

- * If your 'church' is true, show us some of your ancient teachings and how you are still teaching the same doctrine. And, one must "not only prove from antiquity, but must prove each succeeding century and decade that yours existed and taught the same thing."
- * What is your 'church's' creed? Is it definable? Does it not trouble you that for the first hundreds or more years of Christianity Christians never heard of this creed?
- * Why is it you disparage the Catholic Church's past, when your 'church' doesn't even have a past (at least not dating from Christ)?
- * "What does your 'church' have that it did not receive from the Catholic Church?" From the Catholic Church, you got the Bible, the doctrine of the Trinity...
- * "Since Pentecost, we know the Apostles thought and acted in harmony, but you say you have the Holy Spirit yet are splintered into 30,000+ denominations - how can that be?"
- * How can your religion be true when it teaches differently than the Apostles taught? Does it not trouble you that those who lived closest to the Apostles (and who would best understand what they taught) confirm Catholic doctrine?
- * If your 'church' claims to be true, show us ancient documentation regarding your first and second and third century persecutions. The Catholic Church can show you plenty, and scripture says to expect persecution (see Jn. 15:20). If all the Apostles were martyred (although St. John survived his attempted martyrdom), why were not any of your 'church' members also persecuted / martyred?
- * If your 'church' claims to be true, where are your virgins? Christ and St. Paul both praised celibacy (cf. Mt. 19:12, 1 Cor. 7:8, 1 Cor. 7:32-38) and scripture shows that the virgins are the ones that closely follow Christ in heaven (Rv. 14:3-5), so where are your virgins? *What a glory it is for the Catholic Church, that she alone has the gift of this holy state of virginity, which is the source of every other sacrifice, because nothing but the love of God could inspire a human heart to vow virginity!" (Dom Gueranger)*
- * If your 'church' is true, why is it that even the Catholic Church's enemies attest to her and not to you? For example, why is it that that Satan worshipers seek to steal consecrated hosts from a Catholic Mass and not bread wafers from a Protestant service? Why is it that Jews who hate the Church will at least admit there was a Catholic Church in the second century, but they cannot point to any other 'Christian' assemblies of any significance which still exist? Why were the ancient heretics all former Catholics? If your religion was true, they should have been break offs from yours, not the Catholic Church Heresies are biblical, so your 'church', if it is true, should have been a record of being affected by ancient heresies!
- * Why is it that until the 'Reformation', any historical document referencing "the Church" (outside the limited area of the Orthodox) undoubtedly refers to the Catholic Church? Why is it that - even today - historical textbooks refer to the Catholic Church as "the Church"? Certainly publishers of such books are generally not friends of the Catholic Church! Where exactly was your 'church'?
- * If your 'church' was the true Church, why are there more Catholics than all other 'Christian' religions combined? Also, kindly explain why your 'church' has perhaps thousands or even hundreds of thousands (or even more) members and how the Catholic Church lays claim to a billion or so members. Trace how your spread over time and why you couldn't convert even close to as many people as the Catholic Church has. Be sure to explain why you couldn't convert more people especially considering that your doctrines generally appear more "pleasant" (e.g. little is required, salvation is "guaranteed", divorce may be tolerated, etc.), whereas Catholic doctrines are more demanding (e.g. much is required, salvation is not guaranteed and must be worked for, divorce is not tolerated, etc.). And lets not forget that various countries which had been Catholic were taken by Muslims by force.

- * If your 'church' was the true Church, why is it that your 'church' has not always existed?
- * If your 'church' was the true Church, why is it that your 'church' only exists in limited areas?
- * If your 'church' was the true Church, why is it that when your 'church' goes to 'evangelize' in other countries, you find that Catholics are already there?
- * If yourself or a loved one became possessed by Satan (yes, it really is biblical and it really does happen), why is it that you would probably (at least at some point) end up going to the Catholic Church for help? It is because you know that Christ gave the Church the power to perform exorcisms? Or would it be, like so many others, that you discovered that others were simply ineffective at driving out Satan, where as the Catholic Church has a proven record of success?
- * Speaking of Satan, why is it that your non-Catholic 'church' makes light of Catholics' use of holy water, when the devil himself rates it? How can your 'church' be true when it is wholly incapable of unity in doctrine?
- * How can your 'church' be true when it teaches things so contrary to Scripture?
- * Jesus Christ says: 'Hear the Church' (Cf. Mt. 18:17). No, says Protestantism, do not hear the Church, protest against her with all your might, Jesus Christ says, if any one will not hear the Church, look up him as a heathen and a publican (Mt. 18:17). No, says Protestantism, if any one does not hear the Church, look upon him as an Apostle, as an ambassador of God. Jesus Christ says: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against my church" (Mt. 16: 18). No, says Protestantism, it is false; the gates of hell have prevailed against the Church for a thousand years and more. Jesus Christ has declared St. Peter, and every successor of St. Peter, the pope, to be his Vicar on Earth (Mt. 16: 18, Jn. 21: 15-17). No, says Protestantism, the pope is the Antichrist. Jesus Christ says: "My yoke is sweet, and my burden is light" (Mt. 11: 30). No, says Luther and Calvin, it is impossible to keep the commandments. Jesus Christ says: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." (Mt. 19: 17). No, said Luther and Calvin, faith alone, without good works, is sufficient to enter life everlasting. Jesus Christ says: "Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish" (Lk. 13:3). No, says Protestantism, "fasting and other works of penance are not necessary in satisfaction" (Luther's Church says, "6:55"). No, said Calvin, this is only the figure of Christ's body. It will become his body as soon as you receive it, Jesus Christ says: "I say to you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, and shall marry another, committeth adultery" (Mt. 19:9). No, says Protestantism to a married man, you may put away your wife, get a divorce, and marry another. Jesus Christ says to every man: "Thou shalt not steal" (Mt. 19: 18). No, said Luther and Calvin, I give you the right to appropriate to yourself the property of the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Ghost says in Holy Scripture: "Marriage is what whether he be worthy of love or hated" (Ecc. 9: 9). Who can say, My heart is clean, I am pure from sin" (Prov. 20: 27) and, "but your salvation will rear and tarry" (Philp. 2:12). No, said Luther and Calvin, but who shall believe in Jesus Christ, is in the state of grace. St. Paul says: "It should have faith, so that I could rejoice in means, and have not charity." (1 Cor. 13:2). No, said Luther and Calvin, faith alone is sufficient to save us. St. Peter says that in the Epistles of St. Paul there are many things hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable wrest, as 3:16). No, says Protestantism, the Scriptures are very plain and easy to understand. St. James says: "Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil, in the name of the Lord." (Jms. 5: 4). No, says Protestantism, that is a vain and useless ceremony. Being thus impious enough to make liars of Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost, and the Apostles, need we wonder if they continually slander Catholics, telling and believing worse absurdities about them than the heathens did? (Muller)

- * "The Church, moreover, intervenes directly in behalf of the poor, by setting on foot and maintaining many associations which she knows to be efficient for the relief of poverty. Herein, again, she has always succeeded so well as to permeating all ranks and relations of civil society. Then, too, the religion instituted by Jesus Christ, established firmly in befitting dignity, flourished everywhere, by the favor of princes and the legitimate protection of magistrates; and Church and State were happily united in concord and friendly interchange of good offices. The State, constituted in this wise, bore fruits important beyond all expectation, whose remembrance is still, and always will be, in renown, witnessed to as they are by countless proofs which can never be flouted out or ever obscured by any craft of any enemies. Christian Europe has subdued barbarous nations, and changed them from a savage to a civilized condition, from superstition to true worship. It victoriously rolled back the tide of Mohammedan conquest; retained the headship of civilization; stood forth in the front rank as the leader and teacher of all, in every branch of national culture; bestowed on the world the gift of true and many-sided liberty; and most wisely founded very numerous institutions for the solace of human suffering. And if we inquire how it was able to bring about so altered a condition of things, the answer is - beyond all question - in large measure, through the Catholic religion, under whose auspices so many great undertakings were set on foot, through whose aid they were brought to completion." (Pope Leo XIII, "Immortale Dei", 1885)
- * "Now, who would make bold to deny that the Church, by spreading the Gospel throughout the nations, has brought the light of truth amongst people utterly savage and steeped in foul superstition, and has quickened them alike to recognize the Divine Author of nature and duly to respect themselves? Further, who will deny that the Church has done away with the curse of slavery and restored men to the original dignity of their noble nature; and - by uplifting the standard of redemption in all quarters of the globe, by introducing, or shielding under her protection, the sciences and arts, by founding institutions which provide excellent charitable and taking into her keeping excellent charitable kind - has throughout the world, in private or in public life, civilized the human race, freed it from degradation, and with all care trained it to the hopes of living such as befits the dignity and the hopes of man? And, if any one of sound mind compare the age in which we live, so hostile to religion and to the Church of Christ, with those happy times when the Church was revered as a mother by the nations, beyond all question he will see that our epoch is rushing wildly along the straight road to destruction; while in those times which most abounded in excellent institutions, peaceful life, wealth, and prosperity the people showed themselves most obedient to the Church's rule and laws. Therefore, if the many blessings we have mentioned, due to the agency and saving help of the Church, are the true and worthy outcome of civilization, the Church of Christ, far from being alien to or neglectful of progress, has a just claim to all men's praise as its nurse, its mistress, and its mother." (Pope Leo XIII, "Inscrutabili Dei Consilio", 1878)
- * "Again, if we consider the achievements of the see of Rome, what can be more wicked than to deny how much and how well the Roman bishops have served civilized society at large? For our predecessors, to provide for the peoples' good, encountered struggles of every kind, endured to the utmost burdensome toils, and never hesitated to expose themselves to most dangerous trials. With eyes fixed on heaven, they neither bowed down their head before the threats of the wicked, nor allowed themselves to be led by flattery or bribes into unworthy compliance. This apostolic chair it was that gathered and held together the crumbling remains of the old order of things; this was the kindly light by whose help the culture of Christian times shone far and wide; this was an anchor of safety in the fierce storms by which the human race has been convulsed; this was the sacred bond of union that linked together nations distant in region and differing in character; in short, this was a common center from which was sought instruction in faith and religion, no less than guidance and advice for the maintenance of peace and the functions of practical life. In very truth it is the glory of the supreme Pontiffs that they steadfastly set themselves up as a wall and bulwark to save human society from falling back into its former superstition and barbarism." (Pope Leo XIII, "Inscrutabili Dei Consilio", 1878)
- * "It must consequently be acknowledged that the Church has deserved exceedingly well of all nations by her ever watchful care in guarding the sanctity and the indissolubility of marriage. Again, no small amount of gratitude is owing to her for having, during the last hundred years, openly denounced the wicked laws which have grievously offended on this particular subject, as well as for her having branded with anathema the baneful heresy obtaining among Protestants touching divorce and separation; also, for having in many ways condemned the habitual dissolution of marriage among the Greeks, for having declared invalid all marriages contracted upon the understanding that they may be at some future time dissolved, and, lastly, for having, from the earliest times, repudiated the imperial laws which disastrously favored divorce. As often, indeed, as the supreme pontiffs have resisted the most powerful among rulers, in their threatening demands that divorces carried out by them should be confirmed by the Church, so often must we account them to have been contending for the safety, not only of religion, but also of the human race. For this reason all generations of men will admire the proofs of unending courage which are to be found in the decrees of Nicholas I against Lothar, of Urban II and Paschal II against Philip I of France, of Celestine II and Innocent III against Alphonus of Leon and Philip II of France, of Clement VII and Paul III against Henry VIII, and, lastly, of Pius VII, that holy and courageous pontiff, against Napoleon I" (Pope Leo XIII, "Arcanum", 1860)

- * "There was once a time when States were governed by the philosophy of the Gospel. Then it was that the power and divine virtue of Christian wisdom had diffused itself throughout the laws, institutions, and morals of the people, permeating all ranks and relations of civil society. Then, too, the religion instituted by Jesus Christ, established firmly in befitting dignity, flourished everywhere, by the favor of princes and the legitimate protection of magistrates; and Church and State were happily united in concord and friendly interchange of good offices. The State, constituted in this wise, bore fruits important beyond all expectation, whose remembrance is still, and always will be, in renown, witnessed to as they are by countless proofs which can never be flouted out or ever obscured by any craft of any enemies. Christian Europe has subdued barbarous nations, and changed them from a savage to a civilized condition, from superstition to true worship. It victoriously rolled back the tide of Mohammedan conquest; retained the headship of civilization; stood forth in the front rank as the leader and teacher of all, in every branch of national culture; bestowed on the world the gift of true and many-sided liberty; and most wisely founded very numerous institutions for the solace of human suffering. And if we inquire how it was able to bring about so altered a condition of things, the answer is - beyond all question - in large measure, through the Catholic religion, under whose auspices so many great undertakings were set on foot, through whose aid they were brought to completion." (Pope Leo XIII, "Immortale Dei", 1885)
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