The Alta Vendita and the Anti-Pope

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Nothing in this article is written for dramatic effect. The events described are collaborated from independent sources and are ultimately consistent with Bible prophecy. It is simply that truth is stranger than fiction.

The Vatican is not just interested in religion. The papacy has plans for a New World Order structured on a universal papal dictatorship and total control over the “economic relationships” of all national governments. Anybody who studies prophecy will know that variations of this scenario have been around for centuries.

Numerous popes have called for a New World Order based on economics. In his 1967 encyclical *Populorum Progressio* Pope Paul VI spoke of the need for “the establishment of a world authority capable of taking effective action on the juridical and political planes” and of “the construction of a new world order.” In 1987 Pope John Paul II (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*) endorsed Paul VI’s “social doctrine.” In his *Urbi et Orbi* speech of December 2005 Pope Benedict XV, the current (somewhat liberal) pope, directed Catholics to look to “the Christ Child … for building a new world order based on just ethical and economic relationships.”

The model of a papacy functioning as “a world authority capable of taking effective action on the juridical and political planes” and with the capacity “for building a new world order based on just ethical and economic relationships” has a distinct thematic connection to biblical prophecy found in Revelation 13.

What is interesting here is that whereas Protestants have minimal interest in the internal politics of the Vatican many Catholics are currently applying the Antichrist prophecy of Revelation 13 to their own church. There is no need for Protestants to give the papacy bad press; people like Peter De Rosa in *Vicars of Christ*, the Dark Side of the Papacy and books like *The Thunder of Justice* are beating Protestants at their own game.

The Anti-Pope

Seventh century Catholic mystic “Merlin the Bard” predicted; “There will come a German Anti-Pope.”¹ Many believe the “German Anti-Pope” has arrived. ¹(Cited, Gerald Culleton, *The Prophets and Our Times*, p.132)

According to traditionalist Roman Catholic Peirs Compton what has happened to the Catholic Church is “the working out of an age-long and deliberate scheme to destroy the Church from within.” He claims far from being a baseless conspiracy theory, “there is more proof of every kind for the existence of such a conspiracy [within Catholicism] than there is for some of the commonly accepted facts of history.”(The Broken Cross p.4)

Official Roman Catholic sources claim that an apparition of the Virgin Mary appeared to two children in La Salette, France in 1846 and declared at some time in the distant future; “Rome will lose the Faith and become the seat of the Antichrist.”¹ The apparition “Mary” also predicted “the death of the Catholic Church before its resurrection in a new form ….”² Thousands of Roman Catholics are convinced reference to “the death of the Catholic Church” is the conscious intention and policy of Benedict XVI. ¹(Thunder of Justice p.232, ²ibid)

If Benedict XVI is not the antipope many Catholics imagine him to be there can be no denying that he often sounds like one. As the chief spokesman for a radically transformed papacy Benedict XVI says god is whoever you imagine him to be. Also, he is a pope who believes that faith in Jesus is no longer a necessity.
“The question that really oppresses us is why it is necessary … to practice the Christian Faith … when there are so many other ways that lead to heaven and salvation.”\(^1\) “[W]e are in agreement that a Jew, and this is true for believers of other religions, [Islam] does not need to know or acknowledge Christ as the Son of God in order to be saved…”\(^2\) (\(^1\)Benedict XVI, Co-Workers of the Truth, 1990, p. 217, \(^2\)Zenit News, Sept. 5, 2000)

Benedict XVI believes Islam and Judaism are paths to God even though Islam and Judaism reject the deity of Christ. “They do blaspheme who say: ‘Allah is Christ the son of Mary.’ … Christ (Maseeh) the son of Mary was no more than an Apostle; many were the Apostles that passed away before him.”\(^1\) “They disbelieved who say: Allah is one of three (a Trinity) there is no god except One God.”\(^2\) (\(^1\)Qur'an 5:72-77, \(^2\)Sura 5:73)

“According to the Talmud, Jesus was executed by a proper rabbinal court for idolatry, inciting other Jews to idolatry, and contempt of rabbinical authority. All classical Jewish sources which mention his execution are quite happy to take responsibility for it.” (Israel Shahak, Jewish History, Jewish Religion, p.9)

As for Allah being the same God as Yahweh the facts of history refuse to accommodate the idea. On the Arabian Peninsula the Moon-god Sin morphed into the Arabic Ilah or Al-Ilah (Allah). In ancient Syria and Canna the Moon-god Sin/Ilah, Al-Ilah or Allah’s recognized religious symbol was the crescent moon.

“The crescent is one of the oldest symbols known to humanity. Together with the sun, it appeared on Akkadian seals as early as 2300 BC and from the second millennium BC it was the symbol of the Mesopotamian Moon gods Nanna in Sumer and Sin in Babylonia … the ‘Lamp of Heaven and Earth.’”

In the Old Testament the crescent moon is registered as a religious symbol representing the moon god Sin.

“So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments which were on their camels’ necks.”\(^1\) “The weight of the gold earrings … was the 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments … which were on the kings of Midian, and … their camels’ necks.”\(^2\) “In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, headbands, [and] crescent ornaments …” (\(^1\)Judges 8:21, \(^2\)8:26, \(^3\)Isaiah 3:18)

Returning to Benedict’s liberal view on everything, according to him the origin of the Ten Commandments is historically unknown. Benedict says; “Were these laws really handed over to Moses by God …? How far we should take this story literally is another question.” (Benedict XVI, God and the World, pp. 165,168)

In 1995 Benedict referred to the creation account in Genesis as; “The pagan creation accounts on which the biblical story is in part based …”\(^1\) In 2003 he wrote; “The Christian picture of the world is that the world in its details is the product of a long process of evolution but that at the most profound level it comes from the Logos.”\(^2\) (\(^1\)Benedict XVI, A New Song for the Lord, Crossroad Publishing, p.86, \(^2\)God and the World, p.139)

Benedict XVI thinks his constituency is too small, and because he believes “Islam … has inherited from Israel and the Christians the same God,”\(^1\) and him being the earthly representative of deity, he aspires to be número uno of Islam, Judaism and Christianity combined. (\(^1\)Benedict XVI, Pilgrim Fellowship of Faith, p.273)

When set within their historical context Benedict XVI ecumenical ponderings point to the emergence of a new “Catholic” religion occupying Catholic real estate but decidedly not “Roman Catholic” nor Christian. Benedict’s thoughts happily coincide with the United Religions Initiative president William Swing; “the URI promotes religious relativism, the notion that all religions are equally true and are equally paths to God.”

The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace Initiative and the International Interfaith Centre are avenues through which Benedict hopes to place all religions under his papal jurisdiction. Victor Gollancz echoed Benedict’s aspirations for a one world religion when he wrote, “The ultimate aim should be that Judaism, Christianity and all other religions should vanish and give place to one great ethical world religion.” (Cited Malachi Martin, The Keys of This Blood, p.299)
In 1910 Pope Pius X saw that an internal apostasy was hijacking the Catholic Church and dismantling its historic identity to where eventually conservative Catholics would be forced to denounce their own church.

“Alas! this organization [Roman Catholic Church] which formerly afforded such promising expectations … is now no more than a miserable affluent of the great movement of apostasy being organized in every country for the establishment of a one-world church which shall have neither dogmas, nor hierarchy, neither discipline for the mind, nor curb for the passions, and which, under the pretext of freedom and human dignity, would bring back to the world … the reign of legalized cunning and force, and the oppression of the weak, and of all those who toil and suffer.” (Notre Charge Apostolique, Pope Pius X, 1910)

In 1818 the Alta Vendita, a Masonic clone, had issued a document, “Permanent Instructions” which stated:

“It becomes the duty of the secret societies to make the first advance to the Church, and to the pope, with the object of conquering both. … What we must ask for … is a pope according to our wants. We require a pope for ourselves …. With such a one we shall march more securely to the storming of the Church.”

In 1859 Jacques Crétineau-Joly exposed the secret plan of the Alta Vendita to have its own pope in the Vatican. His L’Église romaine en face de la Révolution made the civil war within the papacy public knowledge. In1891 Pope Leo XIII also warned that the Catholic Church was fighting for its very existence.

“It grieves us to think that the enemies of the Church, joined in most wicked conspiracy, scheme to weaken and even, if possible, utterly wipe out [the Catholic Church] which God Himself has erected as a refuge for the human race.” (March 3 1891, Pope Leo XIII, cited The Papal Encyclicals, Vol. 2 (1878-1903), p.237)

Pope Leo’s XIII 1891 warning of an attempted Masonic takeover of the Roman Catholic Church from within by an apostate hierarchy has resurfaced in Hector Carreon’s Fin de los Tiempos who tells us; “Fr. John F. O'Connor … has spoken out against the Luciferian Judeo-Masonic conspiracy to destroy the Roman Catholic Church from within. … and how [Lucifer’s] disciples through membership in Masonry, Freemasonry and the Illuminati devised a plan called ‘Alta Vendetta’ that is designed to take control of the Papacy.”

“The Power Elite have never given up on their dream of a One World Government. Former Jesuit Malachi Martin… offers a lurid behind the scenes look at a cabal of Vatican insiders who want to use the Roman Catholic Church as a foundation for a politico-religious New World Order. … Church officials scheme with a group of like-minded corporate executives to manipulate the Church into a ready-made infrastructure for a One World Religion.” (http://www.freemasonrywatch.org/malachimartin_luciferianprocess.html)

According to The Thunder of Justice (p.98) in 1998 an apparition of Mary appeared to Father Gobbi warning that; “Freemasonry, assisted by its ecclesiastical form, will succeed in its grand design; that are sitting up an idol to put in the place of Christ and His church.” Conservative Catholics identify this warning with a prophecy given by “Mary” in 1846 that “Rome will lose faith and become the seeds of the Antichrist, and the Church will be eclipsed.” Other Catholic prophets warned the apostate Pope will be “a German Anti-Pope.”

In the Alta Vendita thesis the destruction of the Roman Catholic Church will be brought about by its defenders. The chosen method of the Alta Vendita is to place in the Vatican “a pope according to our wants.”

“When the time comes finally to destroy the papal court … we shall come forward in the guise of its defenders. … By this diversion we shall penetrate to its bowels and be sure we shall never come out again until we have gnawed through the entire strength of this place.” (Protocols of the Elders of Zion-17)
The Bent Cross

In reference to apostasy within Vatican circles Pope Paul VI issued a warning to the faithful in 1963; “il fumo di Satana nel tempio di Dio” - “the smoke of Satan has entered the temple of God.” The reality is, however, Paul VI was an agente segreto massonico and his announcement was meant to divert attention from himself.

The evidence shows with the ascension of Pope Paul VI to the papal office, after over two hundred years of unremitting warfare, the Masons had a man in the Vatican who was “a pope according to [their] wants.”

From 1963 to 2005 three Masonic popes’, Paul VI, John Paul I and II, offended orthodox Catholics by their use of a recognized occult icon considered to be a satanic repudiation of Christ know as “the bent cross.”

According to Piers Compton, the bent cross was “used by Satanists in the sixth century that had been revived at the time of Vatican Two. This was a bent or broken cross, on which was displayed a repulsive and distorted figure of Christ, which the black magicians and sorcerers of the Middle Ages had made use of to represent the Biblical term ‘Mark of the Beast’.” (The Broken Cross: Hidden Hand in the Vatican p.72)

In 1963 Pope Paul VI was the first pope to go public with the Bent Cross. In Reflections on the Time of the End Robert Mock says, “The occult authority took notice: … the Illuminate had taken over the Vatican.”

“How I warned and warned that Satan would enter into the highest realms of the hierarchy in Rome. The Third Secret, My child, is that Satan would enter into My Son's Church.”¹ “I repeat again, Satan and his agents, the band of 666, has entered into the highest places of the hierarchy; and he has captured some of Our formerly noble hierarchy to do his bidding.”² (¹Our Lady of the Roses, ²May 13, 1978, op cit June 1, 1978)

In The Keys of This Blood Malachi Martin, ex Jesuit and confidant of Pope John Paul II, wrote:

“Most frighteningly for [Pope] John Paul [II], he had come up against the irremovable presence of a malign strength in his own Vatican and in certain bishops’ chanceries. It was what knowledgeable Churchmen called the ‘superforce.’ Rumors, always difficult to verify, tied its installation to the beginning of Pope Paul VI’s reign in 1963. Indeed Paul had alluded somberly to ‘the smoke of Satan which has entered the Sanctuary’ . . . an oblique reference to an enthronement ceremony by Satanists in the Vatican. Besides, the incidence of satanic paedophilia - rites and practices - was already documented among certain bishops and priests as widely dispersed as Turin, in Italy, and South Carolina, in the United States. The cultic acts of satanic pedophilia are considered by professionals to be the culmination of the Fallen Archangel’s rites.” (p. 632)

When Malachi Martin was interviewed by the Catholic publication, The Fatima Crusader, he declared;

“Anybody who is acquainted with the state of affairs in the Vatican in the last 35 years is well aware that the prince of darkness has and still has his surrogates in the court of St. Peter in Rome.” Another source says, “Malachi Martin documents that a Black Mass was held in St Paul's Cathedral in 1963. During this heinous affair, several cardinals ‘installed Lucifer to his appropriate place’ in the Vatican, as ‘head of the church.’”

In Windswept House Malachi Martin exposed the inner workings of the Vatican under a Masonic papacy.

“Suddenly it became unarguable that now during this papacy, (John Paul II) the Roman Catholic organization carried a permanent presence of clerics who worshipped Satan and liked it; ... Sacrilegious actions and rites were not only performed on Christ’s Altars, but had the connivance or at least the tacit permission of certain Cardinals, archbishops, and bishops. … many occupied astoundingly high positions or rank....” (pp. 492-3)
Just what the Roman Catholic Church will represent in “its resurrection in a new form in the glorious era of peace” is covered by Revelation 13:4 “they worshiped the serpent because he gave his authority to the beast.”

In 1980 Cardinal Terrance Cooke in an address to 3,000 Masons in New York stated; “I know of your firm belief in the Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe, and of the holy writings appropriate to the religion of your members, and I salute you for your loyalty to these ancient values.” When he made this speech the Cardinal clearly understood that the Masonic “Great Architect of the Universe” is Lucifer.

On the ecumenical principle all religions worship the same God all religions will end up worshiping Lucifer.

From the beginning in different ways Christianity has been changing its content and in incremental stages imperceptibly morphing into its opposite. For the most part Christianity now worships “another Jesus.”¹ This is true without any exceptions in every form in which corporate Christianity exists. (2Corinthians11:4)

The idea there are dark forces behind the scenes attempting to take control of politics and religion and combine them into one perverted system of universal dictatorship is considered by the majority to be the product of the lunatic fringe. That also is part of the plan; instead of attempting to hide their conspiracy the “dark forces” employ it as a paradigm for public entertainment in movies, books and newspaper articles.

When Bible prophecy is converted into multiple Hollywood movies it somehow ceases to be credible Bible prophecy. It gets trickier; many who appear to be opposing the conspiracy are really part of the conspiracy.

In 1856 even the English Parliament was warned that a secret diabolical force was working behind the scenes in an attempt to radically transform the ethos and function of all ecclesiastical and political institutions.

“There is in Italy a power which we seldom mention in this House ... I mean the secret societies. ... It is useless to deny, because it is impossible to conceal, that a great part of Europe - the whole of Italy and France and a great portion of Germany, to say nothing of other countries - is covered with a network of these secret societies ... And what are their objects? ... They do not want constitutional government; they do not want ameliorated institutions ... they want to change the tenure of land, to drive out the present owners of the soil and to put an end to ecclesiastical establishments.” (Disraeli, House of Commons, July 14, 1856)

Soon almost everybody, even if they are faking it for survival sake, will “worship the serpent because he gave his authority to the beast.”¹ In a time not far from now everybody will learn the truth about themselves. Everybody who practices religion will find out what they believe or if they believe anything. ¹(Rev. 13:4)

“I saw that the last-day signs should be brought out clearly, for the manifestations of Satan are on the increase.” (Ellen White, CWE p.15)