

The Pure *Propaganda* of the Church Fathers Exposed

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Destructive *propaganda* about the Church Fathers continues to spread like a *deadly* plague. Consequently, the Holy Scriptures are de-emphasized and eclipsed by the so-called "Church Fathers" that are being cited as a major teaching replacement. Such a departure from scripture (God's written word) is manifested by both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The former is understandable since the bulk of Catholic doctrine and theology are not found in Scripture and must, therefore, depart to another source for support (as unreliable as that source may be); however, to depart from Scripture to any other source is to fatally deviate from the standard and source of ALL Christian teaching and correction:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

The *man of God* is "**thoroughly equipped** for every good work" with the Scriptures alone. Therefore, nothing else is needed. In fact, Christians are likewise advised, "Do not go beyond what is written" (1 Cor. 4:6).

Off To The Church Fathers

To draw from the writings of the Church Fathers for Christian teaching and practice *assumes*:

- * their writing were not forgeries;
- * they were consistent and in agreement with one other; and
- * they were in harmony with Scripture.

All of the foregoing related points from the Church Fathers themselves will be submitted here for your careful consideration showing their *glaring unreliability*.

False Doctrines While the Apostles Were Still Alive

Without question, false doctrines existed and were a definite, serious problem even when the Lord's Apostles were still alive. Carefully note the following Scriptures:

Their teaching will **spread like gangrene**. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have **wandered away from the truth**. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they **destroy the faith of some**. (2 Tim. 2:17-18)

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning **to a different gospel** -- which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are **trying to pervert the gospel of Christ**. But even if we or an

angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! (Gal. 1:6-9)

See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us--even eternal life. **I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.** (1 John 2:24-26)

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can **encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.** (Titus 1:9)

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may **command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer** (1 Tim. 1:3)

If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions (1 Tim. 6:3-4)

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve. (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. **For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.** (Jude 3,4)

Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: **You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam,** who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. Likewise you also **have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent therefore!** Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. (Rev. 2:14-16)

Consequently, in light of those scriptures *alone*, to assume the so-called Church Fathers, even the very earliest - the "Apostolic Fathers" documented below, were in the era when God's truth flowed forth **is terribly inaccurate. That detail alone casts serious doubt on the Church Fathers, even without specific examples of such, but there is even more to notice.** [FYI: the Apostolic Fathers were allegedly men from the 1st or 2nd centuries who are claimed to have known an original apostle or someone who worked closely with such an apostle.]

Warnings of False Teachers and False Doctrine

In addition to the clarity of the above scriptures, there are also numerous warnings of *religious deception*:

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. (Mat. 7:15)

And many false prophets will appear and **deceive many people.** (Mat 24:11)

For such people are **not serving our Lord Christ**, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery **they deceive** the minds of naive people. (Rom 16:18)

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will **secretly introduce destructive heresies**, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves. **Many will follow their shameful ways** and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. (2 Pet. 2:1-2)

I tell you this so that no one may **deceive** you by fine-sounding arguments. (Col 2:4)

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. (Col. 2:8)

Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what **they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.** (1 Tim 1:6-7)

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. **For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.** Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. (2 Tim. 4:2-4)

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.** (1 John 4:1)

Shocking as it might be to some, **even some spiritual leaders from the church at Ephesus would go doctrinally astray:**

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. **Even from your own number** men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. (Acts 20:29-30)

All of this evidence is more than enough to prove that various false doctrines existed even while the Lord's Apostles were still alive and that the spread of false teachings would actually get worse! **Therefore, it is a fatal illusion to assume that people living immediately after the Apostles, even their own disciples or associates, were automatically 100% sound in Christian doctrine and that they would continue to remain sound.**

Foundation of Straw

The credibility of the Church Fathers is built upon a weak crumbling *foundation of straw*, yet cited as the supreme teaching authority by some. **Sadly, some very sincere and searching people who want to know**

about early Christianity are stumbling over the fabrications, cover-ups, fraudulent testimonies, outright deception and lies about this - the *Church Fathers propaganda*. Hence, this expose is provided to help precious souls who want the facts.

How people have been drawn away from the true spiritual final authority of the scriptures to a bunch of contradictory, inconsistent, uninspired, erroneous, impossible and ludicrous writings is stunning in light of the evidence. Perhaps because people are so gullibly trusting and because the writings of the Church Fathers are so voluminous, many people simply assume that these impressive sources exalting them are factual, but that is the *deception*. The following documented evidence is submitted for your careful examination and verification, and never forget what Jesus taught about scripture.

The PRECIOUS Lord Jesus Christ Told Us

Jesus said the whole law to the smallest detail would be fulfilled (Mt. 5:18); He said, **Scripture cannot be broken** (Jn. 10:35); when praying to the Father, He said "Your word is truth" (Jn. 17:17); **Jesus quoted the Scriptures to rebuke the devil** (Mt. 4:4,7,10 cf. Deut. 4) and **to substantiate His own behavior** (Mt. 21:12,13); **He said his very words will condemn people** (Jn. 12:48); Jesus taught His words, which were recorded in the first four books of the New Testament and in Revelation, will never pass away (Mt. 24:35); He said that **people are in error by not knowing the Scriptures and the power of God** (Mt. 22:29). This last reference shows that **the written Word of God is error-free**. Hence, the Lord Jesus taught Scripture is final spiritual authority, as you should, if you claim to be his follower; He also endorsed the entire Old Testament there, but also promised the New Testament to be inspired when He said the Holy Spirit would guide His disciples into all truth (Jn. 16:13), teach all things and bring all things to remembrance that Jesus taught (Jn. 14:26). Peter said that Paul's writings were Scripture (2 Pet. 3:16) and, thereby, indirectly endorsed approximately one-half of the New Testament books, which would be written by Paul.

Into Catholicism Over Ignorance

Regarding a testimonial about the Church Fathers, here is one from a man who joined Catholicism because of such propaganda. Only God knows how many have been misled by this man's testimony alone:

Popular author and biblical scholar John Bergsma will share how the Church Fathers helped lead him to the Catholic Church. (stpaulcenter.com)

Catholic apologist, Scott Hahn, claims the same for himself. Furthermore, I personally spoke with a local man who went back into Catholicism, based on Church Father propaganda. Such is very sad and totally irrational in light of the aforementioned and following documentation.

Remember: the Church submits to Christ (Eph. 5:29) and has always done so; Christ CANNOT be separated from his Word, for He is the Word (Jn. 1:1 cf. 1:4; Rev. 19:13). To depart from Scripture (the Word) is to depart to another Jesus and to another way, that is, a false Jesus and a false way. For the sake of your very SOUL, carefully consider this evidence and, if need be, adjust your beliefs and practices based solely on Scripture. **Remember, you are 100% safe to go by the Scriptures alone; going solely by Scripture was the way of the first Christians and is still the way of the true Church that remains today.** Please spread this rare information to as many as you can and go by the Bible alone with a major emphasis on New Testament. Thank you and **God bless you.**

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Chapter XXV.—The phoenix an emblem of our resurrection.

Let us consider that wonderful sign [of the resurrection] which takes place in Eastern lands, that is, in Arabia and the countries round about. There is a certain bird which is called a phoenix. This is the only one of its kind, and lives five hundred years. And when the time of its dissolution draws near that it must die, it builds itself a nest of frankincense, and myrrh, and other spices, into which, when the time is fulfilled, it enters and dies. But as the flesh decays a certain kind of worm is produced, which, being nourished by the juices of the dead bird, brings forth feathers. Then, when it has acquired strength, it takes up that nest in which are the bones of its parent, and bearing these it passes from the land of Arabia into Egypt, to the city called Heliopolis. And, in open day, flying in the sight of all men, it places them on the altar of the sun, and having done this, hastens back to its former abode. The priests then inspect the registers of the dates, and find that it has returned exactly as the five hundredth year was completed.¹⁰⁴

[The First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians, Chapter XXV]

COMMENT: Dear reader, can you force yourself to believe that gibberish? Even if you accept the view it is symbolic of the *resurrection* it still has no resemblance to the real resurrection of either the righteous or the wicked. See Jn. 5:28,29; 1 Cor. 15:17-54; 1 Thess. 4:14-17; Rev. 20:12-15. (Other so-called "church fathers" likewise mentioned the mythical phoenix "bird" too!)

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Chapter XIV.—The prayer of Polycarp.

They did not nail him then, but simply bound him. And he, placing his hands behind him, and being bound like a distinguished ram [taken] out of a great flock for sacrifice, and prepared to be an acceptable burnt-offering unto God, looked up to heaven, and said, "O Lord God Almighty, the Father of thy beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, by whom we have received the knowledge of Thee, the God of angels and powers, and of every creature, and of the whole race of the righteous who live before thee, I give Thee thanks that Thou hast counted me, worthy of this day and this

The Church Father, Polycarp, "at the hour of his death" did NOT pray to Mary or even mention her at all, even by inference. Catholic apologists are inconsistent for they exalt the "Church Fathers" but AVOID telling people the same Church Fathers also refuted and opposed Catholic doctrine at times! **Go by the Bible. It is final spiritual authority: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3:16,17)

[The Encyclical Epistle of the Church at Smyrna Concerning the Martyrdom of the Holy Polycarp, Chapter XIV]

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#3 Various people are named *Judas* in the Bible, but only *the betrayer* is outstanding.

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Judas walked about in this world a sad¹⁷⁴³ example of impiety; for his body having swollen to such an extent that he could not pass where a chariot could pass easily, he was crushed by the chariot, so that his bowels gushed out.¹⁷⁴⁴

[Fragments of Papias, III.]

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Comment: IF you even know a tiny bit of God's word you know that is about as wrong as it can be: (1) *Before* Judas became a thief and betrayed the Lord Jesus, he was both a *disciple* and an *Apostle* - exalted to that high church office by the Lord (Mt. 10:1-4; 1 Cor. 12:28). To be Jesus' disciple, Judas had a very serious commitment to God, at that early point (Mt. 12:49,50; Lk. 14:26; 14:33). Judas was spiritually qualified then (1 Tim. 3:2-7; Tit. 1:6-9; 1 Pet. 5:2,3), but later, horribly turned away. The Lord Jesus and his Apostles, including Judas, walked from town to town to town for years. IF Judas was really that fat and unhealthy in his body, he surely couldn't have done that. (2) Judas didn't die by being *crushed by a chariot*. He hung himself (Mt. 27:5). Afterwards, his body fell and his intestines gushed out (Acts 1:18). Again, the *Church Fathers* is weird and untrustworthy, unlike the Holy Scriptures - which is to be the basis of all Christian teaching (2 Tim. 3:15-17), but is it for YOU?

#4 Polycarp contradicts a different Church Father!

Chapter XI.—No threats have any effect on Polycarp.

The proconsul then said to him, "I have wild beasts at hand; to these will I cast thee, except thou repent." But he answered, "Call them then, for we are not accustomed to repent of what is good in order to adopt that which is evil;⁴⁴⁹ and it is well for me to be changed from what is evil to what is righteous."⁴⁵⁰ But again the proconsul said to him, "I will cause thee to be consumed by fire, seeing thou despisest the wild beasts, if thou wilt not repent." But Polycarp said, "Thou threatenest me with fire which burneth for an hour, and after a little is extinguished, but art ignorant of the fire of the coming judgment and of eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. But why tarriest thou? Bring forth what thou wilt."

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Polycarp contradicts, Origen and other "Church Fathers", who taught *Universal Salvation* (everyone will be saved and no one is going to Hell fire). **Stick to the scriptures (the Bible) and you will be 100% SAFE. Remember 2 Tim. 3:16,17.

[The Encyclical Epistle of the Church at Smyrna Concerning the Martyrdom of the Holy Polycarp, Chapter XI]

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the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."¹⁸ Ye see, brethren, how envy and jealousy led to the murder of a brother. Through envy, also, our father Jacob fled from the face of Esau his brother.¹⁹ Envy made Joseph be persecuted unto death, and to come into bondage.²⁰ Envy compelled Moses to flee from the face of Pharaoh king of Egypt, when he heard these words from his fellow-countryman, "Who made thee a judge or a ruler over us? wilt thou kill me, as thou didst kill the Egyptian yesterday?"²¹ On account of envy, Aaron and Miriam had to make their abode without the camp.²² Envy brought down Dathan and Abiram alive to Hades, through the sedition which they excited against God's servant Moses.²³ Through envy, David underwent the

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***Clement was supposed to be the 2nd or the 4th Pope!**

All those statements are FALSE! Joseph was NOT persecuted unto death. He lived 110 yrs and died in Egypt (Gen. 50:24-26). Moses fled Egypt because the Pharaoh tried to kill him (Ex. 2:14,15). Aaron and Miriam were not sent outside the camp! Only Miriam became leprous (Num. 12:10) and she alone was sent outside the camp (Num. 12:14,15). It was because both talked against Moses' Cushite wife (Num. 12:1). Go by the Bible 100% and you'll be SAFE! [The First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians, Chapter IV]

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#6a

His friend¹³⁸⁷ Ignatius to John the holy presbyter.

If thou wilt give me leave, I desire to go up to Jerusalem, and see the faithful¹³⁸⁸ saints who are there, especially Mary the mother, whom they report to be an object of admiration and of affection to all. For who would not rejoice to behold and to address her who bore the true God from her¹³⁸⁹ own womb, provided he is a friend of our faith and religion? And in like manner [I desire to see] the venerable James, who is surnamed Just, whom they relate to be very like Christ Jesus in appearance,¹³⁹⁰ in life, and in method of conduct, as if he were a twin-brother of the same womb. They say that, if I see him, I see also Jesus Himself, as to all the features and aspect of His body. Moreover, [I desire to see] the other saints, both male and female. Alas! why do I delay? Why am I kept back? Kind¹³⁹¹ teacher, bid me hasten [to fulfil my wish], and fare thou well. Amen.

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COMMENT: That is a prime example of another *forgery* in the Church Fathers. That is impossible since the real Mary was already dead before Ignatius was born or he was pre-teen. Also, the essence of that lie is the very heart of Catholic Mariology, which has led to all kind of unscriptural idolatrous Mary fantasies. The Church Fathers are again shown to not be reliable. They are not scripture. ONLY scripture is given for all Christian teaching (2 Tim. 3:16,17). Go by the Bible 100% and be safe.

#6b

Timeline *Expose* of the Church Fathers

- 4 BC Jesus, the Christ was born
- 18 BC Mary, mother of Jesus, was born
- 30 AD Jesus, the Lord and Savior, died
- 41 AD Mary, mother of Jesus, died
- 35 or 50 AD Ignatius of Antioch was born

That means **Mary was either already dead before Ignatius was even born or before Ignatius was a pre-teen.** Either way, these dates falsify the correspondence that allegedly took place between Ignatius and Mary, as claimed in the Church Fathers.

Some non Catholics claim they read the *Church Fathers* and were convinced to convert to Catholicism, but *how could that be* with **time anachronisms, scriptural errors and other strange to weird - even impossible details among the Apostolic Fathers, etc?**

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#7 Again, the timeline reveals the impossibility of this.

The Epistle of Ignatius to St. John the Apostle

Ignatius, and the brethren who are with him, to John the holy presbyter.

WE are deeply grieved at thy delay in strengthening us by thy addresses and consolations. If thy absence be prolonged, it will disappoint many of us. Hasten then to come, for we believe that it is expedient. There are also many of our women here, who are desirous to see Mary [the mother] of Jesus, and wish day by day to run off from us to you, that they may meet with her, and touch those breasts of hers which nourished the Lord Jesus, and may inquire of her respecting some rather secret matters. But Salome also, [the daughter of Anna,] whom thou lovest, who stayed with her

Comment: Allegedly, Ignatius is telling the Apostle John he needs to come quickly, bringing Mary the mother of Jesus, so the godly women can *touch Mary's breasts*. Folks, that is not the interest of *godly* women - to touch another woman's *breasts*! That sounds like what lesbians would want to do!

Also, Jesus openly denounced a Catholic-like woman, who exalted Mary over that very thing (Lk. 11:27,28)! This account is further debunked because a timeline of Mary and Ignatius shows Mary was either already dead when Ignatius was born or he was pre-teen when she died!
[The Epistle of Ignatius to St. John the Apostle]

#8 Here we have the Church Father contradicting the Rosary, which declare Mary as "our life"!

Chapter I.—Reason of writing the epistle.

HAVING been informed of your godly⁶³² love, so well-ordered, I rejoiced greatly, and determined to commune with you in the faith of Jesus Christ. For as one who has been thought worthy of the most honourable of all names,⁶³³ in those bonds which I bear about, I commend the Churches, in which I pray for a union both of the flesh and spirit of Jesus Christ, the constant source of our life, and of faith and love, to which nothing is to be preferred, but especially of Jesus and the Father, in

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Comment: The Lord Jesus is "our life" - NOT Mary, as she is openly proclaimed to be in the *Salve Maria*, Rosary prayer. BTW, Catholicism states that the Rosary is the "epitome of the whole Gospel" (CCC 971). So the *epitome of the whole Gospel* in Catholicism has it wrong about who is "our life". This is a contradiction with Catholicism. [The Epistle of Ignatius to the Magnesians Shorter and Longer Versions, Chapter 1]

#9

Chapter XLV.—Those who were righteous before and under the law shall be saved by Christ.

And Trypho said, "If I seem to interrupt these matters, which you say must be investigated, yet the question which I mean to put is urgent. Suffer me first."

And I replied, "Ask whatever you please, as it occurs to you; and I shall endeavour, after questions and answers, to resume and complete the discourse."

Then he said, "Tell me, then, shall those who lived according to the law given by Moses, live in the same manner with Jacob, Enoch, and Noah, in the resurrection of the dead, or not?"

I replied to him, "When I quoted, sir, the words spoken by Ezekiel, that 'even if Noah and Daniel and Jacob were to beg sons and daughters, the request would not be granted them,' but that each one, that is to say, shall be saved by his own righteousness, I said also, that those who regulated their lives by the law of Moses would in like manner be saved. For what in the law of Moses is

[Dialogue of Justin, Philosopher and Martyr, with Trypho, a Jew - Chapter XLV]

Comment: Justin Martyr wrote that he "quoted" Ezekiel, yet he has that wrong too. Ezek. 14:20 says, "even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in it, they could save neither son nor daughter. They would save only themselves by their righteousness." Jacob is not included in the name listing. It was Job instead of Jacob. Secondly, Justin Martyr has those three men "begging sons and daughters" which is a distortion of the actual scripture (Ezek. 14:20). Such misquotes and distortions are common in the so-called 'church fathers.'

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Chapter XXXV.—Heretics confirm the Catholics in the faith.

And Trypho said, “I believe, however, that many of those who say that they confess Jesus, and are called Christians, eat meats offered to idols, and declare that they are by no means injured in consequence.” And I replied, “The fact that there are such men confessing themselves to be Christians, and admitting the crucified Jesus to be both Lord and Christ, yet not teaching His doctrines, but those of the spirits of error, causes us who are disciples of the true and pure doctrine of Jesus Christ, to be more faithful and steadfast in the hope announced by Him. For what things

[Dialogue of Justin, Philosopher and Martyr, with Trypho, a Jew, Chapter XXXV]

COMMENT: Nowhere in that entire chapter is the term *Catholics* found, as cited in the chapter title. It should not be there, which is highly misleading. Instead, it should be *Christians*, as found in the body. In fact, nowhere in the entire New Testament is the term *Catholic* found either, unlike the term *Christians*, which is (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16). Please verify this for yourself.

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twig ten thousand shoots, and in every one of the shoots ten thousand clusters, and on every one of the clusters ten thousand grapes, and every grape when pressed will give five-and-twenty metretes of wine. And when any one of the saints shall lay hold of a cluster, another shall cry out, ‘I am a better cluster, take me; bless the Lord through me.’ In like manner, [He said] that a grain of wheat would produce ten thousand ears, and that every ear would have ten thousand grains, and every [Papias, IV]

Comment: That is so *absurd* it is beyond belief. I'll show you why shortly, but first, allegedly, Papias writes here what elders heard from the Apostle John, who got that from the Lord Jesus. Of course, there are no scriptures which support such and surely those who argue for the *Church Fathers* do not want you find out about the above either. To reject it as counterfeit is great, but what is it doing in the Church Fathers at all? By being included it taints all of it, as do so many others like it. Should such a tale be included? FYI, **one metrete = 37.4 litres (or 1 metrete = 9.88 gallons)**. Multiple that times 25 and that is supposed to be the amount of wine coming from just 1 grape (with a whole cluster being of 10,000 grapes). **So it is claiming 1 grape will yield 247 gallons of wine with 1 whole cluster yielding 2,470,000 gallons of wine**. Dear friend, the *Church Fathers* are not reliable, yet Rome's propaganda is protestants have converted to Catholic over such. If that really happened, what does it say about such people? Go by the Bible 100% for your spiritual truth, as you are supposed to and you'll be safe (2 Tim. 3:15-17).

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Chapter XVI.—Polycarp is pierced by a dagger.

At length, when those wicked men perceived that his body could not be consumed by the fire, they commanded an executioner to go near and pierce him through with a dagger. And on his doing this, there came forth a dove,⁴⁶² and a great quantity of blood, so that the fire was extinguished; and all the people wondered that there should be such a difference between the unbelievers and the elect, of whom this most admirable Polycarp was one, having in our own times been an apostolic

Comment: Can you force yourself to believe that fiction? Do you believe a dove came out of Polycarp's body from the dagger wound? Do you believe his blood extinguished the fire? **Go by the Bible alone for ALL spiritual truth, especially about salvation. See 2 Tim. 3:15-17.

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Now, as soon as he had ceased praying, having made mention of all that had at any time come in contact with him, both small and great, illustrious and obscure, as well as the whole Catholic Church throughout the world, the time of his departure having arrived, they set him upon an ass, and conducted him into the city, the day being that of the great Sabbath. And the Irenarch Herod,

Comment: The word "Catholic" there is what Rome wants us to focus on, for they want us to believe the early Christians were *Catholic*. What Catholicism does not want you to know, which would destroy their narrative is: among the so-called Church Fathers are the many conflicts with scripture itself; contradictions between the Church Fathers themselves; etc., even a timeline impossibility, which all destroy the authority and believability of what we read here. Without question, there are forgeries, ludicrous statements and outright *impossibilities* in the Church Fathers. So why look to them to begin with? One of the main reasons is the New Testament (and the Old Testament too) do not support Catholicism, but is anti-Catholic. Rome, therefore, must depart to another source for support and leave the only reliable source of spiritual truth for Christians, the Bible. It is the scriptures alone, which is to be the basis of all Christian teaching (2 Tim. 3:16,17; 1 Cor. 4:6), but they refuse to the damnation of souls. [The Encyclical Epistle of the Church at Smyrna Concerning the Martyrdom of the Holy Polycarp, Chapter VIII]

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#14

Chapter XLV.—It is the part of the wicked to vex the righteous.

Ye are fond of contention, brethren, and full of zeal about things which do not pertain to salvation. Look carefully into the Scriptures, which are the true utterances of the Holy Spirit. Observe¹⁹⁴ that nothing of an unjust or counterfeit character is written in them. There¹⁹⁵ you will not find that the righteous were cast off by men who themselves were holy. The righteous were indeed persecuted, but only by the wicked. They were cast into prison, but only by the unholy; they were stoned, but only by transgressors; they were slain, but only by the accursed, and such as had
[The First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians, Chapter XLV]

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COMMENT: This is more trouble for those who downplay the scriptures and desire to exalt the writings of the "church fathers." Why? Because here Clement is directing their attention to the scriptures, which are truth from the Holy Spirit and that *nothing* false is written in them. Clement magnified reading the Bible and was right (2 Tim. 3:16,17). Go by the Bible alone and you'll be 100% SAFE.

#15

Chapter VII.—The knowledge of truth to be sought from the prophets alone.

“ ‘Should any one, then, employ a teacher?’ I say, ‘or whence may any one be helped, if not even in them there is truth?’

“ ‘There existed, long before this time, certain men more ancient than all those who are esteemed philosophers, both righteous and beloved by God, who spoke by the Divine Spirit, and foretold events which would take place, and which are now taking place. They are called prophets. These alone both saw and announced the truth to men, neither reverencing nor fearing any man, not influenced by a desire for glory, but speaking those things alone which they saw and which they heard, being filled with the Holy Spirit. Their writings are still extant, and he who has read them is very much helped in his knowledge of the beginning and end of things, and of those matters which the philosopher ought to know, provided he has believed them. For they did not use

[Dialogue of Justin, Philosopher and Martyr, with Trypho, a Jew, Chapter VII]

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Comment: Here the writings of the prophets, which can be read (the scriptures) are exalted as being the "alone" source for truth. Not one word is stated about *tradition*, or anything descriptive of tradition, as being an equal source of spiritual truth with scripture, unlike what Rome wants us all to believe (CCC 97). Catholicism picks and chooses certain parts of the Church Fathers (CF) which they like, while they also conveniently overlook and suppress the weird, the impossible and, in this case, contradictory to their own teachings also from the CF.

#16

Chapter IX.—Ye have given no heed to false teachers.

Nevertheless, I have heard of some who have passed on from this to you, having false doctrine, whom ye did not suffer to sow among you, but stopped your ears, that ye might not receive those things which were sown by them, as being stones⁵⁴² of the temple of the Father, prepared for the building of God the Father, and drawn up on high by the instrument of Jesus Christ, which is the cross,⁵⁴³ making use of the Holy Spirit as a rope, while your faith was the means by which you ascended, and your love the way which led up to God. Ye, therefore, as well as all your fellow-travellers, are God-bearers, temple-bearers, Christ-bearers, bearers of holiness, adorned in all respects with the commandments of Jesus Christ, in whom also I exult that I have been thought worthy, by means of this Epistle, to converse and rejoice with you, because with respect to your Christian life⁵⁴⁴ ye love nothing but God only.

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Comment: This is more trouble for Catholics. Why? Because Catholics call Mary the "Mother of God" and *theotokos*, which means God-bearer. Here we see that ALL CHRISTIANS are "God-bearers" and not uniquely Mary. This statement is Biblically sound, but clashes with Mariology. Moreover, Mary only had Jesus in her physical body for 9 months, while MANY CHRISTIANS have God in their physical bodies for decades.

[The Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians Shorter and Longer Versions, Chapter IX]

#17

Chapter XLIX.—The praise of love.

Let him who has love in Christ keep the commandments of Christ. Who can describe the [blessed] bond of the love of God? What man is able to tell the excellence of its beauty, as it ought to be told? The height to which love exalts is unspeakable. Love unites us to God. Love covers a multitude of sins.²²¹ Love beareth all things, is long-suffering in all things.²²² There is nothing base, nothing arrogant in love. Love admits of no schisms: love gives rise to no seditions: love does all things in harmony. By love have all the elect of God been made perfect; without love nothing is well-pleasing to God. In love has the Lord taken us to Himself. On account of the Love he bore us, Jesus Christ our Lord gave His blood for us by the will of God; His flesh for our flesh, and His soul for our souls.²²³

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Clement NEVER mentions Mary, the mother of Jesus, at all for any reason in his entire epistle, though he cited various godly examples, mostly from the scriptures. Here Clement is talking about our salvation and redemption, yet the focus was on JESUS and not Mary too. Clement was supposed to be a pope, either #4 or #2, and revealed Mary's NON importance in salvation and redemption throughout his teachings. [The First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians, Chapter XLIX]

#18

The Epistle of Ignatius to the Virgin Mary

Her friend¹³⁹² Ignatius to the Christ-bearing Mary.

THOU oughtest to have comforted and consoled me who am a neophyte, and a disciple of thy [beloved] John. For I have heard things wonderful to tell respecting thy [son] Jesus, and I am astonished by such a report. But I desire with my whole heart to obtain information concerning the things which I have heard from thee, who wast always intimate and allied with Him, and who wast acquainted with [all] His secrets. I have also written to thee at another time, and have asked thee concerning the same things. Fare thou well; and let the neophytes who are with me be comforted of thee, and by thee, and in thee. Amen.

Comment: This is another complete fabrication and impossibility, based on timeline dates and further violently clashes with God's word. In Mark 3:21-35, the real Mary at one point thought Jesus was crazy. Also, neither did John nor Peter exalt Mary. Peter never even mentioned Mary by inference in either of his two epistles. John wrote five books of the Bible, and in four, never mentioned Mary at all. In the Gospel of John, he mentioned Mary Magdalene more than Mary, the mother of Jesus. Furthermore, after Jesus resurrected he first appeared to Mary Magdalene and others too by name, but not his mother. Do not be deceived by the so-called Church Fathers. Your very SOUL is in the balance. Go by scripture. Remember Jn. 12:48.

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Chapter XXXIV.—Nor does Ps. lxxii. apply to Solomon, whose faults Christians shudder at.

“Further, to persuade you that you have not understood anything of the Scriptures, I will remind you of another psalm, dictated to David by the Holy Spirit, which you say refers to Solomon, who was also your king. But it refers also to our Christ. But you deceive yourselves by the ambiguous forms of speech. For where it is said, ‘The law of the Lord is perfect,’ you do not understand it of the law which was to be after Moses, but of the law which was given by Moses, although God declared that He would establish a new law and a new covenant. And where it has been said, ‘O

[Dialogue of Justin, Philosopher and Martyr, with Trypho, a Jew, Chapter XXXIV]

Comment: This is an error by Justin, for Psalm 72 really was written by Solomon, not David as he taught.

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in fighting against our enemies?" Ignatius answered, "Thou art in error when thou callest the dæmons of the nations gods. For there is but one God, who made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that are in them; and one Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, whose kingdom may I enjoy." Trajan said, "Do you mean Him who was crucified under Pontius Pilate?" Ignatius replied, "I mean Him who crucified my sin, with him who was the inventor of it,¹⁴¹⁰ and who has condemned [and cast down] all the deceit and malice of the devil under the feet of those who carry Him in their heart." Trajan said, "Dost thou then carry within thee Him that was crucified?" Ignatius replied, "Truly so; for it is written, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them.'"¹⁴¹¹ Then Trajan pronounced sentence as follows: "We command that Ignatius, who affirms that he carries about within him Him

Comment: That is a very strange statement allegedly by Ignatius.
[Chapter II.—Ignatius is condemned by Trajan]

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Chapter XX.—Exhortations to steadfastness and unity.

Stand fast, brethren, in the faith of Jesus Christ, and in His love, in His passion, and in His resurrection. Do ye all come together in common, and individually,⁶²⁵ through grace, in one faith of God the Father, and of Jesus Christ His only-begotten Son, and "the first-born of every creature,"⁶²⁶ but of the seed of David according to the flesh, being under the guidance of the Comforter, in obedience to the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is the medicine of immortality, and the antidote which prevents us from dying, but a cleansing remedy driving away evil, [which causes] that we should live in God through Jesus Christ.

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Comment: When Catholics see the words "medicine of immortality" associated with the bread (communion), they surely get elated for a moment, but such is short lived. Why? The bread is also supposed to be "the antidote" which prevents us from dying. So, how does that compare with Jesus' teaching? In contrast, the Lord taught: • I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death. (John 8:51) • and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? (John 11:26) In other words, Jesus taught to never die you will need a *continuous* tense faith in him that keeps his word. Hence, Jesus did NOT teach partaking of communion would prevent us from dying. [The Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians Shorter and Longer Versions, Chapter 20]

#22

Chapter III.—Expressions of personal unworthiness.

These things, brethren, I write to you concerning righteousness, not because I take anything upon myself, but because ye have invited me to do so. For neither I, nor any other such one, can come up to the wisdom³⁵⁷ of the blessed and glorified Paul. He, when among you, accurately and steadfastly taught the word of truth in the presence of those who were then alive. And when absent from you, he wrote you a letter,³⁵⁸ which, if you carefully study, you will find to be the means of building you up in that faith which has been given you, and which, being followed by hope, and preceded by love towards God, and Christ, and our neighbour, “is the mother of us all.”³⁵⁹ For if any one be inwardly possessed of these graces, he hath fulfilled the command of righteousness, since he that hath love is far from all sin.

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Comment: There the "mother of us all" is referred to, but it is NOT Mary, as Catholicism wants us to wrongly believe. [The Epistle of Polycarp to the Philippians, Chapter III]

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savage than all the beasts of the earth, and how from it sprang up ten horns, and out of them a little budding horn, and how it subdued under one three of the great horns.”¹⁴⁷¹ Ye ought therefore to understand. And this also I further beg of you, as being one of you, and loving you both individually and collectively more than my own soul, to take heed now to yourselves, and not to be like some, adding largely to your sins, and saying, “The covenant is both theirs and ours.”¹⁴⁷² But they thus finally lost it, after Moses had already received it. For the Scripture saith, “And Moses was fasting in the mount forty days and forty nights, and received the covenant from the Lord, tables of stone written with the finger of the hand of the Lord;”¹⁴⁷³ but turning away to idols, they lost it. For the Lord speaks thus to Moses: “Moses go down quickly; for the people whom thou hast brought out of the land of Egypt have transgressed.”¹⁴⁷⁴ And Moses understood [the meaning of God], and cast the two tables out of his hands; and their covenant was broken, in order that the covenant of the beloved Jesus might be sealed upon our heart, in the hope which flows from believing in Him.¹⁴⁷⁵ Now, being desirous to write many things to you, not as your teacher, but as becometh one who loves you, I have taken care not to fail to write to you from what I myself possess, with a view to

Comment: It is true that Moses threw down and broke the original stone tablets over his righteous anger (Ex. 32:19), but the stone tablets were later replaced (Ex. 34:1-27). Such, however, had nothing to do with the New Covenant and the veil of the temple being torn when Jesus died for our sins on the cross (Mt. 27:50,51). [The Epistle of Barnabas, Chapter IV.—Antichrist is at hand: let us therefore avoid Jewish errors]

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1. Simon the Samaritan was that magician of whom Luke, the disciple and follower of the apostles, says, "But there was a certain man, Simon by name, who beforetime used magical arts in that city, and led astray the people of Samaria, declaring that he himself was some great one, to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This is the power of God, which is called great. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had driven them mad by his sorceries."²⁹³⁴ This Simon, then—who feigned faith, supposing that the apostles themselves performed their cures by the art of magic, and not by the power of God; and with respect to their filling with the Holy Ghost, through the imposition of hands, those that believed in God through Him who was preached by them, namely, Christ Jesus—suspecting that even this was done through a kind of greater knowledge of magic, and offering money to the apostles, thought he, too, might receive this power of bestowing the Holy Spirit on whomsoever he would,—was addressed in these words by Peter: "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God can be purchased with money: thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not right in the sight of God; for I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity."²⁹³⁵ He, then, not putting faith in God a whit the more, set himself eagerly to contend against the apostles, in order that he himself might seem to be a wonderful being, and applied himself with still greater zeal to the study of the whole magic art, that he might the better bewilder and overpower multitudes

[Irenaeus, Against Heresies: Book I, Chapter XXIII.—Doctrines and practices of Simon Magus and Menander]

Comment: The truth is Simon actually believed and was water baptized (Acts 8:13). Also, it is a complete fabrication that Simon thought the Lord's apostles used magic. Moreover, after Peter rebuked Simon, Simon did NOT "eagerly contend against the apostles". Instead Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." (Acts 8:24)

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Dear reader, for your SOUL'S sake, go by the Bible 100% - the *only* trustworthy source of spiritual truth. Such is also the Christian way (2 Tim. 3:16,17). To be saved, deeply and sorrowfully *repent* (turn from your sins), cry out to God for mercy and forgiveness, and place all 100% of your trust and faith in the PRECIOUS Lord Jesus Christ to unashamedly follow him and to do God's will till death. Your *eternity* depends on it.

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FATHER IS EXCLUDED!

Such is an IDOLATROUS and VIOLENT contradiction to Scripture (Rev. 5:13; 6:16; 7:10; 22:1,3; etc.) In the *Immaculate Mary* song, Catholics sing about

Mary and Jesus Reigning.

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