

A Deadly Book
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Hello everyone and welcome to The Vortex where lies and falsehoods are trapped and exposed. I'm Michael Voris coming to you from Amsterdam in The Netherlands.

If you look around the western world and wonder to yourself – what happened to the Church – you need look no further than Holland, The Netherlands.

In terms of the total collapse the Catholic Church has experienced in the west since the 1960's – Holland is ground zero.

Practically every abuse, modern heresy and dissident theology that has spread like wildfire was ignited here in the Netherlands.

It all was collected together and published in this innocent enough looking little book in 1966 called The New Catechism. It became a practical overnight sensation .. selling millions of copies within the first year and going into other language editions shortly thereafter.

In 1967 .. Time Magazine featured a cover story on it and said it was one of the year's bestsellers – adding it was a - quote – “ lively, undogmatic compendium of doctrine that reflects the most recent radical insights of theologians and scripture scholars.”

And on that score .. Time Magazine didn't know just how write they were.

The book is divided into five parts .. the first reviews what it calls the mystery of existence. The second part is dedicated to other religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam as well as Marxism and what it terms – The Spirit of God in the World.

The third part focuses on Christ while part four's subject is the way of Christ. The last part focuses on the end of man and his fulfillment in meeting God.

It all sounds somewhat straight-forward, but the controversy is as much about what it does NOT say as much as what it DOES say.

In fact, so loose and fast does it play with established Church teaching that the Vatican stepped in and assembled a review panel of cardinals to answer the controversial parts – of which there many.

Ten various areas were pointed out and ordered to be amended to correct so that the faithful would not be led into error.

Among them were .. to say explicitly that fell by his choice and we have all inherited original sin as a result.

That individual human souls are created directly by God, that angels actually exist, that Jesus was conceived virginally and that Our Lady was conceived immaculately.

That Our Blessed Lord is in fact Savior by way of his satisfaction to the Father on our behalf. That the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in the sacrifice of the Mass and that Jesus is really truly and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament.

That there is an essential difference, not just in kind, between the priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial priesthood and that on questions like divorce and remarriage and birth control – the faithful do not have final say based on their consciences.

The Cardinal's list reads like a compendium of condemnations, which of course, in essence it was – although it was presented in much more diplomatic sounding language in keeping with the spirit of the age.

The Dutch bishops were ordered to revise the Catechism taking these points into consideration in the revision. What happened instead was the bishops did not actually re-write the Catechism, they just took the cardinals report and published it as its own stand alone appendix.

While the Vatican review was going on .. the book was published in not just Dutch but also English, German and finally French. The new translations were published without the consent of Holland's bishops, but little was done by them to limit the damage.

And the damage was extensive, especially in the United States. Once the Dutch Catechism jumped the ocean – it exploded across the US being pushed by the new emerging class of dissident theologians in seminaries and universities, not to mention chanceries and many bishops.

Some bishops did speak out against it, but at the end of the day – it proved to be too little too late. The genie was out of the bottle and it became an unofficial catechism across the country – or at the very least, the heretical and dissident notions did.

The Catholic diocese of Brooklyn said in its newspaper – “a milestone in the presentation of contemporary theological thought.”

The Archdiocese of Boston, whose leaders were already in the throes of covering homosexual priests raping of altar boys said of the Dutch Catechism – “It really makes the good news sound like good news.”

It quickly replaced the much revered Baltimore Catechism with its simple questions and answer format which had been use for a close to eighty years.

The Baltimore Catechism was viewed as unsophisticated and anti-intellectual by the theologically elite and their dissident pals scattered all across the Catholic Establishment of the day.

In fact, The back of the catechism itself announces the death of the Baltimore Catechism by stating quite clearly .. “it avoids the rote teaching of question and answer memorizing”.

The Dutch Catechism presented a method of questions and wonderings with no real answers – just thoughts and opinions and rootless intellectual ramblings with no real coherence other than to destroy virtually any official theological aspect of the faith.

This single book did more damage to the Church in the west than any other book or writing. It spawned numerous copycats and further writings and as it itself claims on the back cover .. “It remains today THE source from which all others flow.”

It also says of itself .. “It is perfect for high school, college and seminary. A New Catechism is also the best choice for C.C.D. classes and adult study groups of all kinds.”

And this is exactly how it was used, directly or indirectly to corrupt generations of Catholic school students and converts into a system of belief that the Vatican itself had issued warnings about that were simply ignored.

The problem today is that these very errors are still persistent in what is being presented as Catholic teaching in schools, parishes and seminaries, to adults and children.

A whole host of errors has been embraced by Catholic leaders that reduces the faith to little else than warmed over Protestantism – heck even some of the leading Protestant revolutionaries of the 16th century Europe .. like Luther and Calvin would reject some of this as heretical.

Yet today .. its underlying principles are still embraced by many Catholic leaders and rejection of them is viewed sneeringly by modern theological elites. And yet the damage caused and still being caused is simply ignored or not even recognized.

This book .. and its many editions .. so polluted Catholic catechesis that nearly 50 years after it was first published .. the loss from the Only Holy Catholic Faith needs to be calculated in the hundreds of millions .. which include hundreds of thousands of priests and religious.

And still the devastation goes on with little effort by today’s bishops to get back to bold admonitions of the faith that their predecessors did their finest to wipe out.

True – today’s leaders did not bring about the current destruction in its original form, but they have multiplied it by their silence and cooperation.

One book – that’s all it took. One book to wreak spiritual havoc and confusion on the people of God, with of course the cooperation of evil and foolish men intent on raising up their own Church in a brave new world.

Never in 2000 years of Church history could this kind destruction have been imagined. Until it is admitted and confronted .. the mistakes and errors of the past, no one can seriously believe that any great re-awakening is taking place. The cancer has never been addressed and you don’t address it by ignoring it.

GOD Love you.

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