

Serious Reflections Well Worth Considering #2

“Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns: and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of much more value than they?” (Matthew 6:26). A friend sent me a link to a YouTube video to learn more about a very small part of God’s immense creation; namely, to learn more about the hummingbirds. These little creatures are such an amazing part of God’s creation!

{1} Do you agree that if we look at the creation of the Almighty Triune God of Catholics, it is a great mystery how any person can exist who does not believe that there is a God who brought them into existence?

Bergoglio (Pope Francis) stated during an interview with the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*, on September 24, 2013: “I believe ... not in a Catholic God, **there is no Catholic God.**”

In the Apostles Creed, Catholics believe, profess, and acknowledge: “I believe in God...”

In the Athanasian Creed, Catholics believe, profess, and acknowledge: “Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith. Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt, he shall perish everlastingly. And the Catholic Faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is all One, the Glory Equal, the Majesty Co-Eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father Uncreate, the Son Uncreate, and the Holy Ghost Uncreate. The Father Incomprehensible, the Son Incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost Incomprehensible. The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Ghost Eternal, and yet they are not Three Eternals but One Eternal. As also there are not Three Uncreated, nor Three Incomprehensibles, but One Uncreated, and One Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not Three Almighties but One Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not Three Gods, but One God. ... This is the Catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.”

{2} Do you agree that when Bergoglio (Pope Francis) states publicly to the world that “**there is no Catholic God,**” it is manifest that he is a public heretic who has denied the infallible teachings of the infallible Church?

{3} Do you agree that it is impossible for any baptized Catholic to believe and profess “**there is no Catholic God**” without destroying the virtue of faith in them?

Father John Kearney gives this teaching of the Church on pages 107-108 in his book, *Our Greatest Treasure*, Imprimatur, 1942:

“The Gift of Faith may be lost. This is an undoubted fact. It is also a fact that once lost the Gift of Faith is seldom regained... How is the Faith lost? The virtue of Faith is lost by a single sin of unbelief. Once we deliberately refuse to believe a single doctrine of the Catholic Faith **EVEN IN THOUGHT ONLY** we have lost the Faith; once we refuse to submit our minds to God, once we **REFUSE TO ACCEPT** the solemn teaching of the Church, we have lost the Faith. Hence we can realize that there are some Catholics who have lost the Faith, and still remain externally members of the Church.”

Saint Francis De Sales reminds us of this very important truth (*The Catholic Controversy*, p. 70):

“To say the Church errs is to say no less that God errs, or else that He is willing and desirous for us to err; which would be a great blasphemy.”

{4} Do you agree that the Catholic Church did not err in Her teachings as explained in the Liturgy and in the Creeds?

{5} Do you agree that Bergoglio (Pope Francis) has uttered a great blasphemy and rejected the teachings of the Catholic Church?

{6} Do you agree that consequently, Bergoglio cannot be the pope of the Church of which he is not a member?

{7} Do you agree that it follows as Catholic doctrine that those who claim that Bergoglio (Pope Francis) is the head of the Catholic Church also state and pronounce a great blasphemy by saying that the Church errs; because the Catholic Church clearly teaches that those who deny Her doctrine cannot remain Catholic nor be the pope of the Catholic Church?

Catholic Church Quotes on Popes and Heresy

- “In the case in which the pope would become a heretic, he would find himself, by that fact alone and without any other sentence, separated from the Church. A head separated from a body cannot, as long as it remains separated, be head of the same body from which it was cut off. A pope who would be separated from the Church by heresy, therefore, would by that very fact itself cease to be head of the Church. He could not be a heretic and remain pope, because, since he is outside of the Church, he cannot possess the keys of the Church.” **Summa Theologica, cited in Actes de Vatican I. V. Frond pub. St. Antoninus (†1459)**

- “The Pope should not flatter himself about his power nor should he rashly glory in his honor and high estate, because the less he is judged by man, the more he is judged by God. Still the less can the Roman Pontiff glory because he can be judged by men, or rather, can be shown to be already judged, if for example he should wither away into heresy; because he who does not believe is already judged, In such a case it should be said of him: If salt should lose its savor, it is good for nothing but to be cast out and trampled underfoot by men.” **Pope Innocent III, 12th century**

- “In addition, [by this Our Constitution, which is to remain valid in perpetuity We enact, determine, decree and define] that if ever at any time it shall appear that any Bishop, even if he be acting as an Archbishop, Patriarch or Primate; or any Cardinal of the aforesaid Roman Church, or, as has already been mentioned, any legate, or even the Roman Pontiff, prior to his promotion or his elevation as Cardinal or Roman Pontiff, has deviated from the Catholic Faith or fallen into some heresy: (i) the promotion or elevation, even if it shall have been uncontested and by the unanimous assent of all the Cardinals, shall be null, void and worthless...” **Cum ex Apostolatus Officio - Apostolic Constitution of Pope Paul IV, 1559**

- “Now when [the Pope] is explicitly a heretic, he falls ipso facto from his dignity and out of the Church, and the Church must either deprive him, or, as some say, declare him deprived, of his Apostolic See.” **St. Francis de Sales, “The Catholic Controversy” (16th century)**

- “A pope who is a manifest heretic by that fact ceases to be pope and head, just as he by that fact ceases to be a Christian and a member of the body of the Church; wherefore he can be judged and punished by the Church. This is the judgment of all the early fathers, who teach that manifest heretics immediately lose all jurisdiction.” **St. Robert Bellarmine, “On the Roman Pontiff” (16th century)**

- “If God permitted a pope to be notoriously heretical and contumacious, he would then cease to be pope, and the Apostolic Chair would be vacant.” **St. Alphonsus de Liguori, “The Truths of the Faith” (18th century)**

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