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**The Great Controversy, pt. 35: Liberty of Conscience Threatened.
America's Greatest Foe. Francis' Hand of Inquisition Tours America.
The Jesuit Hunter. Pray 4 Rain**

- 1a. What is the title of chapter 35 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
2. Based on Scripture, who will threaten and restrict our liberties in the context of worship? Daniel 7:7,8,25,20-22 _____
3. Who will the Papacy primarily work through in these last days to threaten and restrict our liberties in the context of worship?
Daniel 8:24,25; Revelation 13:11,12,15-17 _____
Jerusalem: Pope Calls for 'True and Real' Peace <https://zenit.org/articles/jerusalem-pope-calls-for-true-and-real-peace/>
4. Note: The following news articles confirm that the Papacy is already threatening our liberty of conscience and that her past sentiments are still held.
"The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberty of conscience. Nothing is dearer or more fundamental. **Pope Pius IX, in his Encyclical Letter of August 15, 1854, said: 'The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error--a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state.'** The same pope, in his Encyclical Letter of December 8, 1864, anathematized **'those who assert the liberty of conscience and of religious worship,' also 'all such as maintain that the church may not employ force.'** {GC 564.5}
"The pacific tone of Rome in the United States does not imply a change of heart. She is tolerant where she is helpless. Says Bishop O'Connor: **'Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world.'** . . . {GC 565.1}
Pope Francis: religion should not be confined to 'personal conscience' http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/04/18/pope_religion_should_not_be_confined_to_personal_conscience/1137800
"Pope Francis: freedom of expression has limits...Pontiff defends freedom of speech en route to the Philippines but says 'you cannot insult the faith of others'" <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/15/pope-francis-limits-to-freedom-of-expression>
5. Note: Abraham Lincoln understood the foregoing point in measure. Abraham Lincoln: "If the American people could learn what I know of the fierce hatred of the priests of Rome against our institutions, our schools, our most sacred rights, and our so dearly bought liberties, they would drive them away tomorrow from among us, or they would shoot them as traitors." "I know that Jesuits never forget nor forsake. But man must not care how and where he dies, provided he dies at the post of honor and duty." *Fifty Years In The Church Of Rome*, pages 697, 664.
6. To confirm that the Papacy has not changed and will never change, compare **Revelation 13:1 and Jeremiah 13:23**. Read the following.
Have these persons forgotten the claim of infallibility put forth for eight hundred years by this haughty power? So far from being relinquished, this claim was affirmed in the nineteenth century with greater positiveness than ever before. **As Rome asserts that the "church never erred; nor will it, according to the Scriptures, ever err"** (John L. von Mosheim, *Institutes of Ecclesiastical History*, book 3, century II, part 2, chapter 2, section 9, note 17), how can she renounce the principles which governed her course in past ages? {aGC 564.1}
- 7a. **The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is unchanged.** Every principle of the papacy that existed in past ages exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none deceive themselves. The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High. {GC 571.1}
- 7b. **Pope John Paul II led church leaders and followers in sweeping confession, seeking repentance for sins that may have been committed over the past 2,000 years in the name of the church...** They fell into seven general categories of wrongs which include, without being too specific, everything from the **Crusades to the Inquisition, the forced conversions**, to sins against women and anti- Jewish acts. **It was a first for the church.** <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0003/12/sm.06.html>
- 7c. **The Biggest Apology for Christian Persecution of Other Christians Ever...** "Pope Francis offered them to both the Waldensians and the Pentecostals for past Catholic persecution of Protestants...The heads of the delegation of the Catholic Church proposed that any call to stop persecution of Christian should mention first that also Christians in history have persecuted other religions and other churches... 'We are glad that repentance for persecuting each other is part of our message,' he said. 'We see the importance of healing memories wherever this has happened.'" <http://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2015/december/biggest-apology-christian-persecution-global-forum-albania.html>
- 7d. **Rwanda: Catholic bishops apologize for role in genocide...** <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/11/20/rwanda-catholic-bishops-apologize-for-role-in-genocide.html>
- 7e. **On Visit To Chile, Pope Asks For Forgiveness Over Sex-Abuse Scandal...** <https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/01/16/578240747/on-visit-to-chile-pope-faces-anger-over-sex-abuse-scandal>

8. Inquisition was a mistake but legally justified, claims Vatican official...The Vatican is preparing for fresh controversy over the Inquisition after allowing an official to appear in a television documentary to offer a defense of the "Holy Terror". Fr Joseph Di Noia's gloss on history is significant because the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is the successor body to the Inquisition and, until last year, it was headed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI. The four-part documentary on the UKTV History channel draws on research gleaned from Vatican files only opened to scrutiny in 1998. It highlights periods of the persecution that began in the 13th century and ended only in the late 1800s. The Inquisition was established by Pope Gregory in 1233 as a special court to help curb the influence of beliefs deemed to deviate from official Church doctrine.

Interviewed in the documentary, *The Secret Files of the Inquisition*, Fr Di Noia says: "It was a mistake to torture people. "However, torture was regarded as a perfectly justified, legitimate way of producing evidence and it was therefore legally justified." <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1509185/Inquisition-was-a-mistake-but-legally-justified-claims-Vatican-official.html>

9. Who is Luis Ladaria, the new prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith...Four years later, as pope, Benedict XVI made Luis Ladaria number two of what had been for years "his" Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Now Pope Francis has given this same department to Luis Ladaria. It is a congregation that Ladaria knows very well and one where he is very well-esteemed. In this interview from July 2008, he spoke about the work the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is doing, and recalled that its first mission is to "promote" and second is to "safeguard" Catholic doctrine. LUIS LADARIA Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith JULY 2008 "'Promoting' means to make the faith well-known, to help live the faith; and 'safeguarding' means avoiding deviations....From Spain, he is 73 years old and in 1966 he entered the Society of Jesus. He studied Law and Theology. <https://www.romereports.com/en/2017/07/04/who-is-luis-ladaria-the-new-prefect-for-the-congregation-for-the-doctrine-of-the-faith/>

10. Let's be honest: Catholic teaching doesn't always forbid the death penalty...As Pope Pius XII said: "It is reserved then to the public power to deprive the condemned man of the benefit of life, in expiation of his fault, when already, by his crime, he has dispossessed himself of the right to life." Third, the death penalty can sometimes support the common good. St Thomas Aquinas makes this point: "Therefore if a man be dangerous and infectious to the community, on account of some sin, it is praiseworthy and advantageous that he be killed in order to safeguard the common good." <http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2017/05/16/lets-be-honest-catholic-teaching-doesnt-always-forbid-the-death-penalty/>

11. Yet what do the defenders of the Papacy declare? _____

The defenders of the papacy declare that the church has been maligned, and the Protestant world are inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the church of today by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness. They excuse her horrible cruelty as the result of the barbarism of the times and plead that the influence of modern civilization has changed her sentiments. {GC 563.2}

12. Read Revelation 17:5,6. What does the Papacy say about her past persecutions? _____

The papal church will never relinquish her claim to infallibility. All that she has done in her persecution of those who reject her dogmas she holds to be right; and would she not repeat the same acts, should the opportunity be presented? Let the restraints now imposed by secular governments be removed and Rome be reinstated in her former power, and there would speedily be a revival of her tyranny and persecution. {GC 564.2}

13. What did the dignitaries of the church study and under whom did they study? _____

Dignitaries of the church studied, under Satan their master, to invent means to cause the greatest possible torture and not end the life of the victim. In many cases the infernal process was repeated to the utmost limit of human endurance, until nature gave up the struggle, and the sufferer hailed death as a sweet release. {GC 569.2}

14. What contrast is seen in the life of Jesus and the Popes of the Roman Catholic Church? _____

Christ gives no example in His life for men and women to shut themselves in monasteries in order to become fitted for heaven. He has never taught that love and sympathy must be repressed. The Saviour's heart overflowed with love. The nearer man approaches to moral perfection, the keener are his sensibilities, the more acute is his perception of sin, and the deeper his sympathy for the afflicted. The pope claims to be the vicar of Christ; but how does his character bear comparison with that of our Saviour? Was Christ ever known to consign men to the prison or the rack because they did not pay Him homage as the King of heaven? Was His voice heard condemning to death those who did not accept Him? When He was slighted by the people of a Samaritan village, the apostle John was filled with indignation, and inquired: "Lord, wilt Thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?" Jesus looked with pity upon His disciple, and rebuked his harsh spirit, saying: "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." **Luke 9:54, 56.** How different from the spirit manifested by Christ is that of His professed vicar. {GC 570.2}

15. What conclusion must be drawn regarding the Roman Catholic Church? _____

The papacy is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times. **2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.** It is a part of her policy to assume the character which will best accomplish her purpose; but beneath the variable appearance of the chameleon she conceals the invariable venom of the serpent. "Faith ought not to be kept with heretics, nor persons suspected of heresy" (Lenfant, volume 1, page 516), she declares. Shall this power, whose record for a thousand years is written in the blood of the saints, be now acknowledged as a part of the church of Christ? {GC 571.2}

16. Furthermore, what authority does the Papacy claim to have? _____

The church's claim to the right to pardon leads the Romanist to feel at liberty to sin; and the ordinance of confession, without which her pardon is not granted, tends also to give license to evil. He who kneels before fallen man, and opens in confession the secret thoughts and imaginations of his heart, is debasing his manhood and degrading every noble instinct of his soul. **In unfolding the sins of his life to a priest,—an erring, sinful mortal, and too often corrupted with wine and licentiousness,—his standard of character is lowered, and he is defiled in consequence.** His thought of God is degraded to the likeness of fallen humanity, for the priest stands as a representative of God. This degrading confession of man to man is the secret spring from which has flowed much of the evil that is defiling the world and fitting it for the final destruction. Yet to him who loves self-indulgence, it is more pleasing to confess to a fellow mortal than to open the soul to God. **It is more palatable to human nature to do penance than to renounce sin; it is easier to mortify the flesh by sackcloth and nettles and galling chains than to crucify fleshly lusts.** Heavy is the yoke which the carnal heart is willing to bear rather than bow to the yoke of Christ. {GC 567.3}

17. Read the following scriptures regarding blasphemy: Revelation 13:1; John 10:30-33; Mark 2:5-7.

18. What similarity can be found between the Jewish church during the first advent of Jesus and the Papacy? _____

There is a striking similarity between the Church of Rome and the Jewish Church at the time of Christ's first advent. While the Jews secretly trampled upon every principle of the law of God, they were outwardly rigorous in the observance of its precepts, loading it down with exactions and traditions that made obedience painful and burdensome. **As the Jews professed to revere the law, so do Romanists claim to reverence the cross. They exalt the symbol of Christ's sufferings, while in their lives they deny Him whom it represents.** {GC 568.1}

19. What entity must the people be aroused to resist and why? _____

The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. **She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side.** See the increasing number of her churches and chapels in Protestant countries. **Look at the popularity of her colleges and seminaries in America,** so widely patronized by Protestants... **These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.** {GC 565.4}

20. Protestants have tampered with and patronized popery; they have made compromises and concessions which papists themselves are surprised to see and fail to understand. **The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.** {GC 566.1}

21. What opinion is now gaining ground in the United States regarding the Papacy? What did Protestant parents teach their children? _____

Romanism is now regarded by Protestants with far greater favor than in former years. In those countries where Catholicism is not in the ascendancy, and the papists are taking a conciliatory course in order to gain influence, there is an increasing indifference concerning the doctrines that separate the reformed churches from the papal hierarchy; **the opinion is gaining ground that, after all, we do not differ so widely upon vital points as has been supposed, and that a little concession on our part will bring us into a better understanding with Rome.** The time was when Protestants placed a high value upon the liberty of conscience which had been so dearly purchased. **They taught their children to abhor popery and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed!** {GC 563.1}

22. However, the daughters of the Papacy (apostate Protestants) are returning to honor their mother (the Papacy.) See Revelation 17:1-6.

23. Note: This chapter is also titled '**The Aims of the Papacy**' in *The Great Controversy*, 1888 version. Let us consider this chapter from the perspective of the Papacy's objectives to deceive and persecute the saints of God.

24. What are the aims of the Papacy when she flaunts her music, processions, ceremonies, and arts? _____

Magnificent churches, imposing processions, golden altars, jeweled shrines, choice paintings, and exquisite sculpture appeal to the love of beauty. The ear also is captivated. The music is unsurpassed. The rich notes of the deep-toned organ, blending with the melody of many voices as it swells through the lofty domes and pillared aisles of her grand cathedrals, cannot fail to impress the mind with awe and reverence. {GC 566.2} The religion of Christ needs not such attractions to recommend it... **The pomp and ceremony of the Catholic worship has a seductive, bewitching power, by which many are deceived; and they come to look upon the Roman Church as the very gate of heaven...** Thousands who have not an experimental knowledge of Christ will be led to accept the forms of godliness without the power. Such a religion is just what the multitudes desire. {GC 567.2}

25. What are the aims of the Papacy when she directs the minds of the people to images, relics, and the invocation of the saints? _____

The worship of images and relics, the invocation of saints, and the exaltation of the pope are devices of Satan **to attract the minds of the people from God and from His Son.** To accomplish their ruin, he endeavors to turn their attention from Him through whom alone they can find salvation. He will direct them to any object that can be substituted for the One who has said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. {GC 568.3}

26. Why the arrival of the arm of St. Francis Xavier in Toronto strikes chord with young Catholics... <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/st-francis-xavier-arm-toronto-1.4483829>.

27. The holy and uncorrupted arm of St. Francis Xavier is crossing Canada for a two-week tour.... "St. Francis is the patron saint of our organization. We just really love him," said Angèle Regnier, the co-founder of CCO. "We want to keep the Catholic faith alive for university students. So many young people go to university and in that freedom and all that university life has to give, they walk away from the Catholic faith." **St. Francis would eventually take a vow of poverty and join the nascent counter-reformation movement in the Catholic church;** he travelled all over Asia and baptized thousands of new Catholics as part of his missionary work. **(He was also instrumental in setting up the Goa Inquisition,** which persecuted Hindus and Muslims in Portuguese India.) <http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/the-holy-and-uncorrupted-arm-of-st-francis-xavier-is-crossing-canada-for-a-two-week-tour>

28. What does the Papacy use as a tool to blind the eyes of Protestants towards her true character and her real aims? _____

As the Protestant churches have been seeking the favor of the world, false charity has blinded their eyes. They do not see but that it is right to believe good of all evil, and as the inevitable result they will finally believe evil of all good. Instead of standing in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints, **they are now, as it were, apologizing to Rome for their uncharitable opinion of her, begging pardon for their bigotry.** {GC 571.4}

29. See the video sermon for the current events. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEUKsmrBYns>

30. Note: One of the aims of the Papacy is to lead the United States to enforce a Sunday Law with persecution for dissenters. See Revelation 13:13-17. As we study how Sunday was made prominent in the world during past centuries, we may better understand how it will be enforced in these last days. Read the following.

As the papacy became firmly established, the work of Sunday exaltation was continued. For a time the people engaged in agricultural labor when not attending church, and the seventh day was still regarded as the Sabbath. But steadily a change was effected. Those in holy office were forbidden to pass judgment in any civil controversy on the Sunday. Soon after, all persons, of whatever rank, were commanded to refrain from common labor on pain of a fine for freemen and stripes in the case of servants. Later it was decreed that rich men should be punished with the loss of half of their estates; and finally, that if still obstinate they should be made slaves. The lower classes were to suffer perpetual banishment. {GC 574.3}

Miracles also were called into requisition. Among other wonders it was reported that as a husbandman who was about to plow his field on Sunday cleaned his plow with an iron, the iron stuck fast in his hand, and for two years he carried it about with him, "to his exceeding great pain and shame."--Francis West, Historical and Practical Discourse on the Lord's Day, page 174. {GC 575.1}

Later the pope gave directions that the parish priest should admonish the violators of Sunday and wish them to go to church and say their prayers, lest they bring some great calamity on themselves and neighbors. An ecclesiastical council brought forward the argument, since so widely employed, even by Protestants, that because persons had been struck by lightning while laboring on Sunday, it must be the Sabbath. "It is apparent," said the prelates, "how high the displeasure of God was upon their neglect of this day." An appeal was then made that priests and ministers, kings and princes, and all faithful people "use their utmost endeavors and care that the day be restored to its honor, and, for the credit of Christianity, more devoutly observed for the time to come."--Thomas Morer, Discourse in Six Dialogues on the Name, Notion, and Observation of the Lord's Day, page 271. {GC 575.2}

31a. What assertion will be repeated that will lead to the enforcement of the Sunday Law crisis? _____

Since the middle of the nineteenth century, students of prophecy in the United States have presented this testimony to the world. In the events now taking place is seen a rapid advance toward the fulfillment of the prediction. With Protestant teachers there is the same claim of divine authority for Sundaykeeping, and the same lack of Scriptural evidence, as with the papal leaders who fabricated miracles to supply the place of a command from God. **The assertion that God's judgments are visited upon men for their violation of the Sunday-sabbath, will be repeated; already it is beginning to be urged. And a movement to enforce Sunday observance is fast gaining ground.** {GC 579.1}

31b. See the video sermon for the current events. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEUKsmrBYns>

32. What are the aims of the Papacy when she insinuates herself in the affairs of nations and places her churchmen in prominent positions in the nations? _____

History testifies of her artful and persistent efforts to insinuate herself into the affairs of nations; and having gained a foothold, to further her own aims, even at the ruin of princes and people... {GC 580.3} "Every cardinal, archbishop, and bishop in the Catholic Church takes an oath of allegiance to the pope, in which occur the following words: 'Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said lord (the pope), or his aforesaid successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose.'"--Josiah Strong, Our Country, ch. 5, pars. 2-4. [SEE APPENDIX FOR CORRECTED REFERENCES.] {GC 565.2}

33. God's word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. **Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men.** She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution. {GC 581.2}

36. What will make the triumph of the Papacy sure in this country? _____

Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. Let the principle once be established in the United States that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, **and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured**. {GC 581.1}

37. How does Jesus view the common people in the Catholic Church? What does the Lord desire that they receive to break the chain of darkness? _____

It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed access to His word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between a living heart service and a round of mere forms and ceremonies. **God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is delusive and unsatisfying. He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them.** He will reveal to them the truth as it is in Jesus, and many will yet take their position with His people. {GC 565.3}

38. Read John 10:16; Revelation 18:2-4.

39. What is the secret of the Papacy's deception? _____

A prayerful study of the Bible would show Protestants the real character of the papacy and would cause them to abhor and to shun it; but many are so wise in their own conceit that they feel no need of humbly seeking God that they may be led into the truth. Although priding themselves on their enlightenment, they are ignorant both of the Scriptures and of the power of God. They must have some means of quieting their consciences, and they seek that which is least spiritual and humiliating. What they desire is a method of forgetting God which shall pass as a method of remembering Him. **The papacy is well adapted to meet the wants of all these. It is prepared for two classes of mankind, embracing nearly the whole world--those who would be saved by their merits, and those who would be saved in their sins. Here is the secret of its power.** {GC 572.2}

40. Read the following: Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 2:11-14.

The Saviour's life on earth was a life of communion with nature and with God. In this communion **He revealed for us the secret of a life of power.** {MH 51.1}