

Purgatory "Another Catholic Myth"

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Sometimes, I receive objections to my notes on various cults, calling me a 'liar' who does not know what he is talking about. I always find this strange, as my comments are always founded on what the cult says about itself! I do not guess or just throw out insults! I call 'purgatory' a myth because that is exactly what it is – yet it holds millions of Catholics in its imaginary jaws, ready to bite off their heads.

Prayers for those in Purgatory

In other words, praying for those who are in a mythical abode. The Catholic view is that we can help people who have died. This is in direct contrast to the biblical teaching that dead is dead! One who is dead cannot be helped in any way. Until the Day of Judgment he or she will remain dead until called before God's throne to be sent either to Heaven or Hell... but Rome says no-one who is in Purgatory will ever enter Hell!

What is Purgatory all about? Look at Romish writing and you will be met with very clever words that wriggle about vaguely, pretending to be true. It is what Rome does best... it is the only way it can make intelligent people swallow its lying delusions.

Take this piece of wriggly-worm rhetoric (<http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/prayers-for-souls-in-purgatory.html>):

"In purgatory, the souls of many of those who have died in God's grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven."

Note that 'many' undergo this purification, not 'all', implying that some are already worthy in their own right to enter Heaven. We then have a contradiction: that *"those who have died in God's Grace undergo purification"*. This is not biblical. Those who die in God's Grace are those who are saved – at least in Christian terms they are. If they are saved they require no purification in order to enter Heaven. They already have the prerequisite – salvation freely given by the Lord. After death there is no extra demand made on a soul and nothing/no-one can affect that soul's destination.

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The most-used prayer for souls in Purgatory was made by St Gertrude. Of course, to call her a 'saint' in Roman terms is worthless, for a genuine 'saint' is a man or woman who has been saved by grace. That is, every man and woman who has ever been saved is a saint.

'Tradition' says God promised her that every time her prayer is uttered, 1000 souls will be released from Purgatory. Almost sounds like a chain-letter! What absolute nonsense. The content of the prayer is just as erroneous:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

See how genuine fact (the blood of Christ) is joined with a man-made blasphemy (the Mass), to free people from Purgatory. It even frees people from their sin... even though sin can only be repented of by the actual sinner whilst alive on this earth.

Augustine, at least at one time, thought prayer for souls in purgatory was 'essential'. That is no commendation, for it is heresy. According to Rome the most famous reference to praying for the dead is "found in the Old Testament" (2 Macabees 12:46). The trouble is, this is not part of the canon of scripture!

The *"sacrament of penance (confession) is essential for the forgiveness of sins"* (as above). Not so! Confession is made to a priest, who blasphemously stands in the place of Christ. We are not to repent before a priest but direct to God, in Jesus' name! The traditional 'priesthood' is an hierarchy dissolved by Christ.

Even though this penance (supposedly) forgives sins, *"purgatory may still be necessary for*

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many of us to satisfy the temporal punishment still due for venial and forgiven mortal sins."
See how Rome places loads on the shoulders of its members, when Christ removes them through salvation! If someone dies unsaved, then his or her future cannot ever be changed – they will be judged and sent to Hell. But, Catholics are deceived:

"While the souls in purgatory can do nothing for themselves, their purification "pays for the damages" of their sins. It makes whatever restitution remains for these sins to God."

There is no restitution after death! For those who are saved this 'restitution' has already been made by Jesus Christ on the Cross. A dead person cannot make restitution, nor can a living relative. So words like this are pathetic:

"Even with frequent confession many of us still need purgatory to really get our souls really spotless. Purgatory is more than just some sort of Divine Detergent, however. It prepares souls for their heavenly home!"

Purgatory has been described, at times rather poetically, as a "cleansing fire" that burns away the dross of sins on our souls. St. Paul wrote those of being saved "yet so as through fire" (1 Cor 3:15), and whether or not the soul endures a literal fire, its purification does involve suffering.

Thus, when it comes to purgatory the expression "No pain, no gain!" seems apt. The time each soul spends there, and the severity of the pains it experiences, varies."

As you can see from the above, a Catholic is never sure of being saved. That is why theirs is a religion of fear. They MUST see the priest and confess. But, even if they confess a thousand times a day, many will still have to undergo Purgatory. This is nothing but a cruel hoax and control mechanism used by Rome to subjugate its members. See how Rome abuses Paul's words in Corinthians. Christ took all the pain upon Himself. We simply accept that and repent.

After salvation our repentance is a way of 'clearing the air' between us and God, and returns us back to a holy walk. God does not afflict us with pain when we have already repented! Nor does

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He cause us pain after we die; when we are saved on this earth no other acts of salvation are needed. After death the next conscious thing we will see (after we meet Christ in the air) is the great throne of the Father, from where He will send us to Heaven. There is more Roman frippery...

"... our prayers for these souls can help alleviate their sufferings and help them reach heaven more quickly. Although they can no longer pray for themselves, they can and do pray for us as well out of gratitude!"

In addition to saying prayers for souls in purgatory such as these, we can help them by having masses said for the departed and by engaging in works of charity and sacrifice on their behalf."

Oh how Catholics must wade through this religious marketing! Let me repeat – NO SOUL SUFFERS after death and before being judged. This is probably why it is referred to as 'sleep'. After death the person will 'wake up' through resurrection, having no knowledge in between death and being raised. (Unless we who are saved experience a mid-way stage called 'Paradise'. An unsaved person will not experience Paradise. See my article on this). Therefore, he or she will not 'suffer'.

Nor will our prayers make them enter Heaven more quickly. All who are saved will enter Heaven at the same time AFTER the Day of Judgment. All who are unsaved will enter Hell at the same time. Nothing will hasten this Day and no-one will enter Heaven before that Day. Just read scripture.

As for souls in Purgatory praying for the living... it is enough to make one sigh in despondence. They can do nothing, despite the many stories told by Rome about this mythical 'place'. Add to this the Masses said for the dead (and many richer Catholics pay priests to say extra masses, to hasten the souls' flight to Heaven), works of charity... and we have a whole legend in support of a myth! Sadly, Catholics believe that souls in Purgatory will enter Heaven:

"Keep in mind, however, that for the souls in purgatory there is great joy as well as pain. They know for certain they are bound for heaven! St. Catherine of Genoa wrote of the "flame of love" in purgatory removing what she called "the rust and stain of sins" and filling souls there with an intense longing for God's eternal embrace. (Talk about a burning desire!)"

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Remember that our prayers for souls in purgatory, along with our sacrifices and sufferings bared with grace, can shorten their time there (and perhaps ours as well). Christmas is known to be one of the biggest days of the year for the release of souls from purgatory to heaven. What better gift can we give them than our prayers?"

It is an awful truth that those who believe in Purgatory are those who are unsaved, and so *none* of them will

ever

enter Heaven. Yet, Rome fills them with an hellish delusion to assure them of their fake heavenly destination. They are NOT bound for Heaven; what their priests tell them is cruel. Purgatory does not remove stains of sin – Christ took away the guilt and punishment of our sin in His own body on the cross. We have nothing to pay. The unsaved soul on earth has no hot desire for God, nor will he have such desire after death. And nothing can shorten the time a soul spends in Purgatory – because Purgatory does not exist!

"Christmas is known to be one of the biggest days of the year for the release of souls from purgatory to heaven". How do they 'know' this to be true? What an incredibly unjustified claim! But, what can we expect from a fake church that preaches a fake gospel? Even recently that same fake church promised its faithful that they could earn time off from Purgatory by following the pope's Tweets! No, I am not joking. (<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jul/16/vatican-indulgences-pope-francis-tweets>). (16 July 2013)

More Wriggling...

You might by now be convinced and think that I have got the subject 'taped'. Not so! Rome wriggles even more. I base the following on <https://www.ewtn.com/library/ANSWERS/HOW2PURG.HTM>

Pope John Paul II, in three audiences, told listeners that Purgatory was not a place, but a state of soul. He was quoting similar ideas to those of Thomas Aquinas (for my criticism of Aquinas' ideas on salvation, see my book. 'Tom Got It Wrong'). I can assure readers that Aquinas and other 'doctors' of the Roman church are experts at wriggling and twisting ideas around so much that readers cannot truly follow the logic! It is how Rome has survived all this time.

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For example, Aquinas said this about it:

"Incorporeal things are not in place after a manner known and familiar to us, in which way we say that bodies are properly in place; but they are in place after a manner befitting spiritual substances, a manner that cannot be fully manifest to us." [St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae, Supplement, Q69, a1, reply 1]

See how he deals with it? He makes nebulous ideas equal to knowable things, and by accepting the knowability we also accept the nebulous. In this way what is unclear or mythical becomes knowable and concrete (at least in our minds). To put it another way, Purgatory is a pretend condition of soul, but it is presented to poor Catholics as a real place or condition, without a shred of evidence. It is just another 'philosophy of men', capable of being discussed and rejected as unscriptural. But, because Rome insists that its traditions are equal to scripture, no Catholic will reject it. Clever Rome!

In one of his talks, the pope speaks thus: *"In a theological sense however, hell is something else: it is the ultimate consequence of sin itself, which turns against the person who committed it. It is the state of those who definitively reject the Father's mercy, even at the last moment of their life."*

The words "committed it" reveal the idea that hell is a punishment for men who commit sin. This is not meant in the usual Protestant (biblical) sense, but refers to mankind sinning and entering Hell as a result. This is a partial truth. We enter Hell NOT because of daily sins we commit, but because of two factors: (a) We have been chosen for destruction in eternity (not elected to Heaven) (b) we are conceived in sin. Everyday sins are merely an outworking of that inborn state of Sin. See how Rome twists it?

You might think I am putting words into the pope's mouth? No, he continued his errors by saying: *"Redemption nevertheless remains an offer of salvation which it is up to people to accept freely."* Anyone who doubts the Roman origin of Arminianism should contemplate those words! It says that salvation is an 'offer' and that we have 'free will' to accept. Both are unscriptural. Yet, many of the pope's words are based on scripture. Sadly, it is his errors, mingled with truth, that cause us to cast out Roman thinking.

Then we come to Purgatory (General Audience, 4th August, 1999). Nowhere in the Bible do we find Christ saying that we are freed from all sin between death and Heaven. Yet: *"Before we enter into full communion with God, every trace of sin within us must be eliminated and every imperfection in our soul must be corrected."*

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The pope said this:

"For those who find themselves in a condition of being open to God, but still imperfectly, the journey towards full beatitude requires a purification, which the faith of the Church illustrates in the doctrine of "Purgatory"." (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1030-1032).

True – we are still imperfect even when we die. But, to say that we therefore must be ‘purified’ AFTER we die and BEFORE we enter Heaven is sheer fantasy. Note how this fantasy is given credibility by calling Purgatory a ‘doctrine’. That is, the mixing of truth with lies. There is no such doctrine in scripture. Any ‘doctrine’ that does not arise from scripture is a deception. ‘Tradition’ is NOT equal to scripture.

What Rome is missing is that we are saved IN CHRIST. The Father accepts us NOT because we are free of all sin, but because He ONLY sees the perfection of His Son. And this is our ‘ticket’ into Heaven – not our own perfection but the Son’s perfection, which covers us forever. We can accept this because it is told to us in God’s word. But, where do Catholics and Rome get their ‘doctrine’ from if it is not in God’s word? And if not in God’s word, how do Catholics KNOW FOR SURE they can rely on it? They cannot, because all men are sinners and commit error.

And the pope makes even more errors and guesses:

"The need for integrity obviously becomes necessary after death, for entering into perfect and complete communion with God. Those who do not possess this integrity must undergo purification. This is suggested by a text of St Paul. The Apostle speaks of the value of each person's work which will be revealed on the day of judgement and says: "If the work which any man has built on the foundation [which is Christ] survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3: 14-15).

At times, to reach a state of perfect integrity a person's intercession or mediation is needed. For example, Moses obtains pardon for the people with a prayer in which he recalls the saving work done by God in the past, and prays for God's fidelity to the oath made to his ancestors (cf. Ex 32: 30, 11-13). The figure of the Servant of the Lord, outlined in the Book of Isaiah, is also

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portrayed by his role of intercession and expiation for many; at the end of his suffering he "will see the light" and "will justify many", bearing their iniquities (cf. Is 52: 13-53, 12, especially vv. 53: 11)."

It takes very little effort to change ethereal nonsense into concrete 'truth'. The first sentence is given with authority, but no evidence for its 'truth' is given! The word "obviously" is used – but without proof. The next sentence, predicated on the idea that we die in sin, makes sense... *if we accept that God needs us to be fully free of sin before we enter Heaven. In biblical reality, we stop sinning at death and our bodies disappear physically.*

When we are raised again we will have new bodies fitted to enter Heaven, along with new minds. The previous sinfulness no longer exists, because we are accepted 'in Christ' and not because of any total purity on our part. The pope then makes a 'pig's ear' of Bible verses. (See my Bible study on this chapter). He then moves on to glue the prayerful intercession of the living for the dead to scripture! No evidence, just guesswork based on unsaved theology. In short, the pope's theology in these two paragraphs is wrong.

A great deal more can be said in criticism of popes and Rome on this matter, but the simple fact is this: Purgatory does not exist, nor does it appear in God's word.

Saved But Needing Cleaning?

Those in Purgatory are not there to be saved. The Catechism of the Catholic 'church' says this:

"All who die in God's grace, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (1030)."

If people stay in Purgatory (or its condition) for varying times, and prayers of the living can hasten their passage to Heaven, and such are already 'saved', then Purgatory is really like a second salvation. The way we see the idea presented shows us that we cannot enter Heaven until this second phase is completed and we are 100% pure. This is grave error, if not blasphemy, because every man and woman who is saved is saved by the merit of Christ's holiness, not our own. Christ never mentioned a second phase, because it does not exist. Yet, one Catholic writer says this (<http://www.catholic.com/blog/tim-staples/is-purgatory-in-the-bible>

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"This seems so simple. It's common sense. Scripture is very clear when it says, "But nothing unclean shall enter [heaven]" (Rev. 21:27). Hab. 1:13 says, "You [God]... are of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look on wrong..." How many of us will be perfectly sanctified at the time of our deaths? I dare say most of us will be in need of further purification in order to enter the gates of heaven after we die, if, please God, we die in a state of grace.

In light of this, the truth about Purgatory is almost self-evident to Catholics. However, to many Protestants this is one of the most repugnant of all Catholic teachings. It represents "a medieval invention nowhere to be found in the Bible." It's often called "a denial of the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice." It is said to represent "a second-chance theology that is abominable".

Such explanations ARE "so simple"... to Catholics, whose minds have been indoctrinated for years! It is NOT common-sense to those who read scripture as it is written and who believe in the sufficiency of Jesus Christ. Yes, the idea of Purgatory IS abominable. The writer of the 'explanation' says that there is "*Purgatory of sorts in the Old Testament*" (even though it does not exist there, but is founded on non-canonical books), and that Purgatory is "*fully revealed in the New Testament*"

(though it does not). The clue is in the added words:

"and defined by the Catholic church

". It is these definitions by the Romanists that replace what scripture truly says. This paper is sufficient to debunk 'Purgatory'.

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