

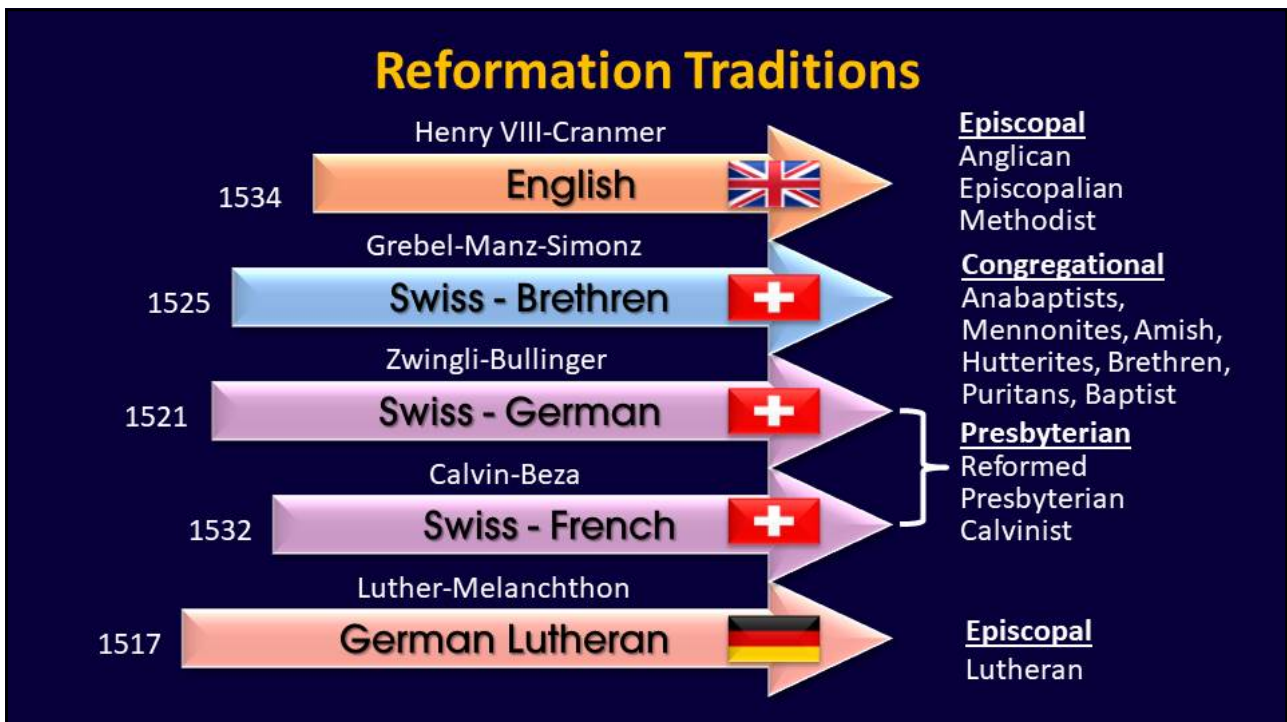


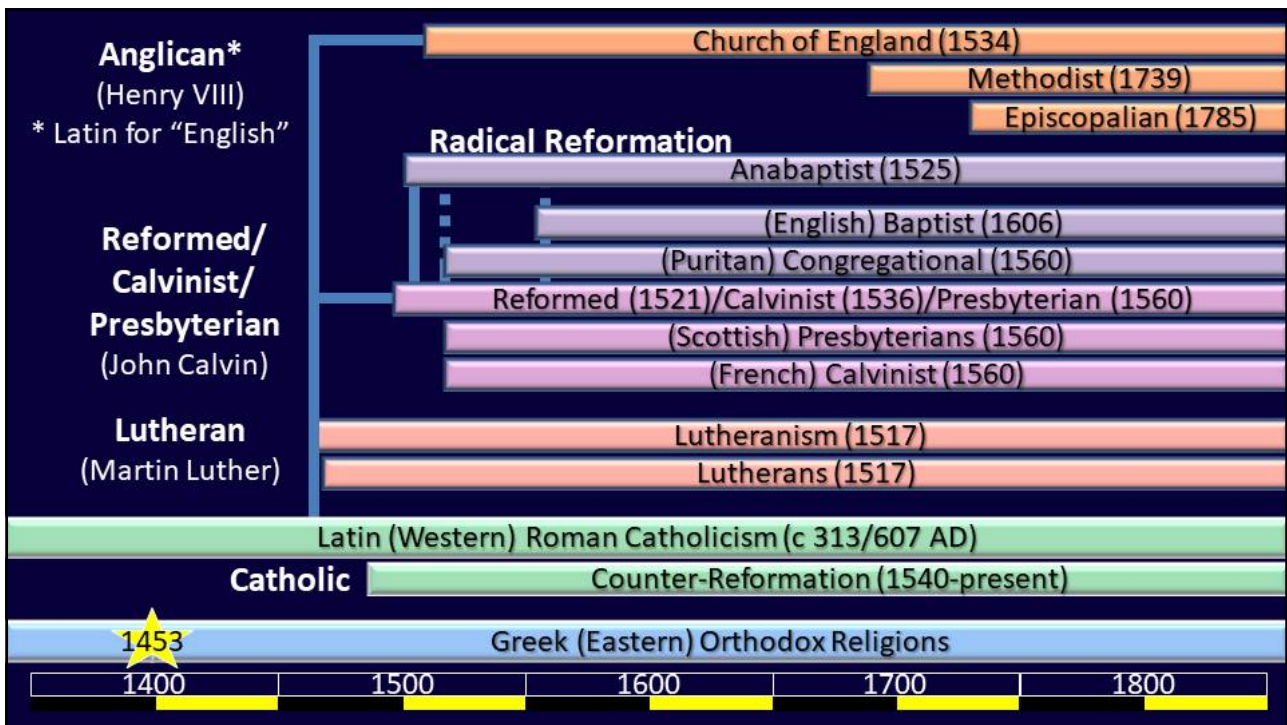
**PROTESTANT
REFORMATION
500TH ANNIVERSARY**

1517 - 2017



Salvation is by **faith alone**,
in **Christ alone**,
by **grace alone**,
on the authority of **Scripture alone**,
and for the **glory of God alone**.





The Catholic Reformation (1545-1563)

and Counter Reformation (1540- present)



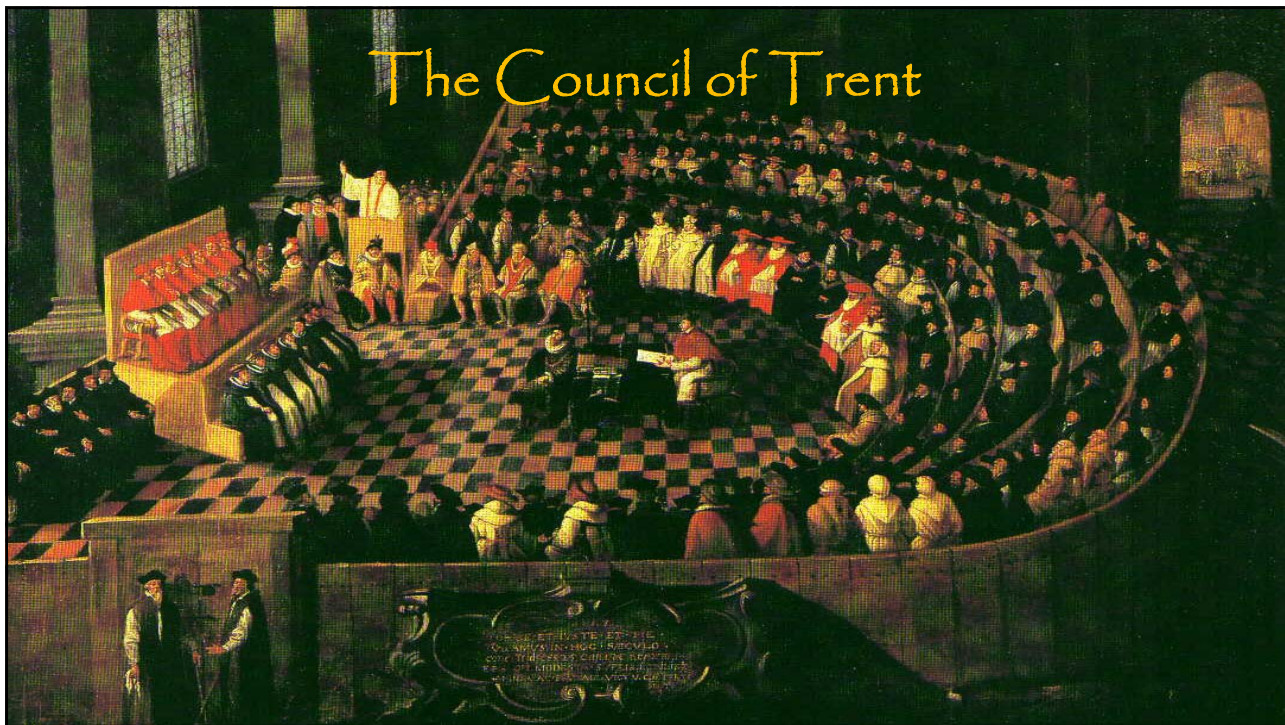
What Are They?

The Catholic Reformation 1517-1550±

A response to Protestantism by the attempted renewal of the Catholic Church.

The Counter Reformation 1540-present

Roman efforts to stamp out Protestantism by convincing or coercing dissidents or heretics to return to the church.



The Council of Trent (1545-1563)



- Called to reform the church and to secure reconciliation with the Protestants.
- Protestants weren't invited until the third of three sessions after everything was settled.
- French kings wanted division.

A division in religion weakened the Holy Roman Empire, and strengthened France.

General outcomes of the Council of Trent

The Council of Trent examined Catholic practices and clarified teaching on important points.

Reforms

- Addressed some abuses
- Addressed corruption
- Regulated priest training
- Curbed financial abuses

Mystery

- Rejected self-discipline and individual faith.
- Argued church helps believers achieve salvation using mystery and ceremonies to inspire faith

No Compromise

- Hardened views against Protestants
- Took bold actions to boost Catholicism with renewed energy, confidence
- Used schools to expand scope of church worldwide

Doctrinal Matters of the Council of Trent

- Equal value and authority of tradition and Scripture (in actuality, tradition is held above Scripture).
- Clarified the Seven Sacraments.
- Clarified the concepts of transubstantiation (doctrine initiated 1215) and original sin (transmitted to all by generation, not imitation).
- Communion for the laity by bread only (1414).
- Denied every doctrine of the Reformation, from *Sola Scriptura* to "salvation by grace through faith alone."

Doctrinal Matters of the Council of Trent

- The pope is the head of the Church (not Jesus).
- Scriptures for the priesthood only without written permission from one's superior (doctrine initiated 1229); Church interpretation of scripture is final.
- Reaffirmed the doctrine of purgatory (1439).
- Indulgences (1190) are valid expressions of faith if not falsely sold.
- Affirmed the Mass as a propitiatory offering that removes the wrath of God.

Doctrinal Matters of the Council of Trent

- Accepted the Nicene Creed (325).
- Fixed the biblical canon to include the Apocrypha.
- Removed secular elements from sacred music and emphasized textual clarity through minimisation of complex polyphonic techniques.
- Issued decrees on clerical discipline.
- Pronounced 125 anathemas upon anyone believing what evangelicals believe and preach today.

Three examples of the 125 anathemas

- 1** If any one shall deny that the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore entire Christ, are truly, really, and substantially contained in the sacrament of the most holy Eucharist; and shall say that He is only in it as a sign, or in a figure, or virtually – let him be accursed (Canon 1).
- 2** If any one shall say that the substance of the bread and wine remains in the sacrament of the most holy Eucharist, together with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and shall deny that wonderful and singular conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the body, and of the whole substance of the wine into the blood, the outward forms of the bread and wine still remaining, which conversion the Catholic Church most aptly calls transubstantiation – let him be accursed (Canon 2).
- 3** If anyone shall say that justifying faith is nothing else than confidence in the divine mercy pardoning sins for Christ's sake, or that it is that confidence alone by which we are justified ... let him be accursed (Canon 12).

Church Disciplinary Matters

1. Bishops must reside in own dioceses.
2. Suppressed pluralism and simony.
3. Forbade the sale of indulgences.
4. Clerics had to give up their concubines.
5. The jurisdiction of bishops over the clergy was certain and the bishops were ordered to visit every religious house of the dioceses at least once every two years.
6. For a marriage to be valid, the vows had to be made publicly.

Church Education Matters

1. Each diocese must establish a seminary for education and training of all clergy.
 - a. The seminary professors would determine if the clergy was acceptable.
 - b. This theoretically prevented families from being able to determine their sons' and daughters' religious careers.
2. Catholic schools (and universities) to be founded around the world as a primary means of Catholic evangelism.

Outcomes of the Catholic Reformation

1. Many years were required to implement the reforms.
2. There was no reconciliation with Protestants.
3. Established an Index of Prohibited Books and the Inquisition and triggered the Counter-reformation.
4. Laid a solid basis for spiritual renewal.
5. Doctrinal and disciplinary legislation provided the basis for Roman Catholic faith, organisation and practice for the next four centuries.
6. Affirmed the Vulgate as the official Latin bible and declared it free of any type of error.

The Vulgata Sixtine and Vulgata Clementina

1. In 1590 Pope Sixtus V finally released the *Sistine Vulgate*, which proved unsatisfactory textually.
2. Clement VIII ordered correction and the *Clementine Vulgate* was printed Nov 1592, with a 3rd edition in 1598 deemed acceptable.
 - a. The two Vulgates differed in about 5,000 places.
 - b. Per Gryson, the Clementine edition, "...frequently deviates from the manuscript tradition for literary or doctrinal reasons, and offers only a faint reflection of the original Vulgate."
 - c. The Clementine Vulgate was official Latin Bible text of the Roman Church until the *Nova Vulgata* of 1979.

Post Trent Matters

- The Immaculate Conception of Mary decreed in 1546.
- Papal infallibility in faith and morals defined in 1870.
- No salvation outside Catholicism confirmed in 1870.
- The assumption of the Virgin Mary declared in 1950.
- Vatican II (1965) validated and reaffirmed all doctrines and anathemas of the Councils of Trent and Vatican I.
 - Proclaimed Mary the Mother of the Roman Catholic Church.
 - Reaffirmed the infallibility of the pope.
 - Divided RC doctrine into core theology and other theology.
 - Established 20 complex rules governing indulgences.

The Roman Catholic Counter-reformation

1545-?



Ignatius Loyola



Loyola presenting the rules of the Order to Pope Paul III, who approved the Order on 27 September 1540.

The Jesuits come to power

- ✦ Dissent in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries brought into being the Franciscans and Dominicans, respectively.
- ✦ The Reformation spawned the Jesuits, who represent the most enthusiastic, aggressive, and intolerant type of Catholicism in an intensified and thoroughly organised form.
- ✦ Upon removal of the Order member limit of 60 Jesuits in March 1543, the Society leapt in membership, power and influence, securing almost unlimited privileges and shaping the policy of the entire Roman Catholic Church.
- ✦ Their unswerving loyalty, training and discipline make them the most effective agents for both overt and covert actions.

Strategies of the Counter Reformation

1. Rome's recognition of the Jesuits as a militant Catholic order raised up to combat the reformation in the schools, universities, and colleges of the world.
2. The Council of Trent (1545 - 1563) which affirmed the conquest of tradition over the cry of the reformers to abide by Scripture only.
3. The invention of counter interpretations of the reformers' historicist approach to Biblical prophecy.
4. The creation of the Index of Prohibited Books (including the Bible in the language of the people) which the Roman Papacy would not allow to be read or circulated.
5. The use of persecution (largely through the Inquisition, (controlled since 1542 by the Jesuits) to exterminate "heretics" who disagree with the doctrines and traditions of the Roman Church.
6. Infiltration of Protestant bodies
7. Direct action on world leaders (education of future leaders, Jesuit confessors, bribery, assassination, etc.)
8. Direct attacks on the Bible.

Shared Protestant Beliefs

- *Sola Scriptura* Scripture alone is the standard
- *Sola Fide* Justification is by faith alone
- *Solus Christus* Only in Christ alone
- *Sola Gratia* By the Grace of God alone
- *Soli deo Gloria* For the Glory of God alone

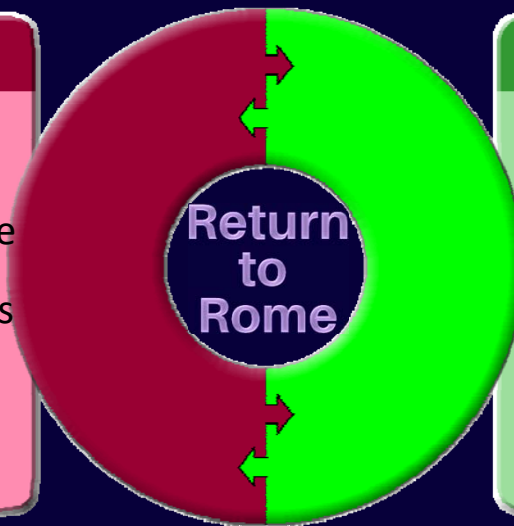
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Tactics against Protestantism

Political

- Exercise influence over government rulers or leaders
- Select and cultivate future leaders
- Serve as confessors to rulers/leaders
- Control the media
- Spy on enemies
- Assassination



Religious

- Infiltrate Protestant institutions
- Attack Protestant beliefs and doctrine
- Undermine *sola scriptura*
- Distort the Bible
- Promote unbelief
- Catholic ecumenism



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POLITICS

Influence world leaders and rulers

- Gain control of the education of political leaders and influential people and their children. Over the last 400 years the Jesuits have succeeded in establishing the largest worldwide network of schools and universities. Many well-known world political and religious leaders were shaped by a Jesuit education.
- Through leniency in the confessional, gain preference, affection and knowledge that binds.
- Through competency with delicate tasks, gain gratitude, dependency and indispensability.
- Through access to information, gain power.
- Through networking, achieve synergies.

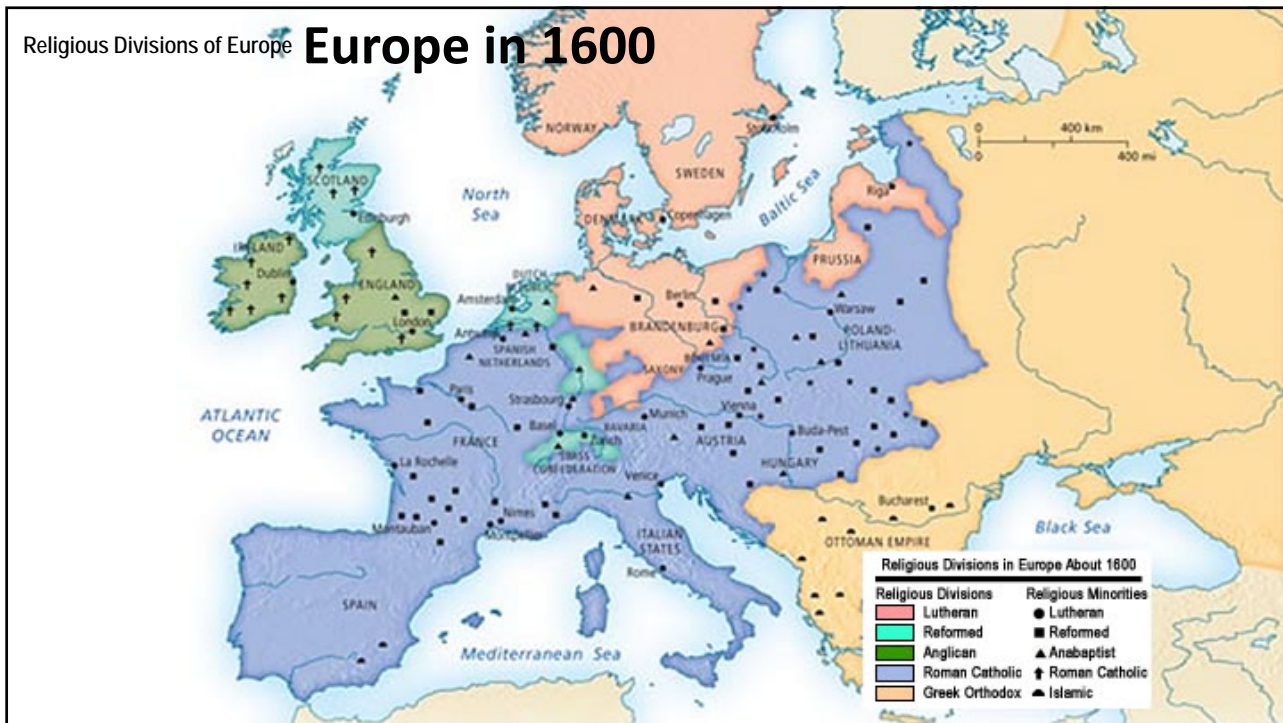
Father Confessor

- Jesuits dominate the confessor field. They hear the confessions of kings, princes and others in authority.
 - The New Catholic Encyclopedia states: "they acted as royal confessor to all French kings for 2 centuries, from Henry III to Louis XV; to all German emperors after the early 17th century; to all Dukes of Bavaria after 1579; to most rulers of Poland and Portugal; to princely families throughout Europe. As advisors to kings, they influenced political policy."
- The Pope's confessor, an ordinary priest, must be a Jesuit; he alone may absolve the Pope of his sins.
- The Father Confessor role provides extraordinary access to secrets... and to power.

Use their influence to advance Catholicism

- Le Tellier, Jesuit confessor to Louis XIV, persuaded him to revoke the Edict of Nantes in 1685. This led to expulsion of 400,000 French Protestants from France and execution of 400,000 more.
- Conquistadores in South America, Mexico and Cuba, accompanied by Jesuits, were responsible for 15-70 million Indian deaths.
- The Thirty Years' War was one of many political measures taken to return much of central Europe to Catholicism.
- The Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) reduced Germany's population of 20,000,000 by 25-40%, with about 13,000,000 deaths.
- By 1600, Bohemia's population of 4 million was 80% Protestant. After the Thirty Years' War, only 780,000 were left, all Catholic.





Influence on world affairs

- Per Jesuit Priest Thomas J. Campbell, Jesuits were expelled from at least 83 countries and city-states between 1555 and 1931. Expulsions were for political intrigue, spying, infiltration, subversion, assassination and inciting insurrection.
- When expelled, they change strategy and return under a new disguise.
- Francesco Borgia, Third Jesuit Superior General stated, "We shall be expelled like dogs and return like eagles."







The 1933 Reichskonkordat

- Nazi emissary Franz von Papen (2nd left), was instrumental in setting up a concordat between Germany and the Vatican: "The Third Reich is the first world power which not only acknowledges but also puts into practice the high principles of the papacy."



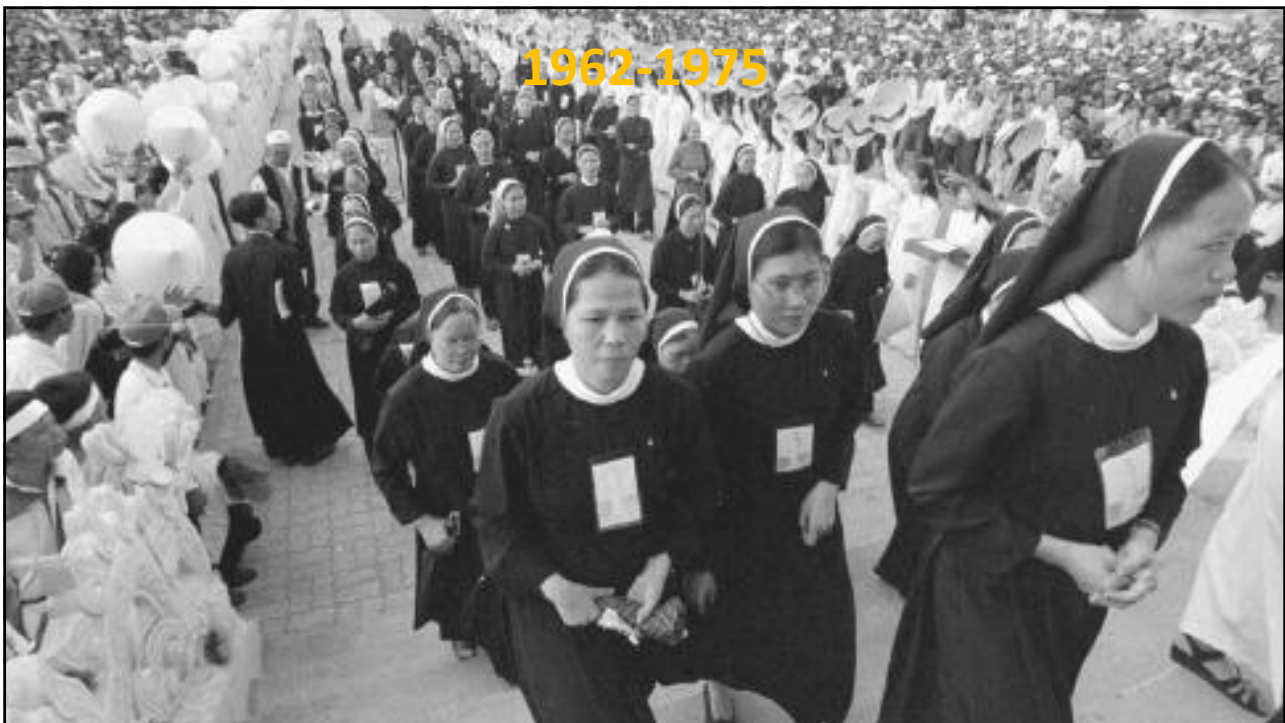
- It gave the Nazi regime moral legitimacy.
- Cardinal Pacelli signed the 1933 concordat for the Vatican. He later became Pope Pius XII.
- Prelate Montini (back rt) became Pope Paul VI.

Looking a little deeper

- "...the SS organization had been constituted according to the principles of the Jesuit Order." *The Secret History of the Jesuits*, by Edmond Paris, p. 164
- Walter Schellenberg, chief of Nazi counter-espionage stated, "The S.S. organization had been constituted by Himmler [Heinrich Himmler, leading member of the Nazi party] according to the principles of the Jesuit Order. Their regulations and the Spiritual Exercises prescribed by Ignatius of Loyola were the model Himmler tried to copy exactly."



"Above all I have learned from the Jesuits. And so did Lenin too, as far as I recall. The world has never known anything quite so splendid as the hierarchical structure of the Catholic Church. There were quite a few things I simply appropriated from the Jesuits for the use of the Party."
(Adolf Hitler)



Select and cultivate future leaders and rulers

- Provide excellent and inexpensive education of high standard to attract wealthy/upper class.
- Covertly assess candidates for development.
- Recruit and induct candidates through extra-curricular activities and events.
- Groom / guide candidates to desired outcomes.
- Reward and/or punish to build dependence.

Exercise media control

- Amass enormous wealth.
- Support Catholic bible publishers (currently Doubleday, HarperCollins, Zondervan, Thomas Nelson, etc.). Less today than a few years back when most publishers were Catholic owned.
- Ownership today tends to be huge advertising, web, radio and television corporations.

Assassination

- Some heads of states have been assassinated when attempting to limit Jesuit influence in national affairs.
- Some purported Jesuit assassinations include:

• William of Orange	• President Abraham Lincoln
• King Henry III of France	• Mexican President Benito Juarez
• King Henry IV of France	• Pope Clement III (poisoned)
• Czar Alexander I of Russia	• Pope Clement IV (poisoned)
• Czar Alexander II of Russia	• Pope John Paul I (poisoned)
- Both James I (the Gunpowder Plot) and Elizabeth I (Babington) survived Jesuit assassination attempts.

Case Study 1

- 18th century Catholic nations tired of Jesuit meddling in their national affairs and demanded Rome abolish them once and for all.
- New Pope Clement XIII was set to do so but died by poisoning just 33 days into his papacy.
- His successor Clement XIV signed the decree in 1773, saying, "I have signed my death warrant,..." Within nine months he died by poisoning.



Case Study 2

In late February 1981, John Paul II met with six powerful cardinals to discuss whether to wrap up the Society of Jesus.

On 13 May 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot four times and wounded by Mehmet Ali Ağca entering St. Peter's Sq. He was rushed to the wrong hospital and given tainted blood transfusions. He recovered but insisted on high security.

When SJ General Arupe suffered a heart attack in August 1981, John Paul II overturned a Jesuit nomination to replace him in the interim with Paolo Dezza, SJ on October 6, to rein in the order. But he later backed away from that position.





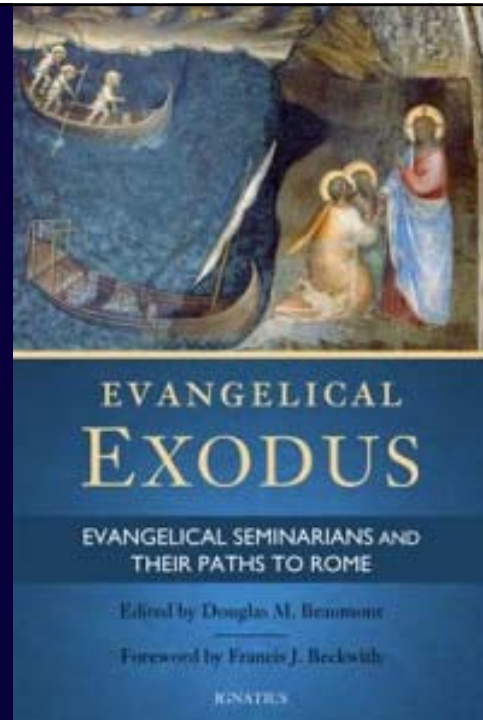
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Infiltrate Protestant institutions

- Jesuits infiltrated Protestant denominations, churches, universities and seminaries to undermine from within.
- Jesuit priest, Fr. Alberto Rivera claimed that he was assigned the task to infiltrate Baptist and Protestant churches in America.
- Academics favourable towards Rome received grants, honours and even access to the Vatican Library. Both the Codex Vaticanus from the Vatican Library and the Codex Sinaiticus from the Saint Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai Peninsula, were “revealed/found” by favoured scholars JIT to be used by Westcott and Hort.

Case Study

- At one US conservative, Evangelical seminary in North Carolina (Southern Evangelical Seminary) over a decade, dozens of students, alumni, and professors converted to Catholicism (per book at right).
- This, alas, is not unique.



England was prioritized for Jesuit infiltration.

- At one stage when Catholics were outlawed, wags noted that there were more Jesuits in England than in Italy.
- In 1833-1841 the Oxford Movement of High Church Anglicans “restored lost traditions” into Anglican liturgy and theology. Ultimately, over 200 Anglican priests and thousands of congregants rejoined Rome. Many influenced by the movement remained.
- In 1860 liberal Anglican theologians incorporated historical criticism into Christian doctrine.
- In 1853, Anglican priests Westcott and Hort began work on their Greek New Testament, using Tischendorf’s codexes. In 1870, the Church of England wanted a NKJV. Westcott and Hort seized the opportunity to publish their NT in Greek in 1881.

An early plot against the Anglicans

- Shortly after the Jesuits were founded, they established seminaries on the continent to train young English nobles. Some, training complete, went back to Britain as agents. Secret instructions dated 1551 explained how to undermine and destroy the “Church of England”. A copy accidentally left by a Jesuit agent in an Anglican pulpit in 1568 read, “Ye are not to preach all after one method but observe the place wherein you come.

“If Lutheranism be prevalent, then preach Calvinism; if Calvinism, then Lutheranism; if in England, then either of them, or John Huss’ opinions, Anabaptism, or any that are contrary to the Holy See of St. Peter, by which your function will not be suspected, and yet you may still act on the interest of Mother Church; there being, as the Council are agreed on, no better way to demolish that Church of heresy, but by mixture of doctrines, and by adding of ceremonies more than at present permitted.”

Attack Protestant beliefs and doctrine

- Christianity Today (31/8/2017) has an article headlines “500 Years After Reformation, Many Protestants Closer to Catholics than Martin Luther”. A Pew study showed that fewer than 50% of Protestants believe in both *sola scriptura* and *sola fide*.
- Another study noted issues with *sola fide* and *sola scriptura* drive many seminary students to atheism or Catholicism:
 - 52% believe that good deeds are needed to get into heaven.
 - The huge variety in bibles undermines *sola scriptura* (which *scriptura*).
 - Protestant churches do not provide the “certainty” seekers look for.
- The Pew study also showed that 57% of US Protestants now say that Catholicism is more like Protestantism than different.



Examples of Jesuit scholarship attacking doctrine

The Reformers' eschatology pointed to the pope as Antichrist. This came from a **historicist** interpretation of Daniel 9 and Revelation. The Jesuits addressed this directly in two ways:

- Jesuit Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) published an alternative theory called **Futurism** whereby some events refer to old pagan Rome whilst the rest describe events in the distant future. Hence the pope cannot be the Antichrist.
- Jesuit Luis De Alcazar (1554-1613) published another alternative theory called **Preterism** whereby the entire book of Revelation pertained to pagan Rome and perhaps the first six centuries after Christ when there was no pope. Nero was the Antichrist, not the pope, and Rome was the true church.

Undermine the solas

- Liberal mainstream churches that no longer really believe the Bible no longer have a clear message to offer.
- Catholic authors float strawmen for each of the five solas, and most Protestants are not knowledgeable enough to relate:
 - (RCC) Sola scripture means the Bible is the Christian's sole *rule of faith*. They add Tradition (RCC tradition, oral tradition, etc.) as *rules of faith*.
 - (RCC) Sola fide means that only belief in God is needed for justification. They hold that it is God's Grace (conferred at baptism) that justifies, and if lost through mortal sin, the sacrament of reconciliation restores it.
- Neither of these strawmen accurately portray the reformation meaning of sola scriptura or sola fide.

A tale of two Bibles

- Early Christians made sure that they copied the original NT scriptures avoiding errors. Over the course of an additional century of time, two different perspectives began emerging:
 - **A Western Stream** coming out of Alexandria and Rome, which incorporated many modifications and translation errors.
 - **An Eastern Stream** largely in Greek coming out of Asia Minor and Syria, which accurately maintained the original teachings and writings of the apostles.
- In the 4th Century, Eusebius of Caesarea was commissioned by Emperor Constantine in 331 AD to obtain 50 copies of the New Testament. He chose to obtain them from Alexandria.

Distort the Bible

- The counter-reformation has also focused on attacking and/or corrupting the Bible in order to undermine sola scriptura and collapse the main leg that Protestantism stands on.
- With every action, there is an equal but opposite reaction. The Catholic effort to produce an “inerrant” Latin Vulgate inspired the Reformers to complete the King James Version of the Bible, which was completed in 1611.
- In 1870, the Southern Convocation of the Church of England commissioned a modest revision of the KJV to update its language only, not its context. Two Cambridge Anglican scholars were selected to lead the revision, Bishop Brooke Westcott and Fenton Hort.

Distort the Bible

- Their private correspondence reveals that Westcott and Hort had both been inspired by the Oxford Movement and admired the Roman Catholic Church. They also “hated” the KJV. They had been working for 20 years on devising a new Greek New Testament based upon Catholic sources, and saw opportunity to complete it under the guise of the KJV revision project.
- Their primary sources were the Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus (and some other codices) and, where necessary, back translation from the Latin Vulgate.
- These two men made sure that the translators of this new “revised” version completely avoided and ignored the correct Eastern manuscripts upon which the KJV was based, and they incorporated the ever-perverted Western ones, which had already been proven to remove the deity of Jesus Christ and

- In 1881, they published the New Testament in the Original Greek, a complete reworking of the Greek that ignored almost completely the Received text used as the basis for the KJV.

In one fell swoop, the two men substituted their Catholic-inspired “original” Greek text for the Greek text from Constantinople that had underpinned the Reformations.

- Although originally not well received, the completely new “original” Greek has become the standard for today’s bibles.

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Matthew 18:11 .."For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." *****	(Omitted) *****	(Omitted) *****
Mark 13:14 .."So when you see the 'abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not. (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." *****	Mark 13:14 .."When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong-let the reader understand, then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." *****	Mark 13:14 .."But when you see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains

Promote unbelief

- Catholic scholar, Fr. Richard Simon (1638-1712), is considered a “Father of higher criticism”. In his 1682 work *Histoire critique du Vieux Testament*, he declared that Moses didn’t write much the Torah, which got the book seized and Simon sacked.
- The "Tübingen School" of New Testament higher criticism dominated scholarship until discredited in 1910 by early dating of Acts and Synoptic Gospels.
- Once the modern era of studying the Bible on scientific principles (but discounting anything supernatural) began, it quickly spread amongst academia. Today it is arguably one of the largest factors behind the loss of faith of many students.

- Jesuits were active in promoting “science” that undermined the Bible. Jesuit Georges Lemaitre introduced the “Big Bang Theory”, a radical departure from prevailing scientific understandings. It has since come to be the most probable explanation for the origin of the universe, but is impossible to comprehend without reference to intelligent design.
- The Piltdown man found in 1912 was the supposed “missing link” proving Darwinism. Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was on the team. It was exposed in 1953 as a hoax.
- Another form of promoting unbelief has been the rise of the New Age and spiritualism. Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin is considered one of the early leaders of the New Age Movement.

Catholic ecumenicalism

- The ecumenical movement started in liberal mainstream Protestant churches (as a means to address low attendance.) “Unity” offered a strong financial motivation.
- Coming later, Catholic ecumenicalism appears to be similar, except that Catholics see themselves as the fold into which all denominations should “return”.
- Most mainstream Protestant denominations now have sizeable factions interested in re-joining Rome.

A simple comparison

- “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in **sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are **ravenous wolves**.” (Jesus in Matthew 7:15)

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- “We came in like **lambs** and will rule like **wolves**.” (Francesco Borgia, Third Jesuit Superior General)



