

Reviews and Criticism: *Antichrist in Our Midst*

Dear Rand,

Thank you so much for your book, "**ANTICHRIST IN OUR MIDST**". I have just received it and intend to study it at night. I would encourage you to keep up your work in exposing the Antichrist and also encourage you to put your work on the worldwide web.....

Yours sincerely,
IAN R.K. PAISLEY

Dear Rand

I am writing to thank you for sending me a copy of your book, *Antichrist in our Midst*. I have now read your book. *Antichrist in our Midst* is a well written and researched work in which the author has meticulously built his case that the antichrist exists amongst us today, has existed in history and will continue in his office until Jesus returns to destroy his abominable church and throw him into hell.

Appealing to history, the Holy Scriptures, the testimony of the reformers and martyrs and the official writings of mystery Babylon herself, Rand builds his case proof upon proof in compelling style. Rand has successfully unveiled the Papal antichrist in our generation, such a work will win him few friends and in fact this is a message for the few given eyes to see and ears to discern. Rand's reward will not be temporal fruit but eternal bearing for the kingdom. It is a prophetic message for our day; one which our forefathers understood. *Antichrist in our Midst* enumerates many ways Satan and his church attempt to counterfeit and usurp the Kingdom of God. The conclusion is an interesting examination regarding the issue of naming someone and its link to Lordship. As the Most High God demonstrates his Lordship by naming things, so Satan attempts to usurp God's authority by renaming things in the antichrist's Latin tongue. As *Antichrist in our Midst* unfolds, the discerning reader should start to see the correlation between prophecy and history, if he rightly understands predestination. His heart will wrench as he understands that the heretics and sorcerers murdered in the fires of inquisition were the saints of God refusing to take the antichrist's mark.

Today in a time of great apostasy and much darkness a new generation must take up the torch, preaching the Gospel and waging the good fight against the antichrist, Rand Winburn is such a man. Well done.

May God Bless you, brother, renewing you with fresh energy to stand firm in the faith and endure till the end.

Alan (Bill)Watkinson

Dear Rand,

.....Having written it, you will agree that it is of monumental size, so it would take a very long time to read it, and much more to digest it sufficiently well.....With regard to matters in your book with which I disagree, I would find it hard to know where to begin.....Probably what I find most troubling over all in your book is your rhetoric.....it oozes of hatred for the Roman Catholic Church, and especially for all its popes through history.....You wrote on page 9 that Roman Catholic popes were murderers, and I agree with you fully that many of them were. It would take a dullard to reject that claim. However, because some popes were murderers does not prove that every one of them was a murderer; nor does their appointment to the papacy automatically make them all murderers. On the other hand, if you think their actions were heinous sin, would you agree that the murders Ian Paisley has both committed and abetted are less heinous? I'm afraid you probably would, since Paisley is a Northern Irish Presbyterian Minister whose reformed theology at least parallels, if not exceeds, your own, simply because it is Roman Catholics whom he seeks to kill.....The Pope of Rome has flaws in his theology, but this title will not keep him out of heaven if he believes on Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord and has received him as his Savior and Lord.....your appellation *ad nauseam* and others whom you dislike as "drunken sleeping prophets" turns me completely off. Even if it were true, which it isn't, to use such crude language does not honor your work, or you, and certainly not your God.....

.....the Roman Catholic Church is an orthodox Christian body - with errors, just like the Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Methodist, the Lutherans (followers of Martin Luther), and even the Assemblies of God, and whatever church you happen to belong to.....One of the features of your work is the hundreds of incomplete sentences...pretty poor use of grammar. Another device you used that unnerved me was your continuous use of lists of words, usually nouns, sometimes adjectives, to name or describe something.....A third way you padded your book was to make extensive quotations from various authors from which you drew information...Bishop Jewel's tirade against the pope...John Foxe....

.....While I'm at this sort of thing, you have numerous typographical errors, or misspelled words, or errors of grammar.....I ought not need be irked when I read a book.....

.....On page 17 you have a heading, "**TRANSUBSTANTIATION: A MARK OF THE BEAST ANTICHRIST.**" I find it hard to believe there could be any biblical basis for such a judgment, since the canon was closed long before transubstantiation was invented by the Church....I completely fail to see how the doctrine of transubstantiation, which you talk about again on page 30 can "be denying Christ has come in the flesh".....On page 31, I think you get to the heart of your argument against the Roman Catholic Church, and especially the pope. Your headline there is, "**ANTICHRIST AND VICAR OF CHRIST ARE SYNONYMOUS TITLES.**" You have no lexical warrant for such an assumption, and your jump to this conclusion displays your intense bias, which keeps you from much rational reasoning.. Near the bottom of the page, you use this line of reasoning to "prove" that the whole line of popes, including the incumbent, are antichrists. You have given no proof, but only conjecture that belongs to you and to your many historical sources, none of which is authoritative.....

.....I get the implication that you believe that Billy Graham is not among the "elect." If you are correct, then I am not among the elect either, and multitudes of people who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are not elect. It may even be that you too are not among the chosen of God, not because you have failed to rail against the pope and his Church, but because of some other little or large omission you are not even aware.....

.....First, and more importantly, not one word of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, says anything about the pope's being the antichrist. The pope didn't exist until hundreds of years after the New Testament was completed, and not one prophecy predicts his coming. What you said sounds more like the shouting of a fanatic who may have forgotten what his original battle was....On page 218, you have the heading, "**THE CREED OF PIUS IV., A. D. 1564, DEMANDS THE BEAST BE WORSHIPPED.**" All I find in the quotation you included is a demand that a member of the Church, "promise true obedience to the Bishop of Rome." If worship and obedience are totally synonymous, then both you and I are in deep trouble. Whenever I obey a policeman, I worship him. Whenever I obeyed my mother as a child, I worshiped her. Whenever I follow the directions of a person leading a group in the game "Simple Simon," I am worshipping him. How silly can you get in your claims against the popes?

.....Throughout your book, you have sprinkled the concept, "The Mark of the Beast, the sign of the Cross..." ...even some of the pictures you have included between pages 172 and 173 carry out your theme. To equate those two symbols is to do what you have done throughout your book. You have arbitrarily linked two things together to attempt to "prove" that the pope is the antichrist. You have utterly failed at every attempt.....every page has been filled with loveless thoughts and words.....

.....Rand, I still love you....and now I have much to pray for you....

Yours in Christ, Rev. Thomas Tepley (Ph.D., retired Presbyterian USA minister)

Reverend T. T. Letter # 2

Dear Rand,

I haven't heard from you for a long time since I last wrote, and I greatly miss your correspondence. I fear I know the reason why I haven't written, and I am very sad to believe my fear may be correct. You probably are quite angry with me for the evaluation of your book which I made. I'm sure you realize, however, if you think carefully about it, that I did not mean to make you feel bad. However, I do hold to strong convictions, and firmly believe that at least most of my convictions are supported by what the Bible teaches. I am aware that you feel the very same about your convictions as well. That being so, then we ought to be able to reach a much larger area of common ground than we seem to be on at present. I, for one, would like to be able to pursue our conversation to that end.....

.....Please allow me to say this. From what you have written in your letters to me, and from what you wrote in the newsletters you sent me, it appears as though you have far fewer friends in your life than you need to have. I might even go so far as to say that it is possible that although we have never met face to face, still I may be the best friend you have in this world, apart from our Lord Jesus Christ. If this is anywhere near so, then I would urge you not to spurn this friendship which I extend to you. I would be your friend-first for Jesus' sake, but also intensely for your sake. Ponder this and let me know what you think.....

Yours in Christ, (Rev.) Tepley

My Response to Reverend Tepley

Dear Tom

I purposely did not respond to you personally after having read your partial review of my book (you well know you read perhaps 30%) for a number of reasons. First, despite your opposition to every proposition I brought forth with overwhelming evidence (biblical and forensic), you are unable to refute with Scripture or by proving my facts erroneous. Of course, you did attempt to utilize a few verses out of context, as do most who profess Christ, to prove we are to have an ecumenical God-loves-everyone spirit. I have spent literally years showing you by the words and deeds of the Christ that the Bible teaches otherwise, to no avail. My newsletters also contain arguments against the universal saving love of God for all mankind.

What my studies have revealed is the Lord's detestation of the religious elite, who, through great cunning, lead the ignorant sheep astray from the plain teaching of his Word. This wicked feature of religion is displayed for all to see in the Old and New Testaments. For those who have an even greater level of interest and curiosity, the study of Church history is quite an eye-opener. It is through such a study that Bible prophecy is revealed to those who are given Holy Ghost wisdom. To be honest, it greatly concerns me that the Lord has sovereignly, it least thus far, bypassed you in the large and important area of prophetic wisdom. It is one thing to have never been exposed to the many truths which I have revealed in my book. It is another to read and reject them. This is exactly what the Pharisees and Sadducees did with the teachings of Jesus and His disciples. As does the Roman Catholic Church do likewise to this present day. As does the vast majority of ecumenical evangelicals, out of which I target Billy Graham as the leader and chief heresiarch.

Because the wiles and cunning of the serpent are so ingenious and because the mystery of iniquity is hidden in such a clever manner, without the infallible instruction of the Teacher I would have remained blinded to the truth: the truth that the professing Christian Church of today is in great apostasy due to the errors sown by the enemy in leadership positions, and due to the drunken stuporous state of the self-satisfied sheep who love hearing that God-lives-them-no-matter-what.

By taking upon yourself the role of Church leader, shepherd and teacher, your responsibility before the Lord is greater. This has me greatly concerned because in many respects I genuinely like you and wish no negative eternal judgment upon you. I believe you to be a caring soul with many good intentions, sincerely striving to advance the Kingdom of God as you understand it. However, such was the disposition of the Pharisees and the Roman Catholic Church who killed Christ and His followers, who exposed their errors, while thinking they were doing God a good service. However 'good' one's intention is, if it is not God's intention it is in vain, wicked, and opposed to the sovereign Lord. It is not God's intention that His children drink from the cup of Rome. It is not God's intention to save the papal Antichrists. Nor is it His intention to save those who continue to fornicate with and propagate the false doctrines of the Babylonian whore. Scripture and the confirming God-breathed testimony of the martyrs could not be more discernible. The fact of the cover-up of Church history is proof of the identity of Antichrist and his church.

Secondly, the fact that you take the side of those who cover-up Church history, willfully neglecting the testimony of God's own through the ages, is quite disconcerting to me. It means you have chosen to side with the Whore, (as has your friend and compatriot, Rev. Graham), the prophesied arch enemy of Christ. That is not a good omen. By Graham claiming to be Southern Baptist and your claim to be Presbyterian does not mitigate your fornication with and adherence to the teachings of the Mother of all harlots. Remember, she has harlot daughters in

denominations other than Catholicism, who are of her seed, the seed of the serpent.

Thirdly, I cannot drink out of your cup of alleged friendship when I well know of your love for the great Whore and her Antichrist. Your hatred of the true saints of God through the ages has, likewise, been made apparent to me. Friendship and love must be based on God's truth. Without holding the truth in common there can be no godly friendship and fellowship. By the grace of God, I have had the privilege to make a few fast and true friends who also believe in the doctrines of grace and God's prophetic Word. Fellow believers who understand God's call to separation, while warning others of His coming judgment.....In the meantime, I will continue, Lord willing, to disseminate my difficult message to His Body, especially those to whom he has given wisdom and ears to hear. Fortunately, the Lord has never been an advocate of large numbers, but has preferred to shake up his Church with a few weak vessels.

A Protestant placed in His Body to expose corruption and hypocrisy,

Rand Winburn

(To date this author has received one additional communication from Rev. T. T.: his newly self-published book, *The Spirit of Scripture*. In it, he hand wrote the following inscription, "To Rand Winburn, A man zealous for the Lord.")

Dear Brother Rand,

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus...Concerning your book on Antichrist - I bought a copy at the recommendation of Al & Betty. As I read it, I was shocked and horrified at Rome's cruelty....[she then lists other works she'd read by Martin Luther, Burke McCarthy, Ian Paisley, Charles Chiniquy, John Foxe, and J. A. Wylie]....Needless to say, as I read much, I sat here in my house, reading and getting more and more shocked to the core & to the reality of the mass murders of true Christians. I used your index in the back of your book & got a hold of a few more shocking books.....

.....I have been saved 25 years. I am an avid reader of the Bible & accurate other books. I only recently in the past year & a half got turned on to the Puritan writings, & then also found out about the Antichrist system of Rome thru the above named books....I now ask myself, Where have I been? And why have not the many Leaders out there shined the spotlight on these imperative areas. As for your book, I then bought another copy from Al & Betty, & sent it to Reg Barrow, along with a letter, begging him to please help you sell this book & get this information to others (who sleep).....

.....I also believe that your book is very necessary because it is power packed, line upon line, in easily understandable English. It unfolds the picture of the Antichrist system like a 'college course.' Step by step, the needed and necessary information from previous learned divines & men of God. All the info in its proper place. Do you know what I'm trying to say?

.....[she mentions books by ex-nuns who escaped their convents and captivity, as she does the 8-volume, *Acts and Monuments*, by Foxe]...not to mention detail after detail in the 8-volume Foxe's accounts of the brave & innocent martyrs murdered for loving Jesus. I now ask you, Could any God-fearing person be the same after reading any or all of the above named books? I think not. I shall never be the same.....

.....God Himself bless & shine upon you & yours. Joshua 1:8 is yours for sure. I, too, want & desire to be much, much more courageous & not to fear man, nor be afraid of their faces (Jeremiah, chapter 1). It 'rocks the boat' to oppose Rome. We are not to join hands with the falseness of that ecumenical movement & their pious pretensions. Billy Graham should be utterly ashamed. Do 'they' think Rome has changed? Me thinks not. Rome has gained the upper hand thru fear & force. Silence has allowed Rome to murder & control billions - to 'buy' the silence of those who do not know, & some who tried to oppose. This war becomes more apparent when one recognizes these devils. How can anyone dismiss the Inquisition? Or Barbara Ubryk? Maria Monk? Abraham Lincoln? Richard Wurmbbrand? (tortured for Christ). The Vatican's Holocaust? I'm not dismissing this. As of yet the information has overwhelmed me. I know not how I can do more to expose Rome's rottenness, but I shall do what I can for now.

Again, I say God's protection surround you. You went deep & launched out. (I'm getting there).....I must learn these things & then I must learn how to handle all this info. I want deeply and dearly to do great things in the Lord Jesus & by His Holy Spirit...

In Christ Jesus, the only true God,

A friend of your ministry & sister in Christ,

Miss C. O., NY

(NOTE: Miss C. O. holds neither a Ph.D. nor a degree from seminary. In fact, she is factory worker.)

Miss C. O. Letter # 2

Dear Brother Rand,

Greetings! I am appalled at men like Rev. Tepley, who get 'irked' over reading about how the papacy slaughtered the innocents. Is the hearts of those men 'calloused'? I think Billy Graham, Rev. Tepley & all Christian booksellers & 'ministers' of the Gospel of Jesus Christ need to then get on their knees & read the 8-volume account of Rome's slaughters of Christians, who were innocents & only loved God & wanted to serve Jesus. Too many are still crying for the 'release of Barabbas.' And if a person has integrity of heart, they would return your [review] books without you or anyone having to plead for them. And what are these people so bothered by as to the contents of your book? The only thing I find 'offensive' in any of this reading, is on 'Rome's part' - their barbarity & slaughter of the innocents, and the silence & cover-up of those who aid and abet. As for your 'continuous use of lists of words,' why would anyone want to knock the diligence on your part & the more complete accuracy of the usage of the Greek & Hebrew. I guess Ph.D.s let some of their degrees go to their head. As for me, I'll take the Greek & Hebrew usage.

And how anyone can dismiss the present & past slaughters of God's innocents is beyond me. They just don't want the 'risk & high cost' of involvement. The murderers (Barabbas) go free. They need to read 'Convent Horror' for one, & get a grip on the reality of Rome's cruelty. Everyone will wake up to it shortly & eventually. The 'little people' or laity are going to put the demands on the 'elders' to deal with these issues - whether they want to or like to. God's people are going to demand that these issues are brought to the light. Amen to your [newsletter] response to Rev. T. T. Good for you, courageous soldier of the cross. I applaud Jesus Christ in you. I'm with you in your response also concerning [martyr] Joan Waste. How dare these people not get righteously indignant over these matters. Doesn't someone else's life, and right to live & serve their Creator, mean 'enough' to all who name the name of Christ? It was the 'priests' of the day that gave Jesus the hardest time: the 'Pretend' ones.

And if anyone is 'offended' by your statements, I'd like to know where they get off at. Where are they 'scripturally' coming from? Why are they not appalled at Rome? Why do they misdirect their anger? You stated 'historical facts.' How in God's name do they justify dismissing that info? Is it because Rome controls? If God's people would ban together, Rome would not have the stronghold she has. Where is Gideon's army? They are out there, & the Lord is preparing them, thank God. I do not understand how anyone who calls themselves Christian can defend the Roman hierarchy.

I do pray that you will let people know that they can buy the 8-volume Foxe's account [Still Waters Revival Books], so that the information gets out to the public. Let God raise up more people who will abhor Rome's cruelties.....I knew that Roman Catholicism was off - I just didn't realize the depth of it.

Shortly after I got born again according to the scriptures, my friend (also born again) & I went to a Roman Catholic church in Buffalo, because her kids were

still going to school there. Anyway, I went to the 'Rectory' & the head honcho was there, so I asked him a question, not knowing a whole lot. I knew they had no right telling the people to call them *father*. So I said, 'Sir, Jesus said call no man *father*. Why do you make people call you *father*?' He threw me out! This was about 23 or 24 years ago. Now what I want to say is, I leaned up against the building to wait for my friend, & a lady came out of the church. Being green, naïve or innocent, I said, 'Did you see what the priest did to me?' She scooted away, & a scripture rolled up inside me from deep within, i.e., the belly area, the heart. It was John 16:2, and I did not memorize that scripture.

Moving right along, I am appalled at the response & controversy the Christians are giving you over your book, and also the dishonesty of not returning it.....The majority are afraid because its worldwide conspiracy is unmasked & highly dangerous to those who oppose Rome.....

Jesus is Lord Forever, Praise be to Christ Jesus,

Agapaeo, Sister C. O.

Dear Rand,

I did begin reading your book, but did not finish it.

I hope you'll understand my comments as being from one who desires honesty, and also wants to maintain brotherly respect. With this basis, I feel I can freely state why I did not finish the book...

I found it very difficult to read...this is owing to, I'm certain, a lack of capacity on my part, a lack of the ability to press on through very scholarly materials. I'm a simple person with simple understandings, and I found the book to be beyond my capabilities.

And, I do not hold to your persuasion that the AntiChrist is represented by a singular role expressed through a number of players. I am persuaded that the AntiChrist, while typified by many throughout the ages, is none the less a literal person for a literal time in the plans and purposes of God.

Finally, I hold to the teaching of the rapture. I look for the Blessed Hope promised to the church. If I may be candid with you, I have of late been reassessing my understanding of the rapture, with regard to its place in the prophetic time line. This has been interesting, to face head on what I felt I understood and to test, if you will, my position. Some things have changed, some things have fallen away, but I am more than ever convinced that we may look forward to this event with certainty.

I hope that my remarks do not cause a rift in communications. I am your sister in Christ according to his divine purpose, and I rather enjoy the differences that are found from time to time within the Body. It makes for rich discussion, also makes the efficacy of the death of our Lord so precious to consider.

May He bless the labor you do for Him, and I thank you for sharing the book with us.

Sincerely,

(Miss) D. W.

(Miss D. W. is a full time worker for a ministry which warns of errant Christian teachers.)

My Response to Miss D. W.

Dear Miss D. W.,

Thank you so much for your recent letter. I appreciate your honesty and sincerity in expressing your thoughts and opinions. If only more Christians were so courageous!

I hope you do not feel it presumptuous of me to respond to your letter out of a mutual respect and in brotherly love.

For any Christian to rightly understand the deeper things of God (and prophecy is one of those areas), one must do serious study. Prophecy requires knowledge of language, history, theology and Christian thought through the ages. I knew none of these when I was converted to Christ by His sovereign grace and will. However, with the Holy Spirit as my ultimate Teacher, what is impossible with man is possible with God. Because, you, D. W., have the exact same Holy Spirit as I, it means that you are potentially able to learn all that I have learned. Granted, you may not have as deep a grasp as I, nor be able to write or teach on prophecy, yet I believe you should at least know and understand certain fundamentals.....concerning which the average Christian has been deceived. Thus, the reason for my writing my book: to challenge the serious Christian's errant prophetic views by revealing truths long covered-up in the Church.

In your letter you state my book was difficult to read. Yet after not having read or understood all that it has to say, you insinuate my position is wrong regarding Antichrist and the 'secret' Rapture. That tells me you began reading the book with a bias against it (which doesn't surprise me), ceased reading the book (at which page you do not say), due to comprehension difficulties. You then made a

conscious decision to retain your bias against the conclusions of the book, despite not having pointed out one error of fact. Is that how we as Christians are to respond to another Christian's message?: "I do not believe you, even though I haven't investigated the overwhelming evidence you present."

Such an attitude is taken by unbelievers. The evidence for the resurrection of Christ is substantial. Yet few ever bother to examine it. I believe Josh McDowell was one who did, and could not refute it.

Miss D., I offer you this challenge. Tell us where, exactly, you lost comprehension in our book. We will patiently answer any and all areas of confusion or complaint you might have. Why? Because we know we are right and the truth will set Christians free. Please find one point or one hundred points in our book which have been in error. Any and all errors we will admit. Unfortunately, Futurist false prophets will not respond to such a challenge.

Also, it is extremely important that any doctrines we might sincerely hold be tested against Scripture. A future, unknowable Antichrist does not line up with Scripture. Nor was it taught by those Christians who lived for centuries before us. Christians who were led into all truth by the same Holy Spirit. The 'secret' Rapture is a device of the devil to keep Christians ignorant of the present Antichrist and his ever-present tribulation. Northern Ireland is experiencing the wrath of Antichrist as we speak. Yet most Christians have not one clue as to the import of the holy wars occurring there for decades.

I now throw the ball in your court, Miss D. W. Will you dare to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord? Or will you prefer to remain in your comfort zone based on feelings rather than Scripture?.....

Your Protestant brother in Christ by His grace alone,

Rand Winburn

(To date there has been no response forthcoming.)

Dear Brother Rand,

I have recently purchased a copy of your book. I have read it as critically as possible in an earnest desire to discern truth from error. I am currently investigating books on Church history for myself, especially older books.

Brother, God bless you. This is an excellent book. My disagreements with the contents are few, trifling, and, in fact, negligible. I am currently raiding the library at S. M. Congregational, where I now work as a custodian. You were certainly

right about Halley's Bible Handbook. I've seen both editions. Horrible. It makes me sick to my stomach about Billy Graham and other 'chief priests.'

I have peacefully left V. [Baptist church] and begun to read Luther's Bondage of the Will. I love it already and I'm not even past the introduction.....Brother, it becomes clear by the acceptance of God's sovereignty that Christ is the center of the universe. He is the One who gives meaning to the creation.....Brother, we should meet and fellowship sometime soon. If I have to be a heretic, I'd like some company.....

Yours in the Unity of Christ,

Mr. E. J. R.

Monrovia, CA

(Cleaning lavatories has not stopped this Christian custodian from acquiring wisdom.)

Dear Rand,

Thanks for dropping me a note on the net. I have received your newsletters and personally disagree with your assumption on the Catholic Church being the great Anti-Christ or Babylon. I hope we can agree to disagree. I would politely ask to be taken off your mailing list for your newsletter.....

Love in the Lord, Mr. L. L., Los Angeles

My Reply To Mr. L. L.

Dear Mr. L. L.,

Thank you for your recent e-mail. I appreciate your request to be taken off the mailing list for our newsletter, *The Protestant*. By coincidence, I had already determined to do so prior to your request. So, consider it done.

I wonder if I might, with respect, respond to a few of your comments. In doing so, I take into consideration that you are not a new Christian, but one in leadership capacity in charge of church worship. The Word states that *unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required*. The Lord requires more from leadership than from the lay sheep. The judgment of those in authority will be the most severe of all, as seen in Luke 12:47-48. Thus, when a pastor, teacher, or

leader begins espousing doctrine to educate and edify the sheep, he had better do his homework as to its orthodoxy. When a prophet gives an interpretation and/or warning, it had better be from God. Knowing this pertinent fact as I do, it is no light matter for me to rise up in the midst of the Church reproofing errors and false teachings with righteous indignation. Had I done so without the preparation of years of full time study, prayer and guidance of the Holy Spirit, I would be easy pickings for the wolves among us.

By stating that my thesis (that the Roman Catholic Church is Babylon) is but my 'assumption,' is quite slanderous to me personally as a Christian and a minister. To 'assume' something is to not closely examine the facts and evidence. I can assure you that I have examined the overwhelming evidence, compiling it into my book, *Antichrist in Our Midst*, containing over 1,400 footnotes, using authorities who span centuries and continents. I have assumed nothing in my search for truth, but have simply kept an open mind, been persistent and weighed the facts without bias. I am prepared to always give answers and reasons for the hope and faith which is in me to every man.

That you disagree with my conclusions for good reasons is one thing. But to disagree for no reasons is quite another. There, I request you show me the error of my ways. As a disciple of Christ, I am open to correction because truth is paramount to me. As a mature Christian and leader, you are duty-bound to respond to my genuine request for correction and edification.

I feel it also no light matter that your rebuke of my prophetic interpretation includes a rebuke to all who have held to the same interpretation through the centuries. Such Christian giants, as the prophets Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Bunyan come to mind, to name but a few. Apparently, in your humble estimation, your wisdom exceeds theirs. In addition, the witness and testimony of the saints and martyrs slaughtered by order of the papal Antichrists is of no concern to you either, having no bearing whatsoever in determining the truth of the matter for you. And last, but by no means least, the testimony of your own pastor corroborates the truth of my book, which he has deemed, 'brilliant.' This, too, you dismiss as error, your understanding surpassing his 40 years in the ministry of preaching and teaching.

It was courageous of you to write me a seven sentence e-mail. The majority of the lambs are silent. I pray your courage does not diminish in responding to my request for correction.

Rand Winburn

(To date there has been no response to my request.)

Dear Rand,

Your book *Antichrist in Our Midst* impressed me with your passion to study God's Word and church history....You lucidly describe the invasion of paganism vis-à-vis Constantine in 313 AD, and how institutional religion supplanted individual faith in Christ's gift of salvation. I may have in my files some information on your subject to mail you for further research.....Your book is personal to me, because I was raised Catholic, and it has been a long journey for me to leave the legalism of works-righteousness for the love and forgiveness of Christ.

All the best to you as you grow in grace,

Richard Rossi

(Pastor, Immanuel Community Church)

Telephone Response By Vicky Boekestein, Administrative Assistant, to our review book left for Christian Reformed Home Missions Regional Director, Peter Holwerda:

"Mr. Holwerda would only say, *he did not read it and he will not read it.*"

(Mr. Holwerda's review copy was neither returned nor paid for, claiming it was 'lost.' They assured us they would return it if 'found'.)

Gentlemen:

I apologize for not responding sooner. The book you sent me has been misplaced. Please let me know the cost of the book and I will send it to you.

Eyes on Him (2 Tim 4:8)

Pastor Jeff W. Johnson

Calvary Chapel, Downey, CA

(Rather than request a second copy, he chose to remain in darkness.)

Dear Mr. Winburn,

.....By all means, send me a copy of your work on Antichrist. Eschatology is one of the revealed truths in the Word of God, and important. I will read what you have to say in explanation of Scripture with great interest.

Cordially in Christ,

Prof. David J. Engelsma

Protestant Reformed Seminary

(Prof. Engelsma never responded to requests for comments.)

Dear Rand,

I've finally gotten some time to read your book. I have read through Chapter 3 (page 82) and have skimmed the rest. As you asked for feedback, I will give it thus far. The most valuable part of the book is its quotes. They give the reader a good sense of history. Many are very telling and very helpful.

The down side is that you are not clear on who is saved versus who is lost.....The most subtle and dangerous religion is NOT the Roman Catholic church - it is the religion of Arminianism and of those who call themselves Reformed but who tolerate Arminianism.....

.....Does the mere fact that Joan Waste opposed Roman Catholicism and was eventually killed mean she was saved? I don't know anything about her, but you mentioned that she was "preaching." What form did this "preaching" take?

.....The passage to which you are referring - the one that says "*For many shall come in my name saying: I am Christ, and deceive many*" - is NOT talking about Christians being deceived! There will not be a single Christian deceived in this area! All Christians know the true Christ and can distinguish the true from the false. I know you think it means deception in the area of eschatology (which this passage does not support) - but even if it did mean deception in eschatology, what true Christian do you know of who teaches the rapture? Name even one!

.....Glad to see that you recognize the New Geneva Study Bible as apostate; the comments were written by people who claim to be Reformed but who call Arminians their brothers, such as R. C. Sproul and J. I. Packer. Thus, these men are lost.

.....I'm glad to see that you're coming down against the PCA. Their omission of part of the WCF is not the most heinous sin; the PCA is part of the National Association of Evangelicals, which contains God-hating churches such as the

Assemblies of God and the Nazarenes and other Arminian Whore Synagogues of Satan.

.....C. I. Scofield promoted a false gospel in his notes. There is no true Christian who is deceived by C. I. Scofield.

.....There is no lukewarm spirit in the true Body of Christ, the true Church. Those who are in the true church recognize all those who believe a false gospel, including Roman Catholics and Arminians, as lost.

.....As I think you can tell by now, this is not a book I can endorse. It does not give the antithesis between the saved and lost within Protestantism clearly enough, and states that a member of the whore church is saved. If you agree with me on these things, perhaps you could write another edition of the book.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Marc Carpenter,

Outside the Camp

Dear Brother Winburn,

Thank you for your review copy of Antichrist in Our Midst. It contains a wealth of excellent material. At this time we are not in a position to stock the book. However, we would like to purchase the copy you sent and keep it in our reference library. Would you be so kind to send us the cost and I'll see to it a check is sent off.

Thank you, Brother. May the Lord continue to bless you and the ministry. We appreciate your fellowship in the gospel.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Randall C. Chapman

Chick Publications, Inc.

Dear Brother Winburn:

Thank you for the complimentary copy of your new book "Antichrist in Our Midst." Obviously you spent much time in its preparation and the work is of professional quality.

We live in a changing world and our own boxes of unsold books of this topic leave a clear message. Today's Christians are no longer interested and I now restrict my writings to present events in the form of articles.....May God bless and lead you.

Yours in Christ,

Wilson Ewin

Quebec Baptist Missions

Dear Brother,

I am very sorry to have been so slow to respond to your letter....Many thanks for sending your book, for which I enclose payment. I have been reading it, but have not got very far with it as yet - although I have dipped into it frequently...As the first person in Europe to receive your book I do feel very remiss.

It is a very substantial work and a fine production. I am concerned that it may be too expensive to sell many in this country (the cover won't appeal to the ecumenically minded, nor the historicist stance). But there are always obstacles for us to be overcome in the Lord; that's the pilgrim's progress.

Thank you for sending your newsletter which I enjoyed reading....Would you please send another copy of your book + more information on progress in the States, responses, prices, etc.

Every blessing in Christ,

Michael de Semlyen

Dorchester House Publications

Review of *Antichrist in Our Midst*

".....Rand Winburn's thesis that the papacy is the Antichrist is timely. This is a time when evangelicals generally accept the pope as a godly leader of one branch of Christianity---the oldest and the largest branch some would say. The

ecumenical spirit of the times makes it unpopular to sound any warning about Roman Catholic errors. Serious Catholic errors are unknown and unrecognized more and more. Finding common cause with Catholics in the political, social, and spiritual areas, evangelicals increasingly accept Catholicism as being truly Christian. The pope's genius at gaining respect and confidence of evangelicals places him beyond the reach of significant criticism. Evangelicals view the Reformation as a feat accomplished and believe evangelicals hold the basic reformation doctrines. They rejoice to see Catholics getting involved in the charismatic movement and being "born again" in an evangelical sense. Evangelicals think the Antichrist will be some evil, unknown, modern or future man who will likely deny Christian doctrine, who will arise for the first time just before the rapture to oppose the church. All this makes evangelicals unable to think of the papacy as the Antichrist.

In this context it is not easy to sound a warning. Who will sound the trumpet when danger approaches? It is not easy to call attention to the evidence that the papacy may truly be the Antichrist. Should one present the evidence in a scholarly, non-judgmental, objective, irenic way? Or should one lash out at the ignorance and evil of the church leaders who do not make this view known? Rand Winburn has chosen the latter way. He starts by naming many prominent evangelical leaders and calling them false prophets. He accuses and calls them various derogatory names. His angry, impassioned arguments tumble out in a jumble at times. Before forcefully concluding one line of argument, he interjects another and another. The relationship is not always clear. He does not take time to prove a point before he uses it as proof in building his case. Nevertheless, there is something convincing about his presentation. For one thing, it is his passion. For another, it is the welter of quotes he uses to illustrate and substantiate his argument.

Does he prove his case that the papacy is the Antichrist? He makes a strong case, one that one must consider seriously. Much of his proof is in the form of quotes from recognized Christians who believed that the papacy is the Antichrist. Some of his proof is his "this-is-that" kind of interpretation of biblical symbols, especially from Daniel and Revelation. And it fits with his interpretation of Paul's prophecy about the "man of sin." Some of his proof is his documentation of Roman Catholic errors that can easily be compared to actions expected of the Little Horn Antichrist.

The book does have some problems and weaknesses. (What book doesn't?)

1. Starting with the conclusions and name calling of respected evangelical leaders comes before laying the foundation and explaining why he calls them terrible names. Who will buy a book that lambastes their own respected leaders? (At least, starting with a series of diatribes will get people's attention, but will it turn readers off before they look at the evidence?)

2. The voluminous documentation in the end notes is of unequal value: some documentation appears to be from original sources; some is from secondary sources that are hard to trace to the originals.
3. The Biblical references are mostly from two rather unknown translations. Why?
4. The proof from interpretation of symbols is in the same category as proof from allegory: it cannot be a final proof, though it can be powerful in illustrating and persuading. Both sides of the "futurist" controversy use the same symbols to prove somewhat different meanings.
5. Then, the conclusion of the book introduces a new line of argument that the papacy is the Antichrist: 666 means Latin Man. Sadly, it is the weakest argument of the book.

For myself, this is a book that I would not likely give to many evangelicals---maybe out of fear that it would be counter-productive to the very truths it propounds. I wish every evangelical could be made aware of the truths in this book. But I fear that most would see it as too hateful and rambling to be convincing. Yes, I know that prophetic voices are needed and often scorned. Prophets sometimes explode with information that no one wants to hear. Is there not some way that this message can be communicated with compassion, as well as with passion? I need to know, too.

Nevertheless, it is a book I will keep for two main reasons:

1. It does lay out a strong case for saying that the papacy is the Antichrist, giving substantial documentary reasons to think so.
2. It documents in lengthy notes the fear of many who have separated from the Roman Catholic Church, showing their fear that the papacy is the Antichrist.

Obviously this fear of "Antichrist-in-our-midst" was one strong catalyst precipitating the Reformation. How could anyone remain in such an Antichrist system once they recognize that it is an idolatrous system? The term Antichrist epitomizes such a system. Such documentation is of value to me. I personally am glad to have the quotes the book provides (though I wish they were gathered topically so I could find them more easily.)

My own book focuses more on the idolatry issue itself, showing that the use of images to represent God is idolatrous---it is a basic principle in idolatry. This representational kind of idolatry ("anti-Christ" as meaning "to take the place of Christ") is at the heart of Roman Catholic doctrine and practice and contributed to the rise of the papal system. Rand Winburn's book, on the other hand, focuses

more on prophecies that seem to anticipate (and be fulfilled by) the papal system.

These comments on Rand Winburn's book, *Antichrist in Our Midst*, are respectfully submitted by:

Virgil J. Dunbar

My Response to Virgil Dunbar

Dear Virgil,

.....It became immediately apparent to me, upon reading your critique, that God has indeed gifted you as a writer. I enjoyed seeing your grasp of several subjects as you summarized them perfectly. By the will of the sovereign Lord, you, Virgil, have joined the ranks of a handful, worldwide, who have the information contained in my book. Information which Satan would rather not see dispersed and published abroad. The question now arises, What will you do with it? Will you hide your lamp under a bushel for fear of 'offending' certain ecumenically-minded Christians? Will you attempt to find errors of fact or loopholes in my conclusions, as I present evidence after evidence condemning the papacy and evangelical leadership? Or will the truth be more important to you than seeking honor among men?

Once I determined, by thorough investigation and examination of facts, that only the papacy could fit the description enumerated by the prophetic Word, I then realized that in order to accomplish the massive cover-up of Church history today, Satan needed allies in the Protestant churches. The sheep rely on the shepherds for spiritual nourishment. If they are not fed meat, most ignorant self-complacent sheep are not the wiser. Thus, Satan successfully tares among the wheat. Tares who have garnished the love and praises of the world. The infallible Word states those who worship the papal Beast are those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, no small insignificant prophecy. The Holy Spirit wills we know the identity of the reprobate tares. My book begins with the premise that our leaders are drunken and asleep at the wheel, deceiving and misleading us. I then set out to prove how they have done so: Antichrist is here and no one is sounding the alarm. The epitaphs I use are biblical, not worldly. Certainly they are appropriate given the gravity of the situation.

If I may respectfully explain a few points, Virgil, that I believed you missed. Again, I in no way impugn your intelligent and able assessment of my book. Very few people could read it once, understanding and retaining all the massive information contained therein. You have done an exceedingly admirable job!

First: I believe the introduction to chapter 11 - the four Scripture references by Jesus - to be infallible proof that God has spoken to us by His maligned prophets in the Church age: Antichrist and Mystery Babylon have been correctly identified. We are to look no further. This persuasive point may have been overlooked by you.

Second: I had already broached the subject of 666 on pages 153-54, proving its ancient origin. I purposefully saved the information contained in the conclusion because no one, to my knowledge, has ever linked *Lateinos* to the Lordship of Satan, the god of this world. This I prove by discussing proofs of names given in the Bible, the change of name into Latin by the reigning pope, the Latin language of the Catholic Church, and the re-naming of all minerals, vegetables and animals (via the 'science' of taxonomy and classification) into the dead Latin language. The 'coincidence' of all these particulars can only be attributed to the providence of God as revealed beforehand in His prophetic Word.

Third: The documentation of ancient sources. Because we are dealing in an area which has been covered-up by both Catholics and Evangelicals for centuries, there are few contemporary authoritative sources. Wakefield and Evans' books are a modern example of scholars who translate and publish Inquisitional records. They can be found in many university libraries. Translations of the ecumenical councils can also be found published in this century. However, the most contemporary Catholic translation is filled with deception, as I note. Also, the fact that all the original councils and papal decrees are in Latin necessitates a translation, obviously a secondary source. However, the excellent secondary sources will also publish the Latin text in the Appendix to justify their translations. Elliott's commentary publishes the original Hebrew, Greek and Latin of most of his quoted sources. Once one becomes familiar with a subject, the authorities referred to by writers will all become evident in time. Through my years of research I discovered who the authorities were and sought them. By the grace of God, I found most of them. Time after time, all my sources - Catholic, Protestant, secular - all corroborated each other. I have yet to find a grievous misstatement of fact. The facts are all indisputable. The question of import then becomes not 'what are the facts?', but rather 'what do the facts all mean?' How are they to be interpreted? In my book, I give the interpretation showing the parallel of history, theology and prophecy.

Fourth: The Bible translations I use are for three purposes:

1. To educate the King James Only people as to the origins of the KJV, giving Tyndale due recognition for his immense contribution (this I outlined in the *Preface*);
2. To use an unbiased translation of the Hebrew Old Testament by a Jewish scholar;

3. In order to compare the New Geneva Bible translation and commentary with the original Geneva Bible, I had no other choice but to quote from the original.

Fifth: The proof from interpretation of symbols is final proof, if the preponderance of the evidence points to one particular interpretation. The Holy Spirit quickening the correct interpretation to those whom He wills. By breaking down the Revelation into its components, I have shown, without question, who the murderers are and who the victims are. The fact of the murders is not in dispute. The fact of who the key players are is not in dispute. How these facts line up with the prophetic Word of God has not been in dispute in the Protestant Church. That is, until the last two centuries, during which time erroneous interpretations have been successfully sown into the Church. It is my prayer that with the material supplied by my book, Protestants will awaken from their deep slumber and Catholics will flee from the wrath of Almighty God.

Sixth: You neglected to surmise the Mark of the Beast, as I have thoroughly documented its origin in the Catholic sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. It is impossible that the Latin term *characterem* be merely coincidentally used to translate both *mark of the beast* and *indelible mark or character* of the aforementioned sacraments. In linking the sign of the cross with the mark of the Beast, the prophetic providence of God once more comes into play.

Seventh: You neglected to comment on the photographs and drawings. Would you not agree they were a powerful accompaniment to the text?

Eighth: To my knowledge, no one has extensively explained the prophetic testimony of Jesus and its fulfillment in the Inquisitions, as I have done. Yet another proof of Church history fulfilling prophecy, would you not agree?

Ninth: Would you not agree that my premise - the enemy is in the church, not without - as legitimate, in view of the numerous biblical proofs I present?

Richard Bennett had criticisms of my book which I will hold in mind as I receive readers' comments. As you can well imagine, Virgil, had I consulted with other Christians prior to publishing my manuscript, my book would still be in the rewrite stage. I had determined before setting out that I will never please all the people and must *to mine own self be true*. Expressing oneself uncensored is an exhilarating experience. One which raises cries of 'lashing out,' 'too hateful,' and 'rambling' among others. Yes, Virgil, God is angry with His Church. Even many of His Elect have erred, siding with the enemy. By the grace of God, they will not always be deceived by Antichrist. For it is impossible, says Jesus (Matt.24:24).....Again, thank you so much for your valuable input.....

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