

'Catholics Come Home: God's Extraordinary Plan for Your Life'

BOOK REVIEW by former Roman Catholic DALE RUDIGER

On 13th January 2015 I received an email from a good friend in America, former Roman Catholic DALE RUDIGER. I am going to copy it here. **If you could follow the link to Dale's book review on Amazon, read it and then 'LIKE' it I'd be grateful** (you probably need to have an Amazon account and to log in to it to have your 'LIKE' registered). This is what Dale wrote in his email –

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned **a book that was promoted by Rick Warren** entitled **Catholics Come Home: God's Extraordinary Plan for Your Life**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duJxlbDnLXI>

I have read the book, and have commented at Amazon. I would appreciate your "voting" for my review. Here is the link to the book:

http://www.amazon.com/Catholics-Come-Home-Gods-Extraordinary-ebook/product-reviews/B009MYD9LW/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1

Click on the review link, go to the "one-star" reviews, and find mine. Please vote to approve of the review. As of now, it is the only one-star review of the book.

Here are some of the commercials that this organization has utilized to attempt to convince lapsed Catholics and uninformed evangelicals to return to Rome:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcMGJmB5D84>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QYeST_9FUg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha8_QIoB4Ow

Please help keep souls from being enticed back to the false Roman Catholic religion.

In Christ,

Dale

The link that will take you directly to **DALE'S BOOK REVIEW** is as follows -

http://www.amazon.com/review/R1Q2CHR2LPPXW3/ref=cm_cr_pr_viewpnt#R1Q2CHR2LPPXW3

and this is what he wrote -

I am part of the target market of this book, having left the Catholic Church in 1991 at age 34. The book urges lapsed Catholics to return to the Roman Catholic Church, because (it claims):

1) Achieving eternal life requires it. Peterson writes: "Becoming a saint starts with being rooted firmly in the truths of the [Catholic] faith, attending Mass, frequent reception of Jesus in the Eucharist, obeying the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church, studying Sacred Scripture, and availing yourself of the sacrament of Reconciliation when you sin and fall short."

2) "The Catholic Church serves as our wonderful bridge, a solid support...guiding our journey home to heaven."

3) The Roman Catholic Church has the fullness of the truth, including the Sacrifice of the Mass, the intercession of Mary through the Rosary, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the intercession of the saints.

4) By studying the lives of the saints, we can discover how desperately we need their guidance.

In perhaps the most poignant passage of the book, Peterson recommends that the most effective means of achieving the salvation of lapsed Catholic loved ones is to pray for their return when the priest raises the chalice at the Consecration. "So at the elevation of the chalice, mention the names of your loved ones, put them into the Precious Blood of Jesus, and ask the Lord to bring them home."

Mr. Peterson claims that his "spiritual pilot light, ignited at baptism and fuelled by the sacraments and a solid Catholic education, had nearly been extinguished." He attended a retreat where he prayed in front of a monstrance containing the Eucharist, and was reverted back to the Catholic Church. He claims that "he finally understood his baptism for the first time," and made a full confession. He attributes his reversion (to the "fullness of the Catholic faith") to a message from an apparition of Jesus to a Polish woman, Faustina Kowalski, called the "Divine Mercy of Jesus."

Mr. Peterson has been instrumental in an effective advertising blitz encouraging lapsed Catholics to "return home."

Millions of former Catholics have left the Church of their youth because they discovered that eternal life is found in submission to Christ alone, apart from the works mandated by the Catholic Church. They discover that the Catholic Church actually misled them - it replaced, added to, subtracted from, and hid the work of the Savior.

Here are the reasons that caused me to leave Roman Catholicism:

1) Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, interceding for his saints. He is not a transubstantiated piece of bread.

2) The Sacrifice of the Mass is an unnecessary sacrifice - it is blasphemous.

- 3) The Pope usurps the place of Jesus as head of the Church.
- 4) The many intercessors (The pope, the priest, Mary, the saints) hide the one true intercessor, Jesus.
- 5) The Bible warns of a false Church that would persecute and kill true believers. The Roman Catholic Church has slaughtered millions of true Christians for over a thousand year period.
- 6) One is born again not through the sacrament of Baptism, but by the mysterious working of the Holy Spirit.
- 7) Justification is an event - not a lifelong process of utilizing the sacraments of Rome.
- 8) Catholicism usurps the authority of God's word, adding man-made Tradition.
- 9) Rome discourages personal responsibility, mandating submission of intellect to the pope.
- 10) Rome is the political entity - with ambassadors worldwide - that is warned of in Revelation 17.

I encourage lapsed Catholics to avoid returning to Rome at all costs. Rather, repent and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your salvation depends on His righteousness, not on your returning to mother church.

The Peterson book is a call to return to a Church. The Holy Book is a call to flee to a Savior. The difference is the distance between hell and heaven.