

The 7 deadly sins of Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe, [and traditions].

**Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:  
I AM Yahweh your God and teach you for your own good.**

– Isaiah 48:17

**Jesus Christ, He is the true God.** - 1 John 5:20

**Follow Me.** - Matthew 9:9

As a Christian I would like to begin with a call for Christian unity under Christ the Head of the Church [*Ephesians 5:23*] so I will reiterate the very first words of the pope on the day he was voted into his office – ‘Let there be unity between all Christians’. I want to make clear that I like all Christians believe in the catholic church’s teaching that the Holy Trinity in the Lord Jesus is the One true God and that the Holy Bible is God-breathed. Also I believe as every true Christian believes that Saint Mary is ‘the God bearer’, and is blessed among women, and that she should be highly respected along with the rest of the Saints and Apostles who are presently in the kingdom of Christ and God [*Ephesians 5:5*].

However as Christians we must never deviate from **the Truth** [*The Lord Jesus and the Holy Scriptures*], nor should we follow the traditions of churches and men instead of the Word of God - whereby we could easily be led astray from **the Truth** by the vast wisdom and treachery of the evil one and his demons.

Blindly following ‘religion’ or ‘traditions’ [*even within Christianity*] is not wise. It is much wiser and beneficial to do what the Father/Son/Holy Spirit tells us from His Word...**Come to know the Truth.** - 2 John 1:1

The Lord our God encourages the ones He has redeemed and ‘adopted’ to regularly read His Holy Scriptures, and I admire the few brothers and sisters in Christ that I have within the catholic church that do promote reading the Holy Scriptures and point others to the true God and Savior Jesus Christ, and that is my objective [*In the last few years I heard almost a dozen catholic priests insist that Catholics are born-again Christians – well, they all would be doing that if they were real ones!*].

I want to reveal to people that they can get more blessed and please our Lord more by just reading one of the four Gospels in the New Testament rather than wasting money and time going to Lourdes or Fatima or similar shrines where people receive no new knowledge of Jesus the Messiah nor the Gospel of Truth. Also, even though there is very little written about Saint Mary in the Holy Bible I think if anyone really honors her they will do what she said in the Holy Scriptures under the influence of the Holy Spirit;- **"Whatever He tells you, do it."** –John 2:5 I also think every Catholic and every Christian should pray the same prayer that Jewish Saint Mary prayed in the Gospel that the God of Israel would deliver the Jews from their enemies and fulfill His Biblical covenant to keep the Jews in the holy land and soon complete the prophecy that Yeshua the Messiah would return and conquer His enemies then rule the world from Jerusalem on the throne of King David.

Obedying what the Lord our God says from His Word is the key that opens the blessing of God. But disobedience [*even if sin is done unknowingly or sincerely*] robs people of blessings and sadly often even hinders people from receiving the blessed gift of salvation. Salvation = saved from hell and granted eternal life in paradise.

I have written this brief article not in a spirit of criticism but in a spirit of love, so that people can be set free from sin and the confusion and danger of manmade traditions, then enter into the blessings of heaven by knowing **the Truth**.

Sin number one;-

**For it is written, You shall worship the LORD your God,  
and Him only you shall serve. - Matthew 4:10**

Today in Lourdes and Fatima and similar catholic shrines thousands of people [*many unknowingly*] are disobeying the commandment of the Lord our God and worship [*saying hail and bowing down to*] and serve statues of Saint Mary instead of worshipping God only. They are not honoring what the Lord Yahweh our God reveals from the 10 commandments and in the rest of His Holy Scriptures.

**Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice. – 1 Samuel 15:22**

Sin number two;-

Today in Lourdes and Fatima and similar catholic shrines people are using carved images of statues of Saint Mary to help assist them in worshipping, but the Lord Yahweh our God has commanded in the second commandment;-

**You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. – Exodus 20:4**

Only the catholic church encourages the use of statues in worship! All other Christian churches [*eastern orthodox churches, protestant churches, and all the independent churches*] consider it a sin against God – it is one of many reasons why they do not submit to pope or vatican dogmas and catholic traditions because they go against God and His Word. Another sin that insidiously proceeds from this sin is the sin of people making money from making and selling carved images and other religious paraphernalia [*read Isaiah 44:8-24*], Lourdes and Fatima are full of these.

Sin number three;-

Today in Lourdes and Fatima hundreds of people pray repetitive prayers for hours, but soon after many of them are cursing the Name of God - Jesus our Lord.

**Thou shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain,  
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes  
His Name in vain. - Exodus 20:7**

[*Blasphemy is not only cursing the Name of God - Jesus, it's also when a person calls themselves a Christian but they are not a true Christian convert – one that has been redeemed by the blood of the Blessed Redeemer, been baptized in the Holy Spirit by Him –thereby becoming a Biblical defined saint –an adopted child of God Most High*].

Sin number four;-

Today in Lourdes after breaking the first 3 of the 10 commandments of the God of Israel, hundreds of people go out each night to **many** of the local bars and get drunk [*and blaspheme*]! Which is another sin the Holy Spirit warns against in the Holy Scriptures [*Galatians 5:21*].

### Sin number five;-

Today in Lourdes and Fatima and similar catholic shrines thousands of sincere people unknowingly sin by blindly following manmade religious traditions instead of **the Truth** – the Christ and the Holy Scriptures - the Word of God.

For example;- When Christianity first started spreading there was worship of statues of goddess in many pagan cultures/religions [*isis, mithra, the great mother, etc...*]. So to make it easy and attractive for these pagans to convert to 'Christianity' the catholic church compromise by allowing statues of Saint Mary to be used instead, [*most of these pagans never became true Christian converts they were just now called catholic's instead*] and they now went to churches instead of pagan shrines to burn incense and candles. Overtime the tradition hardened, now many follow catholic tradition instead of **the Truth**.

Another example is; - Today in Lourdes and similar shrines many catholic clergy get uninformed people to walk around in circles constantly repeating the rosary prayer over and over again, but the King of the Jews our Savior says in the Holy Scriptures-

**When you pray, don't be like those people who don't know God. They continue saying things that mean nothing, thinking that God will hear them because of their many words. Don't be like them. – Matthew 6:7**

If these people really knew God then they would be more interested in what He has to say in His Word. When the Lord our God walked the earth 2000 years ago He condemned the Jewish religious leaders for leading the people of God away from **the Truth** because the religious leaders were promoting their religious traditions instead of what God said in His Word. He even accused the religious leaders of sending people to hell because they and their rules and traditions were preventing people from getting saved and coming into a personal relationship with God. If Christ our Lord walked the earth today would He also accuse the catholic leaders and other traditional Christian ministers of the same thing?

**You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.**  
– Mark 7:8

Therefore many decent and sincere people are being led astray and are unknowingly sinning by obeying the words of men instead of the Words of God. Some catholic theologians argue their traditions came from God after the Holy Bible, but this cannot be true because we are warned that if any man or angel tries to add to the Gospel they are cursed [*Galatians 1:8*] – [*which would also include mohammed and the 'angel' that gave him the Koran*]. Also in the last book of the Holy Scriptures [*Revelation 22*] our Lord warned that nobody was to add anything to the Holy Bible.

### Sin number six;-

Today in Lourdes and within the catholic religion people are being told by church [*tradition*] papal dogmas that Saint Mary and other Saints are mediators, but the foundation of the Christian faith is the Holy Scriptures, and in the Holy Bible the Holy Spirit says; -

**God our Savior who desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the Truth, For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus. - 1 Timothy 2:4**

So the 'tradition' of the catholic church is teaching there is more than one mediator but God is saying there is only One Mediator, and our Lord said His Word does not change. Also in the 1800's the catholic church wrote a new papal dogma declaring that Saint Mary was now sinless! So many Catholics now follow that recent tradition. Only the Son of God is without sin. Saint Mary called God 'my Saviour' [Luke 1:47] which proved she even acknowledged her own sin by admitting she needed the Saviour to save her from her sins. Also in the Gospel of Saint Luke [chapter 2] Saint Mary was in Jerusalem in the Jewish temple offering a sacrifice of two doves - which was a sin offering the Jews of the Old Testament would have to do on their own behalf [Leviticus 5:11]. Many other catholic traditions go against what is written in the Word of God. Therefore many of our sincere Catholic friends are unknowingly sinning by using many mediators instead of the One.

#### Sin number seven;-

Today in Lourdes and other catholic shrines people learn nothing significant about the Gospel and the gift of salvation because God's Word is never magnified, instead it is oppressed, and repression of Truth is sin. Throughout the Holy Bible God the Father, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit - time after time encourages His redeemed [*those who have been saved by faith/trust alone in Yeshua the Messiah*] to read the Holy Bible so we can come to know Him, but at catholic shrines it is not encouraged to get to know the God of Truth through the Holy Scriptures.

**But why?** - I have written this next section [*which is based in historical facts*] in memory of the thousands of righteous Catholics and innocent non-Catholics who were unjustly raped, imprisoned, tortured, murdered etc... for centuries under the cruelty of the papacy and vatican approved catholic inquisition.

#### **History must be remembered - to prevent such evil from happening again!**

I like many people in Ireland were baptised as babies as 'Christians' in catholic churches and went to catholic schools. But we did not hear any of the dark history of the catholic church because it was hidden from us.

For example;- we were always told Saint Patrick was a catholic missionary, not necessarily so! - Pallidus was the first missionary sent by a pope [about 431] but he was unsuccessful and left saying 'we received no respect from the Irish'. About ten years later Saint Patrick came on the scene and he mentioned nothing about pope or the roman church in his only 2 writings! He established Armagh to be the center of the church in Ireland [*not Rome*]. Apparently Saint Patrick belonged to an indigenous Irish celtic church which was independent from the roman church [*for precise information please go to - <http://www.truthontheweb.org/patrick.htm>*].

The next emissaries from the roman church came to Britain after 590 [*Gregorian mission*]. The first major conversion of an English King and his subjects to catholicism didn't happen until about 660. Non-catholic celtic Christians like Saint Patrick were living in Britain and Ireland for centuries before that catholic mission.

In the 1100's Ireland was a mixture of celtic Christians and catholics and still had a significant amount of Irish pagans [*on a discovery channel documentary which highlighted the religious aspects of the battle of clontarf in 1014 - it revealed that many of the Irish pagans sided with the Viking pagans against king buru's Christian army*]. We heard about the crusades to the holy land against the Muslims but we never heard about pope Adrian getting jealous of the strongly independent Irish celtic Christian church and launching a 'crusade' [*in 1155*] against the Irish. The Irish were slaughtered, then subjugated to the to roman church and the pope [*he used French/Norman and English soldiers who were catholic back then - whose king then paid money to the pope each year for having Ireland subjugated to him*],

-I got that information from an Irish historian and also on a recent BBC documentary [*read the Laudabiliter papal bull –which calls for this catholic conquest of Ireland*].

After 1155 all in Ireland [*Christians and pagans*] had the label of catholic imposed on them, and to keep a kind of a bizarre peace between Irish/British/French Christians and pagans and for the catholic church to hold power [*apart from the 'tradition' of 'confession box' that was used everywhere to spy on communities and maintain control*], all Christians were forbidden to meet in small groups in homes as practiced by the early Christians in the New Testament. Instead, as in other parts of Europe they were to only meet in catholic controlled 'church buildings' and everyone was forbidden to speak about God and the Holy Scriptures outside of catholic institutions [*another catholic 'law/tradition' that goes against the Word*].

So like in many European countries for centuries there was a kind of fusion of Christianity and paganism under the control of catholicism [*there was similar 'fusions' too in predominantly protestant and orthodox countries*]. Although in the last few decades most western people openly profess whether they are 'Christians' or not ever since those traditional 'Christian' churches lost their 'authority'.

Also in catholic school we were told the reason for the protestant reformation was that Henry the 8th wanted a divorce and the pope wouldn't grant it so Henry rejected catholicism and started the protestant church of England. Well, some of that is true, but what they kept hidden is that the protestant reformation started many years before that – previously the catholic church confiscated all the Holy Bibles from Christians all over Europe. The Holy Scriptures were tightly controlled by the clergy within the roman catholic church [*who officially split away from the eastern orthodox churches in 1054. In 1242 the pope sent an army into eastern Europe to conquer the orthodox Christians and impose catholicism, but the eastern orthodox Christians won the battle of lake peipus– the victory is celebrated to this day in Russia and by many eastern orthodox Christians*].

Therefore in countries controlled by the catholic religion the average person was kept in darkness and ignorance because they never knew what the Jew-Christian God had written in His Word the Holy Bible [*also within catholic churches the Holy Scriptures was only read in a pagan language which very few people understood - Latin – which has nothing to do with the Holy Bible - which is written in Hebrew and Greek*].

So very few people knew the Gospel [*Good News*] most people out of ignorance and fear just submitted to the local priest/bishop - who normally ruled with an iron fist. Overtime the roman church got so corrupted it was equivalent to a Italian [*religious*] mafia – taking lands and money, executing people etc [*I even heard a catholic priest on EWTN the catholic religious network saying- 'many of them[popes] were crazy'*].

Then the roman church invented a place called 'purgatory' [*the Word of God only acknowledges heaven and hell*], they invented an unBiblical system that their specially canonized saints [*another tradition*] could intercede for the recent dead. So a family would be told their mother or son who recently died is now being tortured in purgatory so the family would have to pay X amount of money to get their loved one out sooner, - it was known as 'the sale of indulgences' [*it is kept quiet these days, but on a smaller scale and similar scheme they get lots of money from another tradition and unBiblical practice - 'mass cards'*].

For centuries the hierarchy of the roman church lived in luxury while the average European 'Christian' was kept in poverty and ignorance, and if anyone spoke out about the injustices of the popes [*such as nepotism or sex abuse*] they would be tortured in dungeons by the catholic inquisition, that is one of the main reasons true Christians at the time departed from catholicism and had the so called protestant reformation. Although popes tried to hold on to power by often sending mercenary armies to wipe out whole provinces that didn't want catholic rule – even years before

the protestant reformation started - popes slaughtered communities in Italy [*waldensians*] and France [*cathars*] that tried to reject catholicism.

I always enjoyed history and in my teens I found out about the evils of the catholic inquisition. I was so horrified and disgusted by the [*satanically*] cruel tortures used by catholic clergy on innocent victims that I completely rejected their religion and the label of catholic [*eventhough I never considered myself 'catholic' in the first place*], I always considered it ludicrous that if a person was baptized as a baby and went to a catholic school they were labelled catholic for life with a pope always having spiritual authority over them!

In recent years thousands of Irish people have rejected the catholic religion because of priests raping children [*even in 2011 the catholic church were still hindering investigations and continually covering up their ghastly abuses*], after leaving catholicism some Irish are still Christians but many others now have no religion. Surely thousands more would depart if they knew the history of the catholic inquisition, but astonishingly, eventhough many know about the evils of their abuses and the inquisition sanctioned by popes - they continue to embrace catholicism as if nothing happened!.

Euronews and an independent church carried out 2 surveys in Ireland [*2005?*] in which both found 60% of Irish profess to be 'Christians', also the official [*2007?*] censuses in northern Ireland revealed that 14% have no religion. Official government figures and even survey's carried out by the catholic church reveal Spain and Italy average 50%, although most independent surveys for western countries reveal much less. A Swiss institution that studies statistics on Christianity recently reported that worldwide just 15% [*including Catholics*] say they are 'Christians' [*only God knows how many of them are true Christian believers*]. Also in the last hundred years millions in Latin America that had the catholic religion forced upon them 500 years ago have now gone back to their ancestral pagan religions or joined anti Christian communist/socialist movements, and today in most central and south American countries almost 20% are now professing independent evangelical Christians, and for every one catholic church there is more than ten independent churches.

It was not just the Jews of Europe or pagans of Latin America that suffered the evils of the inquisition. For hundreds of years the catholic inquisition imprisoned and tortured thousands of Christians [*many of whom were catholic at the time*] for speaking out against the hypocrisy of catholic traditions, or evils such as priests raping women and children, or pope approved torture and executions, just possession of a Holy Bible in catholic controlled areas could often lead to imprisonment and/or execution. The vatican knew knowledge of the Holy Scriptures threatened their power! because if people under their control knew too much Truth from the Holy Bible they would leave catholicism. They even told people they would go to hell if they did not submit to their religion and authority, so out of ignorance and fear many submitted. But sadly this obviously prevented people from getting saved because their faith and hope was now in an institution or/and religion instead of their trust in the Christ Jesus only [*nowhere in the Holy Bible does God say to put our faith in a religion or institution or a church. We are only command to put our faith in Christ and His Word only. The spiritual Church - is the body of true believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit*].

It was the 1789 anti royalist anti catholic French revolution that put an end to the tyranny of catholic church control in France, and a few years later the armies of Napoleon fought against the pope's army's in Italy and ended the catholic inquisition in Spain. At the time many of the French wanted Napoleon to execute the pope and disband the Vatican but he ruled against it because he feared it would cause civil war between Catholics and neo-pagan revolutionaries in countries he was trying to 'liberate' with French atheistic revolutionary ideals. Napoleon openly admitted he was

not a Christian but he was fair – after almost ten years of unjust persecution against Catholics in France he allowed Catholics and other religions to worship freely [*some catholic historians estimate over 150.000 Catholics were murdered by French atheistic revolutionaries*]. Today France is staunchly secular [*neo-pagan*] with no connection between state and any church, [*although now Islam is threatening French values – secular and Christian*].

On his visit to Spain [2010?] the pope [*or a tv or vatican statement*] said;- 'Spain is more anti catholic today than it was in the 1930's just before the civil war' – but can you blame almost half the Spanish population for being so anti catholic? Recently on a documentary on the UK history channel – historical sources estimate that [*between 1492 and 1832*] as many as one out of every nine Spanish people was either imprisoned or tortured or murdered during the catholic inquisition. Now do you think the God of love or the evil one was behind the catholic inquisition? Sadly the evils carried out by the catholic church [*and some traditional protestant and orthodox churches too*] have turned millions away from the true God and Savior Jesus Christ, robbing them of rich blessings and eternal life, Lourdes and Fatima etc... are subtly doing the same today, and many Biblical scholars [*including many catholic*] believe that the next pope could be the false prophet spoken about in the last book of the Holy Bible.

I will be fair to say that in the 1990's pope John Paul acknowledged the sins and was sorry for the atrocities and evils carried out by the catholic church during the inquisition. The present pope has done good speaking out against sins like abortion and homosexuality, and since the Vatican council in the 1960s restrictions have been taken away and many good catholic priests and bishops have been active in emphasizing the Gospel message and encouraging people to read the Holy Scriptures and enter into a personal relationship with the true God and the Savior Jesus Christ. But sadly in recent years the catholic church has started denying God created the world in 6 days as He said in the 10 Commandments, and are denying such things as Adam, Noah, and Abraham's father as a real men! [*even though our Lord Jesus spoke of them as real people and real events*]. But what is most alarming is that the office of inquisition was reopened under a new name and the same catholic canon laws which can even enforce Catholics [*not to mention non-Catholics*] into violent submission are still existing.

The Lord Yahweh our God promises blessings on obedience to His Holy Word. Love and obedience towards Christ and His Word is guaranteed to be rewarded. The more you seek the Lord and do His will then the more goodness and blessings will be released into your life, and ultimately you will be led into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore my beloved Truth-seeker, if you want the promised abundant life in this world and ever-lasting life in the afterlife, then trust in Christ alone the trustworthy God and continue to get to know the Word of God...

**Freedom is what we have – Christ has set us free!  
Stand, then, as free people,  
and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.**  
- Galatians 5:1

**The Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you  
from the evil one.** - 2 Thessalonians 3:3

**If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed.  
And you shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free.**  
- John 8:32

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