

# **Mystical Babylon Unveiled**

**Wherein is proved.**

*I. That Rome-papal is mystical-Babylon.*

*II. That the Pope of Rome is the Beast.*

*III. That the Church of Rome is the Great Whore.*

*IV. That the Roman-priests are the False Prophet.*

**ALSO**

**A call to the people of God to come  
out of Babylon.**

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“Take up the stumbling-block out of the way of  
my people.”

“Reward her even as she rewarded you.”

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## An Epistle to the Reader.

Ingenuous Reader;

It is an Astonishment beyond Comprehension of Nature, Reason and Religion, that the Papists; especially the Priests and Jesuits of the Church of Rome so odious in their bloody Tenants, so prodigious in their Hellish Plots, such incurable Incendiaries, and furious Assassins for murdering of Princes, should be suffered to increase, and indulged to multiply in a Protestant Nation, as of late years they have done in this Kingdom. Assuredly it could never have been so, but that the Lord in his Just Indignation against us for our God-provoking Sins of Atheism, Idolatry, Profaneness, Adultery, and other heinous wickedness, intends {and suffers us to ripen, and be prepared for some} dreadful Judgment, which God may justly bring upon this Land and Nation by the hand of the Papists, if we Repent not of those Abominations, and do not reform them. It is more than Manifest by woeful Experience, that the main End of the Papists in all their Plots and Conspiracies is the utter Destruction of the Protestants {whom they call Heretics} and the Protestant Religion in England especially, and the Re-establishment of the Popish-Religion of the Church of Rome in this Kingdom; which End the Popish-Recusants in England in this Bloody and Traitorous design, that Damnable and Hellish Plot contrived and carried on by them for Assassinating and Murdering the King, Subverting the Government, and for Rooting out and Destroying the Protestant Religion, as the King and Parliament have voted and declared, are still endeavoring to effect, and bring to pass.<sup>1</sup> Our

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<sup>1</sup> Editorial Note: This reference is to that which was otherwise known as the Popish Plot, having burst onto the English political scene in the fall of 1678; which was a supposed plot by the Jesuits, with the blessing of the Pope, to

grand and greatest Enemies in the World durst not entertain a Thought of Invasion, did they not Hope, {when Time serves,} to find amongst us a Side and Faction of numerous and Seditious Papists to join with them. Were we rid of the Papists, and were Idolatry, Atheism, Whoredoms and Blasphemy put away, as in Policy, Reason, and Religion these ought to be, the Royal Person of the King would be safe from Assassination, and the Government secure from Subversion; and the Protestants and Protestant Religion free from utter Destruction, by the blessed Protection of Almighty God.

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murder the king, Charles II, and put his Catholic brother and heir, James, the Duke of York, on the throne so he could re-establish Catholicism in England.

## **Mystical-Babylon Unveiled**

The Method that I have chosen to Unveil Mystical-Babylon is by proving these four Propositions, viz.

1. That Rome-Papal is Mystical-Babylon.
2. That the Pope of Rome is the Beast.
3. That the Church of Rome is the Great Whore.
4. That the Roman-Priests are the False Prophet.

### **Proposition I.**

#### **That Rome-Papal is Mystical-Babylon.**

Eastern Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar in Chaldæa was a famous City, Called the Lady of Kingdoms {Isa.47:1,5,} and the glory of Kingdoms {Isa.13:19,} under whose Kings the People of God were captivated and oppressed violently. {II Chron.36:14-20 & Jer.51:34,35} For which violence done to Zion, and other God-provoking Sins, that great City and Kingdom was destroyed by Cyrus King of Persia, {Isa.45:1-4 & 47:1-9,} whom God raised up to execute his righteous Judgments upon them for their Iniquities, long before Saint John's time. Therefore Mystery, Babylon the Great, {so named, Rev.17:5,} is some other great City, which doth resemble Old-Babylon for Idolatry, {Jer.50:2,} Persecution, {Lam.5:1-5,} Violence, {Jer.51:25,} Oppression, {Jer.50:33; Isa.14:4,} and Pride, {Isa.47:1,5,7,} "and thou saidst, I shall be a lady forever...I am, and none else besides me;" and so doth Mystical-Babylon say in her Heart,

Rev.18:7, "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow." Also Blood-guiltiness, Psalm 79:1-3, "the blood of thy Servants have they shed like Water round about Jerusalem;" and so doth Mystical-Babylon, Rev.16:6, "for they have shed the blood of saints and prophets." "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." {Rev.18:24} As the City Jerusalem was spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, Rev.11:8, where our Lord was crucified. So Rome Pagan and Papal is Mystically called Babylon, where the Saints have been and shall be killed, {Rev.6:9-11; Rev.11:7; Rev.18:24,} "and in her was found the Blood of Prophets and of Saints, and of all that were slain upon the Earth." That which Jesus Christ revealed by his Angel unto his Servant John touching Mystical-Babylon in this Prophecy of the Revelation, can agree to no other City but Rome only. For first, no other City {in Saint John's time} was built upon Seven Mountains, or Hills, but Rome only, {Rev.17:5,8,9,18,} "and the seven Heads are seven Mountains on which the Woman sitteth," called the great City, whose Name is Mystery Babylon the Great. So Propertius, Virgil, Ovid, Cornel, Bellarmine and so do Viegas, Suarez, Ribera, and divers others affirm, that by Babylon in the Book of the Revelation Rome is Figured forth; and the Remists in their Testament acknowledge, that by Babylon is meant Rome. See their Notes on I Pet.5:13, and upon the 17th and 18th chapters of the Revelation.

Secondly, no other City in the World had seven Kings, that is, Seven several Kinds of Governors succeeding one another, but Rome only, {Rev.17:10,} "and there are seven Kings, five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come." The five Kings, that were fallen, past and gone before John's time are mentioned by Titus Livius Patavinus, I:6. What the Romans did

{saith Livius,} under their Kings, and after, under their Consuls, Dictators, Decemvirs, and Consular-Tribunes, whither as to Wars abroad or suppressing Troubles at home, I have set forth in five Books. And this One is {Rev.17:10,} viz., the Emperor, for the Caesars were the sixth Head of Rome, who reigned in St. John's time; the other is not yet come, viz., the Seventh Head of Rome, or the Seventh King, or Kind of Roman Governor, to wit, the Popes of Rome, {Rev.17:11,} and HE {that is, the POPE} is of the Seven, and goeth into Perdition. This Seventh Kind of Government of the Roman-Kingdom by Popes was not come in Saint John's Time; so then it is manifest, that Rome is the City, which had seven Kings, Heads, or Kinds of Governors, that succeeded one another. Now let anyone show us another City that hath had seven Kings, or several Kinds of Governors, and let him be Pope.

Thirdly, no other City in Saint John's time did Reign over the Kings of the Earth, but Rome only, Rev.17:18, "and the woman which thou sawest is that great city, {verse 5, Mystery, Babylon the Great, viz. Rome,} which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Yea, it is very evident by the Testimony and Confession of many Popish Writers, who for their Learning, {and Dignity in the Church of Rome} were Eminent, that Rome is that great City, which by the Emperors Authority in Saint John's time, and by the Pope's Power since, hath Reigned and still Reigneth over the Kings of the Earth. Cardinal Bellarmine saith, that "Rome is to be understood by the great Whore." Cardinal Poole saith, "Christ hath set Peter's Chair above all the Thrones of Emperors, and above all the Tribunals of Kings," but Christ did not sit in any such Chair of Kingly State as the Pope doth; nor did Saint Peter, nor any of Christ's Apostles, no not Saint Paul, the chiefest of all the Apostles. {II Cor.11:5; 12:11} Musconius saith, "that the Pope of Rome is the

Universal Judge; he is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." However, that Testimony recorded, Lk.2:1,2,3, is undeniable, "and it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, {the Roman Emperor} that all the world should be taxed." From what hath been Confessed and Testified by the Papists themselves, it is plain and evident, that Rome-Papal is Mystical-Babylon.

## **Proposition II.**

### **That the POPE of Rome is the BEAST.**

The great Monarchs and Monarchies of this World have been figured forth by Beasts of Prey. God showed his Prophet Daniel the four great Kingdoms of this World, viz., the Assyrian-Chaldean, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman Kingdoms by a Vision of four Ravenous and devouring Beasts. {Dan.7:3-8} "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, {the Roman-Kings and Kingdoms with seven Heads, and ten Horns, and upon the Horns ten Crowns; and upon his seventh Head two Horns, like a Lamb; Rev.13:1,11,} dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; &c., and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." And Jesus Christ showed his Apostle John the same fourth Beast, Rev.13:2, "and the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion;" and the Dragon<sup>2</sup> gave him his

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<sup>2</sup> Note: That old Serpent, the Devil and Satan, for the Devil and the Pope are alike, as Father and Son, in many Things; the Devil contradicted God's word, Gen.3:4, and so doth the Pope, I Tim.4:3, forbidding to marry, &c. This confesseth Christ, Mk.3:11, but denies his Laws; and so doth the Pope, Rev.13:11, 15-17; the Devil would be worshipped as God, Matt.4:6, and so

Power, his Throne, and great Authority; and he spake as the Dragon, vs.11. The most definitive Description of the Roman-Papal Beast is expressly written in the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Revelation, "and the angel said unto me, {vs.7,} wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast, &c.," this BEAST the Angel described unto St. John in three particulars, which can agree with no other Persons, Powers, Emperors, Kings,<sup>3</sup> nor Dominion in the World but the Popes of Rome only.

First, by his Past, Present, and Future State, 17:8, "the Beast that was, and Is not, and yet IS." Secondly, by his twofold Number, vs.11, "and the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, &c." Thirdly, by his Rise and Ruin, vs.8 & 11, "the Beast shall ascend out of the bottomless Pit, and go into Perdition;" that lawless One, the Son of Perdition, and goeth into Perdition.

First, the Beast is described by his PAST State, Rev.17:8, "the Beast which thou Sawest, WAS, and is not;" that is to say, the Roman State and Kingdom was formerly, and even in St. John's Time, what it is not, now in our Time, in divers Respects, viz., the Roman Kingdom was then a Power ordained of God, Rom.13:1,7, unto which Roman-Power our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ being then in the Form of a Servant, Phil.2:7,8, was obedient to Death. So were Christ's Disciples, and the Primitive Christians.<sup>4</sup> The Roman Powers though Pagan Persecutors of Christ and Christians WAS God's Ordinance of

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the Pope would be Exalted above all that is called god, or that is worshipped, II Thes.2:4.

<sup>3</sup> Note: The Devil challenges to be the disposer of all Kingdoms of the Earth, Lk.4:5-7, and so doth the Pope of Rome.

<sup>4</sup> Note: Mk.12:17; Acts.25:10,11; I Pet.2:13-15; Tit.3:1. Not only Paul, but Peter, and Christ himself was Subject to the Roman-Pagan Emperors, Kings, and Governors; but the Beast of the eighth Head, the Pope of Rome will be the Supreme Power over all Kings & Kingdoms.

Magistracy, until the Ten Kings gave the Beast {the Pope of Rome} his Power, his Throne and great Authority. {Rev.13:2} And then the Angel told John; HE is not; viz., the Beast of the seventh and eighth Head is not God's Ordinance of Magistracy; nor a Power ordained of God. Here let it be seriously considered, that the Dragon, which gave the Beast his Power, Throne, and great Authority, was not the Roman Pagan Emperors, for they never gave their Power and great Authority unto the Beast of the seventh and eighth Head, viz., the Pope of Rome. The Roman Heathen; yea, and Christian Emperors stood in the Popes Way, and did let and hinder his Rise, and Reigning Power, until they were removed out of his Way, as was foretold by the Apostle Paul, II Thes.2:3-10; and thus it came to pass; Constantine the Great leaving Rome, and making Constantinople the Imperial Seat, thereby {it's vacancy} the then Bishop of Rome got full Possession of that City; and so the Chief Bishop of Rome continued his Primacy from that Time until {at last} the Western Empire determined in Romulus Augustulus in 475, or thereabouts; and about the year 607, the then Bishop of Rome, Boniface the III, obtained from Phocas the Emperor of the East, that not the Patriarch of Constantinople but the Bishop of Rome be universal Bishop. But for all this Rise and Advance the Beast of the eighth Head, {the Pope of Rome} IS NOT of the Seven, that is to say, he is not Supreme as the Roman Emperors were. For although the Emperor's assumed the Title of Pontifex Maximus and added it to the Imperial Crown; yet the Imperial Crown of the Roman Government and Kingdom was not added to the Pope of Rome until Henry the IV, {Emperor,} whom Gregory the VII, excommunicated and deposed, and Made Rodolphus Emperor in his stead, and afterwards when Henry the V, came to Rome to be Crowned by Pope Pascal II, the Pope

would not consent to his Coronation, until the Emperor did give over all Right of Election of Popes, and of Investitures of Bishops by Staff and Ring. And thus the Pope gained the Power of Temporal Sovereignty, and so IS of the Seven.

Nor did all this this Episcopal, Pontifical and Imperial Dignity, Power, and Authority fill and satisfy the Beastly Pope of Rome, until he obtained Supremacy above all general Councils<sup>5</sup> and so the Pope became Pontifex Maximus, the chief high Priest, who translated Kings and Emperors at his Pleasure. Bellarmine saith, "the Roman Empire was by the Authority of the Pope, translated from the Grecians to the French, and from Charles the Great and the French unto the Family of Otho and the Saxons, which is now the Roman Papal Empire of Germany with its seven Electors."

Secondly, the Roman Beast also {that WAS} is described by his Present State, 1. Negatively, and is NOT. 2. Affirmatively, and yet IS, Rev.17:8,9; and herein lieth another Mystery; and here is the mind that hath Wisdom; to know in what respect the Roman Beast is NOT, and yet IS. I will not be positive, nor dare I presume to make a determinate Judgment, and to give a Resolution herein; but I humbly offer my Opinion, and submit it to the Mind that hath Wisdom, and let him, that hath understanding in this Mystery, judge what I say. It is said HE is NOT, with Respect to those five Kings, or Kinds of Kingly Government, viz., Kings, Consuls, Dictators, Decemvirs and Tribunes, which were fallen, that is, past and gone before St. John's time. For this BEAST, which rose out of the Sea of the Troubles and Confusions in Rome, and in the Roman Empire, and out of the Earth of the Apostasies, I

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<sup>5</sup> Note: Bellarmine boasteth saying that the last Lateran Council under Leo 10<sup>th</sup>, expressly and professedly teacheth that the Pope is above all Councils, &c.

Tim.4:1-3 & II Thes.2-5, which the Apostle foretold should be in the latter Days, and which the Angel was now revealing unto John, Rev.13:1, 11 & Rev.17:3,7,8, viz. Papal Rome, Is NOT yet Come, Rev.17:10, that is, HE was not in Being, when St. John wrote this Book; and yet HE IS, that is to say ONE IS, to wit the Emperor, who IS the sixth King, then in Being in St. John's time, and sometime after, Rev.17:10, and there are seven Kings, Five are fallen, and ONE IS, and the Other is not yet come, viz., to be the seventh head of the Roman Empire, and the Supreme Governor of the Roman Monarchy. The Roman Papal BEAST is NOT, that is to say, HE is not God's Ordinance of Magistracy, nor a lawful Power ordained of God, but he IS an Usurper of the Roman Kingdom; and an Instrument of the great Dragon, that old Serpent, called the Devil and Satan, Rev.12:3,9, viz., the Roman Pagan Emperor, and also the Dragon, that old Serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, Rev.20:2, viz., "he that beguiled Eve, through his Subtlety," II Cor.11:3, gave the BEAST his Power, and his Throne and his Supreme Authority. So that Beast {the Pope of Rome} hath the Roman-Power, but not Divine Rights, HE IS NOT, by God's Approbation; and yet HE IS the Supreme Roman Governor. Yea HE IS of the Seven, to wit, the seventh king or kind of Kingly Government, as is before said. And HE even he is the Eighth. {Rev.17:11}

Thirdly, The Roman BEAST is described by his Future State, Rev.17:10, and the other is not yet Come, that is to say, the other King or Kind of Kingly Government, viz., Popes had not gotten the Supreme Power, neither Political, nor Ecclesiastical. But this Beast, that was to Come, that is, to succeed the Emperors, was the Popes, and they are the Eight and of the Seven, Rev.17:11, which will be made to appear in the

second Particular of the Angels Description of the BEAST by his twofold Number.

The Second particular, or Part of the Angels Description of the Roman Beast is by his twofold Number, Seven and Eight, the Pope of Rome is of the Seven, or the Seventh King, or Kingly kind of Government with Respect of his Imperial, or Magisterial Power over Emperors and Kings of the Roman Kingdom; and HE IS the EIGHT with Respect of his Hierarchical, or Pontifical Power<sup>6</sup> or Principality, which was also there before, under former Roman-Governments; for as to matters of Religion, the Romans had of old Instituted by Numa Pompilius their Pontifices or under-Priests and over them a Chief Priest called Pontifex Maximus, which lower Priests were exempted from civil Jurisdiction, and only Ordered and Governed by him, who was their Pontifex Maximus, HE himself not being accountable to any; and therefore the Pope is said to be of the SEVEN with Respect of his Imperial and Pontifical Power, unto which HE hath Advanced himself in his Dominion and Titles above all Principalities and Powers on Earth, {no Kings nor Emperors being excepted or exempted.} And so in his exalted Power of Imperial and Pontifical Horns the Pope of Rome became the BEAST of the Eighth Head, Rev.17:11, who did Rise out of the Earth having two Horns like a Lamb, Rev.13:11, which Horns do signify Power in the Prophecies of the Holy Scripture of Truth, as in Dan.8.20-24. So that the two Horns of that Beast {the Pope of Rome} signifies his two fold Power Political and Ecclesiastical or Imperial and Pontifical twisted and united together in his Seventh and Eighth Headship, for even HE is the Eight, and is of the Seven. {Rev.17:11} This Number of the BEAST,

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<sup>6</sup> Note: The Pope is the seventh Head in Nature and Kind; and an Eight also in Degree and Power.

viz., the Seventh and Eighth can agree with none of the Roman Heads, but Popes only.

The third Particular or Part of the Angels Description of the Roman Papal BEAST of the Seventh and Eighth Head is by his RISE and RUIN. {Rev.17:8,11} The BEAST shall ascend out of the Bottomless Pit, and go into Perdition, vs.11, "and goeth into Perdition." I shall here show briefly, first his Rise, then his Ruin. Whereby it will more plainly appear, that the Pope of Rome is the BEAST.

First, as to the Rise of the Beast of the Seventh and Eight Head, viz., the Pope of Rome; we find in the Roman Histories, that Constantine the Great changed the Seat of the Emperor from Rome to Constantinople, thereby leaving the City of Rome, as it were vacant. After his Death the Roman-Empire was divided, and the Roman Eagle having two great Wings spread herself into the Eastern and Western Empires; at last about anno 475, the Western Empire quite expired in Augustulus,<sup>7</sup> for the Empire having been invaded by the Goths and Vandals, and other barbarous Nations, by whom also Rome itself was taken and possessed about fifty years, the Pope or Bishop of Rome himself being also expelled out the City of Rome, and put to seek {for a Time} another Place of abode. About the year 607, Boniface III, then Bishop of Rome obtained from Phocas then Emperor of the East, that not the Patriarch of Constantinople, but the Bishop of Rome should be Universal Bishop. And now was the Title of Pope appropriated to the Bishop of Rome, which was before communicated to other Patriarchs and Bishops also indifferently. After this Pope Gregory VII contended with the Emperor Henry the Fourth, whom he excommunicated and deposed, and gave the Imperial Crown to Rodolphus with

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<sup>7</sup> Note: When the Roman Empire shall be taken out of the Way, then shall Antichrist Come.

this verse. The Pope of Rome being now Risen above all Bishops, Patriarchs and Emperors, HE advanced himself above all general Councils, which Rise was fully attained by Pope Leo X, as Bellarmine boasteth. The Pope of Rome having ascended thus high, HE was Ambitious to Rise yet Higher. That so he might appear to be that Man of Sin, and Son of Perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above every one called God, or Divine Power, so that HE as God might sit in the Temple of God, showing himself that he is God. And to that End the Pope of Rome confirmed those erroneous Doctrines, and Positions of the Church of Rome, and caused them to be Concluded and Decreed for Doctrines and Articles of Faith, in the general Councils of Constance, Lateran, and of Trent. Christophorus Mercellus speaking to Pope Julius II, in the Council of Lateran, said thou art another God upon Earth. And in the Gloss on the Canon Law HE is called, our Lord God the Pope by the Pope's allowance, as also divine Adoration.<sup>8</sup>

The Pope of Rome, the BEAST of the Seventh and Eighth Head, having ascended out of the deep Abyss, or Bottomless Pit, and Risen at last unto this Height of Impiety; he having overcome the Saints of God, Rev.13:7, and killed the two Prophetical Witnesses of Christ, Rev.11:7, must go into Perdition; Rev.17:8,11, "and goeth into Perdition;" which implies his gradual Ruin, step by step. As HE did rise gradually to the height of his Grandeur, so HE must fall by degrees into Perdition. II Thes.2:8, "whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his Mouth, and shall destroy with the Brightness of his Coming." So that this BEAST, {the Pope of Rome,} shall be first Consumed, and afterwards

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<sup>8</sup> Note: Those words, all that is called God, and worshipped, II Thes.2:4, are not to be interpreted of Kings, &c., nor of Prelates and Priests, but of Objects of Divine worship; so the Athenians, Acts 17:23, were their Idols and Modes of Devotion, and divine Worship. So Dan.11:36,37,40.

destroyed, as is foretold, Dan.7:11-13. Now to be consumed is to decay, to wax weak, and by some Sickness or Distempers to waste, pine, and wear away, and at last to die; even so shall the BEAST, that Man of SIN, the Son of Perdition, the Pope of Rome, who hath been Consuming many years by the Spirit of Christ's mouth, viz., the powerful and spiritual Preaching of the Gospel of Free Grace, by the Prophetical witnesses of Christ, his godly and faithful Ministers. Bellarmine's Confession is a full Confirmation of the Pope's Consumption, his words in English are these, "the Roman See hath by little and little decayed, &c.," and it hath much more decayed, and been consumed since that Time by the Preaching of the Gospel, through the powerful operation of the Holy Spirit.<sup>9</sup>

The utter downfall and destruction of the Roman Beast {the Pope} is also Prophesied, Rev.14:8, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great City, {which is Rome as hath been fully proved.} {Rev.18:2,8,10,19,21} Therefore shall her Plagues come in one Day, and she shall be utterly burnt with Fire, for strong is the Lord God, who judgeth her. Alas, alas; that great City Babylon, {that is Rome Papal,} that mighty City, for in one Hour is thy Judgment come; and ver.19; Alas; Alas! That great City {Rome;} for in one hour she is made desolate. And Rev.19:19,20; and the BEAST, {that is the Pope of Rome} was taken, and with him the false Prophet; these both were cast alive into the Lake burning with Brimstone. Then shall Rome-Papal be found no more at all, Rev.18:21, and then

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<sup>9</sup> Note: Mr. Richard Bernard's, "Key Of Knowledge for the Opening of the Secret Mysteries of St. Johns Mystical Revelation," part 4, pg.126-129; "since 1558, saith he, the Pope hath nothing Increased upon us, but we by God's power have prevailed against him." Have not the Papists had ill Success in all their Attempts against us? And in spite of their Policy, Treacheries, and Treasons, we stand and they fall; "and so must they now {saith he} continually, for by an Oath of God it is confirmed unto us, Rev.10:5, 6, that there should be Time no longer."

shall the Beast, {who is the Pope of Rome,} be tormented day and night, for ever and ever. {Rev.20:10}

### **Proposition III.**

#### **That the Church of Rome is the great WHORE.**

The Church of God under the Law was resembled by the Prophet unto a comely and delicate Woman; and the Church of Christ under the Gospel was revealed to the Apostle, Rev.12:1, by the Similitude of a Woman clothed with the Sun, having a Crown of twelve Stars on her Head. Such was the Church at Jerusalem, and the Churches in Judea, in the Days of the Apostles; and such was the Church at Rome, whose Faith was famous throughout the whole World, Rom.1:7,8, and such also were the Churches in Asia, those golden Candlesticks {whilst Jesus Christ walked in the midst of them} and their shining Lights, like Stars, the Able Ministers of the New Testament called Angels, whom the Lord Jesus Christ held in his right-hand, Rev.1:20 & 2:1, but when the Church of Rome departed from the Faith, as was foretold by the Apostle, I Tim.4:1-3, and Apostatized both in Doctrine and Manners and fell away, as was also foretold by the same Apostle, II Thess.2:1-12, then she became a false Church, whom Jesus Christ showed unto his Servant John, in a Vision and Revelation, like a Woman, that is an Harlot, and the Mother of Harlots, and calls her the great WHORE, Rev.17:1,5, whose Name is Mystery, Babylon the Great, &c., which is Papal Rome, as hath been clearly, and fully Proved. And I shall now prove, and plainly Demonstrate, this third Proposition, that the Church of Rome is the Great Whore.

That Church is the Mother of Harlots, by Maintaining, Commanding, and Practicing spiritual Adulteries, Whoredoms and Fornications, is the great Whore; but the Church of Rome is the Mother of Harlots, which maintaineth, commandeth and practices spiritual Adulteries, Whoredoms, and Fornications; therefore the Church of Rome is the Great Whore. The spiritual Adultery, whoredom, and fornication of Judah and Jerusalem, which God did so much complain of by his Prophets was their Idolatry and Image-worship; "that they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them." {Eze.23:37} So God complained of Nineveh, by his Prophet, Nahum 3:4,5, because of the Whoredoms of the well-favored Harlot, the Mistress of Witchcraft, that selleth Nations through her Whoredoms, and Families through her Witchcrafts; "I will show the Nations thy Nakedness, and the Kingdoms thy shame." And so did Christ show the spiritual Adultery and Idolatry of Papal Rome under the Similitude of a Woman whose Name is Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and of the Abominations of the Earth. God's great Prohibition against this sinful Abomination of spiritual Whoredom, of making and worshipping Images in the second Commandment, Exod.20:4,5, and the grievous Judgments, which God denounced against, and inflicted upon the worshippers of Idols, yea against the false Prophets, and any other persons, that shall entice and persuade any to go after other gods, and serve them, Deut.13:1-18, shows us the sinfulness of this Sin of Idolatry, and how greatly God is provoked unto Jealousy by it, I Cor.10:20-22, Rev.3:20-22, Rev.18:1-8, so that Idolatry and false Worship is spiritual Whoredom.

Now let us examine the second Proposition, to wit, whether the Church of Rome be guilty of this great Sin of spiritual Whoredom, Adultery, and Fornication, {called Idolatry} and be indeed the Mother of Harlots? The Ancients do with one Consent assert that Idolatry is an Attributing of Divine Honor unto the creature, which is only due unto God. And Thomas Aquinas out of all the Fathers and Ancient Writers concludes so, "that is Idolatry {saith he} when the Honor, that is only due to God, is given to the Creature." The Church of Rome doth attribute that Divine Honor to the Creature, which is only due to God, for she doth attribute trust and confidence in their Prayers to Saints deceased, yea to their feigned Saints, as plainly appears in their public Service Books, Rosaries, Breviaries, Psalters, and Catechisms of the Church of Rome. The Papists praying to Saint John, say, "hail, O holy Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, I entreat thee, that thou wouldest deliver me, thy unworthy Servant, from all Adversity, and receive my Soul at the Hour of Death, and wouldst bring me to life everlasting." To Saint George they pray thus, "save us from our Sins that we may rest with the Blessed in Heaven." To Saint Erasmus, "O Erasmus! Grant, that by thy Merits and Prayers we may overcome all the snares of our Enemies, and be freed from eternal Death." To Francis the Fryer they pray thus, "O Francis, singular crucified saint, be thou to us the way of Life, make satisfaction for us always, show to Christ the marks of thy wounds." This Fryer Francis they make equal to Christ, as those Blasphemous verses of two shameless Jesuits Turselline and Bencius do plainly declare. And to the Image Veronica, they pray thus, "hail, holy Face, imprinted on a Clout, purge us from all Sin within and without, &c."

Thus also the Papists by the Commandments of Men, viz., Popes, Jesuits,

Priests, yea and general Councils, and the Church of Rome do worship Images, Pictures, Crosses, Crucifixes, and Relics, which {they say} are to be worshipped after the same Manner as Images are. It is written of Dunstan the Abbot of Glastonbury, that he blessed the right Thumb of Editha the Abbess of Wilton, which being found uncorrupted, after all her Body was turned to dust and ashes in her Grave, became a Relic. How many things about our Saviour are turned into Relics; viz., the Manger, his linen Cloth, his Cradle, his Shirt, the Table on which Christ ate his last Supper, the Cup wherein he gave his Blood to be drunk, are all Relics to be seen at this Day, as the Papists and other Pilgrims and Travelers report in several places and Churches in Rome, Spain, Ravenna, Pisa, at France, &c.

The Church of Rome is guilty of gross Idolatry and spiritual Adultery in adoring and worshipping the Host; for at the Priest's Elevation of the Host {the Papists turn the Lord into Bread} they all fall down upon their Knees, and worship it with very great Devotion, and whosoever refuses so to do is counted an Heretic. And yet some Priests have poisoned the Host, intending to add Murder, yea wilful and Sacrilegious Murder thereby to their gross Idolatry, as the Monk Bernhardine, who poisoned the Host, to the intent that he might poison the Emperor Henry of Luxembourg, as he also did at the Instigation of Robert King of Sicily. Cardinal Baronius tells us of a Priest that either did, or would have poisoned Pope Victor 2nd, at the Sacrament. And William Arch-bishop of York was poisoned at the Mass by his own Chaplains, by that which they put into the Chalice. What can be more Heathenish and palpable Idolatry, than to worship the Bread consecrated by a Priest, which is maintained, commanded and practiced by the Church of Rome, by all her Priests and Papists?

Another branch of the Spiritual Whoredom and Adultery of the Great Whore, the Church of Rome, is the Adoration and worshipping the Cross itself, on which Christ suffered; also the Image of the Cross and the Sign of the Cross. Vasquez the Jesuit affirmed that this is the Doctrine of the Roman Church, and so doth Bellarmine, and Thomas Aquinas, and many other great Doctors of the Church of Rome. It is testified that a famous Papist, and a Professor of Divinity, who dedicated his Book to Pope Clement 8th, saith thus, "we worship the Cross with the same Worship wherewith we adore Christ himself, &c."

Again, whereas we asserted that the Church of Rome is the Mother of Harlots; for a full proof thereof let it be considered; First, that the Church of Rome owns herself to be the Catholic and Mother Church of all those Churches in Italy, Spain, France, Germany, &c., whether National or Parochial, that receive, believe, and practice her damnable Doctrines, and Idolatrous worship, which are false Churches and Harlots; 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; and therefore the Church of Rome {Mystical Babylon as before proved} is called the Mother of Harlots, Rev.17:2,5, and Abominations of the Earth.

Secondly, that the Church of Rome hath begotten, born, and nourished all those National and Parochial Churches before-mentioned, which are called the Cities of the Nations, Rev.16:19, which National Churches are Harlots<sup>10</sup> {as

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<sup>10</sup> Editorial Note: In later works, Knollys more explicitly identifies these National Churches. Commenting on Rev.17:5, he affirms that "Babylon the Great" is indeed "the Great whore, the Roman Papal Church," and that as "the Mother of Harlots," she has begotten "all national churches, parish churches, cathedral churches, provincial churches, etc., who own, acknowledge, and subject themselves to the ecclesiastical headship of the Roman hierarchy,

Nineveh was called, Nahum 3:4,} because of the multitude of their spiritual Whoredoms, and abominable Idolatries; whereby it appears, that the Church of Rome is the Mother of Harlots, for she hath infused her false Doctrines, Worships, and all her Idolatries into those Churches.

Thirdly, that the Church of Rome, {as the Mother of Harlots} imposes her false Doctrines, Idolatrous Worships, and damnable Practices upon all those and other National Churches, whom she calleth her Daughters, owning her Authority over them, as being their Mother.

And; first, it doth appear that the Church of Rome is the great WHORE, by her spiritual Whoredoms and Fornications; Rev.17:4, "and the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." All kinds of Idolatry, Image worship, and Superstitions in the Service of God is spiritual Whoredom; and such are those Images, and Idols; those Crosses and Crucifixes; those Pictures, and Painted Forms, or Representations of our Saviour Christ, of the Virgin Mary, and of Saints deceased, whom the Papists set up, fall down before, and worship. The Kings of the Earth have committed Fornication; that is, spiritual Whoredom and Adultery, with HER; and the Inhabitants of the Earth have been made drunk with the Wine of HER Fornication, Rev.17:1,2, by receiving those Idolatrous Doctrines, and by Practicing those Imaginary Superstitions, which

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pope, and papal prelacy, episcopacy, or presbytery." Commenting on Rev.16:19, in reference to "the cities of the nations," Knollys understands thereby, "all national churches; as the Great whore is called - the great city - the mother of harlots; so all national churches, her daughters are here called, the cities of the nations, who shall fall with her; that is, all the three parts of Mystical Babylon; namely, the national churches of the Papists, of the Lord Bishops, {Church of England,} and of the Presbyterians; these three sorts only are for national churches. Knollys, "Exposition of the Book of Revelation," first published in 1688.

the Church of Rome teacheth and practices in the Worship of God. "In vain do they worship God, {saith Christ,} teaching for Doctrines the Commandments of Men;" to wit, those Notoriously known Doctrines and Practices of the Church of Rome, the Mother of Harlots, namely, their worshipping of Images, viz., of Christ, and of the Virgin Mary; their Invocation, Adoration, and Prayers to dead Saints; and their irrational and senseless Doctrine of Transubstantiation, Sacrifice, and Adoration of the Host, that is, their breaden God; which {say they} is by Consecration changed into the very Body and Blood of Christ, which the Papists adore, kneel unto, and worship, as their God and Saviour.

But besides the Idolatry and Superstition of this part of their Will-worship, let it be considered by the judicious and rational Papists and Protestants; first, how irrational that Doctrine and Practice of the Church of Rome is, to wit, of Transubstantiation. Admit the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be Administered in the Roman Catholic Church in a 100 or 500 Places, {as indeed it is,} at the same Time, and the Bread be by virtue of each Priest's Consecration changed into the Real Body of Christ, then Christ hath 100 or 500 Real Bodies at one Time, which is absurd and irrational. Secondly, how senseless their Doctrine of Transubstantiation is, for the Church of Rome teacheth, and the Papists senselessly are to believe, that the Bread after Consecration is the very Body of Christ. And yet they that eat that Bread, see it is Bread, after the Consecration, yea they taste and know it is Bread still, whilst they are eating of it; and thus they delude their senses by a fond and false Belief. Thirdly, how damnable their Doctrine and Practice of this part of their false worship of God is, {viz., Transubstantiation.} The Doctrine is Damnable; for the Church of Rome teacheth her Children,

the Papists, to believe in, to fall down unto, and to worship a breaden God, which their Priests have made an Idol, with Solemn and Sacred Adoration; and the Practice is also damnable; for the Papists eating that Bread with a firm Belief, that it is not Bread, but the Body of Christ, do eat that Bread and drink that Cup unworthily, and so eat and drink their own damnation. {I Cor.11:29}

Secondly, it appears that the Church of Rome is the great Whore because She is become "the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth." {Rev.17:1,5} The Church of Rome calls herself the Catholic Church, and she teacheth her Children {the Papists} to believe, that she is the Mother of all National Churches, and whosoever does not acknowledge Her to be the holy Catholic-Church, and submit not to Her Canons, Constitutions, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship, are Heretics. All the National Churches of Germany, France, Spain and Italy, &c., are her Harlots; false Churches, and Idolatrous Worshippers of Images, Crosses, Crucifixes, &c., as before said.

The Church at Rome was a true Church in the Time of the Apostles, whose Faith was famous throughout the whole World, Rom.1:7,8, but afterwards that Church departed from the Faith, Apostatized both in Doctrine, and in Discipline, yea and also in Manners and so became a false Church, and a Synagogue of Satan, and She is now become the great Whore, and Mother of Harlots. She hath left her first Husband Christ Jesus the Lord, and hath taken another Head and Husband, the POPE of Rome. She hath departed from her first Faith, which was grounded upon the Doctrines of Jesus Christ, and his Apostles; and now she doth believe the Doctrines of her Holy Father the Pope. And She is fallen from her first Purity in Discipline and Manners, into all manner of Licentiousness and

abominable Wickedness, and so is become the Mother of Harlots, and of all the Abominations which are in all false Churches, that are her Daughters, whereby the Church of Rome is plainly manifested to be the great WHORE.

Thirdly, it appears that the Church of Rome is the great Whore, by her barbarous and bloody Persecutions, and Murders added to her Whoredoms, Rev.18:24, for in HER was found the Blood of Prophets, and of Saints, and all that were slain upon the Earth. "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." {Rev.17:6} Particularly of the Waldenses, Albigenses and others. Vergerius who was well acquainted with the Romish bloody Inquisition, tells us that 150000 Protestants suffered Death in less than 30 years. The King of France in his Letters to the Pope boasteth, that in the year 1572, in the Massacre of Paris and elsewhere, 70000 Heretics were slain in few days; that is 70000 Protestants were then and there murdered by the Papists. And can we forget, or omit to mention the late bloody Butcheries of Protestants by the Barbarous cruel Irish-Papists, Anno 1641, when 100000 were murdered? And if the bloody Invasion, Anno 1588, and the Horrid Gun-powder Treason, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1605; and the bloody traitorous design of Popish Recusants, as the King calls it<sup>11</sup>; even that damnable, and Hellish-Plot {as the Parliament voted it} contrived, and carried on by Popish Recusants, for Assassinating and Murdering the King, and for Subverting the Government and rooting out, and destroying the Protestant Religion<sup>12</sup> had taken Effect, many

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<sup>11</sup> Note: In his Majesty's Declaration for banishing all Papists, Ten miles from London, October 30, 1678.

<sup>12</sup> Note: The Votes of the Commons read to the Lords, and by them also approved at a Conference, 1st, Nov.1678.

more Protestants in England had been {ere this Day} murdered and massacred by the blood-thirsty-Papists. And these barbarous, bloody, and damnable Persecutions and Practices of the Papists are grounded on the very Doctrine, Religion, and Faith of the Church of Rome; which is not to be found in any other party of the whole Christian world {so called} besides; whereby it is evident, to those that have understanding, that the Church of Rome is the Great Bloody Whore, viz., that purple and scarlet Colored Whore, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth. {Rev.17:1,4,5}

#### **Proposition IV.**

### **That the Roman Priests are the False PROPHET.**

By the Roman Priests, I mean and intend the Pope, the Cardinals, the Jesuits, and all those Priests that do receive Orders of Priest-hood from the Church of Rome, and acknowledge HER to be the Catholic Church, believe her Doctrines, obey her Canons, and Teach her damnable Heresies. That the Roman-Priests are the false Prophet doth plainly appear by the false Doctrines of the Church of Rome, which they believe, and teach. I call them the Doctrines of the Church of Rome, which are approved by the public Authority of that Church by their established Laws, their Papal Bulls, Decretals and Constitutions, or the Canons of their Provincial, National, or general Councils, all which are approved and confirmed in their Council of Trent; and all their Secular Clergy, and all who have Cure of Souls, &c., are sworn to approve, to profess, and teach the same; and to Anathematize, Reject, and Curse all contrary opinions and Doctrines. I shall at present

instance of three known Doctrines of the Church of Rome. 1. The Doctrine of the Supremacy of the Pope over all Princes, Kings, and Emperors of the Earth. This pernicious Doctrine of the Church of Rome is taught by the Roman-Priests. Blasius Bagnus a Prior general tells us, "that the Empire of the Pope is over all the World; and that HE is the only Vicar of God, who hath Supreme Power and Rule over all Kings and Princes of the Earth." Jacobus Simancas a Roman Bishop, whose Book is Printed and Commended by the learned Benedictus Arias Montanus, who saith, "that he had read it, and that it contained nothing offensive to the Catholic Faith." "Heretics {saith Simancas} are actually deprived of all Dominion and Jurisdiction, and their Subjects freed from their Obedience, and this comprehends Kings and other Lords." And Emmanuel Sa, a famous Jesuit affirmed, "that if a Clergyman Rebel against his King, it is no Treason, because {saith he} Clergy-Men are not the King's Subjects." These false Prophets have taught, and maintained this false Doctrine.

2. The Doctrine of Justification by works which are {say they} meritorious and satisfactory. I need not spend Time, and waste Paper in proving that the Church of Rome, and all her Clergy own and teach this Doctrine; therefore I will briefly prove that it is false Doctrine, whereby it will appear, that the Roman-Priests are false Teachers, Deceivers and the False Prophet. The Apostle Paul gives it in holy writ as the Conclusion of all Christ's Apostles, Rom.3:28, "therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law;" and, Gal.2:16, "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

It may be objected, that the Apostle James saith expressly, that by works a man is justified, and not by Faith only, James 2:24, and instances in Abraham, ver.21, "was not Abraham our father justified by works?"

I Answer, that a man's Person is justified by Faith before God, and works justify his Faith before Men; and this seems to be the Mind of both those Apostles; for Paul saith expressly, Rom.4:2, "for if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God;" and James speaks of showing our Faith by our works, before Men, 2:18, "Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works;" and so Peter Martyr and other of the Ancients used to Distinguish; "faith {saith he} justifies our Persons, and good Works justify our Faith."

3. The Doctrine of the false worship of God, which consists of many particular Parts, {that the Church of Rome practices and the Roman Priests teach} all which are asserted, confirmed, and established by the Laws, Canons, and general Councils of the Church of Rome; and the Romish Clergy, by teaching for Doctrines the Commandments of Men touching the Worship of God;<sup>13</sup> and thereby deceiving and seducing them, are become the false Prophet; like Thyatira's Jezebel, Rev.2:20, which called herself a Prophetess, viz., the false Prophets in that Church, who taught and seduced the people of God to commit Fornication; so the Roman Priests do teach them that worship the Beast and his Image to worship Saints deceased; yea to

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<sup>13</sup> Note: Joan Bal saith that Pope Innocent III commanded that the words of the Canon of the Mass should be held equal to the words of the Gospel. Likewise; that the Pope may Change the holy Gospel, and may give to the Gospel, according to the place and time, another Sense; as Michael, Medina, Gratian, Felinus, and all the Roman Priests assert and Teach; that is, that the Pope may dispense against Divine Law and against the New Testament.

worship Idols, Crosses, Crucifixes, and Images which the Church of Rome hath set up and Comanded to be Adored and Worshiped; especially their breaden God, and Sacrilegious Host, teaching the People and Seducing them to Believe, that the self-same Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was once in the fullness of Time {and but once} made of a Woman, Gal.4:4, by the Power of God, is every Sacrament Day made of a Wafer by the power of a Romish Priest. By all which, and by several other false Doctrines, it is plain and evident to those that have understanding in the Holy Scriptures of Truth, that the Roman-Priests are the false Prophet, meant and intended by Christ, Rev.13:14; 16:13; 19:20, as for their Doctrines of Purgatory, Penances, Pardons, and many other false Doctrines taught by the Roman-Priests, I pass by, as not worth mentioning.

Having thus far unveiled Mystical-Babylon, that is Rome-Papal, I shall now proceed to Call the People of God to come out of Babylon and to forsake Papal-Rome, to Renounce the Church of Rome, as the great Whore and Mother of Harlots, to Deny the Popes Imperial and Pontifical Supremacy, as the Beast with his two horns like a Lamb and not to hear nor hearken unto the Roman-Priest, {that false Prophet} which teach the false Doctrines of the Church of Rome, and Seduce the Servants of God. And this Call I give the People of God {especially in England} in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **A Call to all the People of God to come out of Babylon.**

“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of

her plagues." {Rev.18:4} This Call is the Call of God our Saviour unto all his People in Mystical-Babylon {Papal-Rome} to come out of HER. "Come out of her my People;" which Call of Christ was given by an audible voice, and I heard another voice from Heaven saying, &c. And this Call from Heaven is urged and enforced upon the People of God by two Cogent Arguments or Reasons, 1. That ye be not partakers of HER Sins: 2. That ye receive not of her Plagues.

Two things in this Call need Explanation. 1. What this voice was? 2. What it is to come out of HER? To both these I shall speak briefly, and then proceed to speak more largely of this Call.

First, this voice hath Heaven's Authority. It was from Heaven, to wit, the voice of Christ in the Ministry of the Gospel ordinarily, and by the powerful Efficacy of the Holy Spirit also. "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." {I Thes.1:5} So had the voice of the Angels of God by whom Christ then Spake unto his Servant John, "with a loud voice," Rev.14:7, which John heard from Heaven, ver.13; and so have the voice of the faithful Ministers of God, by whom Christ also now speaks unto his People. "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me;" Lk.10:16, to wit, Heavens Authority.

Secondly; to come out of HER, is to Separate themselves from the Church of Rome, which is now become a false Church, called the great Whore, and Mother of Harlots. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." {II Cor.6:17} The Lord Jesus Christ would have his People to be Separated under the Gospel from the unbelieving Jews, and their false worship, which Christ calleth vain worship, Mt.15:8,9, and Paul did Separate

the Disciples from the Jewish Synagogue of unbelievers, Acts 19:8,9, and also from Idolatrous Gentiles, that worship Images, {as the Church of Rome doth,} and from their Idol-Temples, Churches, and Chapels; for the Gentile Papists, and Church of Rome, their Pope, Cardinals, Jesuits, and all the Roman-Priests do tread underfoot the holy City, Rev.11:2, Jerusalem, viz., the Church and People of God. "What agreement hath the temple of God with idols; for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said," II Cor.6:16,17, "I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people," "and ye shall be holy unto me; for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine," "and I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people." {Lev.20:24,26; 26:12} The Papists Images, Crosses, Crucifixes; their Consecrated Wafers, holy Waters, and Saints Pictures, the Image of the Virgin-Mary, and of our Saviour upon the Cross, unto which Images the Popish Priests and people fall down and worship; yea their Ave Maria, and prayers to Saints deceased, all their holy Bells, Beads, Prayer-Books, and Candles, &c., are all as an unclean thing, and ought to be separated from, and not touched by the People of God, whom Christ calls upon with a loud voice to come out from among them.

These two particulars explained the Argument which Christ urgeth to enforce this his Call unto his People followeth; "that ye be not Partakers of HER Sins, and that ye receive not of HER Plagues;" as if Christ had said, I do by the voice of my faithful Ministers Call and Command you my People to Come out of Mystical-Babylon {Papal-Rome} and to Separate yourselves from the Church of Rome, which is fallen, is fallen from her Apostolical Purity in Doctrine, Worship, and Discipline or Ecclesiastical Government, and is become an Harlot, a false Church, the great

Whore, the Mother of Harlots, and Abominations of the Earth, the Synagogue of Satan, the Habitation of Devils, the Hold of every foul Spirit, and a Cage of every unclean and hateful Bird. But if you my People {as if Christ had said} will not obey my voice, nor hear my Call, if you will not come out from the Church of Rome, and separate yourselves from the Papists, and leave going to and worshiping in their Popish Temples, Churches, Chapels, and private Cloisters, Nunneries, Priors, Religious Houses, Meeting-places, and holy Roods of Auricular Confession, &c., then in the first Place you will be Partakers of their Sins; that is, you will become guilty of their Will-worship, and spiritual Fornication; Rev.17:2; of their Idolatries, Adulteries, Thefts, Murders, &c., Rev.9:20,21; and of their Impenitency added unto their Iniquities. And in the next Place you shall receive of her Plagues, Death and Mourning and Famine, &c., Rev.18:8; and these shall drink of the Wine of the Wrath of God, which is poured out without Mixture into the Cup of his Indignation. {Rev.14.9-12}

The Motives and Encouragements I shall propound to the People of God to Come out of Mystical-Babylon, and to Separate from the Church of Rome are these: 1. You cannot come to Zion, until you come out of Babylon. "And the Ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with Songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads." {Is.35:10} 2. You cannot worship God in Spirit and Truth, unless you first separate yourselves from false Worship and Worshipers. "Ye worship ye know not what," "the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and Truth." {Jn.4:22-24} 3. You cannot enjoy Communion with God, whilst you hold a Communion with Idols, and Image-worshipers. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness; and what

communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial; or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols; for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." {II Cor.6:14-18}

Consider whilst you continue in Babylon, {the Church of Rome} you are under the Guidance of the Pope and Roman-Priests, who are so far from being infallible Guides, {as they pretend} that they are erroneous, false, and blind Leaders of the blind into Perdition. The Roman-Priests are those false Teachers, Seducers, Deceivers; which were foretold by the Apostles of Christ. {II Pet.2:1,2; II Jn.7; II Tim.3:13; I Tim.4:1 & I Jn.2:26} "These things have I written unto you concerning them that Seduce you." Therefore "look to yourselves," saith the Apostle. {II Jn.8} "Beloved" {saith he} "believe not every Spirit, but try the Spirits, whether they be of God, for many false Prophets are gone out into the World." You may do well to Consider also, what Diversities, and Divisions in Principles, Opinions, and Practices in Religion there are at this Time in the World, especially among Teachers, false Teachers, who privately bring in Damnable Heresies; and many follow their pernicious ways, by Reason of whom the WAY of TRUTH is evil spoken of. {II Pet.2:1-3} Now God hath in great Mercy unto the Souls of his People out of the exceeding Riches of his Free Grace, and marvelous loving Kindness towards them, {that they might not be led away with the Errors of the Wicked,} appointed them a

threefold Guide, which God hath plainly declared in the holy Scripture of Truth to direct, lead and guide his People in the WAY of TRUTH until they come to Heaven; namely, His Holy Spirit; His written Word; and, his faithful Ministers.

First, God hath given his Holy Spirit unto his People, {Gal.4:6;} to lead them, Rom.8:14; and guide them into all the Truth, Jn.16:13; and to Teach them all things. {Jn.14:26, I Jn.2:20,27} And least his People should be deceived, deluded, or seduced by Satan's transforming himself into an Angel of Light, or by false Apostles, deceitful workers, {who are his Ministers} transforming themselves into the Ministers of Christ. {II Cor.11:13-15} God hath Secondly given his People a Sure Word; his written Word to Guide them. "O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." {Ps.43:3} "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." {I Pet.1:19} And thus God Counseled and Cautioned his People of old by his Prophet. "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." {Is.8:20} And the Apostle testifies; "that all Scripture is given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, and for Instruction in Righteousness, &c." {II Tim.3:15-17} Thirdly; God hath also given his people able Ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter only, but of the Spirit. {II Cor.3:5,6} "And he gave some Apostles, and some Prophets, and some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers, for the work of the Ministry, &c." {Eph.4:11-13} And God Set them in his Church, I Cor.12:4,28, to be Guides unto his people. Remember your Guides; obey your Guides, and submit your selves, for

they watch for your Souls, as they that must give account. {Heb.13:7,17} Will any godly wise Man or Woman judge in themselves, that it is safe for them to forsake and refuse this threefold Sure Guide of the Spirit, Word, and Ministry of Christ; which God hath ordained, and to give up the conduct of their Souls unto the Church of Rome, to be guided by her Laws, Canons, Councils, Popes, Cardinals, Jesuits, and the rest of the Roman-Clergy, who are blind Guides, and Anti-Christian Ministers; and so to hazard their own eternal Salvation? Which false Teachers, and their false and damnable Errors, Doctrines, and Practices our blessed Saviour and his holy Apostles have forewarned us of in the Scripture of Truth.

**A Call to the Kings of the Earth to  
hate the Whore, to make her  
Desolate, and to burn her with Fire.**

My Warrant to give this Call to the Kings of the Earth is that Prophecy, Rev.17:16, "and the ten horns which thou sawest upon the BEAST, these shall hate the Whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." The ten Horns are those ten Kings, which had formerly agreed, and given their Kingdom, Power, and Strength unto the Beast, Rev.17:12,13,17, until the Words of God shall be fulfilled. These ten horns are the European Kings of Italy, Spain, Germany, France, England, &c., who have formerly submitted themselves and their Kingdoms unto the BEAST {the Popes of Rome} and to the Church of Rome {that great Whore and Mother of Harlots} as was here fore-propheesied, and as all Historians have testified. But it is the revealed will of God recorded in the Scripture of Truth, that the ten Horns shall hate the Whore, &c., and upon this

Scripture Ground I take this humble boldness to give this CALL unto the Kings of the European World to hate the Whore, &c.; and the Reasons, which I shall humbly Propose to them are these, viz. 1. Because it is the Revealed Will of God that they should so do {in this very Scripture, Rev.17:16,} and that they shall do so. 2. Because, the great Whore {the Church of Rome} hath given her golden Cup, full of Abomination and filthiness of her Fornication, into the Hands of the Kings of the Earth, and caused them to drink, and they and the Inhabitants of the Earth have been made drunk with the Wine of HER Fornication. {Rev.17:1,2,4} 3. Because SHE {the Church of Rome} hath Reigned over the Kings of the Earth, Rev.17:18, Deposing Emperors, and Kings; putting down one, and setting up another, at the Pleasure of the Pope {who is HER Head, Lord, and Law-giver} as hath been proved in this Treatise.<sup>14</sup>

4. Because SHE hath shed the blood of the Prophets, Saints, and Martyrs of Jesus, Rev.16:6,7; 17:6; 18:24; therefore Reward her even as she Rewarded you; and double to her double, according to her Work, Rev.18.1-8, 20-24, and of all the Nations in Europe, no Kings, or Kingdoms have more just Cause to hate, and to be Avenged on Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, that great WHORE, the Church of Rome, and her Head the Pope, that BEAST, and the Roman-Priests, the False Prophet, than this our Nation, King, and Kingdom. If his Royal Majesty, and his great Council Assembled in Parliament seriously consider all the Papists former Plots and Conspiracies against the Kings and Kingdom of England; but most especially this

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<sup>14</sup> Note: In the 8<sup>th</sup> Century, Pope Zachary deposed Childerick King of France. Gregory the 7<sup>th</sup>, deposed Henry the fourth in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. Pope Sylvester the third Excommunicated Henry the fifth, in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. Pope Innocent the 4<sup>th</sup>, deposed the Emperor Frederick 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. Pope Gregory the 2<sup>nd</sup>, deposed the Emperor Leo Isaurian, because he was against Images.

late bloody traitorous design of Popish Recusants, even this damnable and Hellish Plot contrived and still carrying on by them to Assassinate the King, to subvert the Government, and to Root out the Protestant Religion, and all the Protestants in England. All which I most humbly submit to the Wisdom of the King's Majesty and his great Council when Assembled in Parliament, for whom I daily pray.

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