

THE W. C. TAYLOR LETTERS

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MY DAY WITH THE POPE

This is **the day after!** I can hardly realize it yet. Yesterday, yes yesterday, the strangest day of my life, in some respects, I spent sitting in my study chair, looking at **o-n-e m-a-n** the entire **T. V. Day** through! And that man is the Pope of Rome! I never saw the slightest change in him, as hour succeeded hour. His amiable manner and utter calm, in thought and speech, lingered on, just the same. But with all this said, believed, recorded and proclaimed, still there are various other **FACTS**, that demand to be heard, if the whole truth is to be known about the papal throne, its present occupant and the papacy!

FACT NUMBER ONE. This amiable man, who delights to pose as **BISHOP OF ROME** and head of all "bishops", is only a fake **bishop**, and, in fact, no bishop at all. **Bishop** is a Bible word, and the Bible meaning and requirement of the term is clearly stated in the Word of God: "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife . . . one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (The Greek has "A CHURCH OF GOD," not **THE CHURCH OF GOD**, W.C.T.) A true bishop is a married man, a family man. No pope is a bishop, in any Bible sense at all. He is a mere false pretense of a bishop, not even similar to a **REAL** bishop! He is merely a sort of male nun!

2. Besides being a mere pretense of a "bishop", a pope is, by his very status and life, the world's worst idolator! Listen and see. Popes have Bibles, at least Latin Vulgates. They know that the moral law, as given by God himself on Mount Sinai, has this solemn command: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE** any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments." That is the

second commandment of God's moral law and directly joining on to the very first word of that law. Turn the light of the Word of God on the Papacy and all its rulers, adherents, priests, Catholic families and co-religionists. What have you? The Bible declares the whole lot to be idolators! Here is the most vast and culpable and persistent set of idolators to be found on the face of the earth. They worship idols in their homes, in vast temples, in countless images in public places on the streets, in the parks, in their schools, in monasteries and convents, and in public buildings that they can obtain the control of. **IDOLATORS** is the name which describes the rank and files of Roman Catholics better than any other term in the English language. And popes are the cause, the leaders, the teachers and the examples of this idolatry, the world around.

3. This papal idolatry slanders, (but makes out of her a heathen goddess, in its doctrine and worship,) the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom she gave birth to while still a virgin. She was a virgin when Jesus was born, but betrothed to her future husband, in whose home she lived and brought forth her virgin-born Son, our Savior, "which is Christ the Lord", Luke 2:11. That devoted husband gives us the official genealogy of the Lord Jesus, the very first thing in our New Testament. This virgin birth over and past, he then resumed his pledged relationship to the wife he had protected in his home. He obeyed the angel whose revelation of what was going on he had received and "took unto himself his wife: and **KNEW HER NOT TILL** she had brought forth her **FIRST** born son; and he called his name Jesus", Mat. 1:25. Then he did "know" her sexually, in a normal home life. We have that affirmed in the words of his neighbors, in Math. 13:55, "Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not **ALL** with us?" Jesus had, then, four brothers in the flesh and at least three sisters ("ALL", at least three, not two merely. You don't say "all" concerning two persons, generally.) The great lexicographer, J. H. Thayer, says in his famous Greek Dictionary, that James, in this list of the brothers of Jesus, means: "James, the brother of our Lord, Jas.

1:1, the leader of the Jewish Christians, and by them surnamed **the Just**, the overseer (or bishop) of the church at Jerusalem down to the years 62 or 63 . . ." So Mary, the mother of our Lord had a large family of children, sons and daughters. The Cyclopedic Concordance of my Bible presents both James and Jude, the authors of two Epistles in our New Testament, as being blood brothers of Jesus, and comments on their great emphasis upon morals and salvation's moral fruitage in life. So a host of conservative scholars think.

Popes and priests have taught the millions of their followers to pin on the mother of our Lord an idolatrous title that is stark falsehood, and have made her, in Catholic lands, the Fourth Person of the Holy Trinity, far more loved and worshipped by the millions in Catholic lands that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One. I lived in Latin America, as a Southern Baptist Missionary, for forty one years and well know whereof I speak. There Mary, the mother of Jesus, is called **Our Lady (Nossa Senhora**, in Portuguese), just as Jesus is worshipped as **Our Lord (Nosso Senhor**, in Portuguese). In or near every large city or town, you will find a vast temple, bearing her name, and a title added: "Mary, the Mother of God", "Our Lady" of this, that or the other. I well remember the vast and beautiful temple in a North Brazil city where she is worshipped as "**Our Lady of the Snows**". (**Nossa Senhora das Neves**, in Portuguese). Yet it never snowed in that tropical land in all the history of the world! There the title is an idolatrous lie, the title of an idol brought over from Portugal by early settlers in Brazil.

5. This idolatry has made up a name for the mother of our Lord, which denies all the above facts as to her person and history, in time and eternity. That name is **THE VIRGIN MARY**. That is simply another vast deceit of the people by popes and priests. She was a virgin when Jesus was born and the **VIRGIN BIRTH OF OUR LORD** is a fundamental Christian truth. But she is not in heaven as a virgin, but as the wife of her husband, Joseph. She was a normal woman and sex was a normal factor in her life with her husband, after her special function in the divine providence had been fulfilled. To be styling her now **THE VIRGIN MARY** is a lie of priests and the ignorant whom they have deceived, including lots of Protestants, who imitate Catholics in having images and in teaching doctrines of "**SACRAMENTS**", false "**BISHOPS**" and many other false doctrines.

Let me illustrate, with my mother and all Christian mothers who are in heaven. My mother was a virgin, Miss Frances Stevens, till she married my father, whose full name I bear. But she is not Miss Frances Stevens in heaven. She is Mrs. William Carey Taylor. And just so, in our terminology, the mother of Jesus would be named Mrs. Mary Joseph,

hers and her husband's name. She is no virgin now. To call her so is silly papal deceit, an idolatrous lie. You could read your Bible a million years and you would never find in it an abiding title of **THE VIRGIN MARY**, after the year of her pregnancy and the birth and babyhood of her child Jesus. She is the known mother of sons and daughters, some of them named in the Bible (See Matthew 13:55, quoted above.) Be a Bible believer! Don't be a mere echo of Roman Catholic superstition and priestly lies.

I was a missionary in Catholic lands for 41 years. I visit most Catholic Churches that I pass on foot, if they are not engaged in some act of worship. (Of course, I could not kneel or bow to images, sharing their idolatry and breaking the second commandment of the moral law, so I do not enter during their worship.) I go by the windows, with their pictures of Jesus in various incidents in his life. I study their baptistries always. There you generally see a picture of John the Baptist and Jesus, with long, womanish hair, and standing with their feet in water an inch or so deep. (By the way, many Catholic pictures portray Jesus as red-headed. I wonder if that is their tradition!). Of course, all these pictures are an insult to the Savior, as are many Protestant pictures that copy the Catholic lie. Your Bible says: "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?", 1 Cor. 11:14. Paul saw Jesus, when converted by the revealed Savior, as the great persecutor was on his way to Damascus. If Jesus had had long hair, Paul would have cut off his hand before he would have used it to write that for a man to have long hair is a shame. It would be the honor of being Christlike, in that respect. Oh! That our Baptist publishers of quarterlies and books would cease their imitation of idolatrous and lying Catholic art, with its womanish pictures of the Lord Jesus!!!

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