he was tonsured a *rasafor* monk and given the name Feodosy.

Nevertheless, Panteleimon was absolutely obedient to his starets.

Blessed Feofil obtained permission to travel to Voronezh for the twentieth anniversary of the uncovering of the relics of Saint Mitrofan, Bishop of Voronezh. His postulant, Panteleimon, went with him on the long journey. Having arrived in Voronezh they spent their days in church and their nights in the courtyard near the belfry. When they had finished their *podvig* of reverence to the Saint, they set out on their return trip home. Having walked for a long way, they finally reached Kiev.

"It would be nice to make one last halt," said Blessed Feofil and sat down in the field to rest in the open air.

Having eaten a little food, he reached towards the bag to take out the water-gourd. But it was not there.

"Panteleimon, where is our tankard?" the Starets cried out in disap-

pointment.

The cell-mate thought for a while and then remembered:

"Why it's in Voronezh, Batiushka. It was left where we ate last night, there at the foot of the belfry steps."

"How bad you are! Go back and get it before it disappears."

Panteleimon did not even pause for a second thought but set out for Voronezh, not even spending the night in his own cloister which was only half a verst from their position, as if the gourd constituted some sort of valuable rarity, or as if it were only a few steps between Kiev and Voronezh instead of a great distance.

He reached Voronezh safely and to his joy he found the gourd at the very place where it had been left. Taking it in his hands, he set out for home. The simple-hearted Panteleimon did not attach any significance to this *podvig* and was not conceited because of it, nor did he grumble against the Blessed One. He knew that the eremitical fathers of the East even ordered their postulants to drive oak stakes into the ground and water them daily in order to avoid idleness.

Once, during the Great Lent, when the Blessed One would not eat for days at a time and prayed to God in secret, he sent Panteleimon to the bazaar to buy some rather large tops from old boots. When the obedience was fulfilled the old boot tops were brought to the Starets who spread them out on a bench, side by side, and ordered Panteleimon to sew them together into several large sheets. Then he brought in a pot of wheel-tar and diligently began to smear these leather sheets.

"Why are you doing that, Batiushka?" Panteleimon asked with curiosity.

"God commands it; God commands it," the Starets quickly replied.

"And what does it mean?"

"It means, my dear friend that the evil ones write the works of sinful people on them. But today all this is smeared over and there are no more sins."

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"By means of this action," Panteleimon later explained, "the Starets wanted to shew that the sins of the spiritual children close to him, for whom he so fervently and constantly prayed in those days, were already forgiven by God and their conscience was cleansed before the face of God."

"There were times in the summer," Panteleimon related, "when the Starets would call me and say: 'Pick some fresh apples in the orchard tomorrow (and he would specify exactly how many). In the morning, at sunrise, go to the woods along the road. There you will meet a party of pilgrims. Give each one two apples.' I would carry out these orders, picking exactly the number of apples specified by the Starets. Then I would go to the appointed place and, lo and behold, I would give each pilgrim two apples and have precisely the required number. The Starets often gave me such orders and I marvelled at his forevision."

The fourth cell-mate of the Starets was a certain Kozma. He was an extraordinarily well read and religious servant, so that even Starets Feofil jokingly called him "theologian." For days at a time Kozma was occupied with the reading of the holy writings and books of the holy fathers. Moreover, he often forgot not only food and drink but even about direct obligations of his cell obedience. His absent-mindedness reached such a degree that when he once had to sign a paper on the occasion of receiving some documents, Kozma not only forgot his surname but his Christian name as well so that others had to remind him of it.

Of all the inanimate objects of this world, Kozma loved only books, and most of all, his old worn out Bible which he always carried with him on a belt. At night, he placed it under his head for a pillow. Kozma treated his starets with slavish respectfulness and was ready to rush, upon his word, into either fire or water. Of all the creatures of the earth, Kozma disliked women most. God forbid that he should happen to meet any oncoming female while going to the Dniepr for water in the morn-

ing. Kozma would then consider himself profaned for the entire day and, upon returning home, he would sprinkle himself with holy water. All of his thoughts and desires were directed towards the goal of retiring into the heart of a forest in his declining years, to dig a small cave there and move into it, beginning a soul-saving podvig.

Once, when he was contemplating such unattainable bliss and was building castles in the air, Starets Feofil came up from behind and unexpectedly asked:

'Kozma! Where will you live when I move on to that other world?'

"Where God commands," Kozma answered with amazement "I will join some monastery."

"No, you are not going to be a person of the monastery. You will live among women in your own town."

Kozma shuddered from such an unexpected thought. This prophecy was equal to a condemnation and brought him into great confusion and anxiety.

"To live outside of the monastery and with women yet! No! Deliver me, O Lord, from such a disaster!" Kozma thought to himself.

But soon the prophetic words of the Blessed Starets came true.

A year after this conversation, Feofil died and his cell-mate Kozma left for his home town of Bogodukhov where he settled in a little hut on the outskirts. There he led a purely ascetic life and was famous in the entire district as a batiushka experienced in spiritual direction and advice. It soon happened, however, that, due to the labours of a wealthy woman and several generous donors, the land next to Kozma's place was bought up for the building of a public almshouse out of which grew a monastery for women.

Kozma was not a witness to the final growth of this cloister, since he soon became ill and passed away, having lived for a long time as a neighbor of the original sisters of the almshouse. He had lived, thus, "with women," as it were.

After Kozma's death, his land was given over to the newly built clois-

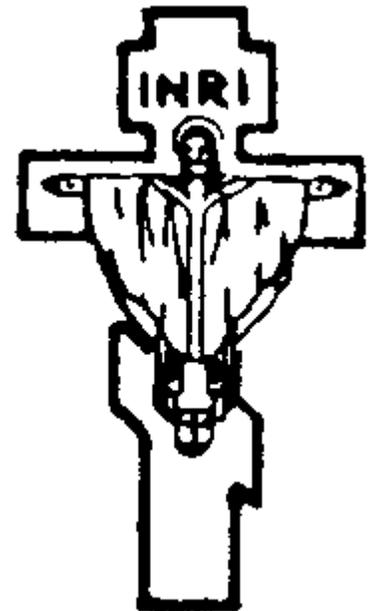
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ter and the memory of this remarkable starets is even now reverently remembered.

The story of Feofil will be continued in the next issue of REUNION.



“THERE IS NEVER ANY-THING NEW

It seems like the same thing over and over again.” This somewhat interesting comment was made regarding religious publications in general.

To an extent it is true. But the approaches can be different. Dogma and morality do not change, for they are from God who does not change. The presentation can differ, but, like sins, of which there are no new ones of which we have heard, just new ways of committing the same old ones - too, just new ways of following the same old truths God has given to us. Be happy it isn't more complicated. +

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SACRAMENTS AND LITURGIES

Divine Liturgy (Mass), every Sunday at 10:00 AM, 8:00 AM weekdays, special schedule Saturdays. All who have been Baptized and Chrismated (Confirmed)

are encouraged to receive The Eucharist (Holy Communion).

Baptisms and Chrismation (Confirmation) may be scheduled two or more weeks in advance, for children and adults who have never received these Sacraments, and who desire to join the Church.

Reception of Converts, for those who have been Baptized and Confirmed in another Jurisdiction of The Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, may be scheduled two or more weeks in advance.

Holy Matrimony should be scheduled at least three months in advance, but may be arranged in less time depending on the circumstances. We are not a marriage mill, and will not marry just anyone - interviews are required for those with whom we are not very familiar.

Absolution/Confession, is available from 9:30 AM to 9:45 AM, Sundays, and 7:30 AM to 7:45 AM weekdays, before Divine Liturgy, and on request at virtually all times.

Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction, Holy Anointing) is available after Sunday Divine Liturgy, and with visitation of the sick, is available on request. Please notify us if you, family, or a friend, become ill, are hospitalized, or desire a visit. You need not be ill to

request a visit.

Blessing of a Home is usually done on the Feast of The Epiphany (January 6), or when a family moves into a new home. It should be scheduled a week or so in advance. The house need not be all "in order".

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