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(POPE) FRANCIS FLAMES FUNDAMENTALISTS!

TEXT: Daniel 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause **craft** to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and **by peace shall destroy many**: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

"It seems to me that my brother Cardinals have chosen one who is from far away...Here I am..."

(Pope Francis)

"...his tenure has been characterized by humility and outspoken support of the world's poor..."

(Biography.com; Pope Francis)

"Can a free government possibly exist with the Roman Catholic religion?"

(John Adams, 1821)

"I do not like the reappearance of **the Jesuits**...Shall we not have regular swarms of them here, in as many disguises...dressed as printers, publishers, writers and schoolmasters? If ever there was a body of men who merited damnation on earth and in Hell, it is this society of Loyola's. Nevertheless, we are compelled by our system of religious toleration to offer them an asylum."

(John Adams, May, 1816, Letter to Jefferson)

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and **the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.**

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE **MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints...

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Revelation 18:23...for **by thy sorceries** were all nations **deceived.**

1 John 4:3...this is **that spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and **even now already is it in the world.**

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of**

perdition;

7 For the mystery of iniquity **doth already work...**

Acts 8:9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city **used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:**

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time **he had bewitched them with sorceries.**

2 Peter 2:18 For when **they speak great swelling words of vanity**, they **allure through the lusts of the flesh**, through much wantonness...

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption...

"In March 1925, the Tennessee legislature made it illegal to teach evolution in the public schools. Later that year, John Scopes, a high school science teacher in Dayton, Tennessee, was charged with teaching evolution. It was easy enough to show that he had broken the law - the basic biology textbook he assigned included evolution. Scopes lost his case, but the trial is most significant for **its effect on public opinion**...William Jennings Bryan represented the traditionalists, and Clarence Darrow represented the modernists...The prosecutors won their case in court, but the ideas they represented lost considerable prestige..."

(<http://history.hanover.edu/courses/excerpts/111scopes.html>)

"The defense maintains that the book of Genesis is in part a hymn, in part an allegory and work of religious interpretations written by men who believe that the earth was flat and whose authority cannot be accepted to control the teachings of science in our schools...The **narrow purpose** of the defense is to establish the innocence of the defendant Scopes. The **broad purpose** of the defense will be to prove that the Bible is a work of religious aspiration and rules of conduct which must be kept in the field of theology."

(Transcripts from Tennessee versus John Scopes, 1925)

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not **surely** die:

"If someone is gay and he seeks for the Lord and his good will, who am I to judge?"

(Pope Francis, *New York Times*)

"[Evolution] is not inconsistent with the notion of creation."

(Pope Francis, *The Independent*)

"Speaking yesterday in the U.S. Capitol Building before a joint session of Congress - the first pope ever to do so - Francis was by turns subtle and blatant in his list of appeals to

the lawmakers, but always with the calculated messaging for which his order, the Jesuits, is known...Yet the statement made by Francis of perhaps the most potential consequence for the dynamics of U.S. politics went largely unnoticed. '[W]e must be especially attentive **to every type of fundamentalism**,' he said, 'whether religious or any other kind'..."

(<http://prospect.org/article/pope-decries-fundamentalism-insulting-church%E2%80%99s-own-allies>, Sept. 25, 2015)

*"Pope Francis warns against fundamentalism in historic speech to joint session of Congress -It is the first time any pope has - Pope Francis today made history by delivering an address to a joint session of the US Congress - praising self-sacrifice **and warning against fundamentalism...**"*

(<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/pope-francis-warns-against-fundamentalism-in-historic-speech-to-joint-session-of-congress-10515639.html>)



"[Sept. 24, 2015]: I am most grateful for your invitation to address this Joint Session of Congress...Our world is increasingly a place of violent conflict, hatred and brutal atrocities, committed even in the name of God and of religion. We know that no religion is immune from forms of individual delusion or ideological extremism. **This means that we must be especially attentive to every type of fundamentalism**, whether religious or of any other kind...the simplistic reductionism which sees only good or evil; or, if you will, the righteous and sinners...We must move forward together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity..."

(<http://time.com/4048176/pope-francis-us-visit-congress-transcript/>)

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

23 Which justify the wicked for reward...

"...several great Americans...They shaped **fundamental values** which will endure forever in the spirit of the American people...I would like to mention four of these Americans: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton...This year marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln...**Fundamental relationships** are being called into question...A nation can be considered great...when it strives for...the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace **in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.**"

(<http://time.com>)

"In Christian mysticism, contemplative prayer or contemplation is a form of prayer distinct from vocal prayer...In discursive meditation, mind and imagination and other faculties are actively employed...In contemplative prayer, this activity is curtailed..."

(*Wikipedia*)

"There is nothing unbiblical or anti-Christian about solitude, silence, and contemplative prayer. Not, at any rate, as they have been practiced within the context of Christian history. As a matter of fact, these disciplines are part of a time-honored tradition."

(Focus on the Family;

http://family.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/26251/~/~questions-and-concerns-about-contemplative-prayer)

"Religious fundamentalism keeping God away from people, says Pope

*Francis...'***Fundamentalists** keep God away from accompanying His people. **They divert their minds from Him** and transform Him into an ideology. So in the name of this ideological god, they kill, they attack, destroy, slander...In every religion there will be a small group of **fundamentalists**...Pope Francis stressed that **religion should do away with fundamentalism...**"

(<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/religious.fundamentalism.keeping.god.away.from.people.says.pope.francis/64985.htm>)

"The New Monks...[argue] that...God...cannot be defined by systems of doctrine. They maintain that western rationalism has crushed the knowledge of God and that we must return to a more intuitively received knowledge. We must **move beyond the intellect**, beyond doctrine, and beyond words to a deeper union with God...**Thomas Merton**, who is frequently cited by Manning, is the **forerunner of the New Monks**... He popularized

Jungian Psychotherapy..."

("What is Contemplative Spirituality and Why is It Dangerous?", *Journal of the Grace Evangelical Society*, Autumn 1997 - Volume 10:19)

"[Jun 13, 2014]: *Full text of Pope Francis' Interview with 'La Vanguardia'...A fundamentalist group, although it may not kill anyone, although it may not strike anyone, is violent. The mental structure of fundamentalists is violence in the name of God...*"

(<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-interview-with-la-vanguardia---full-text-45430/>)

"[Jan. 12, 2015]...Pope Francis on Monday denounced the **religious fundamentalism** that inspired the Paris massacres and ongoing Mideast conflicts, saying the attackers were enslaved by '**deviant forms of religion**'...'Religious fundamentalism, even before it eliminates human beings by perpetrating horrendous killings, eliminates God himself..."

(<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/01/12/pope-francis-says-fundamentalist-terrorism-result-deviant-forms-religion/>)

"*Pope blasts **Christian, Muslim fundamentalists** while leaving Turkey...*Pope Francis said on Sunday that equating Islam with violence was wrong...The Argentine pope...has been trying to foster cooperation with moderate Islam...said it was wrong for anyone to react to terrorism by being 'enraged' against Islam. 'You just can't say that, just as you can't say that **all Christians are fundamentalists. We have our share of them (fundamentalists)**. All religions have these little groups,' he said...'They (Muslims) say: 'No, we are not this, the Koran is a book of peace, it is a prophetic book of peace'..."

(<http://www.jpost.com/Christian-News/Pope-blasts-Christian-Muslim-fundamentalists-while-leaving-Turkey-383405>)

"...if all of us who believe in God desire to promote reconciliation, justice and peace, we must work together to banish **every form** of discrimination, intolerance and **religious fundamentalism...**"

(*Africae Munus*; November 10, 2014; address to bishops of Senegal, Mauritania, Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau)

"...here I think of our sister and mother, Earth, our planet...We must care for our sister the Earth, our Mother Earth, so that she does not respond with destruction."

(Francis, November 20, 2014 address at the offices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN)

"In its popular sense, the accusation of Fundamentalism often comes across as mere sneering at people who seem to be more religious than thou...It is good that Pope Francis is tolerant, because if he was not so self-proclaimed tolerant, one might suspect that the Pope is intolerant of 'fundamentalists' who he stereotypes into stick villains."

[\(http://the-american-catholic.com/2014/06/19/popewatch-la-vanguardia-interview-fundamentalists/\)](http://the-american-catholic.com/2014/06/19/popewatch-la-vanguardia-interview-fundamentalists/)

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