

1900 Publication of *What is Christianity* by Adolf Harnack reduces Christianity to the personality of Jesus in the synoptics, without any supernatural elements.

Other Scotch free churches join the Free Church to form the United Free Church.

The United Presbyterian Church and the Free Church unite becoming the United Free Church.

By this time Leo XIII's efforts to deal with foreign governments through diplomacy have had mixed results. Attempts to conciliate Italy failed. Settling the Roman question fizzled when Germany, Italy and Austria formed the Triple Alliance (1882). A new policy adopted by secretary of state Mariano Rampolla (1887) to seek friendship with the USA and France failed.

By this time the Doukhobors, a Christian sect that had migrated from Russia to western Canada, have been practicing occasional nudity, while working in their farm fields. About this time one of the sect's divisions, the Freedomites, begin publicly stripping in mass public demonstrations to protest government policies that are meant to assimilate them.

By this time the Vatican needs about \$4 million a year to meet expenses.

By this time the older Baptist Calvinistic tradition has almost disappeared, replaced by a more progressive position that recognizes modern advancement. There are six cardinal principles. See Appendix VIIIA.

About this time world population is estimated to be 1.6 billion.

About this time several papers are published in Germany that examine the negative psychological effect of self-hate of the body based on both religious and severely negative community views. The basic position that the human body, in and of itself, is neither sinful nor obscene is combined with a new philosophy to create the modern Western nudist movement. The proposition is advanced that combining physical fitness, sunlight, and fresh air bathing, and then adding the nudist philosophy, contributes to mental and psychological fitness, good health, and an improved moral-life view. They are widely published.

1900 – 1910 Hundreds of pogroms against the Jews are initiated and supported by the Czar's Black Hundreds in Russia and Ukraine. A short version of the *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* is published by Pavolackai Krushevan in his newspaper *Znamya* in St. Petersburg. The acceptance of this forgery by the Czar's secret police even by Christians here and later in other countries prove how Christian anti-Judaism had predispositioned the people to believe the weirdest anti-Semitic propaganda. S. A. Nilus publishes the whole text of the Protocols in the third edition of his book, *The Great in the Small*, in St. Petersburg. G. Butmi publishes his version of the Protocols, *The Enemies of the Human Race*, in St. Petersburg (four editions in two years).(See also 1917 and 1937).

1901 American Standard Version of the Bible, a revision of the RV, is published. It includes words/phrases preferred by American members of the Revision Committee (1881-1885) and follows Greek order of words.

Pentecostal Church is formed in Topeka, Kansas in reaction to loss of evangelical fervor among Methodists and other denominations.

(17 May) Theodor Herzl meets with the sultan of Istanbul and presents a proposal for the establishment of a Jewish autonomous region in Palestine. This is opposed by the sultan.

1902 Richard Weymouth New Testament, a careful literary translation.

Founding of Tel Aviv, the first all-Jewish city. Under the efforts of Eliezer Ben Yehuda (1858-1922). Hebrew is being revived as a spoken language.

1903 At Easter, government agents organize an anti-Jewish pogrom in Kishinev, Moldova, Russia. The local newspaper publishes a series of inflammatory articles. A Christian child is discovered murdered and a young Christian woman at the Jewish Hospital commits suicide. Jews are blamed for the deaths. Violence ensues. The 5,000 soldiers in the town do nothing. When the smoke clears, 49 Jews have been killed, 500 injured; 700 homes looted and destroyed, 600 businesses and shops looted, 2000 families left homeless. Later, it is discovered that the child had been murdered by its relatives and the suicide was unrelated to the Jews.

A proposal is set forth to establish a Jewish state in Uganda.

Paul Zimmerman opens *Freilichtpark* (Free-Light Park) a nudist park in Hamburg, Germany.

Meanwhile, Dr. Heinrich Podor writes a book titled *Nacktcultur*, which discusses the benefits of nudity in co-education and advocates participating in sports while being free of cumbersome clothing.

1903-14 Pius X returns the Church to the ways of Pius IX's intransigence. It continues, however, to make its presence felt in European politics through the activities of the parish priest and their abilities to influence opinion in elections.

1904 – 1914 Second Aliyah; 33,000 settlers imbued with Theodor Herzl's vision of Jewish statehood enter Palestine. By this time the Yishuv (Jewish community of Palestine) numbers about 75,000.

1905 The Okhrana, the Russian secret police in the reign of Czar Nicholas II, convert an earlier anti-Semitic novel into a document called the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. It was published privately in 1897. A Russian Orthodox priest, Sergius Nilus, publishes them publicly this year. It is promoted as the record of "*secret rabbinical conferences whose aim was to subjugate and exterminate the Christians.*" The Protocols are used by the Okhrana in a propaganda campaign that is associated with massacres of the Jews. These are the Czarist Pogroms of 1905.

France passes a law separating church and state.

1906 Azusa St. Revival, a major catalyst to the Pentecostal and Charismatic churches.

1907 (14-21 Aug.) Zionist conference at The Hague rejects the Ugandan idea and establishes synthetic Zionism – arguing that a Jewish state could be established only in Israel.

Pius X – a conservative who hates “the political priest”, dislikes liberal tendencies in the intellectual field and mistrusts popular government – places a series of books on the *Index* and issues (Sept) the encyclical *Pascendi* to restore traditional values; condemning propositions of modernism and denouncing all tendencies aimed at the reform of dogma.

The Northern and Southern Baptist churches are brought together by the organization of the Northern Baptist Convention.

1908 The Inquisition becomes known simply as the "Holy Office."

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is established.

Catholic Church in America is given full ecclesiastical status by Rome.

First publication of the *Christian Science Monitor* newspaper.

1909 (or 1911) Founding of the Rosicrucian Fellowship in which the Esoteric Christian movement represents a renaissance of the Rosicrucian Order, which was founded in the year 1313 and for the first time expounded in Dante's *The Divine Comedy* (1308–1321). According to them, Christian Rosenkreutz had the mission to prepare the *whole wide world* for a new phase in religion—which includes awareness of the inner worlds and the subtle bodies, and to provide safe guidance in the gradual awakening of man's latent spiritual faculties during the next six centuries toward the coming of the Age of Aquarius.

1910 This year German resentment arises as Pius slights Protestants in an encyclical about a coronation and requires an anti-modernist oath to be taken by university professors.

Headquarters of the Theosophical Society, established in Columbus, OH in 1904, is moved to Mt. Ecclesia in Oceanside, CA. Its orientation is astrological.

By this time Pius has become open to pressure from the extremely reactionary party in the curia.

1910 – 1915 The Fundamentals, the five-point statement of the Presbyterian General Assembly, is a 12-volume collection of essays by 64 British and American scholars and preachers, becomes the ideological inspiration and foundation of Fundamentalism.

1911 Werner Sombart publishes his book, *The Jew and Modern Capitalism*. He claims that Judaism and capitalism are practically synonymous. He states: "Intellectual interests and intellectual skill are more strongly developed in him [the Jew] than physical (manual) powers." (Compare 1881 where Dühring had stated the exact opposite).

1913 The "Gentilani Pact" establishes seven conditions on which Catholics might vote for candidates in an election.

National Council meeting (Congregational) in Kansas City, MO, approves the Kansas City Statement of Faith.

1913 – 1924 James Moffat Bible: the first one-man translation of the Bible in almost 400 years.

1914 Anti-Jewish laws are abolished so that Jews can fight for Holy Mother Russia in WW I.

Benedict XV (to 1922), suffering under the neutrality of Pius X, finds the papacy resented by western allies that see his position as setting Catholics against Catholics.

(19 Sept) David Lloyd George quotes Kaiser Wilhelm II as having said "Remember that the German people are the chosen of God. On me, on me as German emperor, the spirit of God has descended. I am His weapon, His sword, and His wizard! Woe to the disobedient! Death to cowards and unbelievers!"

1915 Grand Duke Sergei, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies decrees the relocation of all Jews from the Pale fearing they would side with the Germans. 600,000 are forcibly transported to the interior of Russia. About 100,000 of them die from exposure and starvation.

Harvey Spencer Lewis (1883-1939) founds The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (A.M.O.R.C.). A magazine, *The American Rosae Crucis*, begins to be published.

1916 A second negro convention, the National Baptist Convention of America, is formed.

George Plummer founds the Mercury Publishing Company which begins issuing *Mercury*, the official quarterly for the Rosicrucian society. Plummer has a strong interest in Christian mysticism and liturgical religion. A Seminary of Biblical Studies operates out of the society's headquarters offering lessons in mysticism.

1917 The *Codex Juris Canonici* abolishes the use of torture by the Church.

Reported apparition of Mary in Fatima, Portugal - "miracle of the sun" witnessed by between 70,000 and 100,000 people and considered "worthy of belief" by the Catholic Church.

*"In the civil war following the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the reactionary White Armies made extensive use of the Protocols to incite widespread slaughters of Jews."* Two hundred thousand Jews are murdered in the Ukraine alone. But with the overthrow of the Czar, a "Declaration of the Rights of the Peoples of Russia" is issued, abolishing "all national and national-religious privileges and restriction."

The Rosicrucian order (AMORC) holds its first convention. It begins offering its teaching to individuals through correspondence lessons.

Benedict tries to mediate WWI but fails miserably.

(19 Oct) The Ottomans capitulate and (30 Oct) sign the armistice of Mudros.

(2 Nov) Balfour Declaration issued by British foreign secretary Arthur J. Balfour. He pledges British support for a Jewish national home in Palestine. (9 Dec) British troops enter Jerusalem; Palestine is placed under British military administration.

1918 Joining of the main synods into the United Lutheran Church in America. By this time besides the United Church, 16 other separate Lutheran bodies (Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Evangelical Lutheran, American Lutheran, etc.) have been formed plus a number of independent congregations.

Harvey Lewis moves the headquarters of the Rosicrucian order (AMORC) to San Francisco.

(8 Jan) Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points. Two of them, #5 (An impartial adjustment of all colonial claims on the principle that the interests of the population must have equal weight with the claims of the government) and #12 (...but the other nationalities [of the Ottoman Empire] to be given an opportunity for autonomous development...) are viewed as support for the Balfour Declaration and a Jewish homeland in Palestine into which there has been constant immigration.

1918 – 1920 Up to 200,000 Jews suffer violent death during Russia's fratricidal civil war and the Russo-Polish war in 1920. It is mainly in Ukraine, but there is also mass murder of Jews in Minsk, Pinsk and Vilna by the Polish army (documented by the US government) and in Yekaterinburg, Siberia. In July 1919 over 2,000 Jews are slaughtered by the "White" army under Admiral Kolchak. Jews are accused by the Bolsheviks of being capitalists and opposed to them, and by Whites to be Reds and Communists. They

suffer more by the Whites, though, who make no difference between them and the Reds. Lenin outlaws pogroms, but the better treatment Jews receive from the Reds gives Whites more "proof" that Jews are communists. Terrible tortures and slaughters of Jews occur in Ukraine under General Denikin whose White army in South Russia is armed and financed mainly by the Allies, chiefly the British. In the Balfour Declaration the British Foreign Secretary declares Palestine to be the "national home" for the Jews. The Arab nations protest. The *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* is first published in England. In riots in Berlin and Munich Jews are blamed for Germany losing the war.

1919 World's Christian Fundamentals Association is founded.

Enabling Act constitutes the National Assembly of the Church of England or the Church Assembly: House of Bishops and House of Clergy and House of Laity. It has many powers including framing legislation which passes through Parliament.

Church and state are separated in Germany.

(19 June) King-Crane commission (includes two Americans) arrives in Palestine under the auspices of the League of Nations. It concludes that the majority of Moslem and Christian inhabitants are opposed to the establishing of a Jewish national home.

(Oct) The Italian government excludes the pope from peace negotiations. Bernardino Nogara, 49 years old, is a member of the Italian delegation that negotiates peace between Italy, France, Great Britain and Germany. After this on behalf of the Italian government he is a delegate to Banca Commerciale in Istanbul.

The pope sends a representative to the USA to negotiate a loan of \$1 million. The negotiations fail but the Knights of Columbus donate \$250,000.

Priest Don Luigi Sturzo founds the Popular party.

A German priest in his book *Your Clothes* writes "... (It) is a sin for women to put on male clothes, even a mortal sin.... Those who are forced into it by their professions are to be pitied."

1919-20 Hungary begins raids on Masonic libraries, records and archives. Masonic buildings are seized and opened to sightseers.

1920 The *Protocols* reach England and the United States. They are exposed as a forgery, but are widely circulated. Henry Ford sponsors a study of international activities of Jews. This leads to a series of anti-Semitic articles in the Dearborn Independent, which are published in a book, *The International Jew*.

The defeat of Germany in World War I and the continuing economic difficulties are blamed in that country on the *Jewish influence*. One anti-Semitic poster of this time shows a German, presumably Christian woman, a male Jew with distorted facial features, a coffin and the word "Deutschland" (Germany).

Britain acquires Palestine and Trans Jordan as mandates. They designate Palestine for the development of a Jewish national home, but with due regard for the rights of non-Jewish Palestinians. A period of Jewish-Arab clashes ensues over Arab resentment of Jewish immigration and land purchases. Founding of the HAGANA, Jewish militia.

Erich F.W. von Ludendorff begins a campaign blaming treasonous activities against Germany on Masons and Jews; blaming them for the loss of WWI. Masons begin converting their lodges into clubs for educational and charitable purposes.

Margaret Sanger, in her book *Woman and the New Race*, comments; "[Christianity's] greatest outrage upon her was to forbid her to control the function of motherhood under any circumstances, thus limiting her life's work to bringing forth and rearing children." "Woman's role has been that of an incubator and little more." "Contraceptives or abortion – which shall it be?"

The Anglican Church in Wales is disestablished in favor of the Welsh Church.

Lambeth (Anglican) Conference makes welcoming overtures of friendship and understanding to the separatist churches.

About this time about 20,000 mostly Dutch Mennonites migrate from Europe to Canada and Paraguay to escape difficulties of life in the Soviet Union.

By this time the nudist movement is gaining prominence in Germany.

1920 – 1921 Gottfried zer Beek (Ludwig Müller) publishes the *Protocols* in German. It reaches six editions. Müller's version becomes the official version of the Nazis in 1929. The *Protocols* are also

published in France, the United States and Poland. The "Return to Normalcy" revives the Ku Klux Klan in the United States and restrictions of all sorts are imposed on people of "Hebrew descent". Hitler makes his first important speech against the Jews on 13 Aug., urging to take away all their rights. Approximately 1,450,000 Jews had immigrated to the United States over a period of about 30 years. To stem the immigration, President Harding and the Congress rewrite the laws limiting immigration by nationality per year to three percent of the number of people of that nationality already in the U.S. as of the 1910 census. Another severe restriction of immigration is legislated in 1924.

1920 – 1948 Extensive Jewish immigration into Palestine, reaching almost 700,000.

1921 Pius IX's spy ring (1870) is disbanded.

A law is passed guaranteeing the spiritual freedom of the Church of Scotland.

The Presbyterian Church of England creates a General Assembly as the church's highest judiciary.

1922 "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" sermon by Harry Emerson Fosdick.

"Shall Unbelief Win?" sermon by Clarence Edward Macartney.

(1 July) Churchill White Paper: Supports Zionist course as outlined in the Balfour Declaration but favors restricting immigration. The rights of Arabs will be upheld and Palestine to eventually receive self government.

Benedict XV by the end of his pontificate (this year) has distributed so much money (about \$320,000) to charities, the Vatican is close to bankruptcy. This year the new pope, Pius XI, hands out approximately \$320,000 to charities.

(Oct) Mussolini assumes power in Italy. Heretofore a nonbeliever and author of the pamphlet "God Does Not Exist", he realizes that Church support is necessary for his plans: He brings the crucifix back into Italy's classrooms, abolishes Freemasonry and grants churches substantial amounts of money to repair buildings damaged in WWI. He even has a church wedding to have his children baptized in Catholic rites.

(14 Oct) Creation of the Evangelical Church at the Mack Avenue Evangelical Church, Detroit, MI, from a joint conference between the Evangelical Association and a conference of the United Evangelical Church.

Formation of Catholic Action, a strong lay organization, its diocesan branches are active in politics and cooperate in furthering the political doctrines of the Church. It quickly becomes able to influence bureaucratic appointments, to place its men on the boards of directors of state-run industries and get its own people in major academic chairs.

Reuben S. Clymer succeeds as head of the Rosicrucian order. He establishes the headquarters at Quaker Hall in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Associated with the Rosicrucian fraternity is the Church of Illumination which defines its task as teaching the Divine Law, the esoteric teachings of the esoteric group. The Church is the tool for bringing about the Masisis Aeon, in which the two natures of humanity (male and female) will reach a state of equilibrium.

About this time the Nusayris (Nusayriyah; see 874) within the French mandate are given the name Alawites (followers of Ali).

1923 Publication of *Christianity and Liberalism* by J. Gresham Machen.

Great Britain is given a mandate of Palestine. Jewish immigration increases.

Pius XI hands out approximately \$123,000 to charities.

Mussolini's Fascist Grand Council expels all Freemasons from its membership. Violent acts begin to be carried out against Masons and their property.

1924 The state of Virginia distributes *Eugenics in Relation to the New Family and the Law on Racial Integrity*, in which WA Plecker states "The worst forms of undesirables born amongst us are those when parents are of different races....The variation in races....goes through every cell of the body....The mental and moral characteristics of a black man cannot even under the best environments....become the same as those of a white man...."

The Canadian Parliament enacts the necessary legislation for the uniting of the Canadian Protestant churches.

General Conference in Germany begins liquidation of German Methodism.

Emergence of the Moslem sect of Wahhabism. See Appendix VII.

1925 Scopes Monkey Trial, at Dayton, Tennessee (10-21 July), in which John T. Scopes, a high school teacher, is convicted of teaching evolution in a public school. He is defended by Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone and opposed by William Jennings Bryan. Scopes is defeated legally and fined \$100. The trial causes division among Fundamentalists and brings national attention (mainly ridicule) to Fundamentalism. W.J. Bryan dies (26 July) of apoplexy, a casualty of the trial.

Hitler publishes his *Mein Kampf*: *If, with the help of his Marxist creed, the Jew is victorious over the other peoples of the world, his crown will be the funeral wreath of humanity...Today I believe that I am acting in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator: by defending myself against the Jew, I am fighting for the work of the Lord.*

Parliament transfers endowments to church control.

(2 Sept.) Mustafa Kemal (Kemal Atatürk) abolishes all religious orders. This includes the Sufis. Pius XI (1922-39) establishes the Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology.

The German Evangelical Synod of North America drops the word 'German' from its title.

Chieftains of the Jabal lead a nationalist uprising that spreads into Damascus and other parts of Syria, threatening French rule.

(10 June) Formation of the United Church of Canada from the Methodist Church (the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church of Canada and the Bible Christian Church), the Congregational Churches of Canada, the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Local Union Churches in Western Canada.

About this time Maurice Magre (1877-1941) publishes *Magician, Seers and Mystics* in which he claims Rosenkreutz was the last descendant of the Germelschausen, a German family from the 13th century. Their castle stood in the Thuringian Forest on the borders of Hesse, and they embraced

1925 – 1941 The *Protocols* are used by the Nazis to whip up public hatred of the Jews in the 1930's. Widespread pogroms occur in Greece, Hungary, Mexico, Poland, Rumania, and the USSR. Radio programs by many conservative American clergy, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, frequently attack Jews. Reverend Fr. Charles E Coughlin is one of the best known: In the 1930's, radio audiences hear him rail against the threat of Jews to America's economy and defend Hitler's treatment of Jews as justified in the fight against communism. Other conservative Christian leaders, such as Frank Norris and John Straton supported the Jews.

Discrimination against Jews in North America is widespread. Many universities set limits on the maximum number of Jewish students that they would accept. Harvard accepted all students on the basis of merit until after World War I when the percentage of Jewish students approached 15%. At that time they install an informal quota system. In 1941, Princeton has fewer than 2% Jews in their student body. Jews are routinely barred from country clubs, prestigious neighborhoods, etc.

1926 Italy expropriates the buildings of the Grand Orient and dissolves all Masonic lodges. The grand master is arrested and banished to Lipari.

Rev WC de Pauley in *Punishment Human and Divine* states "...It is just possible that public sentiment is not always the expression of morality and religion."

An original Gutenberg Bible sells in New York at auction for \$106,000 and is presented to Yale University.

(20-24 June) Eucharistic Congress of Roman Catholic Church is held near Chicago; it attracts one million pilgrims.

1926 – 1933 Pogroms continue in the USSR, Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Greece and Mexico. In Germany Jewish cemeteries and synagogues are desecrated.

1927 An earthquake dislodges the façade of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which is then held in place by immense steel buttresses.

1927-8 Parliament rejects the revised Book of Common Prayer which stimulates many Anglicans to desire disestablishment.

1928 A family of Hungarian peasants are acquitted of beating an old woman to death whom they thought was a witch. The court uses as an excuse the argument that the family acted out of "irresistible compulsion."

A Vatican loan of \$1.5 million is floated through George Cardinal Mundelein, it is backed by Church property in Chicago.

First Vatican audit shows that expenses are running about \$5,000 per day and though covered by income, the church is broke. A "lost" \$55,000 is found that saves the day. Finances are reorganized, using the "most modern principles" of bookkeeping; annual expenses are figured at \$1,052,631.

Mons Josemaria Escrivo de Balagner, a Spanish priest, founds Opus Dei, a secret society (strictly forbidden by the Church) dedicated to taking over the Roman Catholic Church.

(Sept) The Grand Orient of Spain is forced to close and large numbers of Freemasons are imprisoned; some are executed. (1 Oct) Franco becomes ruler of Spain and the grand orient goes into exile in Mexico.

1929 Machen and others found Westminster Seminary after Princeton is lost to the liberals.

Freemasonry in Spain is suppressed; membership is declared a crime.

The United Free Church reunites with the Church of Scotland.

(11 Feb) Lateran Treaties, concluded between Pius XI and Mussolini: There are three separate agreements: (1) The Lateran Pact: The pope is made sovereign of a clearly defined territory; "the City of the Vatican." The Holy See recognizes the Italian state as the lawful ruler of Rome, and relinquishes all claims to the former Papal States. In return, Italy recognizes the sovereign independence of the Vatican City [defined]. Various palaces in which the different departments of church administration are located receive diplomatic immunity. The Holy See pledges its perpetual neutrality in time of war, and refuses to enter into disputes between other governments, unless expressly invited by both sides to do so and then only as head of a church. He can only attend international conferences if invited. (2) The Financial Convention: Settlement for the loss of Vatican properties; \$40 million in one lump sum plus \$50 million in government bonds at 5% to the Holy See. Italy agrees to pay the salaries of parish priests stationed on its soil. (3) The Concordat: Citizens of Vatican City are exempt from Italian taxes. The Vatican is the only overseer of its "ecclesiastical operations" outside of the City and the Italian government has no right to intervene in their activities and can not block the formation of any new ones to which the pope has given approval. The Catholic teaching on marriage and education (compulsory religious instruction in school for the children of Catholic parents) is accepted by the state; a church marriage is valid for Catholics when it precedes the civil ceremony. The choice of bishops is reserved to the Holy See. All previous civil legislation regulating ecclesiastical affairs is abrogated, eliminating 15 centuries of dead wood. The rights of the religious orders are safeguarded. Protestant bibles can no longer be distributed in Italy. Evangelical meetings in private homes are forbidden.

(7 June) Pius XI creates the Special Administration (for the Goods of the Holy See), a secret operation with diplomatic privileges. It takes the about \$90 million windfall granted to the Holy See by Mussolini as an indemnity for the loss of the papal states. Control of this operation is given to Bernardino Nogara, converted Jew and former vice president of the Banco Commerciale Italiana who is given a free hand, which includes not being hampered by religious considerations: (1) His decisions on what investments to make would be totally and completely free of any religious or doctrinal considerations and (2) he would be free to invest Vatican funds anywhere in the world. He takes over control of La Societo dell' Acqua Pia Antica Marcia.

1930 Founding of BPF (Banca Privata Finanziaria) in Milan that serves as a conduit for the illegal transfer of funds from Italy (to escape taxes) for the favored few.

Pius X, quotes Augustine; "Marital intercourse, even with one's legitimate spouse, is forbidden and immoral, if the awakening of new life is prevented."

Mennonite World Conference established.

Wesleyan Methodist Church of Bermuda joins the Universal Church of Canada.

(31 March) Shaw Commission investigates Wailing Wall riots: Arabs fear a Jewish state will deprive them of jobs and property.

1931 Parliament lifts immigration restrictions to Palestine.

A poll of 19,000 Protestant ministers in America registers 12,000 opposed to any future war.

(20 March) Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America guardedly endorses birth control.

1932 Reported apparition of Mary in Beauraing, Belgium, considered "worthy of belief" by the Catholic Church.

'Abd-al-'Aziz inb-Saud creates Saudi Arabia, reestablishing the preeminence of the Wahabi sect.

Italgas, that supplies twelve of Italy's largest cities, including Milan, Rome, Turin and Venice, is in severe financial trouble. The Italian government refuses to help so Nogara steps in with a group including Marqua Francisco Pacelli (whose brother is future pope Pius XII) giving the Vatican majority control as major stockholder.

Foundation of the Methodist Union.

1933 Reported apparition of Mary in Banneux, Belgium, considered "worthy of belief" by the Catholic Church.

Hitler takes power in Germany. On 1 Apr., Julius Streicher organizes a one-day boycott of all Jewish owned businesses in the country. This is the start of the continuous oppression by the Nazis culminating in the Holocaust (a.k.a. Shoah): Jews are barred from civil service, legal professions and universities, are not allowed to teach in schools and can not be editors of newspapers. Two years later, Jews are no longer considered citizens.

Nogara manages to have Mussolini's IRI (Istituto di Ricostruzione Industriale), established this year, purchase most of the Banco de Roma's almost worthless securities, paying the Vatican bank about \$632 million. By this time through Nogara's work, the Vatican has gained influence over Banco de Roma, Banco di Santo Spirito and Cassa de Risparmio de Roma.

Hitler-Pacelli Concordat; institutes the German kirchensteuer, ecclesiastical tax, increases the amount of money flowing into the Vatican treasury. Nogara transacts a speculation in gold that raises the Vatican's financial power.

1933 – 1936 Peak years of Jewish immigration to Palestine.

1934 Various laws are enacted in Germany to force Jews out of schools and professions.

Anti-Jewish groups form throughout Canada. Anti-Semitism is blatant in many magazines and newspapers.

Hermann Goring orders the closing of the 200-year old Grand Lodge of the Three Globes. It and others become headquarters of German Christian Orders of Friendship – for only those of pure German ancestry – thereby subservient to Hitler.

Father Charles Coughlin, radio priest of Royal Oak, Michigan, organizes the National Union for Social Justice, with demands for radical inflation.

(26 June) Formation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at the Zion Church, Cleveland, OH, from a merger between the Reformed Church of the US and the Evangelical Synod of North America. Its spirit is missionary.

1935 The Nazis pass the *Nuremberg Laws* restricting citizenship to those of "German or related blood." Jews become stateless.

Italy invades Ethiopia. By this time Nogara, taking advantage of Mussolini agreeing to a very liberal interpretation of Clauses 29, 30 and 31 of the Lateran Treaty Concordat, has enabled to have the Vatican become a large stockholder, if not controlling stockholder, in many of Italy's industries. One company is a munitions plant supplying arms for the Italian army. Another is SGI (Societa Generale Immobiliare), Italy's largest construction company (that moved its HQ from Turin to Rome in 1870).

It is decreed all lodges in Germany be dissolved. Charges are renewed that Freemasons had lost WWI and had been the cause of it by conspiring to assassinate archduke Francis Ferdinand.

1936 Westminster New Testament, unofficial Catholic version (not commissioned by the Hierarchy).

Cardinal Hlud, the Primate of Poland, in a pastoral letter urges Catholics to boycott Jewish businesses.

Palestinians rebel against Zionism and the British decision to offer the Jews Arab lands. By 1939 half a million Jews are settled in Palestine. The British try to block the flow of immigration and to deal with Jewish paramilitary organizations. In the Stalin purges in the USSR many Jews lose their lives. Yet in the

Constitution of the USSR this year: "...the preaching of racial or national exclusiveness or hatred or contempt is punishable by law."

Pius XI establishes the Pontifical Academy of Science to which he admits non-Catholic scientists.

(5 Oct) by Decree 1743 Mussolini imposes a 5% corporation tax to help pay for the war in Abyssinia but article three exempts the Vatican.

1937 In Germany, concentration camps are established at Sachsenhausen, Buchenwald and Lichtenburg. All Jewish teachers lose their jobs in Italy. Jewish children are segregated. The *Protocols* are published in Italian and widely circulated.

(7 July) Peel Commission declares the Palestine mandate to be unfeasible. It recommends it be divided into three sections; a Jewish state, a British section and all other lands for the Arabs and united with Trans-Jordan. Arabs reject the idea.

(Oct) A special duty is laid upon corporations to pay a graduated tax on their capital stock but in 1938 (early) a special order exempts those owned by the Vatican.

1938 On 9 Nov., the Nazi government in Germany sends storm troopers, the SS and the Hitler Youth on a pogrom that kills 91 Jews, injures hundreds, burns 177 synagogues and loots 7,500 Jewish stores. Broken glass could be seen everywhere; the glass gives this event its name of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass. Hitler also brings back century-old church law, ordering all Jews to wear a yellow Star of David as identification. A few hundred thousand Jews are allowed to leave Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Moravia after they give all of their assets to the government. Those that remain are accused of every evil under the sun and always in fear of being beaten up or even killed on the streets.

Under Nazi pressure, the last Grand Master of Hungary is forced to retire.

The Oxford Group under Dr. Frank Buchman begins a "Moral Re-Armament" campaign.

1939 The Holocaust, the Shoah -- the systematic extermination of Jews in Germany -- begins. The process only ends in 1945 with the conclusion of World War II. Approximately 6 million Jews (1.5 million of them children), 400 thousand Roma (Gypsies) and others are slaughtered. Some are killed by death squads; others are slowly killed in trucks with carbon monoxide; others are gassed in large groups in Auschwitz, Dacau, Sobibor, Treblinka and other extermination camps. Officially, the holocaust is described by the Nazis as subjecting Jews "to special treatment" or as a "solution of the Jewish question." Gold taken from the teeth of the victims is recycled; hair is used in the manufacture of mattresses. In the Buchenwald extermination camp, lampshades are made out of human skin; however, this appears to be an isolated incident. A rumor spreads that Jewish corpses are routinely converted into soap. However, the story appears to be false.

(Feb-Mar) Palestine conference in London; Jewish and Palestinian Arabs refuse to compromise.

(May) Publication of the White Paper: Repudiates the Balfour Declaration and reveals plans for an independent predominantly Arab state to be closed to Jewish immigration after 1944. Palestine to be independent in 10 years. Rejected by the Zionists, they begin turning to the USA for support, finding the British unreliable.

Pius XII, suspicious of Nogara and the Special Administration, has it investigated. Nogara had done the Vatican very well indeed. The Vatican-Mussolini friendship, however, begins to wane, as the dictator is suspicious of the intellectual pope, accusing him of having the "evil eye", and refuses to kneel and kiss his hand. He refuses to be portrayed in any way as the humble servant of the Church. But by this time Nogara's financial acumen has well entrenched the Vatican in the Italian economy and the dictator's favor is no longer necessary.

Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church are reunited.

(10 May) Declaration of Union: The three branches (see 1876) are united into one Methodist Church.

(1 Sept) Germany invades Poland. The pope declines to condemn this Nazi act; "We cannot forget that there are 40 million Catholics in the Reich. What would they be exposed to after such an act by the Holy See?"

1940 The Vichy government of France collaborates with Nazi Germany by freezing about 80,000 Jewish bank accounts. During the next four years, they deport about 76,000 Jews to Nazi death camps; only about 2,500 survive. It is only in 1995 that a French president, Jacques Chirac, "was able to admit that the state

bore a heavy share of responsibility in the mass round-ups and deportations of Jews, as well as in the property and asset seizures that were carried out with the active help of the Vichy regime."

Italy institutes a sales tax but by a letter of 30 June, the Vatican and all churches are exempt.

The National Free Church Council and the Federal Council of Free Churches are united as the Free Church Federal Council.

By this time Americans have listened to Rev Charles E. Coughlin's radio broadcasts where he has been railing against the threat of Jews to America's economy. Now he begins defending Hitler's treatment of Jews as justification in the fight against communism. American Catholic officials are appalled.

1941 The *Holocaust Museum* in Washington DC estimates that 13,000 Jews died on 19 June, 1941, during a pogrom in Bucharest, Romania. It was ordered by the pro-Nazi Romanian regime of Marshal Ion Antonescu. The current government has admitted that this atrocity happened, but most Romanians continue to deny that the Jews were killed on orders from their own government.

Polish citizens in Jedwabne in northeastern Poland kill hundreds of Jews, by either beating them to death or burning them alive in a barn. According to the Associated Press: "The role played by Polish citizens was suppressed for nearly six decades until publication of a book by a Polish emigre historian, Jan Tomasz Gross. After release of the book in 2000, the Polish government launched an investigation. 'The role of the Poles was decisive in conducting the criminal act,' [prosecutor Radoslaw] Ignatiew, said. The book, *Neighbours*, sparked national soul-searching among Poles, many of whom could not believe that anybody but the Nazis would have committed the atrocity."

1942 The Nazi leaders of Germany, at the Wannsee conference (20 Jan), decide on "the final solution of the Jewish question" which is the attempt to exterminate every Jew in Europe. From 28 to 31 July, almost 18,000 Russian inhabitants of the Minsk ghetto in what is now Belarus are exterminated. This is in addition to 5,000 to 15,000 who had been massacred in earlier pogroms in that city. This is just one of many such pogroms during World War II.

Formation of the British Council of Churches establishing a permanent means of inter-church consultation.

(27 June) Establishment of the Institute for Religious Works (IOR) (changed from the Administration of Religious Works) – actually a bank whose depositors are residents of the ecclesiastical state, monks or clergy who run schools and hospitals, diplomats accredited to the Holy See and Italian citizens who have been given notable service to the Church. By it, gifts of the faithful, property and real estate are used for speculation. It is under the ambit of Bernardo Nogara. Its function is "the custody and administration of monies (in bonds and cash) and properties transferred or entrusted to the institute itself by fiscal or legal persons for the purposes of religious works, and works of Christian piety." In other words, it is a bank, the Vatican Bank.

(Oct) Under Mussolini's direction, a law is passed exempting the Vatican from paying existing assessments on stock dividends. (31 Dec) Publication of an official roster of every organization not eligible for taxation on dividends; almost all are Vatican affiliates.

1942 – 43 The Catholic Ustasha under their dictator Ante Pavelic (a practicing Catholic and regular visitor to the pope) establishes and runs several extermination camps in Croatia. There are even camps exclusively for children. The most notorious is Jasenovac, headed by a Franciscan friar where orthodox-Christian Serbians (and a substantial number of Jews) are murdered. Unlike the Nazis who gas their victims first, here they are burned alive. Many others, however, are simply stabbed, slain or shot to death, the killers being Franciscan friars. Nazi bystanders (the "Sicherheitsdienst der SS"), appalled, complain to Hitler who does nothing. Neither does the pope, who knows about the Croatian camps.

1943 This year the German Church Tax pays \$100 million to the Vatican Bank.

East German Conference completes the disbanding of German Methodism.

1945 The Shoah (Holocaust) ends as Allied Forces over-run the Nazi death camps. Almost six million Jews, among them about one million children, were killed in the special extermination camps, all situated in Poland, which was occupied by the German army. The most prominent of these camps was Auschwitz. "Holocaust" is a biblical term which means burnt offering. The Jewish people refer to this most devastating event in their history as the Sho'ah. Many churches in Germany had supported Hitler as a national hero.

Some resisted him. But Christianity as a whole failed miserably in resisting the evil done to the Jews and other minorities. And when Jewish refugees knocked on the doors of the nations opposed to the Nazis, they were rejected. All over the western world the churches were rather silent when the Jews needed help and were eventually slaughtered. The Holocaust is, therefore, also the culmination of the Christian anti-Judaism of the centuries. Their own anti-Jewish teaching paralyzed Christians to act appropriately, when secular, pagan and anti-Christian forces took over the language of the anti-Judaism of the Christian Church and brought it to its deadly conclusion.

Many back an independent state for Palestinian Jews which would also be a homeland for surviving European Jews and Jews in Arab countries. This is opposed by Palestinian Arabs and Arab states who want an independent Palestine with the Jews as a protected minority. Great Britain decides to allow only 2,000 displaced European Jews a month to enter until a maximum of 100,000 has been reached. Jewish terrorist groups begin attacks on British military installations.

Discovery of the Nag Hammadi Texts in Egypt. Written in Coptic – dated about mid-4th century CE – contains gospels, apocalypses, acts, letters, dialogues, secret books, speculative treatises, wisdom literature, exegeses, revelation discourses and prayers.

The Christian Democratic Party, the old Popular party (see 1919) reorganized with Vatican funds and skill, gains the rule of Italy. Top jobs in the government increasingly go to practicing Catholics willing to do the Church's bidding.

During the war, Michele Sidona purchased food on the black market and with help of the Mafia, smuggled it into Messina.

The Education (Scotland) Act introduces chaplaincies and religious teaching in schools.

1945/6 About 15,000 Mennonites from Russia and the Danzig area of Poland migrate to Canada, Paraguay and Brazil to find full freedom of conscience.

1945 – 1955 Knox Version, from Vulgate, asked for by English Hierarchy.

1946 Even though World War II ended the year before, anti-Semitic pogroms continue, particularly in Poland, with the deaths of many Jews.

(1 May) Anglo-American Commission calls for admission of 100,000 Jewish refugees and creation of a single Arab-Jewish state under UN trusteeship. (4 Oct) President Truman announces American support for the partition of Palestine.

(June) Italy votes for a republic. King Umberto II abdicates, eliminating one of the last brakes on enabling the Vatican to exercise substantial influence in the country.

(16 Nov) Founding of the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Johnstown, PA, as a merger of the Evangelical Church and the United Brethren of Christ.

At this time the IOR (Vatican Bank) gains a majority share in Banca Cattolica del Veneto – “the priest's bank” – that makes low interest loans to the clergy.

1946 – 1952 Revised Standard Version is written as a revision of the ASV "based on consonantal Hebrew text" for OT and the best available texts for the NT. It is done in response to changes in English usage.

1947 The UN divides Palestine into a Jewish state, an Arab state and a small international zone including Jerusalem.

Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls at Qumran, Palestine, representing all 39 books of the Hebrew Bible except Esther – in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. From about the first century BCE (see year 68).

Roberto Calvi, 27 years old, begins working for the Banco Ambrosiano in Milan. It too is known as “the Priest's Bank.”

Establishment of the united Church of South India (Anglican), a union of Anglican, Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches.

An English canon law commission presents proposals for a revised code.

1948 (14 May) The Jewish state of Israel is proclaimed against Arab opposition.

(22 Aug) First International assembly of World Council of Churches opens at Amsterdam, Holland.

1949 Basic English Bible, only 1000 words, simple and direct style.

By this time about 750,000 Arabs are fleeing Israel into surrounding Arab countries. Arab countries expel Jews, sending them to Israel and eventually close their borders to Palestinian immigration, trapping them on the west bank and Gaza strip.

1950 Pius XII (1939-58) issues the encyclical *Humani Generis* condemning certain “false opinions” that threaten the foundations of the Catholic faith, denouncing “lovers of novelty,” those who neglect traditional channels of doctrine, evolutionists, existentialists and people who “try to reconcile opposing opinions in the field of dogma itself”.

(1 Nov) Pius pronounces the dogma of the Corporal Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

By this time SGI (see 1935) is acquiring control of various concerns outside of Italy – i.e.; expanding Vatican interests – including the USA, Canada, Mexico and France. By this time the Vatican is well established not only in the building and construction industry, but in manufacturing, energy, communication, banking, insurance and others; there is hardly a sector of Italy’s economy in which the Vatican’s “men of trust” are not representing the Church’s interest.

About this time world population is estimated to be 2.4 billion.

1951 (Oct) Pius XII approves the rhythm method (quickly dubbed “Vatican Roulette”) for Catholics with serious reasons for wishing to avoid procreation.

1952 (28 April) The Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of New York’s “released time” program for religious instruction of public school pupils.

1954 The Catholic lay group, Knights of Columbus, sponsor a law that adds the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States.

(13 Mar – 7 May) Battle of Dien Bien Phu: The French colonial government is defeated in Vietnam by the Viet Minh freedom fighters (supported by U.S. funds) who assure religious freedom to all, but many Catholics flee to the south. Aided by U.S. Catholic lobbies and Cardinal Spellman, democratic elections are prevented to occur in the south for fear the Viet Minh (communist) would win. (14 June) The fanatic Catholic Ngo Dinh Diem is made president of South Viet Nam. He begins a policy of aiding only Catholics, leaving Buddhists and others to fend for themselves.

Retirement of B. Nogara (dies 1958). He has built a considerable portfolio for the Vatican; interests in businesses and real estate in Italy, France, Canada, USA, Mexico, etc.

1955 (15 March) The Supreme Court overturns the convictions of three members of Jehovah’s Witnesses for refusing to take part in a secular war.

(28 April) Civil war begins in South Vietnam; Diem declares all-out war against the rebels. “Detention camps” are set up in which thousands of Buddhist protesters and monks are imprisoned. Many Buddhist teachers and monks protest by self-immolation.

(July) A new Italian government enacts a new tax law favorable to the Vatican.

1956 (23 Jan) President Diem of South Vietnam promulgates a presidential order setting up new electoral rules and creating an assembly. In the order is the statement, “Individuals considered dangerous to the national defense and common security may be confined by executive order to a concentration camp.” Soon the “detention camps” become concentration camps that in addition to Buddhists, are also seeing the incarceration of Protestant and Catholic protesters.

1957 (25 June) At a uniting synod at Cleveland, OH, declares “we do now as the regularly constituted representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and of the General Council of the Congregational Churches, declare ourselves to be one body and our union consummated in the act, establishing the United Church of Christ...” The church is comprised of both Calvinists and Lutherans.

(2 Nov) Michele Sindona is invited to a Mafia “family” reunion in Palermo.

1958 J. B. Phillip's New Testament, uses only commonly spoken language.

The National Italian Olympic committee purchases large stretches of land from the Holy See for about \$29 million, with the Olympic facilities to be built by SGI.

(July) A ten-year plan is drafted for the modernization and reconstruction of Italy's road network – the contracts go mostly to Vatican owned companies.

1959 Statement of Faith (United Church of Christ).

The “final” restoration of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher begins.

M. Sindona acquires BPF (see 1930).

1960 Pat Robertson (born 22 Mar, 1930), a Southern Baptist, founds the Christian Broadcasting Network, that supports those politicians who agree with his “Christian Agenda”. Its flagship broadcast is “The 700 Club,” which is a popular forum for powerful politicians. He calls church-state separation a “lie of the left.”

By this time South Vietnam's “period of terror” has seen 24,000 wounded, 80,000 executed, 275,000 detained or tortured and about 500,000 sent to concentration camps.

1961 New English Bible, renders original Basic English Bible for private use.

Henry Morris, an hydraulic engineer, publishes “The Genesis Flood” that takes a scholarly approach to proving the Old Testament creation story. It argues it was Noah's flood that sculpted the Earth in its present form.

1962 A new coalition government includes the Social Democrats, formerly firmly opposed by anti-communist Pius XII, but now allowed by John XXIII (1958-63) who has stated that the Vatican should stay out of Italian politics as much as possible. The new government under Premier Amintore Fanfani establishes a dividend tax, but is unable to provide an exemption for the Vatican.

The Vatican sells La Societo dell' Acqua Pia Antica Marcia to a private syndicate.

Italian government decides to nationalize the electric current industry. By this act the Vatican begins realizing substantial income as their many interests in electric companies begin to be purchased.

(Dec) The Italian government passes legislation taxing profits on dividends, at first 15%. The Vatican tells the Italian government “In the spirit of our concordat [1929] and considering the law of 1942, it would be desirable that a favorable treatment be granted the Holy See.” Negotiations begin; i.e. the Vatican wants exemption.

1962 (25 June) In a case supported by the celebrated atheist Madalyn Murray, the Supreme Court, in *Engel v. Vitale*, holds unconstitutional the reading of an officially prescribed prayer in New York's public schools.

(11 Oct) – 1965 Second Vatican Council, 21st ecumenical, announced by Pope John XXIII in 1959, produces 16 documents which become official after approval by the Pope, their purpose is to renew “ourselves and the flocks committed to us” (Pope John XXIII). Pope Pius IX's decree (1864) is softened as the church endorses the concept of religious liberty for everyone as a fundamental human right. One of the main issues for the Pontifical Commission on the Family is to study birth control.

1963 (April) Italian elections defeat the Fanfani cabinet. A caretaker government under Giovanni Leone begins quiet talks with the Vatican and an agreement is reached exempting it from the dividend tax. (Oct) The Leone government is ousted and the new finance minister, R. Tremelloni, refuses to go along with it. Prime minister Aldo Moro asks the Vatican to submit a statement of its holdings as a prelude to obtain the exemption. The Vatican refuses.

(Nov) Licio Gelli joins a conventional Masonic lodge in Italy. He rises rapidly to 3rd degree membership. He is urged to form a circle of important people some of whom may become Masons. He begins a secret illegal organization “Reggruppamento Gelli – P2” (P for Propaganda).

By this time R. Calvi is central manager of Banco Ambrosiano of Milan. This year he forms Compendium, a shell company in Luxembourg (it is later changed to Banco Ambrosiano Holdings).

1964 M. Sindona acquires Banque de Financement (Finabank) of Geneva, Switzerland, which is largely owned by the Vatican, which now holds only 29%.

Bishop Marcinkus is officially retired from the Vatican Bank but continues to represent a wide cross section of Vatican interests.

(June) The Church threatens to bring down Aldo Moro's government if it doesn't get way in the

tax “negotiations.”

(6 Aug ?) Minister of the Treasury G. Pieraccini declines to ratify the Vatican’s exemption. The Vatican threatens to dump several hundred million dollars worth of shares on the Italian stock market. A bill to ratify the Vatican’s exemption from the dividend tax is passed but lays doggo.

(Oct) The government caves in and grants the Vatican its illegal exemptions but with a string of unstable governments, it is never ratified and the church never pays.

(29 Nov) The Roman Catholic Church announces revolutionary changes in liturgy, including use of English in some prayers, effective in the US.

1965 Pope Paul VI reorganizes the Holy Office and renames it Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith.

(5 Feb) The Sindona “group” and Carlo Bordonni establish Moneytex; an international brokerage company.

(March) M. Sindona sells 20% of BPF to Hambros Bank of London. Hambros has long-standing close links to Vatican finances. Another 20% is purchased by Continental Illinois of the USA.

(Oct) In an interview with an Italian journalist, Paul VI states the Church hasn’t come up with a position on birth control.

1966 The Index of Forbidden Books is formally abolished.

RSV Catholic Edition, a joint effort between Catholics and the Church of England, is published, representing a big step towards a common Catholic/Protestant Bible.

Jerusalem Bible, translation from original languages based on Bible de Jerusalem, Catholic version.

(23 April) The Pontifical Commission on the Family by 64 to 4 states a change in the Church’s stand on artificial birth control is both possible and advisable. Cardinal Ottovani is against this.

(5 May) Representatives of eight major Protestant denominations approve principles of merger at a meeting of the Consultation on Church Union at Dallas, TX.

(23 July) The World Council of Churches, meeting in Geneva, condemns “the growing American military presence in Vietnam.”

(21 Sept) Voluntary prayers in public schools are prohibited by Senate vote, 49 to 37.

1967 (Early) The Vatican dividend tax exemption bill is revived (it has not paid any since 1963). The Roman weekly *L’Espresso* wants to know why, calling the Vatican “the biggest tax evader in postwar Italy”, stating that it owns 1/15 of all the stocks on the Italian exchange.

Father James Kavanaugh in *A Modern Priest Looks at His Outdated Church* states “Celibacy is my shield from reality, my protection from people, the wall that bars me from concern....”

(Sept±?) Paul VI creates Prefecture of the Economic Affairs of the Holy See (i.e.; the General Accounting Office). To assist the aged cardinal Vagnozzi to run it, he consecrates as bishop Paul Marcinkus, now head of the Vatican Bank. He immediately begins building a very strong power base.

By this time Moneyrex is dealing in a volume of \$40 billion per year with net profits in excess of \$2 million.

1968 (Jan) Italian government of Giovanni Leone extends for another year the Vatican’s tax exemption while a bill is being discussed in parliament that if not approved will mean the Vatican will be required to pay all unpaid taxes since 1963.

(1 Jan) The Financial Office is renamed the Prefecture of Economic Affairs of the Holy See (Egidio Cardinal Vagnozzi in charge), essentially now a finance ministry. The properties acquired in 1878 are absorbed into this Prefecture. The Institute of Religious Works is absorbed into this Prefecture.

(Early) Banco Unions, a Vatican controlled bank, is in trouble. M. Sindona moves in and purchases control. In two years it is a great success.

(April) By this time cardinal Ottovani has had all 64 of the commission members (see 1966) scattered and the other four dissenters expand their position. The pope asks Albino Luciani, bishop of Venice, to draw up a report on birth control. He submits his report urging the Church to approve the use of “the pill”; it would become the Catholic birth-control pill.

(Spring) Establishment of the Administration for the Patrimony of the Holy See which combines the Administration for the Goods of the Holy See (administering the normal revenues coming into the Vatican) and the Special Administration of the Holy See (see the Financial Convention, 1929).

(23 April) Largest Protestant merger brings the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren into an eleven-million-member United Methodist Church.

(July) Premier G. Leone states the Vatican will have to pay its tax arrears; the government intends to let the exemption drop and not seek parliamentary ratification for a new block of exemptions. The Vatican fights back stating without the exemption their “holy works” would be severely cramped.

(25 July) Publication of *Humanae Vitae* in which Paul XXIII ignores his commission’s advice, declaring the only acceptable method of birth control is abstinence and the rhythm method: “. . . in any use whatever of marriage there must be no impairment of its natural capacity to procreate human life.” Millions around the world ignore this.

(Oct) The Vatican decides to pay taxes on its Italian stock earnings, but stating it cannot pay such a large bill, it requests permission to pay in installments. A statement, however, is requested by the Italian government as to how much would have to be paid. To avoid paying the tax, Paul Marcinkus (whom Paul had made bishop), close friend of Paul VI’s private secretary Pascale Macchi, is appointed to supervise transferring Vatican monies into overseas investments to escape the tax by liquidating a sizeable proportion of its Italian assets and reinvesting them in other countries. Unsure of his ability to do this, Marcinkus appoints Michele Sindona, a member of the Milan Mafia, to carry out the scheme: The flight of Vatican capital begins.

1969 The Vatican faces the fact that it must pay its Italian taxes on dividends. It is decided to unload its holdings in Societa Generale Immobiliare, with assets scattered around the world. (Spring) M. Sindona decides to take care of it.

1970 Confraternity Version, new Catholic translation from the originals which began before 1939 as a translation from the Vulgate, but ends up as a new translation from the Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT).

Henry Morris (see 1961) founds the Institute for Creation Research in Santee, SC.

The Freemason lodge P-2 (see 1877) becomes a secret lodge to recruit men of right-wing persuasion to prevent a Communist takeover.

(22 April) Rev Channing E Phillips, as quoted in *Earth Day – The Beginning: A Guide for Survival*; “In the good old puritan tradition we have taken the book of Genesis seriously and set out to subdue the Earth, and to have dominion over all things. And in two hundred years we have subdued it with asphalt, DDT, and industrial waste. But some of our leaders seem to think that it is the will of God, and if you tend not to believe it, then you can check the GNP.”

(Mid-year) A Swiss newspaper declares the productive capital of the Vatican at between 50 and 55 billion Swiss francs (almost \$13 billion); *L’Osservatore Romano* (the Vatican newspaper) states it’s not more than \$111 million.

By this time the Vatican asset liquidation has created a grave financial crisis in Italy.

1971 New American Standard Bible is written, updates the ASV using recent Hebrew and Greek textual discoveries.

Bishop Marcinkus of Chicago, is made head of the Institute of Religious Works (IOR; the Vatican Bank). He is working closely with M. Sindona to expand the Vatican portfolio of international holdings. Roberto Calvi, who this year becomes managing director of Banco Ambrosiano of Milan, is introduced to bishop Marcinkus by M. Sindona: The bank becomes a transfer point for international speculation of Vatican funds. The three men are part of the Italian *uomini di fiducia* (men of trust) who work with Vatican Incorporated: (July) A package of \$14.5 million of American counterfeit bonds – created by a Mafia network in the US – is delivered in Rome and eventually end up in the Vatican Bank. Main facilitator in the transaction is P. Marcinkus. This is a down payment for a total consignment of \$950 million. (July, late) Marcinkus requests a trial deposit of \$1.5 million in Handelsbank in Zurich to make sure the bonds would pass a genuine. (Sept) A second trial deposit of \$2.5 million is made at Banco di Roma; the bonds pass as genuine, but the Bankers Association of New York determine they are false and an investigation begins.

With L. Sindona’s management, P. Marcinkus sells Banca Cattolica to R. Calvi for \$46.5 million; Sindona makes a kickback of \$6.5 million to Calvi and Marcinkus.

R. Calvi founds Banco Ambrosiano Overseas, Nassau. P. Marcinkus is on its board of directors.

Ronald Reagan in a political speech states, “Everything is falling into place. It can’t be too long now. Ezekiel says that fire and brimstone will be rained upon the enemies of God’s people. That must

mean they'll be destroyed by nuclear weapons....Gog, the nation that will lead all of the other powers of darkness against Israel, will come out of the north....Gog must be Russia....now that Russia has set itself against God....it fits the description of Gog perfectly."

1972 It becomes known that Father Gilbert Gauthé in Lafayette, Louisiana, has been committing pervasive sexual abuse in molesting children. He is transferred to a different parish.

Licio Gelli becomes Argentina's economic advisor to Italy.

By this time the CIA, Interpol, FBI and country's tax authorities are sorting out the irregularities of what's going on. Cardinal Albino Luciani becomes alarmed at how the "priests bank" (Banco Ambrosiano) had been sold by Marcinkus to Calvi without the provincial bishops knowledge, and with the agreement of Paul VI: (March?) The Banca Cattolica del Veneto stops making low-interest loans. Clergy now must pay normal rates. By this time the IOR's share holding is 51%: The bank had been sold by P Marcinkus, president of the IOR, to R Calvi of Banco Ambrosiano of Milan, who paid 27 billion lire (\$45 million) in a deal hatched by Calvi, Sindona and Marcinkus.

1973 Mission to the World of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Crime and Racketeering section of the US Department of Justice discovers the Vatican was to be sold a consignment of false bonds with a value of \$1 billion by P. Marcinkus and M. Sindona. This is dismissed by the Vatican. Meanwhile, Swiss bank inspectors are alarmed at Finabank's losses and inform the Vatican, Continental Illinois and M. Sindona to close it.

(26 April) US agents meet with bishop P Marcinkus who declares complete innocence and will "keep his eyes open" to help in any way he can. He tells the investigators that L. Sindona is a good friend and gifted financial dealer.

By this time M. Sindona's and P. Marcinkus' movements of Vatican assets out of the country is having a serious effect on Italy's economy. Even so, the Italian prime minister praises M. Sindona as "the savior of the lira."

1974 Rev. D. James Kennedy (born 3 Nov, 1930) begins a regular Sunday morning program, "The Coral Ridge Hour," radio program, "Truths That Transform,"

(March) The Milan stock market has earned M. Sindona 100 billion lire. (April) The market goes into a steep decline. The Franklin Bank of New York has suffered a \$40 million loss. To save their bank (Banco Ambrosiano), Marcinkus and Calvi begin borrowing money under the moral guarantee of the Vatican in the name of phantom banks. (Sept) Banca Privata goes into compulsory liquidation. Estimated losses are over \$300 million – this includes \$27 million of Vatican money plus their share of the bank. (3 Oct) L. Gelli repays a little of the huge investment L. Sindona made in P2. By courtesy of P2 members in the judiciary and police force, Gelli tips off Sindona that he's to be arrested the next day. (4 Oct) M. Sindona is implicated as having a hand in the collapse of the Franklin Bank in the USA. Avoiding the arrest warrant, he flees to Switzerland. (8 Oct) Franklin National collapses, the FDIA loses \$2 billion. (Oct – Jan, 1975) M. Sindona controlled banks in Europe collapse; the Vatican losses are \$240 million.

1975 (Feb) P. Marcinkus tells Italian magazine *L'Espresso* that he'd never known L. Sindona.

(April) Cardinal Vagnozzi tells *La Stampa* the productive capital of the Vatican is 300 billion lire (\$452 million). The international banking community indicates the Vatican has \$120 million on deposit in foreign banks.

1976 A poor woman in Germany is suspected of keeping dogs as familiars (devil's agents). Neighbors ostracize her, threw rocks at her, threatened to beat her to death, and finally burn down her house, badly burning her and killing all the animals.

(1 July) Death of Anneliese Michel by starvation. For months she had been haunted by demonic visions and apparitions. For months, two Catholic priests, with the explicit approval of the bishop of Wurzburg, pestered her with exorcist rituals. After her death her body is found to be covered with wounds. Her fanatical Catholic parents are jailed. None of the priests are punished but Anneliese's grave becomes a place of pilgrimage and worship.

(Sept) Italian authorities arrest M. Sindona in New York. He is released on \$3 million bond. A grand jury begins investigating him in 1977.

(19 Nov) R. Calvi acquires 53.5% of Banco Mercantile of Florence on behalf of the Vatican

Bank. The Vatican Bank cannot pay for this so some “dexterous paperwork” on behalf of its agents begin to correct this.

1977 In France, a mob kills an old man suspected of sorcery.

Ordination of the first female Episcopal priest.

Minister Donald Wildmon founds the American Family Association that targets the media and entertainment industry’s “attack” on “traditional family values.” “promoting the centrality of God in American life” and “promoting the Christian ethic of decency.” “Indecent” influences in American culture include: television, the separation of church and state, pornography, “the homosexual agenda,” premarital sex, legal abortion, the National Endowment for the Arts, gambling, unfiltered internet access in libraries, and the removal of school-sponsored religious worship from public schools.

(30 June) The shares of Banco Mercantile are sold to Immobiliare XX Settembre – controlled by R. Calvi; the Vatican Bank makes a profit of 7,724,378 lire (\$87,274).

(Sept) R. Calvi opens a branch bank, Ambrosiano Group Banco Commercial, in Managua, Nicaragua, with director P. Marcinkus’ approval.

(13 Nov) M. Sindona begins a public blackmailing of R. Calvi in Italy.

About this time it becomes known that the Church in America has been quietly transferring priests who have been accused of sexually abusing children. Sometimes the offending priests are required to take a retreat or therapy, but are rarely defrocked or reported to authorities.

About this time James Dobson (born 21 April, 1936) begins the radio program “Focus on the Family.” He believes homosexuality can be cured and promotes patriarchal marriage. He believes men have the divine right to lead their families, and women have the divine obligation to submit to their authority. Dobson also does not recommend inter-racial marriages because reactions from society put a strain on such unions. Dobson contended that “tolerance and diversity” are “buzzwords” that the We Are Family Foundation misused as part of a hidden agenda to promote homosexuality.

1978 New International Version published. It uses eclectic Greek text, Massoretic Hebrew text, and current English style.

A government appointed liquidator discovers powerful evidence that M. Sindona had paid a kickback to R. Calvi (\$6.5 million) who shared it 50-50 with P. Marcinkus. Marcinkus, meanwhile, actively works to suppress the fact that Calvi’s offshore companies are owned by the Vatican.

(April) R. Calvi pay \$½ million into Banca del Gottardo, Lugano, into a Sindona account. Soon 12 investigators descend on Calvi’s Banco Ambrosiano. Calvi goes on vacation in Argentina.

(Aug) Calvi’s empire is teetering, being held in place by Marcinkus’ position in the Vatican.

(26 Aug) Cardinal Albino Luciani elected pope as John Paul I. He has a reputation for personal poverty and for intolerance of any shady dealings on the part of the clergy. He favors artificial birth control. When his secretary Villot points out pope Paul’s “virtues of the natural method”, John Paul replies “what can we old celibates really know of the sexual desires of the married?” John Paul, dedicated to a poor Church for the poor, immediately sets about to clean up Vatican incorporated. He begins looking at the scandal ridden Vatican Bank, operated by its president bishop Marcinkus in cooperation with Roberto Calvi of Italy’s largest private bank, Banco Ambrosiano, under whom money was laundered for the Mafia. Michele Sindona, close associate with bishop Marcinkus, also had been using the Vatican Bank to launder Mafia money and resides in the USA, has been fighting for three years extradition from New York to Milan. R. Calvi is alarmed at who the new pope is.

(31 Aug) Economic Periodical *Il Mondo* addresses a letter to the pope asking him to impose “order and morality” on the Vatican’s financial dealings, including “speculation in unhealthy waters.”

(Sept-1st three weeks) R. Calvi unloads 350,000 bank shares then hears plans of sacking Marcinkus.

(Mid Sept) By this time the Vatican Bank is being denounced by the press and other financial organs. Up to 121 members of the curia are implicated – under care of cardinal Villot. John Paul I decides to put an end to the corruption; Sindona, Calvi, Marcinkus, Villot and others stand to lose much if this occurs. He also wishes to rid the Vatican of its many officials who are Freemasons. It is about this time also that John Paul meets with representatives of the United Nations to discuss the issue of overpopulation in the Third World, worrying Vatican officials over his favoring artificial birth control.

(27 Sept) John Paul I asks cardinal Villot to continue as Secretary of State and instructs him to initiate an investigation immediately: To review the entire financial operation of the Vatican; to be done

discreetly, quickly and completely. He recommends that bishop Marcinkus should be immediately removed along with other personnel of the Vatican Bank.

(28 Sept; afternoon) John Paul I tells Villot that Marcinkus is to be removed immediately and replaced by Msgr Giovanni Angelo Abbo, secretary of the Prefecture of Economic Affairs of the Holy See. Citing a betrayal of trust in Chicago, he says cardinal Cody of Chicago will be replaced. He states more changes are coming.

(28/29 Sept) Death of John Paul I after serving 33 days of a heart attack even though he was in "excellent health:." There is no autopsy; the body is immediately embalmed. His last will was missing and is never found.

(Oct) None of John Paul I's instructions or edicts are carried out. With John Paul II, Villot is appointed secretary of state. Cody remains cardinal of Chicago. Marcinkus remains in control of Vatican Bank. R. Calvi and L. Gelli and other P2 members remain operational under the protection of the Vatican Bank.

(9 Oct) Time magazine relates suspicions about John Paul I's death; that it may have been poison. It is determined later that he died of a fatal dose of digitalis.

Pope John Paul II, reaffirms conservative moral traditions (The Splendor of Truth) and the forbidding of women in the priesthood. One of his first acts is to pray at the tomb of the founder of Opus Dei. He later grants it the status of a personal prelate, answerable only to Rome and God.

1979 The Sandanistas nationalize all banks in Nacaragua except Calvi's Ambrosiano Group Banco Commercial.

Beverly and Tim LaHaye found Concerned Women for America that strives to bring "biblical principles into all levels of public policy."

Jerry Falwell proclaims "I hope I live to see the day when, as in the early days of our country, we won't have any public schools. The churches will have taken them over again and Christians will be running them. What a happy day that will be!"

(21 Jan) Murder of Judge Emilio Alessandrini, the magistrate investigating L. Gelli's Banco Ambrosiano activities in Italy.

(March) Murder of Mino Pecorelli, a lawyer and journalist who had been writing about the Freemasons, particularly the over 100 Vatican Freemasons and their relationships with L. Gelli.

(9 March) M. Sindona is indicted by the US Justice department for activities involving the collapse of Franklin National.

(11 July) Murder of Giorgio Ambrosioli following his testimony concerning the shady dealings of Sidona and Calvi and their involvement with American bishop Marcinkus to both US and Italian investigators.

(13 July) Murder of Lt. Col. Antonio Varisco, head of Rome's security service, who had talked with Ambrosoli and was part of the investigation.

(21 July) Murder of Boris Guilano, Palermo police deputy who spoke to Ambrosioli two days before his death, about Sidona's money laundering of Mafia money channeled through the Vatican Bank to Swiss bank accounts. His position is taken over by a member of P2.

(2 Aug) M. Sindona illegally returns to Italy but by 16 Oct, he gives it up.

(Oct) A bomb explodes in the apartment of Enrico Cuccia, a witness for G. Ambrosioli.

By the end of this year the financial exposure of the Vatican-owned front companies that R. Calvi controlled is over \$500 million.

1979 – 1982 New King James Bible, a complete revision of the 1611 KJV, updates archaisms while retaining style.

1980 The Vatican Bank sells 2 million shares of Vianini, a Roman international construction company, to Laramie, a small Panamanian company at grossly inflated prices.

Rev. Louis Sheldon founds the Traditional Values Coalition with offices in California and Washington DC. Sheldon is a shrill critic of gay rights and the separation of church and state.

(Jan) L. Calvi opens Banco Ambrosiano de America del Sud in Buenos Aires. Through this he begins buying exocet missiles for Argentina.

(2 Feb) M. Sindona's trial in the USA involving charges of fraud, conspiracy and misappropriation of funds in connection with the collapse of the Franklin National Bank begins. The

Vatican states it will stand by its former financial advisor. P Marcinkus and two other bishops agree to swear depositions on videotape but a few hours before they are to do so, the Vatican secretary of state, cardinal Casaroli, withdraws this agreement, overriding John Paul II's acquiescence, announcing there'll be no depositions and "...we are unhappy about the fact that the American government does not give diplomatic recognition to the Vatican."

(27 March) M. Sindona is found guilty on 65 counts (fraud, false bank statements, misappropriation of bank funds, etc.)

(13 May) M. Sindona attempts suicide with a dose of digitalis that all top P2 members carry, and (13 June) is sentenced to 25 years in prison and a \$200,000 fine.

(July) Italian financial police tell L. Calvi he is facing criminal charges. (8 July) Attempted suicide of Calvi, also jailed for fraud. A few months later Gelli pulls strings, saving Calvi. But the investigation is getting close to the Vatican Bank and Marcinkus is getting nervous.

(Autumn) The US government begins an investigation of cardinal Cody of Chicago about illegal use of church funds.

By this time Opus Dei is very wealthy, with most of its monies having come from L. Calvi's deals in Spain and Argentina.

1981 A mob in Mexico stones to death a woman suspected of witchcraft.

Reported apparition of Mary in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, not yet approved / disapproved by the Catholic Church.

(Jan) A federal grand jury serves cardinal Cody with several subpoenas, demanding to see his financial records.

(12 Jan) A group of Milanese shareholders in Banco Ambrosiano send a letter to John Paul II severely criticizing the bank's association with Marcinkus, Calvi, Gelli and others. It specifically singles out Gelli.

(Early) Italian treasury ministry, desiring to protect the Church, urges the Vatican to break all links with Banco Ambrosiano. Marcinkus ignores this.

(2 March) The Vatican press office releases a document reminding all Catholics of the canon laws covering Freemasons and stresses the fact that the present code "forbids Catholics under pain of excommunication from joining Masonic or similar associations."

R. Calvi, head of the Bank of Milan, is convicted in an Italian court of illegal currency transactions; some \$1.3 billion are missing from bank funds. He flees to England. Meanwhile, SISMI, Italy's military intelligence agency, (17 March) raid his villa in Arezzo and seize a large quantity of his secret documents including a list of 962 members of P2. There are so many on this list from all of Italy – government, industry, etc. – that the news brings down the government. On 6 May, he is arrested.

(13 May) John Paul II is shot and wounded at the Vatican by Mehemet Ali Agca.

(7 July) Italian government charges M. Sindona with ordering the murder of G. Ambrosoli.

(8 July) L. Calvi tries to commit suicide. (mid-July) John Paul II appoints a commission of 15 cardinals to study the finances of the church to recommend improvements that would increase Vatican revenue. While not a member, P. Marcinkus, still head of the Vatican Bank, contributes his expertise. (20 July) L. Calvi is sentenced to 4 years and fined 16 billion lire. He is freed on bail. (30 July) Calvi is reconfirmed as chairman of Banco Ambrosiano.

(Aug) Calvi and Marcinkus issue a letter on the IOR (Vatican Bank) letterhead acknowledging their control of banks in Luxembourg, Liechtenstein and Panama and that their debts are the responsibility of the Vatican Bank. (27 Aug) R. Calvi sends a secret letter to the Vatican Bank (Marcinkus) that although it owns the banks (above) they "would entail no liabilities for the IOR."

(1 Sept) The Vatican Bank acknowledges its controlling interest in a number of banks controlled by Calvi for more than one billion dollars of debt. (28 Sept) The pope promotes Marcinkus to pro-president of the Pontifical Commission for the State of Vatican City – i.e.; governor of Vatican City. He is still head of the Vatican Bank.

(Sept) The *Chicago Sun-Times* breaks the story and Cody has still not complies with the subpoenas. Cody replies that this is an attack on the Church. He dies April, 1982.

1982 (2 Jan) A group of shareholders in Banco Ambrosiano send a letter to John Paul II exposing connections between the Vatican Bank and R. Calvi and the Mafia. The letter is never acknowledged.

(March) In an interview, Marcinkus has nothing but praise and trust for R. Calvi.

(27 April) Attempted murder of Roberto Rosone, General Manager of Banco Ambrosiano as he was trying to clean up the bank's operation. It was ordered by R Calvi but he denies any involvement.

(April – July) Falklands War. The exocet missiles used by Argentina against the British were purchased from Bellatrix, a P2 owned company controlled by Marcinkus and the Vatican Bank. The money to do this comes from the machinations of L. Gelli who had diverted monies from British banks.

(May) The Milan stock exchange forces Calvi to list his shares publicly on the exchange, forcing an independent audit of his books.

(10 May) L. Gelli demands more money from Calvi to purchase exocet missiles for Argentina, but he is forced to turn to the black market. He tells Calvi's agents the Vatican Bank should make up the excess costs this entails. At this time Calvi estimates the IOR's patrimony at \$10 billion.

(12 May) An attempt is made on the pope's life at Fatima, Portugal by Spanish priest Juan Fernandez Krohn.

(31 May) The Bank of Italy demands from Calvi a full account of foreign lending by the Banco Ambrosiano Group.

Collapse of Banco Ambrosiano (Milan Bank) in which the Vatican has a significant stake; \$1.6 billion are lost. The Vatican agrees to pay \$312 million to the bank's creditors but denies any wrongdoing. (18 June) Roberto Calvi is found dead, hanging from Blackfriar's bridge in London. It is regarded as a suicide, although he had been weighted down with 14 pounds of brick and stone and his hands were tied behind him.

(2 Oct) Guiseppe Dellacha, executive of Banco Ambrosiano, is found dead from a fall out of one of the bank's windows.

1983 Arrest of Antonio Viezzer, a member of P2, on suspicion of being involved in the death of Pecorelli.

Incorporation (founded 1981) of the Family Research Council, founded by James Dobson, in Washington DC. It is a lobbying group that has access to some of the nation's most powerful politicians.

(April) Marcinkus has nothing but praise for Calvi to American officials.

1984 A revised Lateran Treaty is signed: The Roman Catholic Church's status as the official, government-funded church of Italy is ended.

Michele Sindona, convicted in the USA of fraud, is extradited to Italy, where he is given a life sentence for murder.

Cardinal Bernard Law of the Boston diocese, approves the transfer of father John J. Geoghan despite evidence he had sexually molested children. Up to this time the usual response by the Church has been to deny the claim and mistreat claimants and their relatives as if they had invited the abuse.

Father Gilbert Gauthé of Lafayette, Louisiana, is convicted of sexually abusing boys. He is sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment.

Archbishop O'Connor of New York is quoted in the *New York Times*; "[I can't believe that a Catholic] in good conscience [could vote for a political candidate who approves of abortion]." "...[But I do not intend to tell] anyone to vote for or against anyone."

1985 Meetings of a "Jesus Seminar" of prominent Biblical scholars begins at Rutgers University, the Westar Institute, in the United States. It aims to produce the ultimate in Biblical revision by deciding what Jesus **really** said, what he **didn't** say and what "perhaps he might have" or "might not have said" in between. A new New Testament is foreseen that includes a fifth gospel, the Gospel of Thomas. The Gospel of Thomas was one of the Nag Hammadi texts. It is believed to be preceded by the hypothetical gospel of 'Q' upon which Mark was supposed to have based his work (see 65 CE). The Institute eventually becomes headquartered in Santa Rosa, California.

Gauthé's attorney and two priests submit the report "The Problem of Sexual Molestation by Roman Catholic Clergy: Meeting the Problem in a Comprehensive and Responsible Manner". They urge that strong and effective action be taken. (Autumn) US Catholic bishops, meeting in a secret session, state that they will deal with cases of child sexual abuse as they arise in each diocese. Creating a nationwide church policy on child sexual abuse, the bishops believe, is against the essential autonomy of each bishop in his diocese. When Doyle spoke publicly about the report and the problem of clergy child sexual abuse, many bishops were offended, and his career as a Vatican representative is ended.

Pat Robertson claims his use of prayer kept hurricane Gloria from hitting his Virginia Beach headquarters, although it did damage in other parts of the east coast.

Jerry Falwell states “You cannot in academic honesty say that ‘I am a Christian,’ and that ‘I am a believer in God’ and [at the same time say] ‘I accept evolution.’”

About this time world population is estimated to be 5 billion.

1986 (23 March) Michele Sindona is killed in his prison cell by poison. He had ordered the death of G. Ambrosioli. Links are found with his and Calvi’s links with the Vatican Bank scandal with the Masons (P-2), the Mafia, arms dealers, political kickbacks and monies funneled through the CIA to support Solidarity in Poland.

1987 (20 Feb) Milanese magistrates issue arrest warrants for three senior Vatican officials accused in a 1982 fraudulent-bankruptcy case, one of whom is Marcinkus, but the pope backs him.

In *Edwards v. Aguillard* the Supreme Court decides that Creationism is unconstitutional in public schools and science curricula.

1989 First appearance of “Intelligent Design” in the book *Of Pandas and People* by Charles Thaxton.

Father Geoghan is forced to take sick leave after complaints he had been sexually abusing children. He is soon returned to his parish.

1990 Italy seeks to question Marcinkus but, with support of the pope, he leaves the Vatican and retires to the USA.

Pat Robertson founds the American Center for Law and Justice. It is headed by influential Religious Right attorney Jay Sekulow who files lawsuits and threatens litigation to try to roll back Supreme Court rulings upholding church-state separation.

By this time cases of child sexual abuse by priests have appeared in Australia, Austria, Canada, Ireland and Italy. Still, in most cases, priests are either transferred to another parish or allowed to leave the country.

1991 Publication of *Darwin on Trial* by Phillip E. Johnson – the “father” of Intelligent Design – that advocates redefining science to allow claims of supernatural creation.

(14 Jan) Pat Robertson on his *The 700 Club* attacks a number of Protestant denominations declaring: “You say you’re supposed to be nice to the Episcopalians and the Presbyterians and the Methodists and this, that, and the other thing. Nonsense. I don’t have to be nice to the spirit of the Antichrist.” (July/Aug) In his newsletter he states, “The New Testament reveals that Jews ‘both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men (I Thess 2:15). History records the terrible sufferings the Jewish people have experienced as a result.”

1992 Director of the Coalition on Revival Rev Jay Grimstead states; “Homosexuality makes God vomit.”

Pope John Paul II declares Galileo “rehabilitated”: “Clarifications furnished by recent historical studies enable us to state that this sad misunderstanding now belongs to the past.” Galileo’s case, he says, had become “the symbol of the church’s supposed rejection of scientific progress.”

1993 After years of complaints about child molestation, father Geoghan is finally removed from parish duty.

Rev Pete Peters in *The “Christian” Agenda Revealed* states “The Bible advocates discrimination against, intolerance of, and the death penalty for homosexuals.”

In his trial for polygamy, Elwood Gallimore of Virginia states “It’s in the Bible.”

Rev Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition in support of prayers in public schools states, “We were here first. You don’t take our shared common values and say they are biased and bigoted...we are the keepers of what is right and what is wrong.”

Pat Buchanan speaking at the Christian Coalition’s “Road to Victory” conference states, “I am not here to talk surrender terms, but to talk about how to fight and win the cultural war for the soul of our country...Our culture is superior because our religion is Christianity and that is the truth that makes men free.”

(Good Friday) Archbishop GA Stallings, Jr. of Washington DC burns an image of white Jesus in the streets and proclaims its “historical inaccuracy”: “Jesus was an ‘Afro-Asiatic Jew’.” Stating further about the absence of blacks in history books, “If they left you out of the history books, what makes you

think they won't tamper with your Jesus?"

1994 In the book *Character & Destiny: A Nation In Search of Its Soul*, by Rev. D. James Kennedy, he calls church-state separation "diabolical," a "false doctrine" and "a lie" propagated by Thomas Jefferson. "This phrase does not appear in the United States Constitution at all, but in Article 52 of the Constitution of the Soviet Union -- now the Soviet *disunion*. Defunct, because they tried to get rid of God."

Declaration of cooperation between Evangelicals and Catholics.

In Rwanda several hundred thousand civilians are butchered in a conflict between Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups. There are rumors that some Catholic clergy are involved (see 1996).

Founding of the Alliance Defense Fund by more than 30 Christian ministries, as a response to the American Civil Liberties Union, to defend "family values." ADF's major focus is to strategize and coordinate with hundreds of lawyers and right-wing groups to defend what they define as "Christian legal issues." Examples include anti-gay cases like *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale* and *Schenck v. Pro-Choice Network*, and a national strategy to "protect marriage," following Vermont's decision to allow same-sex civil unions. ADF's founding groups are influential members of the Right, they are pro-life and anti-gay and their ultimate goal is to see the law and government of the US enshrined with conservative Christian principles. The fund threatens lawsuits against public schools and government officials to force Religious Right values on every person possible.

(April) The Vatican announces that females could become altar servers. Traditionally a role for boys, altar service often leads to the priesthood. For young girls it is emphasized that this would not be the case.

(Oct) Belgian homeopathic preacher Luc Jouret leads his cult of roughly 50 followers to their deaths in Canada and Switzerland.

1995 Pat Robertson calls Evolution a Christian Heresy.

Rev. D. James Kennedy founds the Center for Christian Statesmanship in Washington, DC. It sponsors Bible studies and other evangelical activities for members of Congress and their staffs. Its weekly fax newsletter, *Compass*, is designed to "help today's leaders apply the principles of God's Word to their official duties." The Center also runs newspaper ads "that present the Gospel and challenge today's leaders to become modern-day Christian statesmen."

Rev. Jerry Falwell (born 11 Aug, 1933), whose program "The Old Time Gospel Hour" is widely watched, begins publishing a politically conservative, monthly newspaper. Its articles include religious freedom cases, the homosexual-rights movement, as well as examinations of the United States government. It also features articles on biblical prophecy, religious freedom, and Christian family issues. It informs Christians on the pertinent political, social and religious news of the day so that they are an educated voting bloc during election times; Identifies the key religious freedom cases of the day and encourages Christians by presenting modern interpretation articles on biblical prophecy, the Last Days, and the imminent return of Christ and 21st Century ministry strategies.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church, founded in large part on the theory that Christ would return in the mid-1800s, issues an official statement opposing the prediction of specific dates for the Second Coming.

(23 March) Pat Robertson calls Hinduism "demonic" and says that Hindus should be kept out of the United States. He says they worship "idols" and "hundreds of millions of deities," which "has put a nation in bondage to spiritual forces that have deceived many for thousands of years." He spoke against the doctrines of karma and incarnation. He also calls on Christians to "Help us carry the light to a nation in darkness." Later he is challenged for asserting those who believe in the Judeo-Christian values are better qualified to govern America than Hindus and Muslims' His answer is, 'Yes, they are.'

(June) The Southern Baptist Convention formally apologizes for its support of slavery (see 1845) -- referring to it as an "original sin" -- and for its opposition to the civil rights initiatives of the 1950s and 1960s.

By this time at least 130 people have come forward asserting that for the last three decades they have been molested by priests in the Boston diocese. Also, the Church faces more than 200 lawsuits regarding child sexual abuse that is costing the Church more than \$400 million in settlements, legal fees and medical expenses for victims.

1996 Rev. D. James Kennedy founds the Center for Reclaiming America as an arm of his TV ministry.

Directed by Janet Folger, a former anti-abortion lobbyist from Ohio, the Ft. Lauderdale-based Center says its mission is to provide "non-partisan, inter-denominational information, training, and support to enable Christians to have a positive role in developing a biblical virtues-based culture in their communities and in our nation." Actually, it opposes legal abortion and gay rights and bashes public education. Under Folger, the Center focuses chiefly on fighting the "homosexual agenda," and she has played a lead role in bringing "ex-gays" into the public eye.

(10 Oct) A newscast of S2 Aktuell, Germany, states that both Anglican and Catholic priests and nuns actively participated in the Rwanda murders. One priest is said to have accompanied the Hutus with a run in his cowl. Eye-witnesses state that clergymen gave away hiding Tutsis to the Hutus. Two Benedictine nuns, to escape being killed, turn over the Tutsis in a Belgian monastery for refuge to the Hutus who slaughter them. One of the nuns watches the slaughter without response. She is accused of procuring some petrol used by the killers to set on fire and burn their victims alive.

1997 In his book *The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail: The Attack On Christianity And What You Need To Know To Combat It*, Rev. D. James Kennedy calls the wall of separation a "great deception [that] has been used to destroy much of the religious freedom and liberty this country has enjoyed since its inception." Kennedy asserts that although the United States was once a "Christian nation," that is no longer the case because today "the hostile barrage from atheists, agnostics, and other secular humanists has begun to take a serious toll on that heritage. In recent years, they have built up their forces and even increased their assault upon all our Christian institutions, and they have been enormously successful in taking over the 'public square.' Public education, the media, the government, the courts, and even the church in many places, now belong to them." "Our job is to reclaim America for Christ, *whatever the cost*." Kennedy's triumphalist rhetoric has opened speculation that he is sympathetic to "Christian Reconstructionism," an extreme Religious Right movement that seeks a theocracy in America based on the Old Testament's harsh legal code.

1998 Italian judge orders the exhumation of R. Calvi's body and a new autopsy.

Father Geoghan is removed from the priesthood.

A sympathetic Catholic judge grants Father Gilbert Gauthé parole. A few months later he is arrested for molesting an underage boy and placed on probation.

(8 June) Pat Robertson denounces Orlando, Florida and Disney World for allowing a privately sponsored "Gay Days" weekend. He states that the acceptance of homosexuality could result in hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, terrorist bombings and "possibly a meteor."

1999 – 2000 Recent archaeological work determines the low lying lake in the present Black Sea area was inundated from the Mediterranean Sea through the Bosphorus about 5500 BCE. There were many people displaced (habitations, now underwater, having been discovered), and their frantic efforts to avoid a rapid death by flooding – saving livestock, etc., evolved through the centuries to perhaps become the basis for the Biblical Flood story.

2000 Pope John Paul II offers apology and asks for forgiveness for Catholicism's history of "violence in the service of truth." (3 Sept) He beatifies Pius IX; this is the last step before sainthood. He explains: "*Beatifying a son of the church does not celebrate particular historic choices that he has made, but rather points him out for imitation and for veneration for his virtue.*"

The American Family Association mounts a nationwide campaign to pressure states to pass laws mandating the display of "In God We Trust" posters in the public schools.

About this time world population is estimated to be 6.5 billion.

2001 George W. Bush is sworn in as president of the United States. He is later to assert that both theories (evolution and intelligent design) should be presented in school science classes. This is a reflection of the growing influence in the Republican party of fundamentalist Christians. James Dobson regularly secures private meetings with top congressional leaders and the president's top political advisor, Karl Rove.

(Aug) The Boston Globe files a legal motion to unseal the Geoghan papers that were so jealously protected by high-ranking church officials. It realizes that that the Boston archdiocese had knowingly transferred from parish to parish more than 70 pedophile priests over the last 50 years.

(Sept 11) Terrorists hijack several airplanes and fly two into the World Trade Center in New

York, destroying the two buildings. A few days later Pat Robertson agrees with Jerry Falwell who claims the attacks were caused by "pagans , abortionists, feminists, gays, lesbians, the ACLU and the People for the American Way ." After a national outcry, Mr. Robertson says his earpiece malfunctioned and he wasn't aware of what he'd agreed with.

2002 New investigations begin because the autopsy of R. Calvi shows he had been murdered.

The Traditional Values Coalition calls on Congress to end government funding of NPR. Rev. Sheldon states Homosexual behavior should be criminalized , because it violates the Christian doctrine: Homosexuals "recruit" children and homosexuality has been linked to pedophilia and sexual predators . He also suggests that gays and lesbians be carted off to remote communities, similar to the Indian reservations , to live away from the straight population.

(6 Jan) The *Boston Globe* runs a front page story with the headline "Church Allowed Abuse by Priest for Years" revealing how the Church has covered up child abuse by priests for years. Catholic officials deny allegations that they had attempted to hide child sexual abuse, and American bishops try to depict the problem as one blown out of proportion by the media. At the center of the scandal was Cardinal Bernard F. Law who wrote warm letters of thanks to priests like Geoghan while simultaneously paying out millions in hush money to keep victims silent. Law coddled and protected the pedophile priests, and showed only contempt and disdain for their victims and the victims' families.

(Feb) Father Geoghan is sentenced to ten years in prison for sexually abusing a ten-year old boy.

The lay group Voice of the Faithful is founded in response to the child sexual abuse scandal.

(April) By this time, after a stream of cases linking Catholic priests to child abuse, 177 priests have been removed from their duties; one commits suicide.

2003 Pat Robertson calls on God to prevent Hurricane Isabel from hitting Virginia Beach but it eventually hits anyway.

2004 Movie actor Mel Gibson, an "orthodox" Catholic, produces "The Passion of Christ", a movie based on Catherine Emmerich's vision (see 1819).

James Dobson plays an important role in the defeat of Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle . He also stirs controversy when he called Vermont senator Patrick Leahy a "God's people hater" in response to Leahy's political viewpoints, which stood in opposition to traditional conservative Christian positions.

George Bush is re-elected president. Rev. Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition sponsors a "Christian" inaugural celebration that is attended by presidential advisor Karl Rove and Republican Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman.

(31 July) Pope John Paul II issues a paper reminiscent of the *Malleus Maleficarum* of 1486. While appealing to governments to help women so they can cope with their broader modern responsibilities, he nevertheless attacks feminist ideologies that assert that men and women are fundamentally the same. He attacks feminism as "blurring the biological difference between man and woman." That more women are in the labor market, have careers and utilize birth control "is symptomatic of a breakdown in values, and particularly a greater selfishness among young couples more interested in consumer goods than creating life." Feminists have long held that it is a result of the reluctance of men to share household tasks and the failure of governments to provide adequate support for families.

2005 Pat Robertson launches Operation Supreme Court Freedom, a televised nationwide 21-day prayer campaign asking people to pray for vacancies on the Supreme Court , where "black-robed tyrants have pushed a radical agenda." Robertson declares that "God heard those prayers", after the announced resignation of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor . Robertson describes feminism as a "socialist , anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft , destroy capitalism and become lesbians ."

(18 April) The Ninth Circuit Court of appeal (San Francisco) rules – *Alperin v Vatican Bank* (03-15208) – that victims of Nazi persecution can sue the Vatican Bank for restitution on property misappropriated by Croatia during WWII. The bank denies it had stored looted assets from gypsies, Jews, Serbs and others who were killed or captured by the Ustasha.

(10 Nov) Pat Robertson tells citizens of Dover, Pennsylvania that they had rejected God by voting out of office all seven members of the school board who support "intelligent design ." "I'd like to say to the good citizens of Dover: If there is a disaster in your area, don't turn to God, you just rejected Him

from your city", Robertson said on his broadcast. "And don't wonder why He hasn't helped you when problems begin, if they begin. I'm not saying they will, but if they do, just remember, you just voted God out of your city. And if that's the case, don't ask for His help because he might not be there." In a written statement, Robertson later clarified his comments: "God is tolerant and loving, but we can't keep sticking our finger in his eye forever. If they have future problems in Dover, I recommend they call on Charles Darwin . Maybe he can help them."

2006 (March) In Afghanistan, Abdul Rahman is charged with the capital crime of switching from Islam to Christianity. Clerics call for his death. There is world-wide outrage, and the supreme court finally acquits him, saying he is mentally unstable. His life is in jeopardy as upon his release, a fatwah will be issued. He is given asylum in Italy.