

# Building The End-Times Apostate Church

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This may seem totally unnecessary, but it is tremendously critical that we first recognize the Bible is the Word of God. It's His Book. He wrote it. It's God breathed. It can be believed in. We can cast our life and our all upon it. We can have absolute confidence in it. In the words of the Psalmist, "It is tried in a furnace of fire, purified seven times." And the promise of God, respecting His Book is: "He will preserve it from this generation even into forever." So what we have, in our Bible, is the Word of God.

Those who want to find contradictions and difficulties within the Bible simply don't, or rather can't understand what God is saying. It is most interesting to consider on those occasions when the Word of God seems to be contradicting itself - some part of the Word does not seem to be reconciled with other portions of the Word - when we genuinely understand what God is saying, and make comparisons with the rest of the revealed truth of God, - it becomes evident that God hides truth from the eyes of unbelief. He reveals truth to the eyes of faith. As Peter confirms, "He deliberately cast a stumbling block before the mind of unbelief."

As we approach the Word of God expecting it to have life in it - life that is to be obtained from it - we will obtain life. If we are without life it is because we are lacking in our pursuit of His Book. In the words of Job, "I found Your words and I rejoiced over them as one that finds great spoil." As one who finds a meal more "necessary than my necessary food."

There are two essentials every child of God needs. One is faithful warnings and the other is compassionate encouragement. Both are found in the words of the Bible. One is given to bridle our sinful propensities, the other to quicken our spiritual graces. Both are given so the people of God can function within their specific responsibility.

"But evil men and seducers shall become worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). This sentence is important. Evil men are deceiving, but they are also being deceived. It isn't that these men are merely going about to deceive people deliberately, they are themselves deceived, and therefore spread deceit. The Greek word translated above as *seducers* is literally the word *impostors*. So evil men and *impostors* shall become worse and worse deceiving and being deceived. If there are impostors, deceiving and being deceived within the Church, we must ask ourselves, "Who they are?" When we reflect on that query, the possibilities become very

interesting. If impostors are functioning within the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ who are they? In the words of the prophet Isaiah, concerning prophesy and doctrine, "if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." If what men speak does not agree with what God has said in His Book, it is because there is no light in them. They are deceived and are going about deceiving.

In 1 Corinthians 11, the Apostle Paul addressed himself to the false apostles and prophets who come into the body of Christ and preached, what Paul refers to as "another Jesus" – Greek *allos*, meaning another of the same kind. Our English word *alias* is also drawn from the same Greek word. "Another Jesus," an alias Christ who looks and acts like the Jesus we've heard about, but he's not the same Jesus at all. He doesn't have the same reliable qualities as the Jesus we know from our Bible - he's another Jesus of the same kind. An alias savior. A Jesus who seems compassionate, loving, and redemptive; everything the people of God know the real Jesus to be, but when we are exposed to this other Jesus, we experience another gospel of a different kind. By accepting this message, we thereby receive another spirit of a different kind, which carries the Church away from God-loving to people-loving. Jesus did not preach, "Embrace love and thereby redeem the world." Jesus preached, "Embrace Me and forsake the world!"

In 1978, Quaker and *Christianity Today* advisory editor Richard Foster wrote "Celebration of Discipline." In his book he introduced Roman Catholic and occult meditative techniques to evangelicals – it sold more than a million copies and was selected by *Christianity Today* as one of the top ten books of the 20th century. Foster later formed, Renovaré, an organization dedicated to teaching spiritual formation through the mystical beliefs and practices of the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Desert Fathers. Eugene Peterson (*Christianity Today* editor), author of the very popular fallacious transliteration Bible, "The Message", was the New Testament editor of the Renovaré organization's, "The Spiritual Formation" Bible.

These developments are foundational to today's Emerging Church phenomenon and indicate that such roots will carry it well beyond merely being a fad among today's evangelical youth. More recent support is the change in attitude among evangelicals toward Roman Catholicism fostered by Evangelicals & Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium, an endeavor of Chuck Colson and Father Richard John Neuhaus (both *Christianity Today* editors) and the stunning success of Mel Gibson's extremely mystical Roman Catholic film, "The Passion of the Christ".

Mr. Gibson's film is now much more influential among evangelicals than The Message or the Renovaré organization. "The Passion of the Christ" became a huge box-office success, thanks mostly to evangelical support. Available now as a "definitive edition DVD," it features a discussion with director Mel Gibson, along with a Roman Catholic apologist and two Roman Catholic priests who were the film's theological consultants - for those who want the official Roman Catholic theology of the film explained. "The Passion of the Christ" has a false gospel, a false Christ, and is loaded with supposedly biblical scenes from the minds of Mr. Gibson and a Roman Catholic nun given to mystical hallucinations. Yet it continues to be used extensively by evangelical churches, especially during Lent and Easter week.

First Timothy 4:1 is a prophetic verse. It foretells that "in the latter times some will depart from the faith." Second Thessalonians 2:3 declares that a "falling away" from the faith will characterize the Last Days. And those who profess to be Christians will give "heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

Doctrines of devils are designed to undermine what is taught in the Scriptures. They reflect the strategy that Satan instituted in the Garden of Eden when he seduced Eve into disobeying God. (It was Adams' sin, Eve's disobedience.) Satan, the chief of the seducing spirits, began his direct communication with Eve by raising doubts in her mind as to what God had commanded: "Yea, hath God said . . . ?" The serpent's dialogue led her to believe that God may not have told the whole truth: "And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die." Although God had given instructions as to the punishment for disobeying Him by eating the fruit of that certain tree in the Garden, Satan twisted that around, making God not only a liar but also the one who was withholding what they needed for their self-improvement and for realizing a supposed higher potential.

This nefarious, self-improvement, higher-potential movement has a very large and diverse base in the evangelical Christian church today. Even the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, who, in years past were distinguished for their systematic Bible-based studies, are now, through their adult study courses published by LifeWay Christian Resources (i.e. LifeWay), promoting Roman Catholic mysticism doctrines. One of their more current study courses deals with the "seven deadly sins" of the Roman Catholic Church - Pride, Envy, Wrath/Anger, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, Lust. These "seven deadly sins" were first identified by John Cassian (360-435 AD) and refined by Pope Gregory (540-604 AD). They are Roman Catholic mysticism doctrines, nothing more. The LifeWay editors have taken great pains to repackage and rename

these studies making them more palatable to the Southern Baptist palate, but the message remains the same: “to provide keys to understanding the believers’ faults and the actions that result, and a framework for self-knowledge.” In other words, a so-called method for self-improvement and higher potential. Yet, they do nothing more than promote self-imposed condemnation and furnish the “enemy of our faith” a steady platform to howl his accusations.

The writers of these LifeWay studies are very crafty. Taking verses out of context to prove their point, they have fostered lies and doubt - promoting a wavering, a hesitancy, and/or a staggering in faith. Doubt is not fear. It is not unbelief; it is more a poor handling of belief. In their zeal to prove a biblical basis for the sin of Gluttony they quote Philippians 3:19 – “Whose end is destruction whose God is their appetite.” - which seems to provide ample documentation to propose self-condemnation to any overweight believer. That is, unless you read the previous verse which states, “For many walk, of whom I have told you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ” (Philippians 3:18). I do not believe all believers, good Southern Baptists or otherwise, who have a 38 inch-plus, waistline are “enemies of the cross of Christ!” Do you? But this is a great approach if your desire is to send the good Baptist believers home with self-imposed contrition, shame, together with an unwarranted guilty conscience. Believe me, it will work every time.

Because of the erroneous teaching coming from LifeWay and other sources, many good Baptists are beginning to get the whole Catholic thing: Lent . . . the ashes on the forehead . . . no meat on Friday . . . the sorrowful mysteries . . . the Stations of the Cross . . . the emphasis on the Eucharist . . . the devotion to Mary . . . the enormous crucifix hanging above every Catholic altar. They may not be rushing out to buy rosaries necessarily, but some of these things no longer seem so strange or alien . . . all thanks to evangelical workbooks coming from passionate editors such as those at LifeWay, and through movies like, *The Passion of the Christ*.

Millions of good believers who saw (and continue to see) *The Passion of the Christ* now mistakenly believe that: Jesus was confronted by Satan in the Garden of Gethsemane; He was thrown from a bridge by His captors and dangled from a chain; His image was captured for posterity on the veil of a woman named Veronica; as His cross began to fall, it levitated to keep Him from hitting the ground, and, most contradictory to the gospel, it was His merciless scourging which He suffered that paid for the sins of humanity. What they also got, which their evangelical leaders enthusiastically endorsed as “biblically accurate,” were numerous scenes based upon

the imagination of an 18th-century Catholic mystic, the portrayal of Mary as co-redemptrix in the salvation of mankind.

All of this has become spiritual fodder for the Emerging Church Movement - much of it is a reaction against the consumer-oriented marketing approach to church growth popularized by Robert Schuller, Bill Hybels, and Rick Warren. Many leaders in the Emerging Church Movement, most of whom have evangelical backgrounds, saw Catholic ritual and mysticism as a necessary spiritual ingredient that was lost for evangelicals at the Reformation. *Sola Scriptura* was a major rallying cry of the Reformers against the abuses stemming from Roman Catholic tradition; the Bible as one's only authority practically shut down the influence of the Catholic mystics known as the Desert Fathers.

I have listed only a few of the unbiblical impressions that the people of God and the people of the world have added to their conception of Christ Jesus because of *The Passion of the Christ*. Films are today's most popular form of disseminating superficial information and misinformation. Biblical themed films have put erroneous ideas and images into the hearts and minds of the masses. So-called morality themed films such as, *Jesus Christ Superstar*; *The Last Temptation of Christ*; *Bruce Almighty*; *The Da Vinci Code*; *Judas*; *Oh God!*; *Oh God, Book II*; *Jesus of Nazareth*, *Avatar* - to name but a few - are unscrupulous and harmful, yet persuasive and effectual at the same moment.

The 1950's movie, *The Ten Commandments*, is another example of visual imagery which gives an inaccurate picture of the truth of God found in the Bible - this movie is full of erroneous depictions and has led many to believe in a fictional Exodus tale, rather than real Biblical truth.

But what about those "more Biblically accurate" movies, "Bible movies" - those that take the words directly from Scripture, for example? When you have an actor portraying Jesus who says only the words of Jesus that are found in the Bible, does that make the portrayal more accurate? More accurate than what? Does the actor actually look like Jesus, or talk like Jesus, or reflect the godly demeanor of Jesus? More critically, can he accurately imitate the God-Man, the Creator of the Universe, the One in whom all things consist? Even if he could, which is impossible, it would still be an imitation! Furthermore, he will leave millions, including believers, with an image of a false "Christ."

A few such movies are sincere attempts at communicating the content and stories of the Scriptures through visual media. Although sincere, they are doomed to failure regarding objective truth. Why? In addition to what was noted above, the Bible

is an objective revelation from God given in words. All attempts at visually translating those words abandon objective revelation in favor of subjective interpretation. Take a passage of Scripture, for instance, and have five people give their understanding of the verse based upon the context, the grammatical structure, and the normal meaning of the words. More often than not, the interpretations will be quite similar. Should one of the five come up with something very different, it can be corrected by simply checking it out objectively against the context, grammar, and accepted definitions of the words in the passage. On the other hand, what if five artists were to translate the passage visually? The result would be five very subjective and quite different renderings. Even if only one artist visually translated the verse and four people tried to interpret the image, you would likely have four different views because the medium has no objective criteria comparable to that of words. Imagery is not the way to communicate objective truth.

God did not draw pictures on the tablets He gave to Moses. His continual command to Moses and to His other prophets was to write down His decrees. Visual imagery was at the heart of pagan worship used by people whose lives centered around idols - the chief by-product being unbridled superstition. The same was true of the medieval Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, who fed their followers images rather than teaching them to read and write (as the Jews had done successfully from the time of Abraham). Even today, superstition continues to be rampant within those visually oriented religious systems.

Where does the world get its ideas about Jesus? Most non-Christians only know what they've picked-up from sources they regard as Christian, although rarely is the content truly Biblical. More than a billion Muslims, for example, hold a view of Jesus that Muhammad gleaned from questionable Christians. The Qur'an states that Isa (Jesus) is not the Son of God because Allah has no son. Isa's birth took place under a palm tree, and, while still a babe, he cried out from his cradle that he was a servant of Allah, who had given him a revelation and made him a prophet. He did not die upon the cross; someone took his place - all in contradiction to the Bible.

Many Jews put stock in the alleged Talmudic stories that oppose the gospel accounts. They have been taught that Jesus was an illegitimate child who was born to a harlot and a scoundrel. Declaring himself to be the Messiah, he performed healings by sorcery and consequently was stoned and then hung on a tree for his magic and blasphemy for claiming to be the Son of God.

Hindus have added Jesus as one more avatar, or god, among their 330 million gods. All of their gurus who have become popular in the West—from Maharishi Mahesh Yogi to Rajneesh - preach their own “Jesus.” Buddhists, such as the 14th Dalai Lama, regard Jesus as a bodhisattva, or enlightened god, among multitudes of gods reincarnated for the service of humanity.

Incredibly, the above erroneous beliefs about Jesus are fostered within professing Christianity by a popular practice among Emerging Church fellowships. Some invite the followers of the world-religions for “conversation” in order to learn more about Jesus from a pluralistic perspective. The goal seems to be to establish a Jesus who is acceptable to people of all faiths - or no faith. A common refrain heard from the Emergent communities is “We love Jesus, but not His church.” Certainly, as the church has compromised with the world, there is much not to like. Yet sadly, for many, it is neither the biblical Jesus whom they love nor the biblical Church that they support. Some are under the delusion that Jesus is becoming more respected in our culture. That has never been the case for the Jesus revealed in Scripture.

It is hard for anyone who has a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ to accept that the world hates Him - this One whom we love so much. It was difficult for me, and I still struggle with that. How could anyone reject the One who loves us more than we could ever comprehend, and whose sacrifice for those He created is so wonderfully unfathomable? Such hatred is often masked and develops progressively and by stealth. It is found in Satan's strategy that began with “Yea, hath God said...?” His dialogue with Eve provided a ripe opportunity to subvert the truth about God and His command. Adam's sin and Eve's disobedience bought the Adversary's lying alteration of God's character and his denial of the consequence of disobedience. And their progeny down through the ages have done likewise.

Is any of this Emerging “for the good,” as *Christianity Today* declares?

Let's both reason from the Scriptures, and simply be reasonable (Isaiah 1:18). Ancient futurists, those who search ancient writings other than the Bible to prognosticate the future, search to discover gems from “Classic Christianity” come up short by a century - the century in which the New Testament was written. The critical difference should be obvious.

The writers of the New Testament were inspired by the Holy Spirit as they penned God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21, 22). What writings from A.D. 100 and later can claim such inspiration? None. But we're told that some were disciples of, or lived at the time of the apostles. True, however, proximity to the apostles is hardly a

guarantee against heresy, nor does it come close to inspiration. Furthermore, much of the first century New Testament was written to reprove and correct errors that had already entered the church! Remember the Apostle Paul's warning to the Ephesian elders, who were certainly closer to Paul than any of the so-called Church Fathers: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." (Acts 20:28-31 AV).

Again, why this attraction to the ancient Church Fathers? Could any of them say with Paul, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you" (Philippians 4:9)? We can trust his God-breathed words completely. On the other hand, it takes very little scrutiny of men like Origen, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, Cyprian, Justin Martyr, Athanasius, John Chrysostom, Cyril of Jerusalem, Augustine, and others, to see their flaws, let alone their heresies. For example, Origen taught that God would save everyone and that Mary was a perpetual virgin; Irenaeus believed that the bread and wine became the body and blood of Jesus when consecrated, as did John Chrysostom and Cyril of Jerusalem; Athanasius taught salvation through baptism; Tertullian became a supporter of the Montanist heresies, and a promoter of a New Testament clergy class, as did his disciple Cyprian; Augustine was the principal architect of Catholic dogma that included his support of purgatory, baptismal regeneration, and infant baptism, mortal and venial sins, prayers to the dead, penance for sins, absolution from a priest, the sinlessness of Mary, the Apocrypha as Scripture, etc. It's not that these men got everything wrong; some, on certain doctrines, upheld Scripture against the developing, unbiblical dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church. For that, we are thankful. Nevertheless, overall they are a heretical minefield. So why seek them out?

Worse yet are the Desert Fathers and the Catholic mystics. Anthony the Great, known as the father of Christian monasticism, is the most revered of the Desert Fathers. According to Athanasius, the devil fought Anthony by afflicting him with boredom, laziness, and the phantoms of women, which he countered by becoming a hermit and isolating himself for years inside a tomb. He communicated with the outside world through a crevice that enabled him to receive food and to offer spiritual advice. Supposedly, the devil, upset by his holiness, would come and beat him unmercifully.

Later mystics were no less bizarre, or unbiblical. Benedictine nun, Julian of Norwich, a favorite of evangelical mystic wannabes and “Christian” feminists, believed in universal salvation, that God was in all things, referred to God as “Father-Mother,” and experienced intense visions of heaven and hell. Her most famous saying became a positive mental attitude mantra: “All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” Like Anthony, she had herself walled off from society, living for 20 years in a cell attached to a church, where a small window provided access to food and a view of the church altar and of the Eucharist.

Could these hermits and mystics really interest evangelicals? *Christianity Today* says they do. Referring to “monastic evangelicals” and the “new monasticism,” an insert in its cover article observes how “growing numbers of evangelicals” are “taking their newfound love affair with Christian tradition beyond “books and talk” and are “now experimenting with advent candles [and] sampling [Roman Catholic] practices associated with Lent . . . ” *Christianity Today* credits Richard Foster's “Devotional Classics” as possibly fueling this latest trend, and it notes that Brian McLaren, Tony Jones, and a number of emerging church writers have “been calling evangelicals to monastic models as a guide for the future.”

I am staggered when I see who and what *Christianity Today* is blatantly promoting. Robert Webber, for example, writes in his “Signs and Wonders” of an experience that changed his Protestant life. He received the Eucharist (allegedly the “actual body and blood of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine”) while at a Catholic retreat center: “You might say I was surprised by joy! . . . I had never had an experience like that in my life . . . I had been in dialog with another worship tradition, and I was surely the richer for it.” Yet, thousands of steadfast, biblical Christians were martyred for refusing that same idolatrous and Gospel-denying “worship tradition.”

Campus Crusade leader-turned-Orthodox-priest, Peter Gillquist, explains the “mission” he, and those who joined him, are on: “Our desire is to make North America Orthodox!” As former conservative evangelicals, they believe that “if we [could] become Orthodox, then anyone in North America can!” Furthermore, due to their apologetics and evangelism training, “. . . we represent a strong force for Orthodox evangelization . . . and we know there are many others just like us who if given the time and persuasion will join the Orthodox ranks just as we have.”

Will this soon pass? No. It's all part of related agendas that are building the End-Times Apostate Church (Revelation 13:8). Its tools are experientialism, subjectivism, mysticism, and dominionism, all of which aggressively and obstinately

subvert the Word of God. They are intentionally (in some cases, unwittingly) being used to work out Satan's primary scheme against God and mankind (Genesis 3:1: "Yea, hath God said . . . ?") as they undermine His Truth.

Is God doing anything about it? Yes. As evidenced by what's been presented here and so much more, He is sending "strong delusion" among those who have not a "love of the truth." (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11).

We desperately need to heed the words of Jesus in Revelation chapters 2-3 that give critical warnings to churches that profess to be His. To Laodicea, which very likely represents the last church-age before His return, He declares: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Revelation 3: 19-22 AV).

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**Desert Fathers.** The Desert Fathers were Hermits, Ascetics and Monks who lived mainly in the Scetes desert of Egypt, beginning around the third century. They were the first Christian hermits, who abandoned the cities of the pagan world to live in solitude. They believed as long as the desire for God was sincere, anything could be utilized to reach God. If a method worked for the Hindus to reach their gods, then Christian mantras could be used to reach Jesus.

For more in-depth study, see the following:  
[http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Desert\\_Fathers](http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Desert_Fathers)•<http://evangelicalcatholicism.wordpress.com/2009/08/04/growing-in-holiness-with-the-desert-fathers> (back to text)

**Evangelicals & Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium.** This is the title of the twenty-five-page document signed in 1994 by a group of Roman Catholic Priests and well-known, evangelical Christians. The evangelical signatories include: Bill Bright of Campus Crusade, Os Guinness of the Trinity Forum, Richard Mouw of Fuller Theological Seminary, Mark Noll of Wheaton College, James I. Packer of Regent University, Charles Colson of Prison Fellowship, Larry Lewis of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richard

Land of the Christian Life Commission, Jesse Miranda of the Assemblies of God, and John White of Geneva College.

Their mission is to unite Evangelicals and Catholics as one common faith. This will be not accomplished without the Church bowing down to erroneous and heretical Roman ideology, creeds and dogmas.

See the comparative below:

Roman Catholic doctrine:

The Holy Roman Pope is the Vicar of Christ. Vicar from the Latin *vicarius*, "instead of" Christ.

The following are taken directly from The Catholic Encyclopedia:

"If anyone says that the Roman Pontiff (Pope) has only the office of inspection or direction, but not the full and supreme power of jurisdiction over the whole church, not only in matters that pertain to faith and morals, but also to matters that pertain to the discipline and government of the church throughout the whole world; or if anyone says he has only a more important part and not the complete fullness of the supreme power; or if anyone says that this power is not ordinary or immediate over each and every faithful shepherd or member, let him be anathema." (The Catholic Encyclopedia)

"The church communicates Christ's mercy to sinners through the mass and the sacraments, and all the prayers and good works of the faithful . . . it is the church that reconciles sinners to God . . . the sacraments are necessary for salvation . . . the holy sacrifice of the mass is not a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving only, or a mere commemoration of the sacrifice of the cross, but also a truly propitiatory sacrifice, by which God is appeased and rendered propitious to us." (The Catholic Encyclopedia)

Biblical Doctrine:

Justification of sin and sinners (Romans 3:24) before God is by grace through faith (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8) in Christ Jesus alone. The New Birth is that event whereby we are begotten again by God unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3, 23).

The shedding of blood has been, from the fall, and will be to the end of time, God's only provision for the cleansing from sin. (Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22; 1 John 1-7); All the Old Testament sacrifices of animals could not remove sin (Hebrews 10:4); but prefigured the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:20; 2:17) Sin

has been taken care of, removed, by the sacrificial death and shedding of blood by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians function as a body under the Headship of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ and the direction of Elders as the under-shepherds.

Water baptism (Matthew 28:19); and the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26) are to be observed as ordinances.

For more in-depth study on the document, *Evangelicals & Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium*, see:

<http://wwwFOUNDERS.org/journal/fj17/article4.html> • <http://www.leaderu.com/ftissues/ft9405/articles/mission.html>

**Sorrowful Mysteries.** For an in depth study of Sorrowful Mysteries, go to: <http://www.rosary-center.org/sorrow.htm>

**Stations of the Cross.** For an in depth study of the Stations of the Cross, go to: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15569a.htm>

**Church Fathers.** So-called by Roman Catholicism. There are volumes of information and research materials readily available online and physically, on any of the mentioned, as well as, unmentioned "Church Fathers".