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The Catholic Catechism *and* The Bible Do They Agree?

PART 2



ASPECTS OF TRUTH



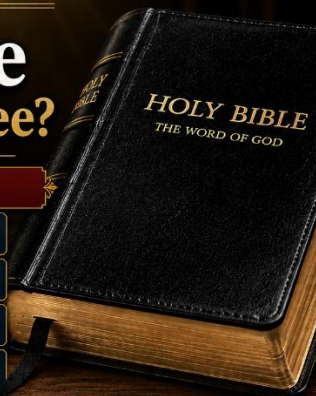
SOURCE OF TRUTH



OT 39 OR 46



PAPAL SUPREMACY



Part 2

Text: NAS 1995

Introduction

Dear Friend: My prayer is that the Holy Spirit would use this series to ♦grow us in knowing God's truth, ♦set us free from our sins, and ♦give us the full assurance of eternal life through Jesus!

Note: This series is about the two books, **not** the beliefs of any individual person.

Covered In Part 1

- Identifying the Two Books
- **Many Areas of Agreement!**

This Begins Part 2: Important Aspects of Truth

Why Truth Matters:

- How does a scammer try to deceive us? By including logic and much truth (*but not all truth*) in his pitch to us.
- How does the Bible warn us? **Proverbs 14:12** “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
- **Hosea 4:6** “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

The Bible Regarding the Truth:

- The Bible is true: **Psalms 119:160** “The sum of Your word is truth...”
- Jesus prayed to His Father: **John 17:17** “Your word is truth.”
- The source of freedom from sin and death: **John 8:31-32** “If you continue in My word... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”
- Paul’s hearers gladly listened, *then* compared his teaching with the Bible: **Acts 17:11** “... [the Bereans] were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

Key Areas of Disagreement

This section includes several important topics. The format: ♦topic, ♦CCC paragraph number and quote, and ♦Bible quotes.

TOPIC: Source of Truth

- **CCC 82:** “The Church... does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone.... Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.”
- **2 Timothy 3:15-17** “...the sacred writings... are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. // The Bible is all-sufficient.
- **Jesus to Pharisees and scribes: Mark 7:7-8** “...in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.” // Tradition can be good but does not equal Scriptural authority.

TOPIC: OT Holy Scriptures – 39 or 46 Books

- **CCC Page 868:** “The Bible contains both the 46 books of the OT and the 27 books of the NT.” // Most Protestant Bibles have 39 OT books and the same 27 NT books; the difference is the 7 Apocryphal books. So, **39** or **46**?
- God inspired the OT in Hebrew (39). When it was translated into Greek (285–100 BC), it eventually came to include 7 additional books (Septuagint). They are valuable but not inspired.
- Jesus identified the OT Scriptures: Luke 11:51 “...from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah...” – identifying the **first** and **last** books of the Hebrew OT.
- Important facts: **Jesus** never quoted from the Apocrypha and **St. Jerome**, who translated the Septuagint into the Latin Vulgate, did not accept the Apocryphal books to be Scripture.

TOPIC: Papal Supremacy

- **CCC 882:** “...the [Pope]... has full, supreme, immediate, and universal power over the whole Church.”
- **Jesus and Peter:** **Matthew 16:16, 18** “[Peter said:] “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.... [Jesus said:] you are Peter [*Petros* – **stone**], and upon this rock [*Petra* – **bedrock**] I will build My church...” // The Church is built on **Peter’s confession**, *not Peter*.
- **Eph. 1:22** “[God] ...gave [Christ] as head over all things to the church...”
- **Colossians 1:18** “[Christ] is also head of the body, the church...”

Part 3 of 3: More Key Areas of Disagreement and an Important Conclusion

- TOPIC: Justification – By faith alone or faith + works
- TOPIC: Purgatory
- TOPIC: Indulgences and Treasury of Merits
- TOPIC: Intercession of Departed Saints
- TOPIC: Mary’s Immaculate Conception

Let Us Pray: Dear Lord Jesus, as You prayed for unity, so we pray that You would use this series to help each of us ♦better understand God’s word, ♦believe the Bible is true, and ♦trust in You alone for our entrance into heaven!

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