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THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, CHAPTER 13—THE NETHERLANDS AND SCANDINAVIA
DICHOTOMY: POPE IN JESUIT ORDER & ORANGE ORDER

1. What is the title of chapter 13 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
2. This chapter shows us the other countries and regions where the Protestant Reformation was carried and where it also triumphed. These countries were previously strongholds of the Papacy. They were formerly regions of the Roman Empire. Yet small groups of missionaries were able to break through the deceptive barriers of Popery and win not only a few people, but kings and even whole nations to the side of the Protestant Reformation.
3. Note: The first 14 chapters in the book *The Great Controversy* show us the European nations where the Papacy once dominated, and where the Protestant Reformation triumphed. Since the rise of Pope Francis, he is strategically reclaiming these nations to the side of Popery to join in the declaration that the protest is over or that the Protestant Reformation is over.
4. What happened to the Roman Pontiff 700 years before the time of Luther? _____

In The Netherlands the papal tyranny very early called forth resolute protest. Seven hundred years before Luther's time the Roman pontiff was thus fearlessly impeached by two bishops, who, having been sent on an embassy to Rome, had learned the true character of the "holy see": God "has made His queen and spouse, the church, a noble and everlasting provision for her family, with a dowry that is neither fading nor corruptible, and given her an eternal crown and scepter; . . . all which benefits you like a thief intercept. You set up yourself in the temple of God; instead of a pastor, you are become a wolf to the sheep; . . . you would make us believe you are a supreme bishop, but you rather behave like a tyrant. . . . Whereas you ought to be a servant of servants, as you call yourself, you endeavor to become a lord of lords. . . . You bring the commands of God into contempt. {GC 237.1}

5. **Note:** Consider the following scriptures and current event that are connected to the above statement. 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4.

"Why Are 2 Different Popes Telling Us to Read 'Lord of the World'?" <http://aleteia.org/2016/04/08/why-are-two-different-popes-telling-us-to-read-lord-of-the-world/>

"**Pope Francis: Read Robert Hugh Benson's Lord of the World to understand me.**" <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/the-times/pope-francis-read-robert-hugh-bensons-lord-of-the-world-to-understand-me/news-story/a39fd3ae3806b94d923b81b51c9ec19a>

6. Which Bible was translated and used to push forward the Protestant Reformation in the Netherlands? _____
Others arose from century to century to echo this protest. And those early teachers who, traversing different lands and known by various names, bore the character of the Vaudois missionaries, and spread everywhere the knowledge of the gospel, penetrated to the Netherlands. Their doctrines spread rapidly. The Waldensian Bible they translated in verse into the Dutch language. They declared "that there was great advantage in it; no jests, no fables, no trifles, no deceits, but the words of truth; that indeed there was here and there a hard crust, but that the marrow and sweetness of what was good and holy might be easily discovered in it." Thus wrote the friends of the ancient faith, in the twelfth century. {GC 238.1}
7. **Note:** The manuscripts that comprised the Waldensian Bible lay at the foundation of the King James Version Bible. It is the Protestant Bible.

The public school system was de facto Protestant [in the 19th century], with religious education based on reading the King James Version of the Bible. Catholics objected to this, and bishops sought that Catholics could be excused from reading the Protestant Bible. <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/when-american-catholic-politics-split-the-church-31729/>

8. What did the true believers proclaim amidst Romish persecution? _____
Now began the Romish persecutions; but in the midst of fagots and torture the believers continued to multiply, steadfastly declaring that the Bible is the only infallible authority in religion, and that "no man should be coerced to believe, but should be won by preaching."-- {GC 238.2}
9. Who was one of the men that arose to continue the Protestant Reformation in the Netherlands? What doctrine did he begin to doubt that led him to diligently study the Bible? _____

The teachings of Luther found a congenial soil in the Netherlands, and earnest and faithful men arose to preach the gospel. From one of the provinces of Holland came Menno Simons. Educated a Roman Catholic and ordained to the priesthood, he was wholly ignorant of the Bible, and he would not read it for fear of being beguiled into heresy. When a doubt concerning the doctrine of transubstantiation forced itself upon him, he regarded it as a temptation from Satan, and by prayer and confession sought to free himself from it; but in vain. By mingling in scenes of dissipation he endeavored to silence the accusing voice of conscience; but without avail. After a time he was led to the study of the New Testament, and this, with Luther's writings, caused him to accept the reformed faith. {GC 238.3}

10. **Note:** The following shows that the Papacy has not changed. Additionally, the doctrine of transubstantiation is a dangerous doctrine.

The Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ... <https://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/eucha1a.htm>

On Sunday, Pope Francis said that the Eucharist is no mere symbol, but is in fact the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-let-yourself-be-transformed-by-the-eucharist-61965/>

“So also now all those who behold the sacrament which is sanctified by the words of the Lord upon the altar at the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, and do not see and believe according to the spirit and divinity that it is truly the most holy body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, are condemned.” *Admonitio prima de Corpore Christi* (Quaracchi edition, p. 4), quoted in Johannes Jorgensen, *St. Francis of Assisi* (New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1912), p. 55. http://www.vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010612_francesco-assisi_en.html

“Also those are doomed who see the Sacrament of the Body of Christ, which is consecrated with the words of the Lord on the altar and by the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, but do not see in it the Spirit and Divinity and have not believed that it really is Our Lord Jesus Christ’s most holy Body and Blood.”

[5] *Admonitio prima de Corpore Christi* (Quaracchi edition, p. 4), quoted in Johannes Jorgensen, *St. Francis of Assisi* (New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1912), p. 55.

The Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest...The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice...The whole Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. We use the words "really, truly, and substantially" to describe Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist in order to distinguish Our Lord's teaching from that of mere men who falsely teach that the Holy Eucharist is only a sign or figure of Christ, or that He is present only by His power. All Christians, with but few minor exceptions, held the true doctrine of the Real Presence from the time of Christ until the Protestant Revolution in the sixteenth century. <https://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/eucha1a.htm>

11. Note: Pope Francis states that every nation must enforce Sunday and its civilians must partake of the Eucharist in order to combat climate change.

#237. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world...It [Sunday] protects human action from becoming empty activism; it [Sunday] also prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else. The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day... [See Ex 23:12]. Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds it light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor. http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

12. For what reasons were protestants persecuted in the Netherlands by Charles V?

Nowhere were the reformed doctrines more generally received than in the Netherlands. In few countries did their adherents endure more terrible persecution. In Germany Charles V had banned the Reformation, and he would gladly have brought all its adherents to the stake; but the princes stood up as a barrier against his tyranny. In the Netherlands his power was greater, and persecuting edicts followed each other in quick succession. To read the Bible, to hear or preach it, or even to speak concerning it, was to incur the penalty of death by the stake. To pray to God in secret, to refrain from bowing to an image, or to sing a psalm, was also punishable with death. Even those who should abjure their errors were condemned, if men, to die by the sword; if women, to be buried alive. Thousands perished under the reign of Charles and of Philip II. {GC 239.3}

At one time a whole family was brought before the inquisitors, charged with remaining away from mass and worshipping at home. On his examination as to their practices in secret the youngest son answered: "We fall on our knees, and pray that God may enlighten our minds and pardon our sins; we pray for our sovereign, that his reign may be prosperous and his life happy; we pray for our magistrates, that God may preserve them." Some of the judges were deeply moved, yet the father and one of his sons were condemned to the stake." {GC 240.1}

"The Scriptural ordinance of the Lord's Supper had been supplanted **by the idolatrous sacrifice of the mass.** Papal priests pretended, by their senseless mummery, **to convert the simple bread and wine into the actual "body and blood of Christ."**--Cardinal Wiseman, **The Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist, Proved From Scripture,** lecture 8, sec. 3, par. 26. **With blasphemous presumption, they openly claimed the power of creating God, the Creator of all things. Christians were required, on pain of death, to avow their faith in this horrible, Heaven-insulting heresy. Multitudes who refused were given to the flames."** {GC 59.2}

“Christians in Russia won’t be allowed to email their friends an invitation to church or to evangelize in their own homes if Russia’s newest set of surveillance and anti-terrorism laws are enacted. The proposed laws, considered the country’s most restrictive measures in post-Soviet history, place broad limitations on missionary work, including preaching, teaching, and engaging in any activity designed to recruit people into a religious group. To share their faith, citizens must secure a government permit through a registered religious organization, and they cannot evangelize anywhere besides churches and other religious sites. The restrictions even apply to activity in private residences and online.” <http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2016/june/no-evangelizing-outside-of-church-russia-proposes.html>

The main issue as I see it lies in the fact that the Moscow Patriarchate, along with other branches of the Russian Orthodox Church (such as the Orthodox Church of America) as well as with the support of the Muslim clerics, sees such religious groups’ activity in Russia as a threat. They actually do not see them as pacifist, because their methods are quite activist and, perhaps in the Russian view, ‘extremist.’ Proselytizing is not a part of the religious culture in Russia, and many Russians, as well as the government and the religious establishment are suspicious of it.” **Jehovah’s Witnesses are not the only ones affected, she said. The law applies also to Mormons and Seventh Day Adventists, for example.**

She said that the Orthodox in the south of Russia are generally very religious and see groups such as 7th-Day Adventists as competition. "There have been many examples of people from Christian [sects] going into Orthodox churches and distributing literature or in some way disturbing church services," she said. "They go door to door...and the Russian Orthodox Church sees them as aggressive because they talk to people very openly, they give out literature, they often say very negative things about the Russian Orthodox Church, they're very good at debating. ... They are being perceived — by a very conservative religion that is in the process of reshaping itself and has been doing so for 25 years after a very long time of atheism — they are being perceived as the guys coming in and taking away our future converts." <https://aleteia.org/2017/04/22/pacifist-jehovahs-witnesses-now-banned-in-russia-as-extremists/>

13. How did the faithful prepare for martyrdom? _____

The rage of the persecutors was equaled by the faith of the martyrs. Not only men but delicate women and young maidens displayed unflinching courage. "Wives would take their stand by their husband's stake, and while he was enduring the fire they would whisper words of solace, or sing psalms to cheer him." "Young maidens would lie down in their living grave as if they were entering into their chamber of nightly sleep; or go forth to the scaffold and the fire, dressed in their best apparel, as if they were going to their marriage." As in the days when paganism sought to destroy the gospel, the blood of the Christians was seed. Persecution served to increase the number of witnesses for the truth. {GC 240.3}

14. Who brought an end to persecution in the Netherlands and restored freedom to worship God? _____

Under the noble William of Orange the Revolution at last brought to Holland freedom to worship God. {GC 240.3}

William and his wife Mary were crowned joint monarchs of England, Scotland and Ireland in 1689. Their accession, known as the 'Glorious Revolution', marked an important transition towards parliamentary rule as we know it today. William's ousting of his predecessor, the Catholic James II, ensured the primacy of the Protestant faith in Britain. His decisive victory over James at the Battle of the Boyne is celebrated annually in Northern Ireland on 12 July. In Europe, William was successful in his lifelong struggle to contain the military ambitions of Louis XIV, the Catholic king of France. http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/william_iii_of_orange

The Battle of the Boyne was fought in Ireland between William of Orange and James II in July 1690. It was the last time two crowned kings of England, Scotland and Ireland faced each other on the battlefield. William of Orange won a crushing victory, which secured the Protestant ascendancy in Ireland for generations. It retains huge symbolic importance in Northern Ireland, where it is celebrated by the Orange Order every 12 July. http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/events/battle_of_the_boyne

"Orange Order against Pope's trip" The Orange Order is a Protestant organization which regards itself as defending civil and religious liberties of Protestants and seeks to uphold the rule and ascendancy of a Protestant monarch in the United Kingdom. .."We take this opportunity to call on all the people of our land to examine the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, especially on the matter of eternal salvation," the Order said in a statement. "To see that the teaching of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church is at total variance with the Biblical message that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.... But it continued, "anyone welcoming Pope Benedict is in danger of appearing to acknowledge his primacy and universal supremacy as Vicar of Christ on earth". http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8586255.stm

Rev Ian Brown, pastor of the Martyr's Memorial Church founded by the late Dr Ian Paisley, told the News Letter that the current Pope was "no closer to proclaiming the one true biblical Gospel – that salvation is by faith alone through Christ alone" – than the Catholic church of Martin Luther's day and "the only proper response to his high publicity visit is a solid protest". Another Free Presbyterian minister, Rev David McIlveen, said he believed he had a duty to hold a "peaceful protest" as he believed the Pope's office as "Vicar of Christ on earth" usurps the place of Christ.

"Orange Order "appalled and dismayed" as Pope becomes latest U-KOK campaigner" Grand Master Tim Haytor told this channel, "We were appalled and dismayed to discover that the Pope is a member of the Order. We can't understand how this could have happened. Granted, he seems to have joined before he became a priest, and a bouncer would seem a perfect profession for a prospective member, but did nobody think to check what foot he kicked with? Pope Francis was much more laid back about his revelation. "I see no dichotomy between being the Pope and being an Orangeman. After all, it was one of my predecessors who sponsored King Billy and got the whole thing started. We just need to get rid of this sectarian thing and it'll be fine." <http://bbc.scotlandshire.co.uk/index.php/city-news/760-orange-order-qappalled-and-dismayedq-as-pope-becomes-latest-u-kok-campaigner.html>

15. How did the Protestant Reformation get to Scandinavia? _____

In the mountains of Piedmont, on the plains of France and the shores of Holland, the progress of the gospel was marked with the blood of its disciples. But in the countries of the North it found a peaceful entrance. Students at Wittenberg, returning to their homes, carried the reformed faith to Scandinavia. The publication of Luther's writings also spread the light. The simple, hardy people of the North turned from the corruption, the pomp, and the superstitions of Rome, to welcome the purity, the simplicity, and the life-giving truths of the Bible. {GC 240.4}

16. What alias was given to Tausen of Denmark? What did the friars tell him regarding school? _____

Tausen, "the Reformer of Denmark," was a peasant's son...It was determined to give him an education at some one of the universities of Germany or the Netherlands. The young student was granted permission to choose a school for himself, with one proviso, that he must not go to Wittenberg. The scholar of the church was not to be endangered by the poison of heresy. So said the friars. {GC 241.1} About the same time he obtained Luther's writings. He read them with wonder and delight, and greatly desired to enjoy the personal instruction of the Reformer. But to do so he must risk giving offense to his monastic superior and forfeiting his support. His decision was soon made, and ere long he was enrolled as a student at Wittenberg. {GC 241.2}

17. What did Tausen do while in jail for the truth? What happened in Denmark as a result of the ministry of Tausen? _____

To the terror of his new guardians several of the monks soon declared themselves converts to Protestantism. Through the bars of his cell Tausen had communicated to his companions a knowledge of the truth. Had those Danish fathers been skilled in the church's plan of dealing with heresy, Tausen's voice would never again have been heard; but instead of consigning him to a tomb in some underground dungeon, they expelled him from the monastery. Now they were powerless. A royal edict, just issued, offered protection to the teachers of the new doctrine. Tausen began to preach. The churches were opened to him, and the people thronged to listen. Others also were preaching the word of God. The New Testament, translated into the Danish tongue, was widely circulated. The efforts made by the papists to overthrow the work resulted in extending it, and ere long Denmark declared its acceptance of the reformed faith. {GC 242.1}

18. Note: Read Acts 16:19-40. Pope Francis and his allies are working aggressively to get Denmark to sign the declaration that the Protestant Reformation is over.

19. Who did the Lord raise up in Sweden to carry forward the Protestant Reformation? _____

In Sweden, also, young men who had drunk from the well of Wittenberg carried the water of life to their countrymen. Two of the leaders in the Swedish Reformation, Olaf and Laurentius Petri, the sons of a blacksmith of Orebro, studied under Luther and Melancthon, and the truths which they thus learned they were diligent to teach. Like the great Reformer, Olaf aroused the people by his zeal and eloquence, while Laurentius, like Melancthon, was learned, thoughtful, and calm. Both were men of ardent piety, of high theological attainments, and of unflinching courage in advancing the truth. Papist opposition was not lacking... These Reformers were, however, favored and protected by the king. {GC 242.2}

20. When Olaf Petri was called by the king to defend the faith against the Romish Champion, what did he preach? What was the result?

The king determined upon a reformation in the state and the church, and he welcomed these able assistants in the battle against Rome. {GC 243.1}

In the presence of the monarch and the leading men of Sweden, Olaf Petri with great ability defended the doctrines of the reformed faith against the Romish champions... He showed that the decrees of the church are of no authority when in opposition to the commands of God, and maintained the great Protestant principle that "the Bible and the Bible only" is the rule of faith and practice. {GC 243.2} As the result of this disputation the king of Sweden accepted the Protestant faith, and not long afterward the national assembly declared in its favor. {GC 244.1}

21. Note: Read Matthew 10:16-20; Luke 21:12-19.

Steadily and surely the darkness of ignorance and superstition was dispelled by the blessed light of the gospel. Freed from Romish oppression, the nation attained to a strength and greatness it had never before reached. Sweden became one of the bulwarks of Protestantism. A century later, at a time of sorest peril, this small and hitherto feeble nation--the only one in Europe that dared lend a helping hand--came to the deliverance of Germany in the terrible struggle of the Thirty Years' War. All Northern Europe seemed about to be brought again under the tyranny of Rome. It was the armies of Sweden that enabled Germany to turn the tide of popish success, to win toleration for the Protestants,--Calvinists as well as Lutherans,--and to restore liberty of conscience to those countries that had accepted the Reformation. {GC 244.2}

22. Note: Pope Francis began the movement of the Death of Protestantism, The Protest Is Over, in the country of Sweden. Pope Francis is reclaiming these countries to Popery.

"Pope Francis Arrives in Sweden to Commemorate Lutheran Reformation" Pope Francis highlighted **two major priorities of his papacy** at the start of a two-day visit to Sweden: **efforts to heal the 500-year-old rift between Catholics and Protestants** and concern for the plight of migrants. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/pope-arrives-in-sweden-to-commemorate-lutheran-reformation-1477914190>

Somewhere in Pope Francis's office is a document that could alter the course of Christian history. It declares an end to hostilities between Catholics and Evangelicals and says the two traditions are now "united in mission because we are declaring the same Gospel". [The Holy Father is thinking of signing the text in 2017](http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/issues/july-24th-2015/the-popes-great-evangelical-gamble/), the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, alongside Evangelical leaders... [Francis is convinced that the Reformation is already over](http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/issues/july-24th-2015/the-popes-great-evangelical-gamble/). <http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/issues/july-24th-2015/the-popes-great-evangelical-gamble/>

23. Note: The Protestant Reformers in the Netherlands and Scandinavia defended God's truth in the presence of monarchs. As a result, the nations sided with the Reformation. These accounts will be repeated in these last days. Revelation 10:11.

It does not seem possible to us now that any should have to stand alone, but if God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when we shall be brought before councils and before thousands for His name's sake, and each one will have to give the reason of his faith. Then will come the severest criticism upon every position that has been taken for the truth. We need, then, to study the Word of God, that we may know why we believe the doctrines we advocate.--RH Dec. 18, 1888. {LDE 209.1}

The servants of Christ were to prepare no set speech to present when brought to trial. Their preparation was to be made day by day in treasuring up the precious truths of God's word, and through prayer strengthening their faith. When they were brought into trial, the Holy Spirit would bring to their remembrance the very truths that would be needed. {DA 355.1}