

‘PAPAL POISON’:

September 2024.

This article is based in part on what I posted on Facebook on 17th September 2024.

The ever-recurring issue of statements by Pope Francis that flatly contradict the TRUTH of God’s Word has been accelerated by what you can view on this link –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li5-FFKqRhM>

I have always, since becoming a Christian, and in line with the thinking of many of the early Reformers, viewed The Papacy as the embodiment of Antichrist –

Martin Luther: - ‘The Papacy is nothing else than the kingdom of Babylon and of every Antichrist. For who is the man of sin and son of perdition but he who by his teaching and his ordinances increases the sin and perdition of souls in the Church, while he yet sits in the Church as if he were God.’

Philip Melanchthon: - ‘It is most manifest and true without any doubt that the Roman Pontiff, with his whole order and kingdom is very Antichrist.’

John Calvin: - Rome indeed was once the Mother of all Churches, but since she began to be the seat of Antichrist she ceased to be what she was ... The Roman Pontiff has impudently transferred to himself the most peculiar properties of God and Christ, there cannot be doubt that he is the leader and standard-bearer of an impious and abominable kingdom.’

Thomas Cranmer: - ‘Antichrist of Rome hath extolled himself above his fellow bishops, as God’s Vicar, yea, rather as God himself ... Whereof it followeth Rome to be the seat of Antichrist, and the Pope to be very Antichrist himself.’

In 1851 **Rev J A Wylie** submitted an essay to the **Evangelical Alliance** in a competition organised by them inviting **‘Essays on Popery’** – the winning essay was selected by the Adjudicators and when the sealed envelope that contained the name of the author was opened it was the essay by Rev Wylie. It is a marvellous treatise on **‘Popery.’**

I would venture to suggest that today’s **Evangelical Alliance**, rather than awarding a prize to it would most likely bin it, such is their current evangelical weakness and ecumenical compromise.

In chapter one, **‘Origin of The Papacy,’** Rev Wylie wrote –

‘Popery is the last, the most matured, the most subtle, the most skilfully contriven, and the most essentially diabolical form of idolatry which the world ever saw, or which, there is reason to believe, it will ever see

It is the greatest calamity, next to the Fall, which ever befell the human family ... the Church (so called) of Rome has no right to rank amongst Christian Churches. She is not a Church, neither is her religion the Christian religion.

We are accustomed to speak of Popery as a corrupt form of Christianity. We concede too much. The Church of Rome bears the same relation to the Church of Christ which the hierarchy of Baal bore to the institute of Moses ...

Popery is not a corruption simply, but a transformation ... Popery is the gospel transubstantiated into the flesh and blood of Paganism, under a few of the accidents of Christianity’ (pp13-14)

Some years ago, at a conference, I gave a talk on **‘The Papacy’** in Crich Baptist in Derbyshire and it may be listened to on this link –

<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermons/53003193218/a?autoplay=1>

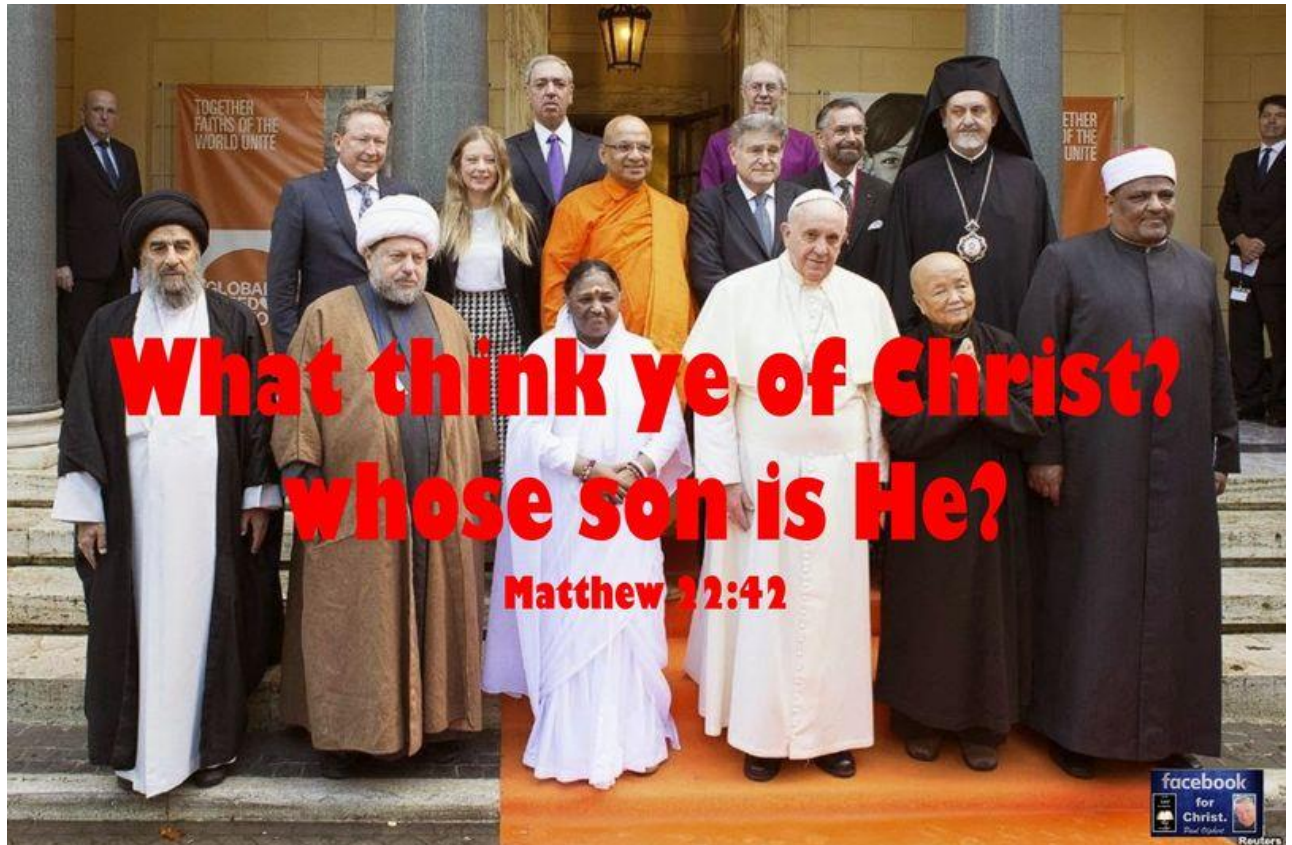
One of my fellow conference speakers in Crich, and good friend, was former Roman Catholic, **Mike Gendron** of **‘Proclaiming the Gospel’**, and on Facebook on 18th September 2024 Mike wrote -

Pope Francis continues to prove he is the most influential and dangerous false prophet in the world. His outrageous statement in Singapore, a country with at least five different faiths, has created an outlandish and bizarre controversy. The pompous pope declared **“all religions are a path to God.”** Then he embellished his heretical assertion by stating, **“There’s only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sikh, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, and they are different paths to God... we are all children of God.”** This wolf in sheep's clothing is seeking to unite all the religious people of the world in a global religion that will worship the Antichrist.

A google search led me to the following –

"A picture paints a thousand words" is an idiom that means a picture can convey a complex idea or story more effectively than words.'

I think these two pictures say it all





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