

FORENSIC SCIENCE AND THE ANTICHRIST

SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

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The spirit of the Dragon is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the false Gospel to the deceived; he hath sent me to destroy the true faith; to preach no deliverance apart from obedience to the Vicar of Christ; to blind the eyes of the earth dwellers; to smite the servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken.....This day is this prophecy fulfilled in your ears.

In these days of ever-growing heresies, apostasies and rampant unbelief by professing Christians, the battle rages on several fronts. This ministry is especially dedicated to defending classic Reformation truths, not the least of which is the unanimous declaration of the Protestant Reformers that the Antichrist prophesied by Holy Writ was presently in their midst, reigning in the visible Church of God, II Thess. 2:4, under the guise of the Pope of Rome. One does not need to search secret tunnels under Oxford and Cambridge to discover this historic fact. This potent Protestant truth is manifest for all to see. Simply by reading the creeds of the Reformation, available on the Internet, in libraries and bookstores, it quickly becomes apparent that, in their days, no Protestant worthy of the name believed anything less. For example,

The Irish Articles of Religion, A. D. 1615, declare:

"The Bishop of Rome is so far from being the supreme head of the universal Church of Christ, that his works and doctrine do plainly discover him to be that man of sin, foretold in the holy Scriptures, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and abolish with the brightness of his coming."

The Second Helvetic Confession, A. D. 1566, states:

"We reject the Romish fiction concerning an official head and title of the servant of the servants of Christ; for experience proves that this is an empty boast, and that the Pope makes himself an enemy of Christ, and exalts himself above God, sitting in the temple of God, and showing himself that he is God....The Roman head preserves the tyranny and corruption in the Church, and opposes all just reformation."

The French Confession of Faith, A. D. 1559, professes:

"Therefore we condemn the papal assemblies, as the pure Word of God is banished from them, their sacraments are corrupted, or falsified, or destroyed, and all superstitions and idolatries are in them. We hold, then, that all who take part in these acts, and commune in that Church, separate and cut themselves off from the body of Christ."

The Second Scotch Confession of Faith, A. D. 1580, agrees:

"We abhor and detest all contrary Religion and Doctrine; but chiefly all kind of Papistry in general and particular heads, even as they are now damned and confuted by the word of God and church of Scotland. But in special, we detest and refuse the usurped authority of the Roman Antichrist upon the scriptures of God, upon the Church, the civil magistrate, and consciences of men....."

The 17th century Westminster, Savoy and Baptist Confessions concur:

"There is no other head of the Church, but the Lord Jesus Christ: nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God."

Modern Presbyterians know nothing of this creedal stance, having excised it from their confession in the name of Reconstructionism. In their Christian minds they are, at the same time, able to both renounce and defend the Reformers. This is no easy task, to come in the name of the Reformation, yet *oppose* the Reformation. Such Jesuitical equivocation is predicted of the Antichrist. Displaying the subtlety and cunning of his progenitor, the Serpent, Scripture warns that the Antichrist *will come in the name of Christ, yet oppose Christ, deceiving many.*¹

Today's 21st century Christian is taught every imaginable erroneous way of interpreting the Revelation and other paramount prophetic Scriptures. Confusion reigns in the Christian Church. The ministry of Protestant Reformation Publications exists to put an end to the confusion.

¹ E.g., Matt. 7:15; Matt. 10:16-17; Matt. 24:5, 15, 24, 48-49; John 16:2; Acts 20:29-30; II Cor. 11:4, 13-15; Galatians 1:8; II Thess. 2:3-12; I Tim. 4:1-3; II Peter 2; I John 2:18-19, 22-23; I John 4:1-3; Rev. 13:11 ff., Rev. 17-18.

THE REVELATION IS A MURDER MYSTERY

Who doesn't enjoy a good thriller? Isn't speculating on the murderer's identity one of the primary reasons for the popularity of mysteries? Don't we relish putting ourselves in the role of the detective, searching the clues, seeking solutions? If this is so, then why is it the Body of Christ is clueless in solving the greatest mystery since the mystery of godliness? It's certainly not for lack of direct and circumstantial evidence, or for lack of witnesses' testimony. By no small act of Providence, the sovereign Lord has seen fit to hand down, from generation to generation, the facts, evidence and testimony relating to this murder mystery. No Christian is without excuse not to examine the abundant evidence available. To aid in our solving the mystery, the Lord has even placed members in His Body skilled at interpreting the clues. There are those who are adept at presenting the solution of this mystery to the Church. But all the evidence and testimony in the world will not change the mind of one whose mind is closed shut. Nor will it change the mind of one who refuses to examine the evidence. Nor will it change the mind of one who disbelieves the witnesses and evidence brought forth. Therefore, the reader is admonished to have an open mind, without which it is impossible to solve the mystery of iniquity. By the way, logic is not to be disregarded. Nor is common sense to be in short supply.

MURDER VICTIMS ABOUND IN THE REVELATION

PERTINENT INFORMATION IS REVEALED ABOUT THE VICTIMS AND THEIR MURDERERS

A murder mystery necessitates a murder victim. A murder victim necessitates a murderer. A murderer on the loose, who does not voluntarily come forward to surrender, necessitates a quest, by police, to uncover his identity, which is necessary before he can be captured, tried and convicted. But before one can solve the mystery as to the identity of the murderer, one must first identify the victim.

The Revelation is about people: God's people, called saints, and Satan's people, called earth dwellers, or anti-Christians. The saints are true Christians,

while the anti-Christians are false Christians. The saints comprise the virgin bride of Christ. The anti-Christians comprise the great whore, the bride of the Beast, as well as her false prophets and harlot daughters. The saints follow the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Satan's people follow the Beast, the Antichrist. Much bloodshed takes place in the Revelation. However, it is important to note that it is not the saints who shed innocent blood. It is the Beast and his people who shed innocent blood. The ones who shed innocent blood are murderers. Scripture informs us murderers will never be admitted into the holy city of New Jerusalem. Therefore, by correctly identifying the murderers of the saints we can state, authoritatively, that they are no Christians. Furthermore, unless they repent, denouncing their anti-Christianity, they cannot be saved. Let us now delve into the identity of the victims, as detailed by the Apostle John.

In [Rev. 1:9](#) we discover that John was imprisoned. The mystery of iniquity was already at work, otherwise an innocent man would not have been found guilty. We learn that his only crime was preaching the Word of God, and holding to the testimony of Jesus Christ. Those who preach the Word of God, while holding to the testimony of Jesus Christ, are Christians. John was a Christian guilty of telling the truth and leading an exemplary life. These were his only crimes, which were no crimes. In calling good evil, John's enemies opposed both the Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as those who dared speak of these things publicly. Those who oppose Christ and His disciples are antichrist. So here are revealed a few essential characteristics of the spirit of Antichrist:

(1) Antichrist will censor the Word of God, enacting laws which make it a crime to promote His Word.

(2) Antichrist will incarcerate those who testify to being disciples of Christ, who hold unswervingly to His testimony.

(3) Antichrist will make it illegal to be a fruitful Christian. He will seek to stop a true Christian witness.

In [Rev. 2: 10](#), we read of martyrs in the church of Smyrna. Like John, they are falsely imprisoned by unjust laws emanating from the will of Satan, the arch

enemy of the Lord. They will be killed, not for any wrongdoing on their part, but because they are true Christians. It is inferred that the cause of their martyrdom is due to their exposing the false Christians who are really members of Satan's kingdom, (verse 9). We can add these new characteristics of Antichrist to our list:

(4) Antichrist will hide under the cover of professing Christianity.

(5) Antichrist will kill those who expose his true identity.

Those martyred discerned and exposed the false Christians. Jesus testifies that they rightly discerned the identity of the false Christians. Therefore, their testimony is true, Jesus Christ Himself corroborating their witness.

The church of Pergamos was in particular danger. In their midst was the very seat or throne of Satan. Antipas is mentioned as one of the bravest of martyrs because he did not crack under torture, imprisonment or fear of death. He remained steadfast and faithful to the end, never denying the Lord who bought him. In this we discover more characteristics of the Antichrist:

(6) Antichrist will threaten true Christians with torture and death in order to compel them to renounce their Lord and their faith. However, true Christians will not capitulate, even if faced with death. They will persevere in the true faith, putting their Lord, His honor and His truth before all.

Rev. 5:6 depicts Christ, the Lamb, *as it had been slain*. Destined to die an innocent victim in the place of many, the trials and execution of Jesus hold many truths which need be recounted because they foreshadowed similar ill treatment of His saints.

(a) He was killed for no wrongdoing.

(b) False witnesses attempted to discredit Him, charging Him with political and heretical crimes.

(c) His trials were illegal, His conviction unjust.

(d) His murderers handed Him over to the secular authorities to execute the death penalty.

(e) His murderers professed to be followers of the true God, doing His will.

(f) He was tortured mercilessly.

Therefore, we can expect Antichrist to:

(7) Kill the innocent Christians.

(8) Bring false charges of heresy against them.

(9) Conduct illegal trials of Christians with unjust penalties their reward.

(10) Hand Christians over to the secular authorities for punishment by death.

(11) Torture Christians.

(12) Profess to be a true Christian, following Jesus Christ, the true God.

Let us now examine [Rev. 6:9-11](#). We are told those under the altar were martyred for the Word of God, as well as for their testimony. They were given white robes, indicating their testimony was true. Like John's, it was the testimony of Jesus. Had their testimony been a lie, they would not have been rewarded with the robes of Christ's righteousness, symbolizing their justification. Therefore, these victims were true Christians. They were killed for reasons similar to the previous victims. The astute reader will note one other thing: the Christian martyrs knew the identity of their murderers. They called for the vengeance of God on their behalf. They called for righteous judgment. The Lord is not the only One called to judge with righteous judgment. As Christians, we, too, are called to judge with righteous judgment, [John 7:24](#). It is our duty to warn those who, in ignorance, fellowship with the murderers of the saints. But before we can do so we must determine the identity of their murderers.

We continue with **Rev. 7:9**. Innumerable saints are seen in Heaven clothed in white robes. These are Christians justified by their faith in the Lamb. They attained Heaven only through great tribulation. They were not 'Raptured' secretly beforehand. They were martyred by the Antichrist. 'Secret' Rapture enthusiasts teach that the faithful *escape* great tribulation. This is not the teaching of Scripture. Scripture teaches the faithful *endure* great tribulation. The faithful must overcome the Antichrist. This they do *by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they love not their lives unto the death*. The testimony of these tribulation saints is orthodox. They give honor and glory for their salvation to no other than the Lord God and His Lamb, (verse 10). To God be the glory alone. Their faith is in the righteousness of Christ alone. Therefore, these Christians are true Christians. They are not heretics. And how could they be? Liars, the unbelieving, and those who work abomination are in no wise allowed within Heaven's Gates, (**Rev. 21:8**).

We discovered, in the last passage, that innumerable true saints were martyred in a Christian bloodbath by the enemies of Christ. We now examine **Rev. 11:1-7**. Two witnesses possessing special powers and authority from God are killed by authority of the beast *that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit*. They have infuriated him by their testimony. They are clothed in sackcloth, symbolizing God's supreme displeasure with the spiritual and temporal state of professing Christianity on earth. In the Old Testament and Gospels the prophets were sent to Israel, who killed them, **Matt. 23:34-35**. In the Revelation, the prophets are sent to Mystery Babylon, who kills them, **Rev. 18:20**. Like John before them, they, too, had measured the temple of God determining the biblical rule of faith held by true Christians. The two witnesses testify against those false Christians who are *without* the temple, warning those within to separate from those without, while warning those without that the judgment of God upon them will not fail. Verse 5 infers these witnesses will undergo torture which will *hurt* them. Yet their witness will not cease until they have fully completed their testimony against the Beast and his kingdom, Mystery Babylon. These witnesses are received into

Heaven, (verse 12). Therefore, these victims were true Christians unjustly executed for carrying out the perfect will of God. They are not heretics. If they were, we can be sure that they would not be received into Heaven.

Rev. 12 tells yet another compelling story. The Church of God, symbolized as a woman, the Bride of Christ, is seen positioned in heavenly places, clothed in His righteousness. The true Church, spiritual Israel, the mother of all living, gives birth to the Savior as well as all future Christians. She is the keeper and sower of the Word, the seed of which gives life to the dead by the resurrecting power of the Holy Spirit. In the process of fulfilling her divine calling and mission, Satan aggressively resists her, attempting to kill and destroy her new offspring. As Christ was put to death having committed no crime, so, too, will His disciples be similarly persecuted and killed, (verse 13). To better combat the enemy of Christ and His Church, the Lord has ordained His people to hide in locations specifically chosen by Him. By so doing, they show themselves to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves while in the midst of wolves. Rather than unify with the enemy in a spirit of ecumenism, they willfully and deliberately separate from the enemy. Rather than be swept away in the swift current of false doctrine, the true saints hold fast to their faith. On the other hand, the false Christians, depicted as the earth dwellers, readily swallow false doctrine, hook, line and sinker. Their mouths stand agape, their bellies ready receptacles for the Lie. The saints seen in Rev. 12 are true Christians. They are not heretics. We know this because the Holy Spirit testifies that the seed of the Woman *keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*. Heretics, on the other hand, break the commandments of God and have not the testimony of Jesus, teaching lies for truth.

Let us note that the spirit of Antichrist revealed in these latter Scriptures is the same as in the former: killing the innocent saints, killing God's prophets who testify against them, persecuting the innocent saints, forcing them to flee and hide.

A NOTE ON THE SEED OF THE WOMAN VS. THE SEED OF THE SERPENT

Rev. 12:17 clearly calls the fleeing and persecuted saints *the seed of the woman*. We need now briefly examine the first reference to this title. It is found in Genesis 3:15, where it is stated by the Lord Himself, *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel*. Here are presented two seeds, or genealogies: the seed of the Serpent and the seed of the Woman. Within the confines of the professing family of God there are two distinct family lines: the lineage of Jesus Christ, beloved of God; the lineage of Satan, hated by God. The Pharisees were of the lineage of Satan, Matt. 23:33; John 8:44, 1 John 3:10, though they professed to be the lineage of Abraham, Matt. 3:9. The lineage of Jesus, beloved of God, is recounted in Matthew 1 and Luke 3. Paul differentiates between the lineage of spiritual Israel and carnal Israel, (Romans 9:6 ff.). Jacob was loved, Esau was hated. Spiritual Israel is comprised of the true children of God, while carnal Israel is not. Needless to say, the Antichrist is of the seed of the Serpent. He is called the son of perdition, II Thess. 2:3.

Furthermore, it is no light thing that Jesus is personally responsible for placing enmity, intense hatred and hostility, between the two seeds. The will of God demands we not commune or fellowship with the seed of the Serpent. As God, Jesus' will cannot fail to come to pass. These seeds will not commingle in ecumenical fornication. These seeds have not the power to countermand the decree of God. By so decreeing, Jesus has given us a litmus test for determining the true Christian from the false. The false Christian will find unity and harmony with the seed of the Serpent. The true Christian will loathe the Devil and his disciples, despising the false love of ecumenism. By these fruits we shall know them.

Incredibly, this pronouncement in the Garden is seen fulfilled in the book of Revelation. The decree still abides. The seed of the Woman is persecuted, imprisoned and killed by the Serpent and his seed. In chapter 13 of the

Revelation, we find the Serpent's seed, a son, is born - the son of perdition. He is called the Beast from the sea. The sea is a bottomless abyss. Even in our day of exploration and high technology the vast majority of the ocean is unexplored, what lies beneath is unknown. The Beasts depicted in [Rev. 11:7](#), [Rev. 17:8](#); [Rev. 20:3](#), as well as [Rev. 13:1](#) are one and the same. He is that *head* of Satan's kingdom whom Christ prophesied would be wounded by the testimonial sword of the Elect, ([Gen. 3:15](#); [Rev. 13:3](#)). This Beast is the Antichrist.

THE BEAST AND HIS VICTIMS, REVELATION 13

In [Rev. 13](#), Satan, that old serpent, has given birth, by water, to his Vicar, the seed of the Serpent. Imitating the Lord's methods in [Rev. 11](#), the Dragon, as god of this world, gives his son, a false prophet, his power, authority and throne. The Beast rules over Satan's kingdom. However, unlike the two prophets of [Rev. 11](#), who are despised by the earth dwellers, this false prophet is embraced, honored and obeyed by the earth dwellers. They are of one and the same spirit. The Beast's wisdom, influence and judgments are viewed by the world as without peer. In his worldwide kingdom the Beast is the undisputed king, head and ruler. Who is there in all the earth who dares question his decrees, who dares disobey his commands? (verse 4). This Beast is unstoppable. Though he appears to be killed, his power greatly diminished, he comes back to life with new found vitality, to rule once more, (verse 5). By this we know him not to be one person, but a dynasty comprised of a succession of rulers who rule one at a time. This also explains the seven heads and ten horns. They symbolize a succession of like rulers. Only Christ has literally risen from the dead to rule and reign at the right hand of Power. The Beast is no Christ, nor has he the disposition of a lamb. His resurrection is strictly symbolic. We know the Beast to be a false prophet because he is described prophesying in opposition to God, (verses 5-6). The true prophets of God always speak that which God has commanded, ([John 8:26](#)). True Christians love the brethren, ([1 John 3:10](#)). The Beast, on the other hand, blasphemes the brethren on earth as well as those martyrs in Heaven, proving him to be a child of the devil.

The power and authority of the Beast reaches worldwide, touching the saints in many nations. By his supreme authority the Beast is able to wage war against the saints, in the name of the Dragon. The saints will not obey him or his commandments. Obedience is necessary to worship, (Rev. 13:8; John 14:15). Therefore, the Beast ensures his supreme headship by persecuting and killing those who refuse to obey him, which is refusal to worship him. Once more the decree of Genesis 3:15 is clearly seen. The saints of Jesus, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of Life, will not worship the Beast, (verse 8). Their enmity for him and his doctrine will not allow them to betray the Lord.

IF ANY MAN HAVE AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR

Christian detectives should register, in their spirit, the import of these words. This mystery of iniquity is so great that unless the Lord opens the ears and mind of your understanding, you will not understand the significance of what has just been revealed. The Lord has publicly declared that those who obey the Beast - believe him, follow him, fellowship with him, honor him, call him good, worship him - ARE NOT TRUE CHRISTIANS. It is only those Elect whose names are written in the book of Life, **Rev. 20:15**, who are the true Christians. It is those alone who escape the eternal judgment of God. Incredibly, the Lord reinforces the truth of this spiritual nugget by repeating it again, (**Rev. 17:8**). How many times has the reader heard a Christian say, 'I cannot judge the heart of another. That is not my job. Only the Lord knows.' Scripture boldly declares otherwise. We can know and should know the spiritual state of a professing Christian. But in order to judge another with righteous judgment, one needs to rightly discern the identity of the Beast. Those professing Christians who side with the Beast are false. Those professing Christians who oppose the Beast are true. ²

² This is not the only sure test to determine a true Christian. The cults also agree with the Protestant Reformers that the Pope is the Antichrist, yet that confession alone does not insure orthodoxy. Remember, the persecuted saints are all depicted as relying on the Word alone, faithfully holding to the testimony of Jesus. They are not viewed as holding errant beliefs in opposition to His Word. The cults all oppose His Word, whether by wrongly discerning His Deity and/or by opposing salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH

This beast, also a false prophet, **Rev. 19:20**, is under obedience to the first Beast, (verse 12). Though he has the outward appearance of Christ and Christianity, his doctrine is from Satan. The first Beast gives him the authority to judge and to execute judgment. He works lying miracles, deceiving the earth dwellers. He demands obedience to the first Beast by compelling all men to take his mark. The true saints refuse. They will not take his mark, nor will they make an image unto the Beast and worship it. For this they are persecuted, excommunicated and killed.

THE PROPHETS PREACH AGAINST MYSTERY BABYLON AND THE BEAST

Revelation 14 depicts another group of 144,000 Elect. They, too, are sealed in their foreheads as were those in **Rev. 7**. They, too, are required to endure great tribulation from the Beast and his false prophet. They are described as without guile, justified by grace, (verse 5). They are no heretics promulgating false doctrines. Though they tell the truth, they will be disbelieved and killed. Described as angels because of their divine message, God's prophets on earth continue to preach the everlasting Gospel, warning those within the confines of Mystery Babylon of the impending judgment of God. Despite threats of severe punishment and death, these prophets witness against the Beast, his image and his mark, describing the eternal punishment of those who disobey God's commandment. In order to carry out this mission, the prophets are required to discern the identity of Mystery Babylon and the Beast. There could be no mystery in their minds. Their warnings must be grounded in fact, not their fanciful imaginations. We are, once again, told that these saints are not heretics. They keep the commandments of God, (verse 12). Their faith is not misplaced. They have the faith of Jesus. For their thankless efforts, these tribulation saints are killed by the Beast and his followers, (verse 13). But it is not in vain. Their works will abide even though they may be gone.

Because they *die in the Lord*, they are assured their position in Heaven. **Rev. 15** reveals the victorious celebration of those tribulations saints who did not bend their knee to the Antichrist. True Christians will have no part in his false worship nor will they countenance it, even unto death.

MYSTERY BABYLON KILLS THE SAINTS FOR PROFIT

Rev. 17-18 describes, in detail, characteristics of this false Christian religion. She is not the virgin Bride of Christ she claims to be, but is viewed by the Holy Spirit as one put away by her spouse, a great whore, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. Her claims to faithfulness are lies. Fornication is her area of expertise. Her wealth is legendary, the result of meticulous planning, strategic business transactions, coupled with innumerable financial holdings, many of which were acquired illegally. She is on intimate terms with the Beast, partaking in the murders of the innocent saints, apostles and prophets of Jesus, **Rev. 17:6; 18:20**. These cold blooded acts result in her prosperity and rise to power. Curiously, the leaders of the earth delight in bestowing favor and honor upon her. They view her history of cruelty and murder of innocents a small thing, not worthy of their hatred.

THE LORD GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN HER CRIMES, MURDERS OR VICTIMS

While the worldly earth dwellers and kings wallow in their lust, while Mystery Babylon and the Beast actively promote spiritual fornication between all mankind, the Lord God waits. He remembers every evil act committed in His name by this false Christianity, **Rev. 18:5**. The Lord wills we remember also. This is why He has written them for all generations to read. The Revelation was written to reveal to His Body that murders would occur. The murdered victims are His innocent children, our brothers and sisters in Christ, washed in His blood. Our Lord wills we read of the exploits of these martyrs. He wills we understand the great truths contained therein: *Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time is at hand.* The saints who died opposing this end time satanic Kingdom

will be avenged. The Lord knows those who are His own, but do we? The Spirit calls them blessed who die in the Lord at the hands of the Antichrist, but do we? How can we bless those whom we do not know? Furthermore, how can we be good stewards, watching and protecting God's household if we know not the identity of the enemy, [II Thess. 5:2-8](#); [Matt. 24:42-51](#)?

A MURDER MYSTERY CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT FIRST IDENTIFYING THE VICTIM

It is an undisputed fact that before the murderer can be apprehended, his victim must be identified. But before one can make a positive identification of the victim, one must discover the corpse. *For wherever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.* This ominous sign, described by our Lord in the Gospels, is one which is known and understood worldwide. This present author remembers a tragic news story which illustrates this very point. A young girl had gone missing for several weeks. Search parties had failed to uncover any clues as to her whereabouts. Then one day vultures were seen hovering in the distance. They had found a carcass and were in the process of devouring its flesh. Sadly, upon investigating the vultures' prey, the body of the young girl was found. When vultures circle, a carcass is near. The Lord has given us a critical clue in finding the corpse. One must look for the logical accompanying signs, like the gathering of vultures above the body.

FORENSIC SCIENCE A CRITICAL HELP IN SOLVING CRIMES

In the secular world it is not unusual for a murder to go undetected for years. The police may not be aware a murder victim lies dead in their county. They may receive a missing persons report from the victim's family members, but not always. It is frequently not until an innocent party stumbles across the deceased victim's remains in a remote site that the police are called. The body is disposed of in an area that is not frequented in the hope that it will never be discovered. With no identification, and only bone and teeth fragments, the authorities must first begin their investigation by utilizing forensic science. Specialists expert in the study of minute particles of human remains, including

blood, hair and fibers, must carefully examine all evidence in determining sex, age, health, and race of the victim. Some specialists are able to create a drawing of the victim by using the skull as a model. Once rudimentary facts concerning the victim are brought to light, detectives attempt to match the description with known missing persons. To further complicate matters, it is not unusual that no missing person's report has been filed on the victim. The police must then use the media to alert the populace of the deceased victim, asking their help in identification. Assuming the victim is able to be positively identified, the authorities now have a starting point from which their investigation will proceed. They begin by questioning the victim's immediate family and friends. From information gathered they narrow their suspect list. In particular, they seek those who had possible motives and means to harm the victim. Once detectives have their suspect, the defendant's alibi is scrutinized to find inconsistencies in his story. It is not unusual for a liar to contradict himself in retelling his alibi. Lying, for the purpose of covering up the truth, points to guilt. In addition, investigators must link the accused with the victim at the time of the crime. This may be done a number of ways, including matching the DNA of the victim with the DNA found on or near the suspect, and vice-versa. One does not need an eyewitness or confession to deem the defendant guilty of murder. The circumstantial evidence alone may prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, the guilt of the accused.

Another scenario is slightly different. A family member is killed in what the police and coroner believe to be an accident. The case is closed, ruled an accidental death. But the family does not believe the findings of the authorities. They believe the death to be homicide. Therefore, they launch their own investigation, hiring private detectives and forensic experts to uncover new evidence and/or reexamine the existing evidence. Another skilled interpretation of the same set of facts can lead to a radically different conclusion. It can even uncover the identity of the murderer.

THE DEATH OF MARTIN DILLON, A CASE IN POINT

Mr. Dillon was killed in an alleged skeet shooting accident. The only witness was his best friend, Dr. Stephen Scher, who supplied the police with the details. According to the testimony of Scher, he and Dillon were walking through the woods when Dillon stooped down to tie his boot. Suddenly Dillon spotted a porcupine, grabbed Scher's shotgun, and ran off to shoot it. In the process Dillon tripped, the gun fired, hitting him square in the heart. Scher, a well respected member of the medical community and best friend of the Dillon family, was questioned by the police. His testimony was believed without checking the facts, and the case was closed.

But Dillon's father was not so easily convinced. Nearly two years after the Martin Dillon's death, Stephen Scher married Dillon's widow, Pat. Because of the perseverance and nagging suspicions of the elder Mr. Dillon, a private investigator, as well as a forensic expert were hired. The private investigator discovered it was common knowledge that Scher and Pat Dillon, a nurse who was employed at Scher's hospital, were openly carrying on an affair. Everyone knew it. The illicit couple made no attempt to hide it. The forensic reconstructionist discovered further damning evidence. By testing the same gauge shotgun used in the accident, he found that the hole made by firing the gun at pointblank range - the range in which the shotgun allegedly misfired - was much smaller than the hole found in Dillon's chest. In fact, further testing proved that the shotgun had to be fired 5 feet from the victim to make a hole the size actually found in the victim's chest. This pertinent information could mean only one thing: It was physically impossible for Dillon to have fired the weapon.

Unbelievably, 19 years after the demise of Martin Dillon, the police reopened the case. The FBI forensic specialists were called in to examine the evidence. One expert discovered a microscopic fine mist of blood on Stephen Scher's boots called *high velocity impact spatter*. This specific blood spatter occurs only as a result of gun shots. Science has determined this phenomena can be detected no more than 6 feet from the gunshot victim. Scher claimed he

was dozens of feet away at the time of the shooting. The blood DNA on Scher's boots was proved to be Dillon's. Scher was lying.

One final piece of forensic evidence convicted Scher of the crime: the trajectory of the gunshot. Scher claimed Dillon was standing when the gun went off squarely in his chest. The evidence said otherwise. Upon exhuming Dillon's body, it was discovered that the gunshot hit Dillon's body from an angle to his right, having a decidedly downward trajectory. The wound track revealed Dillon had to be in a kneeling position to have been shot from above. Furthermore, Dillon's body and clothing revealed no powder burns, a necessary residue if he had, in fact, shot himself. This was yet further undeniable evidence of his not having shot himself.

Stephen Scher was charged and convicted of murdering his best friend. He had shot his friend while Dillon was kneeling to load the skeet shoot. Scher's motive was lust. He desired Pat Dillon all to himself. Dr. Scher is currently serving a life sentence with no possibility of parole.

The true story of Martin Dillon contains many valuable lessons and truths. First, the truth of the matter may lie hidden under the surface, not obvious to the untrained eye. Second, it is possible for professionals to be misled without closely examining the evidence, comparing it with the defendant's alibi. Third, we should not readily believe the defendant's alibi without verifiable proof. Fourth, we should not be a respecter of persons in determining the truth of the matter. Fifth, though non-family members may easily dismiss the murder as accidental, true family members will not allow justice to be obstructed. If unconvinced by the findings of the authorities, they will not rest until the truth is known. Sixth, if necessary they will carry out their own investigation.

THE LORD HAS LEFT HIS CHURCH OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE IN
SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

THE CHURCH IS WITHOUT EXCUSE

Our gracious Lord has not left His Church without extraordinary help in solving the murder mystery of iniquity. First, He alerts us to the existence of murder victims. Though the police, whose task it is to insure the public safety, including the capture of suspected murderers, may not know of an unreported homicide, the Christian Church has no such excuse. Their sole rule of faith, the Bible, has revealed innumerable murders. They may be found in the book of Revelation. Second, we are given valuable information about these murders. The victims are true Christians. This has been proved in the first part of our study. The victims are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are part of the family of God. As such, we should be alarmed, heartbroken and outraged at the deaths of our innocent family members. Like Martin Dillon's elderly father, we should seek answers to crucial questions. We should not necessarily believe what those in authority may tell us. They, too, may be deceived. Like Mr. Dillon, we should be firmly determined that the perpetrators of these heinous crimes be brought to justice.

But a question arises. Are the victims and their murderers, described so carefully in the Revelation, in the prophetic future, unknowable because the crimes against them have yet to be committed? Or are they in the knowable past and present? Is the Revelation a book pertaining to future events, or was it written as a history of the Christian Church encompassing the time of the Apostle John until the Second Advent of Christ? If the crimes have not yet been committed, then we as a Church need not concern ourselves in solving them. To do so would be madness, a flight of fancy. But, if, on the other hand, these crimes are historic fact, then we are duty bound to witness this paramount truth from the heavens, [Rev. 14:6-11](#).

THE MARTYROLOGISTS, PROPHETS AND CHURCH HISTORIANS ARE THOSE WHO DETAIL
THE VICTIMS AND THEIR MURDERERS

History has indelibly written the truth of the unspeakable crimes perpetrated against the saints. The Lord has preserved and provided His Church with all the facts, evidence and testimonies we need to solve the mystery of iniquity, including the names of the murdered victims. They have been catalogued and published worldwide by the such Martyrologists as John Foxe, in 8 voluminous works, as well as the Mennonites in their classic, *Martyrs Mirror*. The Christian victims include the Paulicians, the Albigenses, the Cathars, the Waldenses, the Vaudois, the Lollards, the Hussites, the Henricians, the Arnoldists, the Huguenots, the Anabaptists, the Lutherans, the Calvinists, the Protestant Reformers, the Puritans, the Covenanters, etc., etc. Their histories have been written by Protestants such as Sir Samuel Moreland, G. S. Faber, Peter Allix, Joseph Milner, William Jones and Jean Perrin, to name but a few. God's prophets have written untold volumes of works explaining the Revelation in clearer terms with each generation. Rev. Brightman, Joseph Mede, Bishop Newton, Sir Isaac Newton, Rev. E. B. Elliott, and H. Grattan Guinness are but a handful of names of those who have contributed immeasurably to understanding and solving the mystery of iniquity. Many of these works are reprinted and available to the public today. To ignore these great men of God is to dishonor the Body, of which these wise men are integral members. To dishonor the Body is to dishonor the Head, Jesus Christ. To dismiss the overwhelming evidence preserved for our benefit is to willfully close one's eyes and shut one's ears. Such an attitude is a sign of reprobation, not election.

THE MURDERERS ADMIT TO THE MURDERS

If the direct and circumstantial evidence were not enough, the murderers themselves admit to the murders. In the secular world this is rarely the case. Incredibly, our job is made that much easier by the admission of guilt by the perpetrators. The Roman Catholic Church, under the leadership of her head, the

Pope of Rome, admits to murdering innumerable human beings over a period of 800 years. This they did in the name of Christ, earnestly believing they were doing service to God. Their biased historians have detailed the murders, whether they be the results of Inquisitional tribunals or massacres called Crusades. The Popes' encyclicals, decretals and bulls detail their hatred of the saints as well as their commands to exterminate them. The records of the Inquisition detail the names and faith of those imprisoned, tortured and burned.

Therefore, the serious seeker of the facts has two verifiable sources by which he can find the truth of the matter. He has the Protestant sources and the Roman Catholic sources. Both agree to the murders and the circumstances. The disagreement lies in the controversy over the justice of the murders. The Reformation Protestants argue that the murdered victims were their innocent brothers and sisters in Christ, members of the Lord's Body, the true Church. The Roman Catholics argue they were all heretics worthy of death for spreading the venomous poison of heresy, leading the deluded and innocent to Hell, while opposing the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, outside of which no man can be saved.

HOW ONE VIEWS THE VICTIMS' ORTHODOXY DETERMINES ONE'S VIEW OF THE MURDERERS

This present writer has spent considerable time building a biblical foundation, using Scripture alone, to prove that all the murder victims in the Revelation are true Christians. The Holy Spirit has portrayed them, by various means, as faithful and true to the Lord Jesus Christ unto the end. This imperative truth has been detailed in the first part of our study. We are left with no possible question as to the orthodoxy of the victims. All the Church histories available to us today, both pro and con, detail the faith of those martyred over the centuries. By simply reading their testimonies one quickly discovers that their faith was the faith of Jesus, that they held the true testimony of Jesus, that their confessions were grounded on the Word of God alone. This present author has compared their confessions with the confessions of the Reformed and has found them to be

perfectly compatible.³ If, however, one views the Protestant Reformers as heretical, one will view the ancient Christians killed during the Middle Ages as also heretical, in which case, the murderers are the true Christians. Thus, we are left with only two choices: either (a) the Roman Catholic Church, who dominated the world during the Middle Ages, is the true Christian Church; or (b) those who opposed her - who were taken captive by her, who were put on trial for heresy, and who were tortured and burned for their faith - these comprised the true Christian Church. We have already proven that Heaven holds no place for murderers. Therefore, (b) must be true.

THE REVELATION SETTLES THE QUESTION: THE VICTIMS WERE CHRISTIANS, THE
MURDERER IS THE ANTICHRIST

By comparing the facts of history with the prophetic Word of God, having an open mind, one quickly comes to an inevitable conclusion: The Roman Pontiff is the Antichrist predicted to come, his church the murderess harlot who drinks the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus. We are left with no other logical, reasonable conclusion. The one who commits the murders of the innocent saints is the Antichrist, plain and simple. Who in their right minds would interpret the Scripture otherwise? Who would dare call the victims the Antichrist? Yet this is exactly what the Roman Catholic Church has done. They actually claim that by murdering the heretics, they have waged battle against the forces of the Antichrist. Have they not been sent strong delusion to justify their innumerable murders?

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY IS STILL WORKING IN OUR DAY

This is where things get sticky. This is where the reader may get uncomfortable, begin to squirm and cry out, *Enough!!* But alas, there is more to tell. The horror story does not end here. If, as this writer has proven, the

³ This comparison may be found in the author's full length book, *Antichrist in Our Midst*, [Los Angeles: Protestant Reformation Publications, 1997].

abundant damning evidence only points to the Papacy and his harlot false church, how is it all true Christians do not know it? How is it they are believing the lies of Preterism and Futurism, the former claiming the Revelation is about the ancient Roman Empire, while the latter claims the Revelation is about the forever distant, unknowable future? Is this not a great mystery?

SATAN HAS SUCCESSFULLY SPREAD FALSE THEORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
MISDIRECTING THE TRUE CHURCH AWAY FROM HIS PAPAL ANTICHRIST

These demonic doctrines originated by the Jesuits centuries ago in a brilliant attempt to confuse and misdirect the Body of Christ away from the man of Sin whose throne is Rome, the City of 7 Hills. The history of their origins have been known and exposed by the Protestant church for centuries. The Internet even documents this truth. Yet, incredibly, today's Evangelicals embrace false theories as fact. Current popular Futurist prophetic teachings point every which way to an unknown Antichrist. The imagination of these false prophets is limitless. The Preterists comfort themselves in the false notion that the Christian Church is reconstructing society for the better, everyday bringing the world just a little bit closer to obedience under the reign of King Jesus. The idea that the Antichrist is currently thriving in our midst opposes those two theories at their very core. If the Antichrist is, in fact, present, Scripture warns that he will reign in the visible Christian Church until he is destroyed by the Second Advent of Christ.

⁴ If the Antichrist is already here, ruling without the knowledge of the most famous Christian leaders in our day, then we are not experiencing the revival and victory of Christ. Rather, we are experiencing the revival and victory of the Antichrist, as predicted in **Rev. 13:3** and **17:2**. If the Antichrist is already here, then the saints in the past have not escaped Great Tribulation under his bloody tyranny, nor will the saints of the present and future escape Great Tribulation under his tyranny. This would negate the 'secret' Rapture *escape from great tribulation under the Antichrist* theory.

⁴ Daniel 2:35, 44; Daniel 7:11, 26; II Thess. 1:7-10; 2:8; Rev. 19:11-21.

CONCLUSION

By reviewing Church history, the biographies and testimonies of the saints, martyrs and prophets of Jesus, as well as the overwhelming evidence pro and con from authoritative verifiable sources, we discover the truth of the Revelation. The Church of Christ in the 21st century has been slowly, but steadily moving away from the truths known and published abroad by the saints throughout the ages. Today the love of many waxes cold, though the testimony of the martyrs remains true. The Christian martyrs were neither deluded, deceived or lying when they confessed, in one voice, that the Pope of Rome is the Antichrist. Nor are we to look for another. The Lord Jesus Christ did not allow them to die for a lie, nor did the Holy Spirit allow their last breath to speak false words. ⁵ If the works of the Vicar of Christ are the lying wonders of Antichrist, if he teaches the doctrine of Antichrist, if he reigns in the seat of Antichrist, and if he kills the saints of Christ, he can be no other but the Antichrist. Even his name in Greek translates to *antichrist*, one who both represents and yet, at the same time, opposes Christ.

The professing Evangelical Church and its leaders deny these things be so. They deny the testimony of the ones martyred, whose testimony was of God, whom they have glorified. They deny history and the testimony of truthful, scholarly Church historians. They deny the conviction of reason, as well as the conviction of the Holy Spirit. In short, they deny the Lord Jesus Christ. Can the reader now discern the predicted apostasy in the end times, allowing for the rise of the Man of Sin unchecked, while the so-called leaders of the Church sleep in a drunken stupor, willfully drinking from the cup of abominations offered them by the Mother of All Harlots and her Beast? If the reader has been given eyes to see

⁵ Matt. 10:17-20; Mark 13:9-11; Luke 12:11-12, 21:12-15.

and ears to hear, will he not shout this truth from the rooftops? Will he not endure persecution, ridicule and excommunication as did those who went before us? It is the prayer of this Protestant ministry that our sovereign Lord would, by His grace and power, raise up a mighty modern army of Christian soldiers to fight the good fight of faith against the Antichrist and his armies, [Rev. 19:11-20](#). So great a cause is this that those soldiers are counted worthy of inclusion in the first resurrection, [Rev. 20:4-5](#).

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