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Paying Homage & Perceived Threat

On Friday I was surprised to hear that Elder Tess asked the same question that I was going to ask you all. And that is, What does it mean to pay homage to the Papacy? Now I don't know how many of you went back and looked at that study. But we know that repetition deepens the impression. So we will start off this study by answering the question. What does paying homage to the papacy look like?

The main focus of my study today is going to be looking at the history of the Nativists in the 1800's. I'm sure by now we have all read the paper written by Jared Goldstein on How the constitution became Christian. I'm not sure about everyone else but I was shocked to learn that SDA's were not the only threat to protestants. I was surprised to discover that Catholics too were a threat. The reason I am looking into this history is to prove and add evidence to the fact that Catholics were indeed a threat. This history is a horrific picture of what it looks like when Protestants feel threatened by a group of people. In reviewing this history we will see horrific events that occurred because of this perceived threat. And hopefully by the end of this presentation you will clearly see that Protestants indeed felt threatened by the Catholics.

There's a quote found in volume 5 of the Testimonies on page 451 telling us that Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of Rome. The document on how the constitution became christian shows us that it doesn't look like what we thought it would look like. Protestants don't have some secret alliance with the papacy. In fact they are at war with them, as you'll see when we complete this presentation.

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. **When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power**, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. 5T 451

Here are the questions we will be answering.

What would it look like for the Protestants to pay homage to the papacy?
How does history show us that Protestants and Catholics are at enmity?

Who are the Nativists and how do they fit into this picture?

By answering these questions, I believe that we as God's people will not be taken off guard. We have the light sent from heaven to gain the knowledge we need to avoid paying homage to the papacy in the future.

As we know history is our safeguard, for there is "nothing new under the sun".

We will begin by answering the first question. What does it mean to pay homage to the papacy?

Let's turn to GC 442.1

GC 442.1 The lamblike horns and dragon voice of the symbol point to a striking contradiction between the **professions and the practice** of the nation thus represented. The "speaking" of the nation is the **action of its legislative and judicial authorities**. By such action it will give the **lie** to those liberal and peaceful principles which it has put forth as the foundation of its policy.....

As we learned from previous studies, what the USA professes and what it does is completely different. It will always profess that it is a free nation and that it upholds peaceful principles, but we know that this is a lie.

We also learned from inspiration that our attention needs to be on the legislative and judicial branches of government and not on the power in the executive branch which is entrusted to the president.

Let's continue reading...

"The prediction that it will speak "as a dragon" and exercise "all the power of the first beast" plainly foretells a development of the spirit of intolerance and persecution that was manifested by the nations represented by the dragon and the leopardlike beast. And the statement that the beast with two horns "causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast" indicates that the authority of this nation is to be exercised in **enforcing some observance which shall be an act of homage to the papacy.**" GC 442.1

So the end of this quote tells us that when the US enforces some observance, the observance in itself will be an act of homage to the papacy.

Let's skip ahead to another paragraph GC 446.1 and I'll only be reading the bold section.

"The special characteristic of the beast, and therefore of his image, is the breaking of God's commandments. Says Daniel, of the little horn, the papacy:

“He shall think to change times and the law.” Daniel 7:25, R.V. And Paul styled the same power the “man of sin,” who was to exalt himself above God. One prophecy is a complement of the other. **Only by changing God's law could the papacy exalt itself above God; whoever should understandingly keep the law as thus changed would be giving supreme honor to that power by which the change was made. Such an act of obedience to papal laws would be a mark of allegiance to the pope in the place of God.**”

As we can see here, the act of obedience to papal laws would be a mark of allegiance to the papacy.

So what does it mean to pay homage to the papacy? If the papacy has changed the law of God and you start to observe the law they changed, by observing that law, you will be honoring the power(papacy) that changed the law. Therefore you will be paying homage to the papacy when you observe their law.

So we answered the first question.

We will now briefly review the document by Professor Jared Goldstien entitled How the Constitution Became Christian.

There are three histories discussed in this paper. 1863-1900's then in the late 1940s -1950's and finally from 1979 until today. Throughout these 3 histories Jared tells us that there is a perceived threat in those different time periods. And this threat is on the Nationalistic view of what it means to be an American.

In the introduction on Page 263 it tells us the reason why this movement within Protestantism commenced in the first place. It was because they felt threatened, as if there was a war on Christianity and to them that meant an attack on America itself.

“The movement was propelled by **concerns over the increasing population and power of Catholics, Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, and religious freethinkers**. Increasing religious diversity generated a variety of challenges to Protestant preeminence, including objections to Christian prayers and Bible reading in public schools, Sabbath observance laws, and religious oaths. Leaders of the Christian Amendment movement considered these challenges to be nothing less than a **war on Christianity and therefore an attack on America itself**. The nation's Christian identity could be saved, the movement argued, if only the Constitution could be made Christian.

So who did they feel threatened by?

Increasing population and power of Catholics, Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, and religious freethinkers.

This is where it becomes interesting because Catholics were a threat to those Protestants (Fundamentalist Protestants) (Christian Amendment Movement).

What is the relationship between the Papacy and Protestantism in this time period? Enmity! Many Adventist would have a hard time with this concept because in the 1888 time period, Protestants wanted to pass a Sunday law. If you don't know or understand the history between Protestants and Catholics it might be easy for you to believe that they had some secret alliance with the papacy. As we will see that's simply not the case.

Let's look at another quote in GC 448.3

“Romanists declare that “the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, **in spite of themselves**, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church.”—Mgr. Segur, Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today, page 213. The enforcement of Sunday keeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. **Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded.** But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sunday keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.”

Here we can see that in spite of themselves they were paying homage to the papacy. Even though the protestants may have had a disdain for the catholics that didn't change the fact that, if they forced an observance of a Sunday law, they would have been paying homage to the papacy.

In the history of the 1800's is there a friendship between Catholics and Protestants? We will see that history tells us no.

Now we will be getting into the main purpose of my study.

How does history show us that Protestants and Catholics are at enmity?

Who are the Nativists and how do they fit into this story?

We will be going to look at the persecution of the Catholics more specifically the Irish Catholics in the early 1800's. There is another document written by Jared Goldstein this document has been shared in the Media Broadcast group and it's Entitled UNFIT FOR THE CONSTITUTION: NATIVISM AND THE CONSTITUTION, FROM THE FOUNDING FATHERS TO DONALD TRUMP. I found this document fascinating and it began my journey into this study.

We will start by looking at a few quotes from the introduction.

“This Article tells the story of an idea. It is an old idea, an ugly idea, a discredited idea. It is a nativist idea: the idea that the United States Constitution was made only for some people, while others should be excluded from entering the country out of suspicion that their race or religion make them likely to harbor hostility to the nation’s constitutional principles.”

So who are the Nativists? Nativists believed they were the true “Native” Americans, despite the fact that they were immigrants themselves. Sometimes they were called “real Americans,” or “100% Americans,” or just plain old Americans. In response to the waves of immigration in the mid-nineteenth century, Nativists created political parties and tried to limit the rights of immigrants.

Roosevelt expressed what has become the conventional understanding of American nationalism, that what unites the nation, and what makes America America, is a shared devotion to a common creed of liberty, equality, and democracy, a creed expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. In the conventional understanding, the American creed consists of a universal set of principles that can be embraced by anyone without regard to race, religion, or ancestry. And, as Roosevelt claimed, American national identity has “always” meant devotion to the American creed and has “never” been about race or ancestry.

As this Article shows, however, for most of American history the dominant view that has guided American policies has been the nativist belief that only people who share the nation’s dominant ethnicity and religion are capable of constitutional devotion while others must be excluded because of the dangers they are suspected to pose to the nation’s fundamental values.

An example of this is in the 1840s, the Know-Nothings (Nativist political party) opposed Irish immigration based on a belief that Catholicism was incompatible with the Constitution.

But before we dive into the Know-Nothings. We will review history just prior to that time. I’m going to draw a timeline, showing events that clearly show us that Protestants felt threatened by Catholics, specifically the Irish Catholics. I want us to see that history clearly shows us that there is no friendship between Catholics and Protestants. These are just a few events that promoted this Nativist idea.

Before 1798 we knew that this was the dark ages. You have many British colonists, such as the Puritans, fleeing persecution by the church of England. Early American religious culture showed that they had an anti-catholic bias.

1700

In Massachusetts there's actually a law passed in 1700 which forbade Catholic priests to reside in the colony and the penalty for them was imprisonment and execution.

1831

In 1831 **St. Mary's Church** (the third Catholic church in New York) was **burnt** to the ground by arsonists.

Beginning in the 1830s, the city had experienced several outbreaks of violence led by nativists against Catholics. Later they rebuilt the church and a brick wall was constructed to protect the Cathedral. Frequent brawls and street riots between Protestants and Catholics led to them forming a self-defense group in 1836. In the following years, nativist mobs had advanced on St. Patrick's several times but were turned back after receiving reports that armed Irish defenders were stationed behind those brick walls to protect the Cathedral.

Aug 11 - 1834

On this day in 1834, the **Ursuline Convent Riots** in Charlestown near Boston, lay in ruins. The night before, a Protestant mob sacked it and burned it to the ground. The nuns who lived there and their students were forced to flee for their lives. The rioters were mostly poor Yankee laborers who feared and hated Irish Catholic immigrants. While some of Boston's wealthiest Protestants sent their daughters to the Ursuline Academy, most Yankees harbored a deep prejudice against Catholics. Since they were constantly suspicious of "popery," Protestants in Boston were eager to hear the malicious rumors that began about the convent.

There were various causes that led indirectly to its destruction, among the most prominent were rumors. The rumor was that nuns were being confined against their will. There were people that went to investigate and interviewed Sister Mary. They were informed by her that she was at liberty to leave the Institution at any time she chose. They left perfectly satisfied in their own minds in regards to the erroneousness of the reports that were in circulation, but it was too late to notify the public of the results of their visit before Monday.

(Cause=Rumor...lies...conspiracy)

June 11 - 1837

The Broad Street Riot was a massive brawl that occurred in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 11, 1837, between Irish Americans and Yankee firefighters. About a hundred Irishmen were on their way to join a large funeral procession on Sea Street. A

19-year-old George Fay, who had reportedly had too much to drink, insulted or shoved several of the Irishmen, and a fight broke out. Fay's friends rushed to his aid, but the firemen were outnumbered and were badly beaten. The crowd had begun to disperse, and the matter might have ended there but the foreman "lost his head completely". Miller ordered his men to sound the emergency alarm. First they rolled their wagon into the street, ringing the fire alarm bell; then Miller sent men to ring the church bells, summoning all the fire engines in Boston. According to the Boston Transcript, Miller then ran to another firehouse, shouting, "The Irish have risen upon us, and are going to kill us!" As more fire companies arrived, and Irishmen poured out of nearby houses into the street to help their friends and relatives, the fight escalated into a full-blown riot. Before long, an estimated 800 men were doing battle with sticks, stones, and bricks, while at least 10,000 more urged them on. Protestant workmen came running to the aid of the firefighters, while underfoot, injured and unconscious men lay sprawled on the pavement. Outnumbered, the Irish were defeated and driven back to their homes. Nearby homes were sacked and vandalized, and the occupants beaten. Many on both sides were seriously injured. (Cause escalated because of LIES)

1843

In 1843 public school ruling permitting Catholic children to be excused from Bible-reading class (because the Protestant King James Version was being used) This became a major political issue and the cause of a major riot in the following year, which we will discuss.

All these events give rise to the anti-catholic, American party who has this slogan America for Americans. And they become commonly known as the Know Nothings

1844 - Know Nothings - Nativist Riots of May 6, 1844 in Philadelphia
Also riots on July 6, 1844

The Know Nothings were a Nativist Political Party and were originally a secret society. It was primarily an anti-Catholic, Anti-Irish, anti-immigration, populist and xenophobic movement. People that were devoted to the movement were to say "I know nothing" when someone outside the movement asked them about it and that's how they got their name.

The leader of this movement was Lewis Charles Levin (November 10, 1808 – March 14, 1860). He was an American politician and an anti-Catholic social activist of the 1840s and 1850s. Although not Protestant himself, he supported the concept of nativist Americanism.

Levin's had a campaign against Catholic political power. On May 3, 1844, nativists attempted to give a speech in the center of the Irish-Catholic neighborhood. The locals ended up chasing all of the protesters out of the neighborhood. The following

Monday, May 6, Levin returned with 3,000 protesters. Levin played a leading role in inciting the riot, which led to the killing of over 20 Irish Americans, the burning of many of their homes and hundreds left homeless, and the destruction of three Catholic churches associated with their community. Levin and his colleague were arrested for "excite to riot and treason" in inciting locals to invade and burn several Catholic churches and a convent which ended up demolished completely by fire. However, the case never went to trial.

These riots between protestants and catholics were all because of **false reports** that catholics wanted to ban Bibles in public schools.

1847 - Also known as Black 47

At this time in Ireland the Irish were suffering from overpopulation, and lack of resources. Between 1845 and 1855, no fewer than 2.1 million people left Ireland, one of the greatest mass exoduses from a single island in history.

The Irish were starving and in a famine, it's not the starvation that kills you. It's the diseases which follow. Many left primarily on packed ships but also steamboats and barks—and without clean water many were too sick to survive. The ships that they embarked on got the nickname coffin ships because a ¼ of the people died. It was said that sharks would follow these ships because of all the dead bodies thrown overboard.

So the Irish are refugees and they are fleeing a humanitarian crisis. They are not going to America to fulfil the great American dream, they are coming because they need something to eat. But they are Catholics, they are illiterate and they arrive with no money and they settled exactly where the ship landed. They didn't assimilate, they observed their language, culture and religion.

1846-1848 - Mexican-American War

1846-1848 Irish end up fighting in the Mexican-American war. But because of the ill treatment the Irish received from bigoted commanders they end up fighting with the Mexicans, plus they can earn more money on the Mexican side and they share a common religion. This was known as St. Patrick's Battalion. So now, you have foreigners coming into the country and fighting with the enemy. That just adds to the discrimination that was already taken place.

1854 Malnourished, poor, and often ill, the new immigrants seeking jobs were offered lower wages and poor working conditions; at times, they were denied employment altogether, being told that "No Irish Need Apply." This ended up being a popular song from the 1860s, sung in taverns and halls, tells the story of such discrimination. There are rumors that the Pope and his army are going to land in the USA, overthrow the government and install a new Vatican in Cincinnati where they will impose the Catholic canon as the law of the land to supersede the constitution.

1854 - Popes Stone

Shortly after midnight on March 6, 1854, nine men, said to have been members of the anti-Catholic Know Nothing Party, went onto the grounds of the Washington Monument (which was still under construction), poisoned the watch dog and, at gunpoint, tied up the night watchman.

What is driving a bunch of vandals to commit such an act of criminal behavior? In well in one word Catholicism

They were after a pink and white block of marble that bore the inscription Rome to America. Using sledge hammers, the men broke up a three-foot slab of marble which was from a Roman temple, a gift from Pope Pius IX and which was to be placed in the inside walls of the monument honoring George Washington.

The Pope's Stone, as it was called, was carried and dumped into the river, then less than 100 yards from the monument, according to an 1883 Washington Post interview with one of the surviving conspirators."

This marble piece was donated by Pope Pius the 9th in response to a call to leaders all around the world to contribute to the construction of the Washington Monument. The know-nothings thought it an outrage that the Pope would donate a block of marble to the Washington Monument they thought it was a dishonor to the memory of George Washington according to one New Jersey petition this is what they wrote, "This gift of a despot if placed within those walls can never be looked upon by true Americans but with feelings of mortification and disgust." Also a man from Baltimore named John Wise Hampel published his own pamphlet about the block of marble from Rome and he wrote that he thought that the block was a secret signal from the Pope to start an uprising among Catholics in particular the Irish Catholics who had been flooding into the country and he wrote that the effects of this block if placed in the monument will be a mortification to nearly every American Protestant who looks upon it."

1855 - Bloody Monday was August 6, 1855, in Louisville, Kentucky, an election day, when Protestant mobs attacked Irish and German Catholic neighborhoods. These riots grew out of the bitter rivalry between the Democrats and the Nativist Know-Nothing Party. Multiple street fights raged, leaving twenty-two people dead, scores injured, and much property destroyed by fire. The riots had a profound impact on emigration from Louisville, causing more than ten thousand citizens to pack and leave for good.

Since we have time let's review the catholic way of thinking today. Specifically understanding the perspective that this institution has on gender, specifically women.

Our counterfeit.

Pope Francis. Liberation theology, which is the counterfeit of our 3 angels messages, people have a great hope of him bringing equality. He can say such beautiful statements as we've all read in the past. Let's read what he said in Time magazine.

2015 entitled Pope Francis says Church Must Listen to Women.
<https://time.com/3822482/pope-francis-women-church-society/>

Pope Francis believes “more weight and more authority must be given to women,” both in the Church and in society, he said Wednesday.

Speaking at his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square, the Pope stressed the need for women to not only be heard but also given a “recognized authority.”

He added that this reflected the way Jesus treated women and encouraged people to work “with more creativity and boldness” toward giving women the recognition they deserve.

“We have not yet understood in depth what things the feminine genius can give us, that woman can give to society and also to us. Perhaps to see things with different eyes that complements the thoughts of men,” he said.

The 78-year old Pope also touched upon questions of gender in modern society, saying that gender theory “aims to erase sexual difference” and that the removal of the difference is “the problem, not the solution.” Instead, he said men and women are meant to be complementary and he encouraged them to “treat each other with respect and cooperate with friendship.”

We know from previous studies. Scientists have proven there is no difference between a male and a female brain. In these last two statements Pope Francis says women ought to complement the thoughts of men. He also states that erasing sexual differences is a problem not a solution. You don’t have to dig deep to understand that the beautiful title is not beautiful at all, he does not promote true equality.

In another article, it is titled “Save Catholic church’ by lifting ban on female priests, activists say” 2019
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/oct/22/catholic-church-lift-ban-on-female-priests-activists-say>

I will summarize a few paragraphs.

The catholic church has struggled with a shortage of priests for decades. And although a huge number of women serve within the church (even outnumbering men in some countries) They are denied the privilege of voting at Vatican synods. And why is that? Because they are not ordained.

“The church has been struggling with a shortage of priests for decades, particularly in Europe and North America, which have had sharp falls in

church membership as well as devastating sexual abuse scandals. In some places, priests have been moved from sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, where the church is flourishing, to fill vacancies.”

”While Pope Francis has opened up more discussion about women’s roles and appointed women in key Vatican positions, the topic of them becoming priests is still very much taboo. A huge number of women serve within the church around the world, outnumbering men in some countries, but they are denied the privilege of voting at Vatican synods, such as the one on the Amazon currently taking place, because they are not ordained.”

“The church would not be alive in the Amazon if it wasn’t for women,” said Duignan. “They are undertaking priestly roles without having the title of priest.”

2021 Pope Formalizes Women's roles but says

The evangelical view is an important view we all need to have. A woman's role especially with marriage is significant.

The counterfeit.

Women bring harmony, teach us to caress, to love tenderly, and to make beautiful. We need to see the beautiful words of Francis and the actual underlying substance behind them...the meaninglessness of beautiful sentences.

Worthless equality!

When it comes to the subject of gender what does catholicism do? Ex 18:25 search the scriptures to understand the role of women. Moses appointed men, where are the women? Nurturing, having babies, housekeeping. Luke 6:13 - where are the Mary's? Not in leadership.

Catholicism does exactly what Protestants did and what Adventism does. SDA in 2015 - Ordination of women was denied. So they are already destroyed by the 2nd and 3rd angels' messages.

Acts 17:11 They searched the scriptures to see if women could be ordained and came to the same conclusion and gave homage, to not only apostate protestantism but also the papacy.

If we want to search the scriptures on the subject of race or gender. We need to use parable methodology. If we don't use parable methodology and dispensationalism on the subject of slavery women or homosexuality, we will unite with papal doctrine. Because neither the papacy or protestantism recognize any type of the restoration process from eden to eden.

If we want to investigate scripture without having a firm foundation and basing that study entirely on the methodology of this movement. We will have to agree that this movement is in sin. If we investigate gender roles and homosexuality without using the methodology we will come to the conclusion that we are in sin.

The problem we face is that there are two institutions in Eden. Sabbath and Marriage. We are so used to the Sabbath issue with the Papacy and we've known for years a, "thus saith the Lord", is on our side. When it comes to the subject of Gender the papacy has a, "thus saith the Lord" and we aren't used to that. It's similar to the history of slavery, Protestantism had a, "thus saith the Lord", from beginning to end of the old and new testament. The only way we survive shipwreck is to rely on our methodology.

Conclusion

So we started by answering the question. What does paying homage to the papacy look like? The reason we looked at this is because in the document from Jared Goldstein He informs us that during the time period where Sunday laws were trying to be enforced Protestants felt threatened by not only SDA's but also Catholics. So we dug deeper into the history before that time period. It was easy to prove that Goldstein was right, and the fact was that protestants felt threatened by Catholics. We also saw the awful effects of what it looks like when the protestants feel threatened. There are riots and as we saw many of them stemmed from some type of rumor or as we would call it today a conspiracy. We don't have time but Goldstein tells us what the threat is in our time. What we should understand based on history is that, the laws which will be put in place in our time, will be dealing with that perceived threat. We know that the test for our time is Equality. If we look back to Eden there were two institutions established. The Sabbath and Marriage. We know God restored the Sabbath in the Millerite time period and He is now in the process of restoring the Marriage institution. He wants mankind to share in the beauty and joy of equality. We know our test is on Equality and the base of that test lies in which stream of information you choose. If you drink from the stream of conspiracy theories, you will be placed on the wrong side of Equality. Eden to Eden that First Curse becomes the Last Blessing!

