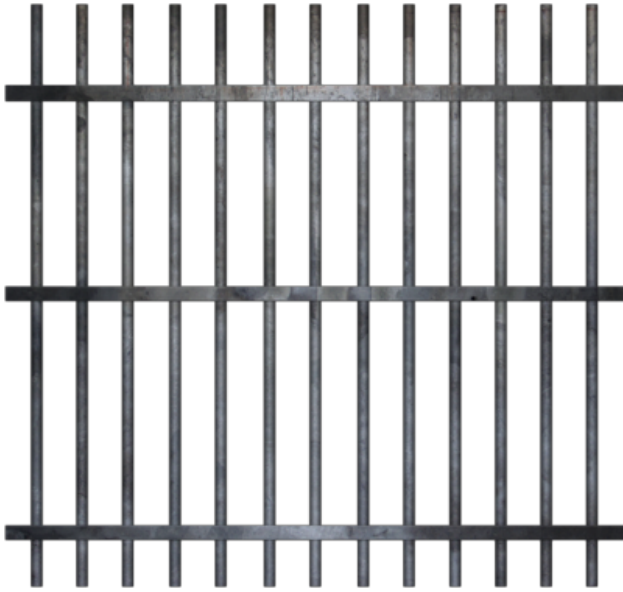


PURGATORY



The Roman Catholic churches teaching of Purgatory and prayers to help those in Purgatory is totally unfounded and has no scriptural backing at all. It truly is a teaching that is insulting to the intelligence of any true Believer. In 593 AD Pope Gregory 1st. initiated the teaching of purgatory as a temporary place of purification (suffering), for those who die as Roman Catholics. Pope Gregory the great also made claims to this third state as it was called in 600 AD, but it was not made official dogma until the Council of Florence in 1439. As the story goes, during the 12th. century it was claimed that St. Patrick found the entrance to Purgatory on earth. To prove it's truth, the legend states that, he had a very deep pit dug in Ireland and had two monks with vivid imagination descend into the pit. When they came back out they claimed they saw Purgatory and Hell, and described them vividly. In 1153 the Irish knight Owen claimed he went down into the pit also and saw Purgatory. He claimed he went into "the underworld". If you recall, Tammuz was proclaimed to be the god of "the underworld" in ancient times; is this a coincidence? Tourists of old were charged by the church as they viewed this pit. It made the madness of this idea into a great financial blessing for the Catholic church.

The Chinese Buddhists have been believing in Purgatory for centuries. They too buy their way and the way of friends, family and relatives out of Purgatory. In the sacred writings of Buddhism there is detailed description of the suffering in Purgatory.

In another occult religion of Zoroaster souls are taken through 12 stages of events before they are sufficiently purified and accepted into their heaven.

In the occult religion of the Stoics they said there was a middle ground of enlightenment which they called Empurosis, which meant "a place of fire".

The idea of receiving money from people to get their loved ones out of Purgatory is another example of the corruption of the Catholic church. The Israelites in fact did this in ancient times too. **Deut. 26:14** *'I have not eaten of it while mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor offered any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of Elohim my YHVH; I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.'* Historians find that in every system of belief other than those who use the Bible as their guide, there is a doctrine of purgatory and prayers for the dead. Many, in fact, link the Catholic belief to the heathen worship of "Molech" found in the Bible. (Lev. 18:21, Jer. 32:35, 2Kgs. 23:10).

There is no way that one can get around the fact that this purgatory belief system of the Roman Catholic church has made the church billions of dollars indirectly over the years. Is this a coincidence?

To many people the Roman Catholic church is like joining the auto club, they think that if they pay their dues they will receive salvation through the church. They think that, like their car needing help, they will receive help from the church, and the church will get them salvation. The church in turn knows this, and therefore takes full advantage of the situation by creating a business under the guise of religion. They capitalize on the very idea of people trying to buy their salvation through membership dues and service charges all in the name of their Christ. (Matt. 24:5).

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