

End-Time Warnings

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**“And all the world wondered after the beast.”
 —Revelation 13:3.**

1. *Moral Authority and the Economy*

Back in 1992 the May/June issue of *NewsWatch* magazine ran a report on the interview between the much talked about former Jesuit professor, Malachi Martin, and talk show host, J.P. McCarthy. Martin said the Vatican believes the pope has the “moral authority” to help the world solve its problems. Martin also said that, in the not too far distant future (A.D. 2000?), we will see an omni-national trading system designed to bring the world’s failing economy under control; and the pope, whoever he may be, will act as *head* of a supervisory agency that will oversee the movements and decisions of this new economic system.

As of March 1995 Europe had forged a free-trade zone of 19 nations, with 380 million consumers. We have the World Trade Organization (WTO) and NAFTA and GATT as part of today’s world. We also have seen the IMF created with Michel Camdessus, a Roman Catholic, as its Managing Director. The *National Catholic Register* (NCR), of July 1997, reported that Camdessus believes in the redistribution of wealth and views the *spiritual values* of a nation as key to its economic health. It is no accident that the pope holds and espouses the same concepts.

The NCR further quotes Camdessus as saying he believes the International Monetary Fund *can make or break struggling nations*. He is quoted as

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saying:

“We are here to help build the new heaven and the new earth, as it says in the book of Revelation. I am called to act in such a way that by making better this world here I prepare in a better way for the New Earth.”

This man believes that as head of the IMF he can make life better for countries, and as that head he is doing God’s will.

The IMF, WTO and other organizations are doing the pope’s bidding. Only ten years ago the NCR of March 13, 1988, reported on Pope John Paul II’s encyclical, “*Populorum Progressio*.” Dealing with social concerns, the encyclical stated:

“For world peace is inconceivable unless the world’s leaders come to recognize that *interdependence* in itself demands the abandonment of the politics of blocs, the sacrifice of all forms of economic, military or political imperialism and the transformation of mutual distrust into collaboration.”

In other words—a one-world government. The encyclical goes on to say:

“It is necessary to state once more the characteristic principle of Christian social doctrine; the goods of this world are originally meant for all . . . *private property, in fact, is under a social mortgage . . . the universal destination of goods.*”

In the NCR of November 20, 1997, under the headline, “*Vatican Calls for Broader Debt Reduction for Poorest Countries*,” we are told:

“In his 1994 letter on preparing for the year 2000, the pope said the Jubilee year would be an appropriate time to give thought, among other things, to reducing substantially, if not canceling outright, the international debt which seriously threatens the future of many nations.”

Let us remember that the one-world economic system can control nations for the New World Order, and the technology is already available. The Burroughs Corporation provides the hardware for the society of *Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications*, representing 1,000 banks on five continents. Revelation 13:17 speaks of a time when no man can buy or sell unless he has the mark, the name or the number of the beast power.

In February 22-28, 1998, the NCR reported:

“The World Bank and the world’s major religions are to *establish joint working groups on development issues*, it was announced today at the end of a high-level, two-day dialogue at Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s London headquarters.”

In summary let us say it doesn’t take much faith

anymore to believe Bible prophecy.

2. Catholic Drive to Reclaim Supremacy

In “How Can Catholics Reclaim America?” Priest John A. Perricone, founder of “*Christi Fideles, Saving America’s Soul*,” wrote that October 17, 1993, was the beginning of the campaign to “*Make America Catholic*” with Catholic values.

Pope Leo XII compared the proper relation between Church and State to “the union of the soul and the body in man.” In this forum, America was pictured in a crisis and in dire need of the only solution: Catholic action—social, political and moral. It was pointed out that Rome owns America by right of discovery by a Catholic, Christopher Columbus.

Let us trace this campaign to reclaim America down to 1998. In the May 1, 1994, *National Catholic Register*, there appeared an editorial by Mary DeTurris. Here is what she wrote:

“*The Facts*: A new Catholic organization seeks to restore Catholic values in a post-Christian society.

“*The Impact*: The mission of the *Catholic Campaign for America* (CCA) is nothing if not ambitious; the group has set out not to just influence laws on Capitol Hill but to change the very hearts and minds of America. The executive director of CCA [which has its headquarters in Washington, D.C.] is Thomas Wykes. He said, ‘We have an obligation to persuade and the American people have not been persuaded effectively enough yet.’ The goal of CCA is to restore Catholic values to society by galvanizing Catholic citizens, increasing the Catholic electorate’s influence in public policy and focusing attention on Catholic moral and doctrinal teaching. Those leading out say the Catholic moment is now and the country is ready for just this kind of bold initiative.”

The March 26, 1995, issue of *National Catholic Register*, in the article “*Public Catholicism*,” was ecstatic about the progress:

“The Catholic Campaign for America has a full head of steam. With a membership that has doubled in one year’s time and an ambitious plan designed to get Church teachings out of the pews and into the public eye. It is fast becoming a force to be reckoned with. ‘Both parties in 1996 should be made aware of the Catholic vote,’ said Thomas Wykes, Executive Director.”

Then we come to the May 3, 1998, issue of *National Catholic Register*:

“Ten major markets to get Catholic Radio in a \$58.2 million dollar deal that will bring Catholic Radio 24 hours a day by this Fall. The goal is to reach the widest possible audience with radio that

is based upon Catholic principles, said Father Joseph Fessio, S.J., of Ignatius Press.”

Comment: This is just part of the Catholic Campaign for America, to convince the hearers that Rome has changed. She is now presenting a fair and benign face to the world.

Dallas Morning News, November 28, 1998, carried this report:

“Vatican City—In a formal papal Bull the pope urges repentance for Jubilee. [The pope is quoted as saying:] ‘The Church should kneel before God and implore forgiveness for the past and present sins of her sons and daughters.’ Urging financial mercy as well, the pope urged rich creditors to greet the year 2000 by relieving poor nations of their debts. He urged ‘a new culture of international solidarity’ in which ‘wealthy nations and the private sector accept . . . an economic model that serves everyone.’ A panel of Vatican theologians is working on a list of sins, to be unveiled by 2000, which include the Crusades, the Inquisition, forced evangelization of the New World and the Church’s failure to speak out strongly against slavery and the Jewish Holocaust during the Nazi era.”

Comment: The pope’s Bull is in exact fulfillment of a prophecy Ellen White made many years ago.

“The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christ-like garments; but she is unchanged.”—*Great Controversy, “Aims of the Papacy,” p. 571.*

Rome tells the world she has changed. As a proof of this the Archbishop of Turin, Italy, noted that the pope has spoken out on the Middle East peace process, war in the former Yugoslavia, and the other world trouble spots.

The answer to this peace movement is found in 1Thessalonians 5:3:

“For when they shall say peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them . . . and they shall not escape.”

3. The Crowning Deception

We see events that will cause the people of the world to call for a strong leader who will take charge of Earth and bring order out of chaos. As earthquakes, storms, crimes, disaster and wars increase and grow more frequent and violent, people are asking, “What do these things mean?”

Elizabeth Bird, a sociologist of the University of Minnesota said, “Supermarket tabloids speak for a large number of people.” There is widespread interest in the supernatural today. The reports of Marian appearances around the world continue to

grow. Horoscopes are all the rage. “*Ancient Prophecies*” have been aired on television. The Vatican has a radio telescope on Mt. Graham in Arizona, designed to listen for advice from outer space. Will Satan communicate with the Vatican? The UFO craze is popular. Many books have been written on this subject. One of the main doctrines of the saucer clubs is that they are trying to prepare the world for the second coming of Christ.

In Conclusion: The final battle plans of Satan are fast taking shape. How will he do it? Since World War II he has been setting up a plan for world domination, invoking personal worship of himself. He has always wanted the worship that belongs only to Jesus Christ. See *Isaiah 14:12-14*. The one-world government plan is actually in place, ready to be implemented as soon as events permit. Then Satan plans to receive the worship he has always coveted. The people are ready to accept this false christ. Just a world crisis of the right proportions to set final events in motion; and, with their false christ, the people can sin with confidence. Yet God has held things in check. Satan can move only as rapidly as God allows. For the sake of His people and for those He still hopes to save, our Lord has held events in check, but for how much longer? God’s people must work for souls as never before.

Time is very short. What we do, we must do

quickly.

Editorial

We are living to see the one-world economic system come together. America has stood in the way until now because of her Constitution which gives freedom of expression and worship. Rome has controlled South American nations by a union of church and state. Quoting from the Jesuit magazine, *America*:

“The institutional church in Colombia has been historically linked with the state. The church is accordingly seen as a source of secular power and influence. Its financial resources and political capital have served the *wealthy*.”

This is an interesting admission concerning social justice issues and it is typical of how Rome rules. America has been Protestant until recently when in March 29, 1994, leading Protestant Evangelicals and Catholics signed a joint declaration together in the third millennium.

Do we see the influence of the occult in the churches? The so-called *Jesus Seminar* is typical and has been adopted by most seminaries of the Catholic and mainline Protestant denominations. More than 100 seminary professors from almost all major denominations are members of the *Jesus Seminar*. What are their beliefs? Think about it.

WHO IS C.S. LEWIS?

What did he teach? Why are his writings so popular? From time to time, I receive requests to explain this man, his writings, and his thinking. There is good reason to provide you with a brief sketch of C.S. Lewis; for, over half a century, he has been remarkably influential among Protestants. They want to read his theological works and novels, and want their children to read his fairy stories.

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) was a British author who wrote more than 30 books. Since his death in 1963, sales of his books have risen to 2 million a year. Many Protestants, especially Evangelicals, consider him the most influential writer in their lives—yet in a number of ways he was neither Protestant nor Evangelical.

This brief overview reveals that, although C.S.

Lewis was an extremely powerful writer, he was not really a Christian.

A lay member of the Church of England, Lewis taught English at Oxford University for years and, in his spare time, wrote articles and books.

Lewis viewed the atonement as a type of Roman Catholic penitence rather than having any element of Messianic substitution involved. When speaking of the forgiveness of sins, he never referred to justification or sanctification. They were not in his thinking.

He did not think that baptism amounted to much, and he believed there were errors in the Bible. Lewis was careful not to let many know that he believed in purgatory,—a pet theory of his, that many who died unsaved might later be redeemed in the fires of purgatory.

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Martyn Lloyd-Jones, a leading Evangelical of his time, declared that C.S. Lewis was not a Christian at all. His closest friends were Anglo-Catholics (pro-Catholic members of the Church of England) and Roman Catholics. He may well have been a secret Catholic, although there is no certainty of that. A member of the “high” Anglican Church, Lewis regularly went to confession. He smoked a pipe all his life.

Yet Protestants, particularly Evangelicals, are especially enamored with Lewis. They love his books—buy, read, re-read, and quote from them all the time. Why is this?

C.S. Lewis had outstanding writing ability. He could turn a phrase in such a way that it intrigued minds which came upon it. Shakespeare had this ability also.

Yet that talent did not render the content of either writer as heavenly truth. Indeed, an excellent writer can be highly used of the devil to mislead souls and divert them from the true path leading to eternal life.

Have you noticed that people are fascinated with clever phrases or mysterious words? In some respects, they are still children. Yet, if you would find the best writing style, you need only turn to the Spirit of Prophecy. It is outstanding—because it was written for but one purpose: to explain divine truth. The sentences are clear, the words are understood, the concepts profound in meaning—yet understandable to simple folk such as you and me. Thank God for the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy!

The present writer believes that, if the Christians generally knew about the Spirit of Prophecy, they never would have become enamored with C.S. Lewis.

Lewis blended logic and imagination in mind-catching ways. He made sentences into metaphorical illustrations, and illustrations into teaching devices. Upon reading his writings, people search for hidden meanings; and, if they think they have found something, they flatter themselves that they have come upon a deep truth. Yet, considering the source, how could Lewis produce any worthwhile truths for Christians?

C.S. Lewis, who deeply believed in the Tao (an oriental pagan religious concept), also loved fantasy. So he wrote weird fairy tales for children about a mythical planet, called Narnia. For adults, he wrote science fiction (*Out of the Silent Planet*, etc.).

His *Screwtape Letters* (1942) made him famous.

Maleldil, Aslan, and the unnamed divinity who confronts Orual—and a host of other mythical characters are in Lewis’ seven Narnia books. Parents imagine they teach Christian principles while the books lead their children into fantasy, which will later blossom into cravings for liquor, wild music, and hard drugs.

Here is a single sampling of the thinking underlying the writings of C.S. Lewis. It is totally unchristian:

“This . . . Tao, and which others may call Natural Law or Traditional Morality or the First Principles of Practical Reason or the First Platitudes is not one among a series of possible systems of value. It is the sole source of all value judgments . . . The effort to refute it and raise a new system of value in its place is self-contradictory . . . What purport to be new systems or (as they now call them) ‘ideologies,’ all consist of fragments from the Tao itself, arbitrarily wrenched from their context in the whole and then swollen to madness in their isolation, yet still owing to the Tao and to it alone such validity as they possess . . . The rebellion of new ideologies against the Tao is a rebellion of the branches against the tree: if the rebels could succeed they would find that they had destroyed themselves.”

The adulation which the Protestant world has paid to C.S. Lewis—and continues to pay—is astounding. It reveals how spiritually bankrupt modern Protestants and Evangelicals are, that they avidly read and reread Lewis’ books and purchase his fairy tales for their children to devour.

The Spirit of Prophecy warned us that much of what is published in these last days compares with the frogs of Egypt. Both cover the land and desolate it.

Books can be immoral. They can also be useless. Consider what could have been accomplished if our own publishing houses had, for the past several decades, published powerful books which energized the soul, helped our people deepen their experience with Christ, carefully instructed them in our historic teachings and standards, and motivated them to stand by our precious heritage and share it with others.

— Vance Ferrell