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PERSONAL NOTE TO OUR READERS: *We are still receiving cards from people around the nation and overseas concerning the home-going of my wife "Chrissy." Also, we speak to those of you who have sent offerings, but we have not been able to sit down and write you. We have had another death in our little church, a brother 44 years of age who is now with our Lord. We believe the Lord is taking some, who are ready to meet Him, home to save them from some hard trials that are coming on the Bride. He is the Potter, and we are the clay. We bow before Him and will never be guilty of believing that the enemy has usurped authority over our God. Therefore, we know that "All things are working together for good, to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. Please know that we love each of you and we pray for you. Thank you with all our hearts for holding us up in prayer. We do know that we will meet you very soon in the Resurrection.*

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Our Word Prophet, Brother William Branham, made a statement in the message, "Acts of the Holy Spirit" that I believe requires our strict attention! It has to do with a man from America being elected to the office of the Pope of Rome!

I will read the quote and then go through the Scripture and the Prophet's Messages and see what he taught about the prophesy which tells us that there will be an American Pope!

AN AMERICAN POPE

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QUOTE: ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, 54-12-19-E, JEFF. IN "I believe, one of these glorious days, when this united confederation of church goes together, and the new Pope is brought out of the United States and put over there according to prophecy, then they'll form an Image like unto the Beast. And I tell you, the true Church of God will be drove together. The real, true believers out of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, whatever they'll be, will go together and cemented by the love of God, that'll make the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ, all the believers. And agnostics and shallow-minded will be cast to one side; they'll go right on into the confederation of churches.

And I read the other day, even the Assemblies of God went into the confederation of churches. Oh, my. Have to deny their evangelical doctrine to do so. That's right. And all their Pentecostal signs and wonders, principle, they have to deny that to be in the confederation of churches: have to deny it, oh, brother, to have prestige. I'd rather, as I've said many times, lay on my stomach and drink branch water, and eat soda crackers, and be popular with God, and to be His servant of God; than to have the best there

is this world gives, if I had to compromise on my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His Bible. I believe this is the infallible Word of God, and every Word of It is right. Yes, sir." (End of quote)

Notice the last sentence of the last paragraph! He said, "I believe this is the infallible Word of God and every Word of it is true." In this statement he is including the prophecy he spoke of that says there will be an American Pope. He ties the "He" mentioned several times in Rev. 13 with an American Pope.

When a Word Prophet, who has been proven by Word and deed to have been sent and anointed by God by many infallible proofs, makes a statement such as "We will have an American Pope, as has been declared by prophecy, then we need to go to the Scripture and see what he was talking about. (Those who are spiritual want to know.)

In the CHURCH AGE BOOK, PAGES 131-132, Brother Branham is speaking of the Jewish Church of 2000 years ago being invaded by the Devil.

QUOTE: "If Satan is behind the Jews, who are hailing the Christians into court, then Jews are not of God's religion, but the Devil's! (Speaking of the time 2000 years ago)

Then he goes on to make this statement. (If you think it's shocking that the Jewish Church was invaded by Satan and was killing Christians, he said this:

QUOTE: CHURCH AGE BOOK, PAGES 131-132, "And if you think this shocking (That the Jewish Church, 2000 years ago, was following Satan and killing Christians, then wait until the Prophecy of Rev. 13 is fulfilled, or wait till you see an American Pope put into office and see what he does to true Christians in America.), just wait until the prophecy of Rev. 13 is fulfilled. It is strikingly true that the United States of America is in that chapter. The very number thirteen is a symbol of this nation. It started with thirteen colonies. Its flag has thirteen stars and thirteen stripes. And there is her destiny in the thirteenth chapter. In this Image, that is mentioned in this chapter, will be found all the wickedness of the Beast that was before it. As the Beast rose at the Nicene Council, so the Image will come out of the World Council of Churches with all ungodly and satanic power to vent the anger of the Devil upon the true vine of God. It will be a repeat performance of all diabolical cunning and cruelty." (End of quote)

Brother Branham said in the above quote that America finds her destiny in the 13th chapter of Revelation. What is the destiny of America as it is found in the 13th chapter of Revelation? Here it is.

Rev. 13:12, "**He, the second Beast (the U.S.A.) is to exercise all the power of the first Beast before him (Rome) and causeth the earth and them which dwell there in to worship the first Beast (a Pope of Rome) whose deadly wound was healed (physical empire of Rome destroyed – healed by Church power).**"

What better way for the Vatican to make all of America (and the world) to be Catholic, than to have an American Pope. An American Pope would be the superman to save America financially!

Now let's let the Prophet say that this nation, America, has formed a council of churches and is the Image of the Beast.

QUOTE: REVELATION OF THE SEVEN SEALS, PAGE 224, "Now let me say something, brethren. There's something fixing to happen, and all these big old ecclesiastical walls are going to collapse and go right back over yonder and agree—because they are going to do it as certain as I am standing here. There is an Image to that Beast just as certain as I am standing here, and this nation has took it according to the Word of the Lord." (End of quote)

This nation has formed an Image to that first Beast (she took it) a church, which is the very likeness and Image of the Roman Church. He said this nation will go over yonder and agree with Rome. And notice, he said, "According to the Word of the Lord."

Our nation has already fallen at the feet of Rome! Three of our presidents went to Pope John Paul's funeral and got on their knees before the casket, while our American flag flew at half-mask in honor of him.

These things were symbols, made public by a merciful God to show us what has happened to America and where we are headed (straight back into the Roman Church). America and the world is ready for an American Pope. We know the Catholic Church is America's only hope of a financial recovery. Our government is a large part Catholic. Many of our well thought of ministers are working with the Roman Church. An Amer-

ican Pope would, without question, force the Catholic religion on America after he bailed us out financially.

QUOTE: WISDOM VERSES FAITH, 4-1-62, PAGE 44, "And soon they are to form up a confederation of church which will be the Image of the Beast and "He" (the Image of the Beast which is both a nation and a man (Pope) will have the same power (Rev. 13:11) that they have over there (in Rome) and will cause a persecution on the Saints, just like they did (in Europe) at the beginning of the Roman Church. See, that's where it's headed right now, and that's why the Word is being sown right now everywhere. Get out of it!" (End of quote)

Listen to a Prophet telling us (In 1963) that Rome was building a "Christian Economy" (A plan to break America and bring it under Roman rule by the power of money!

QUOTE: CHRIST THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED, 7-28-63, PAGE 79, "And what have they done (what has Rome done) organized a great ecumenical association of ministers to make an Image unto the Beast, as the Bible said, and building a Christian economy that will close the doors of this church and others like it. See Lucifer at his work?" (End of quote)

How could Rome do this? By manipulating our government to loan billions of dollars to people who they knew could never pay. Brother Branham told us they planned our financial ruin. He even told us that they would take our homes and we saw it happen. He said Rome would own the homes of many Americans. Rome is ready to take us over and our prophet said, "According to prophecy" an American Pope will be elected!

THYATIRA CHURCH AGE, PAGE 288, 12-08-60, "As we see

this two-horned Beast rise up out of the earth, not out of the thickness and multitudes of people, "With horns like a lamb, but it spake like the dragon." We believe that the hour is close at hand now, Father, when these churches is confederating themself together, "Making an Image unto the Beast", and it'll be terrible on the group, Lord, that won't join them." (End of quote)

QUOTE: THYATIRA CHURCH AGE, PAGE 311, 12-08-60, "When we see, "Make an Image to her." What would it be? Just what they're doing right now, just exactly, moving up in this confederation of churches. All the churches belong to this organization, all go into one group.....and Pope John has invited them all back." (End of quote)

QUOTE: THE TEN VIRGINS, PAGE 469-470, 12-11-60, "(The Beast) He had power, because they had made a Image: the Protestant churches. Through the-the Council of Churches, is making a place where that all Protestant fellowship will have to be united."

PAGE 470, "The Image of the Beast, the Protestant denomination, not the Catholic. This is in America. He's speaking of here, see, 'cause this 13th chapter is on the American." (End of quote)

For years there has been talk in the Vatican about an American Pope.

QUOTE: THE NEW YORK TIMES, "WHY NOT AN AMERICAN POPE?" APRIL 16, 1913, TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES: "Whether the illness of (Pope) Pius X result in death or in one of those occasional marvelous recoveries which sometimes happen, the discussion or suggestion of a successor is opportune. There is no indelicacy, I hope, in a mere layman venturing the opinion that the time has arrived when a

little of the American spirit in the chair of St. Peter might benefit both the Papacy and the world in general. Why not elect as next Pope one of our American Cardinals like the modest but very energetic Farley or O'Connell? Each is a broad-minded prelate, true to his Church and true to his country. Since the loss of the Pope's temporal power by the unification of Italy, the election of an Italian has ceased to be necessary. There is no good reason why an American or a native of any other country should not be chosen, and indeed there are many obvious reasons why the choice of an American would be advantageous. In plain language, there still lingers about the Papacy something of the narrow spirit of the Middle Ages, which would be banished forever by the election of an American like Farley. Perhaps it would have other results as desirable as modernization. There is a spirit abroad among the Christian sects that the time is favorable for union, and who shall say that the spirit would not move the dissenters to go back to the old fold under an up-to-date Pope of broad-minded views." (T.Y. Rennock) (End of quote)

We know that the long-term goal of the Vatican has been to turn America into a Catholic nation. With the most powerful nation on Earth turned to Catholicism, then the whole world can be captured for the Roman Church. With the first Beast of the 13th chapter of Revelation, the Roman Catholic Church power, and the second Beast, the U.S.A. working together, then combine church power, with their government powers, will enforce Roman Catholic doctrine around the world.

Then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says, "**As many as would not worship the Image of**

the Beast should be killed." (Rev. 13:15)

QUOTE: END-TIME MESSAGE CHRONICLE 2005 (ARTICLE-MESSAGE RELATED) POPE APPOINTS AMERICAN ARCHBISHOP TO ENFORCE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE: "Arch Bishop William Joseph Levada answers questions after Pope Benedict XVI named him as his successor as the Vatican's Guardian of Church Doctrine on May 13, 2005, placing this conservative theologian to be the highest ranking American ever at the Vatican."

QUOTE: (FOUND IN END-TIME MESSAGE CHRONICLE) POPE APPOINTS AMERICAN ARCHBISHOP TO ENFORCE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE, VATICAN CITY: "By becoming Pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the guardian of Catholic doctrinal orthodoxy for the past quarter-century, left one of the most powerful vacancies in the Vatican.

Now, Pope Benedict XVI has announced his replacement, and for the first time in church history, the job goes to an American. The Pope chose an old friend, San Francisco Archbishop William Joseph Levada, to be the New Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. This office, which used to be known as the Holy Office of the Inquisition, is responsible for making sure that the teachings and positions of the Catholic Church are properly reflected." (End of quote)

Archbishop Levada would be in line to be voted for as next Pope.

QUOTE: END-TIME MESSAGE CHRONICLE ARTICLE: WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PUSHES FOR SPIRITUAL ECUMENISM WITH THE POPE: "Pope Benedict XVI said the search for unity between the Roman Catholic Church and other Christians was "irreversible,"

underlining his desire to improve relations and heal the 1,000-year-old rift with the Orthodox Church. Pope Benedict XVI plans to make Christian unity his 'primary task', especially with the Orthodox Church.

Benedict made the comments in a meeting with the Rev. Samuel Kobia, the leader of the World Council of churches, the fellowship of more than 300 churches from nearly all Christian traditions, including Protestants and the Orthodox. The Roman Catholic Church is not a member, but cooperates with the WCC. In his remarks, Benedict repeated his pledge that his "primary task" as Pope would be to work tirelessly to rebuild unity of all Christians with "concrete gestures" and not just words.

Samuel Kobia, Chairman of WCC, also stressed the importance of unity, saying faith "is more effective and vibrant when it is lived out together with our brothers and sisters in Christ." He said he greatly appreciated Benedict's commitment to ecumenism and invited the Pope to visit the World Council of Churches in Geneva." (End of quote)

The Roman Church is advertising and getting the American people ready to become Catholic. (Those who are not already leaning that way).

QUOTE: RELIGIOUS PAGE IN THE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE PAPER, FEBRUARY 14, 2009, "In recent months, dioceses around the world have been offering Catholics a spiritual benefit that fell out of favor decades ago – the indulgence, a sort of amnesty from punishment in the afterlife – and reminding them of the church's long-claimed power to mitigate (make less severe) the wages of sin.

According to church teaching, even after sinners are absolved in the confessional and say their "Our Fathers or Hail Marys" as penance, they still face punishment after death, in purgatory, before they can enter Heaven. In exchange for certain prayers, devotions or pilgrimages in special years, a Catholic can receive an indulgence, which reduces or erases that punishment instantly, with no formal ceremony or sacrament.

There are partial indulgences, which reduce purgatorial time by a

certain number of days or years, and plenary indulgences, which eliminate all of it. Until another sin is committed. You can get one for yourself or for someone dead. You cannot buy one – the church outlawed the sale of indulgences in 1567 – but charitable contributions, combined with other acts, can help you earn one. There is a limit of one plenary indulgence per sinner per day." (End of quote)

This is where America is headed, a union with a church that believes such things as this. Church and Government in America are going to enforce such teaching as this. Truth is, the churches in America will join this world church or be killed.

Rev. 13:15, "**And he had power to give life unto the Image of the Beast, that he Image of the Beast should both speak, and cause as many as would not worship the Image of the Beast should be killed.**"

Most will not believe it until it is too late. Foolish Virgins will be killed in order to receive eternal life.

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