

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #23

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False Religion(s)

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"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand." (Matthew 24:23-25 NKJV)

[1] Religion based upon "false christs and false prophets" is a false religion, for "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). These "great signs and wonders" have not come from God, for He has only endorsed, "so great a salvation" "which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?" (Hebrews 2:3-4). **No one who preaches and teaches error has the miraculous endorsement of God!** Paul wrote: "The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10). All "power, signs, and lying wonders" compose false religion which pretends to be of Christ, but are false and used by the Devil. Jesus said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them" (Luke 21:8). "If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 14:37).

[2] Religion based upon false applications of Scriptures is a false religion.

In Matthew 24:23-24, Jesus Christ was warning "the elect" what signs to look for that would alert them to the impending destruction of Jerusalem, which took place in A D 70. Jesus emphasized that "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things are fulfilled" (Matthew 24:34), plainly declaring that NONE OF THE SIGNS MENTIONED (Matthew 24:3-28) APPLIED TO HIS SECOND COMING! ALL WHO TWIST THE SCRIPTURES TO MAKE THESE SIGNS SEEM TO PRECEDE HIS SECOND COMING DO SO TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION, AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE THEIR TWISTED SCRIPTURES! Jesus removed all signs that could precede His Second Coming when He said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36), and then gave six illustrations to indicate that "of that day and hour no one knows" (Matthew 24:36-25:46). **All who claim to know are calling Jesus Christ a liar!**

[3] Religion based upon contradictions of the teachings of Jesus Christ is a false religion. Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who, among Roman Catholics, is referred to as "Pope Francis," on September 13, 2024, told young people in Singapore "all religions are path[ways] to reach God" (catholicnewsagency.com).

The Roman Catholics believe that their "Pope" is the "Vicar of Christ" on earth. As "Vicar" ("a word for an ecclesiastical agent or a substitute"-Merriam-Webster Dictionary), he "governs the Catholic Church as its supreme head" (walpolecatholic.net). HE IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF JESUS CHRIST ON EARTH! When he teaches errors, he teaches "unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

When Jesus said: "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30), a scribe replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no

other but He" (**Mark 12:32**). **No one who heard or has read what Jesus taught would believe that He endorsed everybody's "god."**

Jesus, on earth, claimed all should, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (**Matthew 7:13-14**). Jesus also declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (**John 14:6**). John added, "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (**1 John 5:9-12**). By saying "all religions are path[ways] to reach God," Jorge Mario Bergoglio is **calling** God, Jesus, and the Apostles liars; **causing** all of his Catholic followers to be lost; and **creating confusion** among those who want to be Christians by following only Jesus Christ! Jesus said, "He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him" (**John 8:26**). **No one who heard or has read what Jesus taught would believe that He endorsed everybody's "religion as a path to God."**

Jorge Mario Bergoglio is a "false christ" who is empowered "by the working of Satan" and has absolutely NO endorsement or approval from God. Only Jesus Christ "is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence" (**Colossians 1:18**). "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (**1 Corinthians 3:11**).

Jesus has truthfully said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted" (**Matthew 15:13**).

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~~ "I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live as if there isn't and to die to find out that there is." ~Albert Camus

~~ "The garden of love is green without limit and yields many fruits other than sorrow or joy. Love is beyond either condition: without spring, without autumn, it is always fresh." ~Rumi

DEAR PARENTS,

JASMINE WAS IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH A DIRTY HOMELESS BOY NAMED ALADDIN.
SNOW WHITE LIVED ALONE WITH 7 MEN.
PINNOCHIO WAS A LIAR.
ROBIN HOOD WAS A THIEF.
TARZAN WALKED AROUND WITHOUT CLOTHES ON.
A STRANGER KISSED SLEEPING BEAUTY AND SHE MARRIED HIM.
CINDERELLA LIED AND SNUCK OUT AT NIGHT TO ATTEND A PARTY.

YOU CAN'T BLAME US.
WE WERE TAUGHT TO REBEL SINCE A YOUNG AGE.

THEOPHILUS

A Rare Breed

