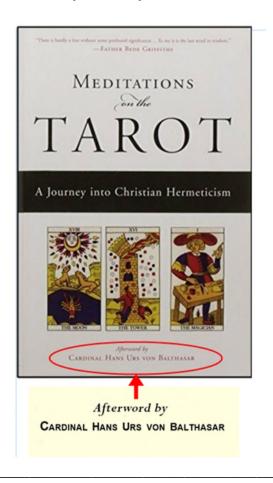
Judas and the Coming One World Religion

by Jeremy James



In several of our previous papers we referred to the false teaching known as 'Universalism,' which claims that all souls will be saved in the fulness of time.

This is often taught as a possible alternative to another false teaching known as 'Soul Sleep,' which believes that all who reject salvation in Christ will simply lapse into a state of eternal unconsciousness when they die.

Both of these heresies deny the existence of hell and eternal damnation. In doing so they exercise immense appeal to our fallen nature. In our rebellious state we crave the right to live as we please. If we are to be punished, we believe, it should only be for a time, much like a jail sentence. After serving our term we ought to be free once again to live as we please.

We are created beings

This attitude reveals a startling failure to comprehend who we are and what is happening to us. We are not autonomous beings living in a world of our own making but spiritual beings who have been created for a purpose. While the full extent of this purpose is known only to God, we know enough to see that we are created beings who ought to live as our Creator intended. Thus our lives, in our fallen condition, ought to focus on re-establishing our relationship with God and, upon hearing the Gospel, accepting the one and only avenue of salvation open to us, namely redemption through faith in the blood of Christ.

One of the hallmarks of man's rebellion against his Creator is his denial that God has any right to judge him. The great preachers of the 19th century would return to this theme again and again in order to highlight our predicament. For a soul drunk in his lusts, it had a sobering effect: *One day God will judge you!* It doesn't matter who you are or what opinions you may hold about theology or anything else. He will judge you and His judgment will be just – and final.

The Enemy has worked hard to conceal the awesome holiness of God. He wants us to imagine instead a god whose love is "so great" that it disregards our sin. This is usually packaged, by neo-pagans and others, as the 'highest' form of love – therefore this must surely be the only love that God has! But it's a trick.

This type of love, which is sometimes called *unconditional love*, is really an optical illusion. We look at it in our mind's eye and think, Ah the real thing. But we are only deceiving ourselves. Unconditional love is merely an idealization of everything we want God to be, all neatly encapsulated in one simple, naive, undemanding formula.

As John's gospel teaches, God IS love. He is not simply a being which has love or gives love. He *is* love. So, when we approach His love, we are actually approaching *Him*. And we can do this <u>only on His terms</u>. We cannot tell Him in advance what He ought to be!



Moses

Remember Moses, the meekest of men, who stood in a cleft in the rocks. He wanted to "see" the glory of God, but God could not permit this. Moses, who was still in a fallen, sin-damaged condition, would not have survived the encounter. Instead God let him see His afterglow, as it were, when He passed by.

Unless man allows the LORD to cleanse him of all sin, he is facing eternal damnation. This is the choice we are given. We decide. Salvation is a free gift, earned by Christ on our behalf at an unimaginable cost.

While man continues to think he will be saved purely by virtue of God's 'unconditional love' – without first repenting of his sins – he is greatly deceived. And this is exactly what Satan wants!

Universalism is a wicked lie that will lead many to perdition.



The Coming One World Religion

The coming One World religion will make ample use of this lie. It will probably be couched in a variety of ways to make it more palatable. For example, we are already familiar with the saying, "There is some good in everyone." Other formulations are already going around: "A loving God would never condemn anyone to hell"; "All religions worship the same God"; "Jesus loves those who are caring and kind", and so on. The basic message is the same: If we live a "good life" — in our own eyes — then we are accepted by, or acceptable to, God.

We are starting to see a concerted effort by people in high places to abolish the very notion of eternal damnation. This is far more dangerous than it sounds because it actually marks a formal rejection of the Gospel. When Christ said, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40), he was referring to eternal salvation. He is the way to eternal salvation and those who believe they can attain it by any other means are deceived. A person is either born again, or he is not. Those who are will be raised up on the last day.

Jesus is making it very plain. Everlasting life is a gift, and if we reject it we are lost. There is no life or light outside of Christ. Those who reject Christ are rejecting life itself.

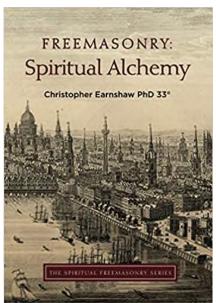
The most graphic case of eternal damnation in the Word of God is that of Judas Iscariot. We are left in no doubt about his fate since the Bible itself refers to him as "the son of perdition" – "...those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition" (John 17:12).

Jesus was also referring to Judas Iscariot when he said, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil [diabolos]?" (John 6:70)

All attempts to rehabilitate Judas are designed to question the absolute destructiveness of sin. Indeed, if anything in the Bible is "unconditional" it is the absolute destructiveness of sin. But those who are in rebellion against God are unwilling to accept this. The very thought repels them.

Some express their rebelliousness by rejecting the existence of God, the authority of God, or the sovereignty of God. One of their favorite 'solutions' is described as follows by Catholic archbishop Vigano (see our previous paper #267):

"The deception of liberty, equality, and fraternity propagated by Masonry consists precisely in usurping the primacy of God to give it to Satan, with the apparent pretext – which is in any case erroneous and immoral – of placing God and Satan on the same level in such a way as to allow an alleged freedom of choice that morally does not exist."



They try to imagine two deities, equal in power, whose continued co-existence and eternal opposition is expressed perfectly in the balanced duality of creation. This is the kind of Gnostic-Masonic-Luciferian theology that these rebels are using to vindicate their behavior. For them good and evil are relative and, in a sense, interdependent.

It is by means of this corrupt and perverted 'reasoning' that Satan leads fallen, pridefilled man to perdition.

Arch heretic Jorge Bergoglio

One of the most highly placed servants of this ghastly rebellion is the current Pope, Jorge Bergoglio, also known as Francis I. He is doing all he can to drag the Catholic Church into the depths of hell. While the theology of the Roman Catholic Church is seriously defective, it has long provided its members with a solid moral foundation. Pope Francis has the task of relativizing Catholic morality and leading its vast membership into the fetid mire of liberalism. Once that is accomplished, the task of bending Catholic dogma to conform to the pattern of the coming One World Religion will be easier to achieve.

How better to do this than to trivialize rebellion and sin? So the schemers have taken a person whom Jesus clearly stated was under condemnation – it would have been better for him had he not been born – and claim to show that he was redeemed at the last moment:

"And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me... but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born." (Mark 14:18-21)

On <u>three</u> separate occasions Pope Francis has stated that Judas was a misunderstood individual and may not be condemned to hell after all. He has also stated that hell is not a real place and should not be conceived in such terms. On the wall of his office in Casa Santa Marta he has a picture of a 12th century sculpture from a church in France. It depicts on the lefthand side the wretched corpse of Judas hanging from a tree with his tongue horribly extended and, on the righthand side, a peasant-type figure carrying his body away for burial.



(left) Judas hanging from a tree and (right) a peasant carrying his body.

Contrary to all traditional interpretations of this work and its context in the Gospel account, Pope Francis contends that the peasant is really Christ, returning to perform a final act of mercy for Judas.

This is all part of the Pontiff's attempt to rehabilitate the man who betrayed Jesus. He likes to call it "the mystery of Judas."

Lest one see this merely as an eccentricity, he has added to the wall of his office yet <u>another</u> image on the same theme. It is a painting by a French Catholic who was so impressed by Pope Francis' sympathetic reappraisal of Judas that he imagined a scene where Jesus rose from the tomb, took the body of Judas down from the tree and tenderly ministered to it:



We should hardly be surprised that the greatest traitor in the Catholic Church in recent decades should be an outspoken admirer of the greatest traitor in the New Testament.

Bergoglio is holding up a caricature of God, a vacillating indecisive deity who, despite His awesome holiness – or because of it – is unable to punish sin. Sin itself is reduced to something which God can overlook if He so chooses. There was no need for Calvary since God, in His infinite mercy, can easily commute the sentence that justice demands. Hell, too, is unnecessary since there is no sin that cannot be forgiven, and only an unloving God would withhold the mercy needed to ignore the penalty of sin.

This is a deliberate ploy by the masterminds behind the New World Order. It eliminates any need for divine justice and frees mankind from extraneous moral constraints. Given our fallen condition this revolutionary new theology will attract many adherents. Few will see, at least initially, that it is a recipe for anarchy.

We know from a recent article in *L'Osservatore Romano* – the daily newspaper published by the Vatican – that the time has clearly come to move forward with this agenda. The article displayed – very prominently – the work allegedly painted by a French Catholic and included homilies and reflections on Judas by various Catholic theologians.



The front page of *L'Osservatore Romano* for 1 April, 2021. The first three pages were all devoted to "the mystery of Judas" or, as the headline above puts it, 'Judas and the Scandal of Mercy.'

One of these was a famous sermon given in 1958 by Primo Mazzolari, an influential Catholic priest at that time, who claimed that Judas was forgiven by Jesus. It is notable that a commentary by Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini on the Mazzolari sermon is also included. Born in 1927, Martini was a very prominent Jesuit and one of the most destructive forces within the Catholic Church over the past century. Few have worked harder or to more effect to open Rome to Luciferian Freemasonry. He was very nearly elected Pope in 2005, or so it is alleged. Later, as chief of the 'St Gallen Mafia,' he succeeded in having fellow Jesuit and Freemason, Jorge Bergoglio, installed in 2013.

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini (Jesuit deceiver)



The Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament Text is the one on which all modern translations are based. This text is *continuously revised* by the Editorial Committee of the United Bible Society, which for several years included Cardinal Martini. The membership of the committees that approved the first five editions are shown below. Martini was on **three** of them:

Version #1: 1966

Kurt Aland, Matthew Black, Bruce Metzger, Allen Wikgren.

Version #2: 1968

Kurt Aland, Matthew Black, Bruce Metzger, Allen Wikgren.

Version #3: 1975

Kurt Aland, Matthew Black, Carlo Maria Martini, Bruce Metzger, Allen Wikgren.

Version #4: 1993

Barbara Aland, Kurt Aland, J Karavidopoulos, Carlo Maria Martini, Bruce Metzger

Version #5: 2014

Barbara Aland, Kurt Aland, J Karavidopoulos, Carlo Maria Martini, Bruce Metzger

A great many of the corruptions found in modern translations of the Bible can be traced directly to the Nestle-Aland Greek text. It is a <u>major source</u> of error and deception.

Von Balthasar and a Catholic mystic

The Judas ploy comes straight out of Freemasonry and the dark heart of the Jesuit Order. It was actually given a theological veneer by the highly influential Jesuit author, Hans von Balthasar, whose theological opinions have contributed to the great spiritual confusion that now imperils the Catholic Church. He had a close personal association with a Swiss woman, Adrienne von Speyr, who reported intense mystical experiences after converting to Catholicism in 1940. Von Balthasar wrote that shortly after her conversion, "a veritable cataract of mystical graces poured over Adrienne in a seemingly chaotic storm that whirled her in all directions at once." Between 1944 and 1960 she dictated to von Balthasar about 60 books of spiritual commentary. He wrote: "She seldom dictated for more than half an hour per day. During vacations she would occasionally dictate for two or three hours, but this was rare."



Adrienne von Speyr, Catholic mystic who saw apparitions of the 'Queen of Heaven' and several Catholic 'saints'.

There is no doubt that this woman, as a channel for an unknown supernatural entity, did much to influence, through von Balthasar, the subsequent development of Catholic theology and praxis. Two recent Popes, John Paul II and Benedict XVI, revered von Balthasar and considered him the most important Catholic theologian of the 20th century.

In places his writings came so close to universalism that many Catholic commentators claim he had crossed the line. For example, in his book, *Dare We Hope that All Men Be Saved?*, von Balthasar claimed there was no certainty that anyone would enter hell. He asserted that neither the Catholic Church nor the Bible had ever said anything "about the damnation of any individual. Not even about that of Judas."

Contrast this with John 3:36 – "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."



Hans von Balthasar with Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) and Pope John Paul II.

The Tarot and the Vatican

The following comes from a review by Stratford Caldecott of *Meditations on the Tarot*, which he had studied in both the English and French editions, which was published by the *National Catholic Register*. The book was written by Valentin Tomberg but published anonymously, with a Foreword in the French edition by Hans von Balthasar. The contribution by von Balthasar also appeared as an Afterword in the English edition:

Meditations on the Tarot has flaws: the influence of anthroposophy is still too evident, for example, in the discussion of reincarnation... Balthasar's Foreword or Introduction to the French edition, which was reproduced in slightly truncated form as an Afterword to the English paperback edition [states that] "an abundance of noteworthy material is offered here" and "the superabundance – almost too much – of genuine, fruitful insights which he conveys, certainly justifies bringing these *Meditations* to a wider circle of readers."

[http://www.ignatiusinsight.com/features2007/scaldecott_hubtarot_apro7.asp]

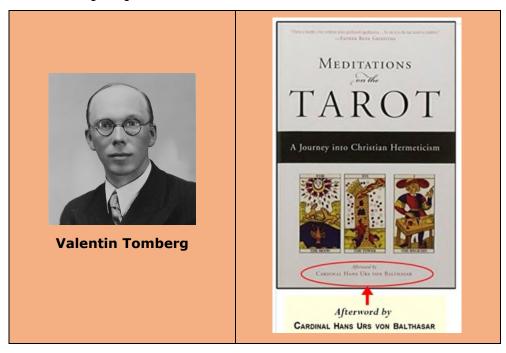
Tarot? Anthroposophy? Reincarnation? And it's all endorsed in the most shameless fashion by von Balthasar: "...the superabundance – almost too much – of genuine, fruitful insights which he [Tomberg] conveys..."

What is going on here!?

The shocking occult connection

It turns out, as Caldecott reveals, that Valentin Tomberg "had been a leading figure in Steiner's Anthroposophical Society before his conversion to Catholicism at the end of the Second World War..." In fact Tomberg was revered by followers of Rudolph Steiner as a mystic and hermetic magician! His entry in *Wikipedia* reads as follows:

<u>Valentin Arnoldevitch Tomberg</u> (February 27, 1900 – February 24, 1973) was an Estonian-Russian Christian mystic, polyglot scholar and hermetic magician. Robert Powell and others have identified Tomberg as the 20th Century incarnation of the *boddhisattva* who they say will in time incarnate as the *Maitreya Buddha*, a claim contested by T. H. Meyer and other Anthroposophists.



Catholics do not understand the extent to which their leaders – bishops, cardinals, theologians – lead double lives. Beneath a cultivated veneer of orthodoxy they pursue all kinds of agendas. The Vatican is a hive of rebellion and heresy, not to mention sexual perversion and depravity. The Jesuit Order is dedicated to bringing about a 'new world order' and replacing traditional Catholicism with a 'one world religion.' Along the way it is doing everything it can to infiltrate and destroy evangelical Christianity, to corrupt the Biblical text, to teach false doctrine, and, as the Apostle Paul put it, to beguile true believers with "enticing words." Several of the people mentioned in this paper – Bergoglio, Martini, and von Balthasar – were products of the Jesuit system.

Senior members of this militaristic order are obsessed with political power and mind control. Many openly advocate New Age practices and will use neo-pagan philosophy wherever they can to extend their influence and shape public opinion. Marian visionaries – all of whom are deceived by Satan – are greatly admired by the Jesuit Order because the message they channel is invariably consistent with its long-term goals.

We saw in von Balthasar a clear willingness to use material channeled by a Catholic mystic and even to participate in the act itself. To top it all, he was prepared to endorse the work of a man whose mind was steeped in the Luciferian teachings of Rudolph Steiner and who was regarded by many as a mystic, magician and *boddhisattva*.

Readers should understand that we are dealing here with intense demonic deception, an infestation of the highest levels of the Catholic Church with agents of Satan.

CONCLUSION

The Enemy is doing all he can to undermine confidence in what the Bible plainly states. He never needs to refute or contradict any verse or doctrine. All he has to do is ask, *Did God really say that?* It worked in the Garden and it still works today, especially when men in positions of authority lend their support.

We dare not re-imagine or reinterpret anything we are told in the Word of God. Our task as believers is to study it well, taking care to consider all passages dealing with the same subject.

The coming One World Religion will be built on a cunning compilation of what most people *believe* the Bible is saying. In the absence of regular Bible study and a sound grasp of what it *actually* says, their understanding will be shaped to a large extent by ideas gleaned from the media and modern culture. Those who control the media are therefore in a position to influence – over a long period of time – the way professing Christians perceive, and even identify, the building blocks of their faith.

How can it be otherwise? If our minds are bombarded incessantly with ideas that are designed to undermine our beliefs, and our beliefs are not properly rooted in the Word of God, then we are helpless. Not just vulnerable, but helpless.

When sin ceases to be sin, the Gospel message cannot be understood. It actually loses all meaning. The shifting sands of phoney Christianity will lead imperceptibly, "precept upon precept; line upon line" (Isaiah 28:13), into outrageous apostasy.

Don't be surprised if the Pope decides to canonize Judas.

"And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

— Luke 16:31

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