

# THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST WHO IS THE DEADLY ENEMY OF JESUS

The beast with two horns "causeth [commands] all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16, 17. The third angel's warning is: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." "The beast" mentioned in this message, whose worship is enforced by the two-horned beast, is the first, or leopardlike beast of Revelation 13--the papacy. The "image to the beast" represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas. The "mark of the beast" still remains to be defined.

After the warning against the worship of the beast and his image the prophecy declares: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Since those who keep God's commandments are thus placed in contrast with those that worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, it follows that the keeping of God's law, on the one hand, and its violation, on the other, will make the distinction between the worshipers of God and the worshipers of the beast.

The special characteristic of the beast, and therefore of his image, is the breaking of God's commandments. Says Daniel, of the little horn, the papacy: "He shall think to change times and the law." Daniel 7:25, R.V. And Paul styled the same power the "man of sin," who was to exalt himself above God. One prophecy is a complement of the other. Only by changing God's law could the papacy exalt itself above God; whoever should understandingly keep the law as thus changed would be giving supreme honor to that power by which the change was made. Such an act of obedience to papal laws would be a mark of allegiance to the pope in the place of God.

## VICARIUS FILII DEI THE TITLE OF THE POPE HAS THE NUMERICAL VALUE OF 666

- 1. When the apostate Protestant Churches form the image of the beast by seeking the aid of the civil powers to enforce Sunday keeping; what three things will they require? What is the mysterious number 666 and what does it stand for? Rev 13:17,18.**

**Ans: a.** <sup>17</sup>And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the \_\_\_\_\_, or the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast, or the \_\_\_\_\_ of his name. <sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast: for it is the number of a \_\_\_\_\_; and his number is \_\_\_\_\_ hundred threescore and six. Rev 13:17,18.

**Ans: b. The mark of the beast** as we have already noticed is to pay homage to the beast or papacy by keeping \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of her authority above God and His law when it becomes a civil \_\_\_\_\_. This law at the writing of this seminar has not as yet been enacted so \_\_\_\_\_ one has as yet \_\_\_\_\_ the mark of the beast by Sunday keeping. God is still calling many Sunday keepers who love him \_\_\_\_\_ of those churches that they attend whether \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ Day Sabbath. Many sincere and honest Christians are still not aware that man changed the Sabbath to Sunday, not God, but when shown in God's word and history they gladly follow God's way in keeping the Bible Sabbath. The following quotes show the Roman Catholic claim on the change of the Sabbath:

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change is her act. And the act is the \_\_\_\_\_ of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters" Thomas H.F., Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath.

"Sunday is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our authority... The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." Catholic Record, September 1, 1923.

The Protestant Churches and all other pagan religions when they acknowledge the Pope by worshipping on Sunday accepting him as a world leader in religious matters will receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast.

SOURCE: Louis Gaston de Ségur, Plain Talk About the Protestantism of To-day (Boston: Patrick Donahoe, 1868), p. 225.

It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of JESUS CHRIST, has \_\_\_\_\_ this rest to the Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of Sunday by the \_\_\_\_\_ is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [\_\_\_\_\_] Church.

The Protestant Churches will not be required to become Roman Catholics but just to pay \_\_\_\_\_ to the Papacy by keeping holy the papal Sabbath \_\_\_\_\_. Any one of any religious persuasion whether Christian, pagan, Moslem, or Jew will receive the mark of the beast by bowing down to the dictates of the papacy by keeping \_\_\_\_\_ as a day of worship showing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Roman Catholic Church.

**Ans: c. Or the name of the beast.** The ecclesiastical \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast is the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ Church. Those that learn that their Church, if they are Roman Catholics, has changed God's law against God's explicit command will not want to keep \_\_\_\_\_ or any other ordinance that has any thing to do with the Roman Catholic Church. They will no longer want to call themselves Roman \_\_\_\_\_ because they realize that God's wrath will be poured out on those that remain in that organization.

<sup>9</sup>And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the \_\_\_\_\_ and his image, and receive his \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_, or in his \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>10</sup>The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be

\_\_\_\_\_ with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:  
<sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the \_\_\_\_\_ of his name. Rev 14:9-11.

**Ans: d. Or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.**

The number of his name and the number of a \_\_\_\_\_ is the number of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ that he is given at his \_\_\_\_\_ which is “\_\_\_\_\_ **Filii Dei**” being Latin for “Vicar of the Son of God.” This title indicates the great claim of the Roman Catholic Church that the \_\_\_\_\_ has the power of God on earth and power to \_\_\_\_\_ the law. This is where the Roman Catholic Church claims to have received its great authority in the power given by Christ to Peter.

**Vicarius Filii Dei, Catholic Discussions of**

SOURCE: Answers to readers' questions in *Our Sunday Visitor*. Volumes and pages as indicated. [FRS Nos. 16–18.]

*a. Number of the Beast*

3 (Nov. 15, 1914), 3

*Is it true that the words of the Apocalypse in the 13th chapter, 18th verse refer to the Pope?*

The words referred to are these: “Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man; and the number of him is six hundred sixty-six.” The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Rome is  $\text{WjksjvtGjnjEj}$ . This is inscribed on his \_\_\_\_\_; and if you take the letters of his title which represent Latin numerals (printed large) and add them together they come to \_\_\_\_\_:

“The letters inscribed on the pope’s mitre are these, ‘Vicarius Filii Dei,’ which is Latin for Vicar of the Son of God.” “Our Sunday Visitor, April 18, 1915, page 3, Bureau of Information Department.

“The \_\_\_\_\_ is placed upon the pope’s head at his \_\_\_\_\_ by the second cardinal in the Loggia of St. Peter’s with the words, Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns, and know that thou art Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the world, \_\_\_\_\_ of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.” “Catholic Dictionary,” by William E. Addis, London, 1909, article “Tiara.”

“Practically everything that the Protestants regard as essential they have received from the \_\_\_\_\_ Church. They accepted Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change. But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that in accepting the Bible, in observing \_\_\_\_\_, in keeping \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman of the church, the pope.” “Our Sunday Visitor, Feb 5, 1950.

The word name comes from the Greek word **onoma (ὄνομα)** which includes in its meaning: “the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the \_\_\_\_\_, i.e. for one’s \_\_\_\_\_, authority, interests, pleasure, \_\_\_\_\_, excellences, deeds etc.” *Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon*. In the Latin the letters have numerical value. The following demonstrates how the letters of the pope’s title or rank and authority given to his command add up to 666.

LATIN

**VICARIUS FILII DEI**

THE LITERAL MEANING:

VICARIUS - substituting for, or in place of  
 FILII - means son  
 DEI - means God

V = 5	F = no value	D = 500
I = 1	I = 1	E = no value
C = 100	L = 50	I = 1
A = no value	I = 1	-----
R = no value	I = 1	501
I = 1	-----	
U = 5	53	
S = no value		
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112 + 53 + 501 = **666**

**DUX CLERI OR HEAD OF THE CLERGY WHICH IS THE  
 POSITION OF THE POPE HAS THE NUMERICAL VALUE OF  
 666**

**Dux Cleri** is a Latin term that has been applied to the pope as head or captain of the clergy which also has the numerical value of 666. Notice the following quote in reference to the pope being the head or captain over the clergy:

**Papacy—Hierarchy Perfected in 13th Century**

SOURCE: Alexander Clarence Flick, *The Rise of the Mediaeval Church* (reprint; New York: Burt Franklin, [1959]), pp. 575, 576. Used by permission.

[p. 575] During this period [the thirteenth century] the organisation of the papal hierarchy was perfected. At the head stood the all-powerful and absolute \_\_\_\_\_ as God's agent on earth; hence, at least in theory and claim, he was the ruler of the whole world in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ affairs. He was the defender of Christianity, the Church, and the \_\_\_\_\_ in all respects. He was the supreme censor of morals in Christendom and the head of a great spiritual despotism...

He had the sole \_\_\_\_\_ to transfer or depose \_\_\_\_\_ and other Church officers. He was the creator of cardinals and ecclesiastical honours of all kinds. He was the exclusive possessor of the universal right of absolution, dispensation, and canonisation. He was the grantor of all Church benefices. He was the superintendent of the whole financial system of the Church and of all taxes. He had \_\_\_\_\_ over the whole force of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christendom, because he conferred the *crozier*, the archbishop's badge of office. In his hands were kept the terrible thunders of the Church to enforce obedience to papal law, namely, excommunication and the interdict.

**DUX CLERI** ... translated means Captain of the Clergy

D = 500

U = 5

X = 10

C = 100

L = 50

E = no value

R = no value

I = 1

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**LUDOVICUS MEANING VICAR OF THE COURT ONE OF THE POSITIONS ASSUMED BY THE POPE HAS THE NUMERICAL VALUE OF 666**

**Vicar of the court** is also used as a term for the \_\_\_\_\_ with the same numerical value 666. Notice the following claim of the Catholic Church with respect to the pope being vicar in the court of God whose decision no one can make an appeal against:

**Papacy—Claims Made for the Pope—Decisions Same as God's**

SOURCE: Augustinus Triumphus, *Vpp p b f s r v t u w f h d d f t j o v j b* ("Summary Concerning Ecclesiastical Power") (Augustae Vindelicorum [Augsburg]: [Johannes Schüssler], 1483), questio 6, "De Papalis Sentencie Apellatione," fol. [61 v]. Latin.

The second reason is accepted on the part of the pope. For the \_\_\_\_\_ alone is said to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; wherefore only what is bound or loosed by him is held to be bound and loosed by \_\_\_\_\_ Himself. Therefore the decision of the Pope and the decision of God constitute one \_\_\_\_\_, just as the opinion of the Pope and of his assistant are the same. Since, therefore, an appeal is always made from an inferior judge to a superior, just as no one is greater than himself, so no appeal holds when made from the \_\_\_\_\_ to God, because there is one consistory of the Pope himself and of God Himself, of which consistory the Pope himself is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ one can appeal from the Pope to God, as no one can enter into the consistory of God without the mediation of the Pope, who is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper of the consistory of eternal life; and as no one can appeal to himself, because there is one decision and one \_\_\_\_\_ [curia] of God and of the Pope.

**LUDOVICUS** ... translated means Vicar of the Court

L = 50

U = 5

D = 500

O = no value

V = 5

I = 1

C = 100

U = 5  
S = no value

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The number 666 not only applies to the number of a man but also to the number of the beast or the \_\_\_\_\_ the Pope rules over which took the place of the Roman Empire. The following quote verifies their claim to political power.

“In the West a new power was formed--the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, the church of the bishop of Rome. This church understood itself as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the extinct Roman Empire. In the political vacuum of the West that was created by the invasion of the Germans and the destruction of the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ and administrative apparatus, the church became great and powerful as the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Roman Empire. Only within this vacuum could the idea of the papacy develop in which the great popes, as bishops of Rome, stepped into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the vanished \_\_\_\_\_.” Encyclopedia Britannica 1998.

#### **Vicarius Filii Dei—Peter Called “Vicar of the Son of God” in Forged Donation of Constantine**

SOURCE: Donation of Constantine, quoted in Christopher B. Coleman, *The Treatise of Lorenzo Valla on the Donation of Constantine*, pp. 12, 13. Copyright 1922 by Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn. Used by permission. [FRS No. 14.]

[p. 12] Sicut B. Petrus in terris vicarius Filii Dei esse videtur constitutus, ita et Pontifices, qui ipsius principis apostolorum gerunt vices, principatus potestatem amplius quam terrena imperialis nostrae serenitatis mansuetudo habere videtur, consessam a nobis nostroque imperio obtineant...

[p. 13] As the Blessed Peter is seen to have been constituted \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God on the earth, so the \_\_\_\_\_ who are the representatives of that same chief of the apostles, should obtain from us and our \_\_\_\_\_ the power of a supremacy greater than the clemency of our earthly imperial serenity is seen to have conceded to it.”

The Hebrew and Latin name for Roman \_\_\_\_\_ give a very interesting insight to the number 666. Both Hebrew and Latin have numerical values for their alphabet. The Following quote shows two other instances of the number 666 applying to the Papacy.

“Now, \_\_\_\_\_ is the Hebrew name for the Roman beast or Roman Kingdom, and this word as well as the former word \_\_\_\_\_ (Greek for the Roman beast or kingdom) contains the just and exact number \_\_\_\_\_. It is really surprising that there should be such a fatal coincidence in both names in both languages. No other \_\_\_\_\_, in any language whatsoever, can be found to express both the same number and the same thing.”  
Newton on Prophecy,” page 620.

#### **GREEK**

The numeric equivalents of Greek letters can be found in the Encyclopedia Britannica under "Languages of the World", Table 8.

See also **The Greek Alphabet** for a complete table of Greek gematria.

## **LATEINOS MEANING THE LATIN SPEAKING MAN WHICH INDEED WAS THE LANGUAGE OF THE PAPACY HAS THE NUMERICAL VALUE OF 666**

The ancient Greek word for "the Latin speaking man" is **LATEINOS**

L = 30	lambda
A = 1	alpha
T = 300	tau
E = 5	epsilon
I = 10	iota
N = 50	nu
O = 70	omicron
S = 200	sigma

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NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ language of the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ Church. Church Documents are usually published first in \_\_\_\_\_, and then translated from the Latin into other languages. The association of "\_\_\_\_\_ " with 666 was first suggested by Irenæus (ca. 130-202 A.D.) who proposed in his *Against Heresies* that it might be the name of the fourth kingdom in Daniel 7:7.

Then also Lateinos has the number six hundred and sixty-six; and it is a very probable [solution], this being the name of the last \_\_\_\_\_ [of the four seen by Daniel]. For the Latins are they who at present bear rule:

Source: **Against Heresies**, by Irenæus, Book 5, chapter 30, paragraph 3.

## THE WORD ROMIITH THE WORD FOR ROMAN KINGDOM, WHICH IS WHAT, THE PAPAPACY IS HAS ALSO THE NUMERICAL VALUE OF 666

### HEBREW

The numeric equivalents of Hebrew letters can be found in the Encyclopedia Britannica under "Languages of the World", Table 50.

**ROMIITH** means the Roman Kingdom

<b>R</b> = 200	resh
<b>O</b> = 6	waw (vav)
<b>M</b> = 40	mem
<b>I</b> = 10	yod
<b>I</b> = 10	yod
<b>TH</b> = 400	taw
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## ROMITI OR THE ROMAN MAN HAS THE NUMERICAL VALUE OF 666

The accession of the Roman Church to power marked the beginning of the Dark Ages. As her power increased, the darkness deepened. Faith was transferred from \_\_\_\_\_, the true foundation, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of trusting in the Son of God for forgiveness of sins and for eternal salvation, the people looked to the \_\_\_\_\_, and to the priests and prelates to whom he delegated authority. They were taught that the \_\_\_\_\_ was their earthly \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ could approach God except through him, and, further, that he stood in the place of God to them, and was therefore to be implicitly obeyed. For nearly the entire history of the Roman Catholic Church the place of the popes has been in Rome. So he could be termed the "**Roman man**" which has the numerical value of 666.

And the Hebrew **ROMITI**, or the Roman Man is -

<b>R</b> = 200	resh
<b>O</b> = 6	waw (vav)
<b>M</b> = 40	mem
<b>I</b> = 10	yod
<b>T</b> = 400	taw
<b>I</b> = 10	yod
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<b>666</b>	

## THE GREEK WORD APOSTATES HAS THE NUMERICAL VALUE 666

The Bible talks of a falling away from the truth into sin before the coming of Christ: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a \_\_\_\_\_ away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 2 Thes 2:3." The word used in the dictionary for falling away from truth is the word "\_\_\_\_\_." The definition of apostasy in the Merriam-Webster's Dictionary is: 1: \_\_\_\_\_ of a religious faith 2: \_\_\_\_\_ of a previous loyalty: defection. The Roman Catholic Church especially went into \_\_\_\_\_ by abandoning the \_\_\_\_\_ and putting \_\_\_\_\_ above the Bible demonstrated by the attempted change of the Sabbath from Saturday the Seventh Day of the week to \_\_\_\_\_ the first day of the week. This term certainly applies to the Papacy and also adds up to 666.

And in Greek the word **APOSTATES**

<b>A</b> = 1	alpha
<b>P</b> = 80	
<b>O</b> = 70	omicron
<b>ST</b> = 6	
<b>A</b> = 1	alpha

T = 300	tau
E = 8	eta
S = 200	sigma

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## HE LATINE BASILEIA WHICH MEANS “THE LATIN KINGDOM” HAS AGAIN THE VALUE 666

**Some other titles** that have been applied to the papacy over the years with the number 666 are the following. The Papacy took over the **Latin kingdom of Rome** as noted in the following quote:

“In the beginning of the sixth century, about A. D. 538, Justinian, emperor of Constantinople, in his controversy with the Arians, and other schismatics in the Greek church, constituted the bishop of \_\_\_\_\_ head over \_\_\_\_\_ others, both in the western and eastern churches, who, by his authority, suppressed the reading of the Bible by laymen, pretending that they could not read and understand without the assistance of the clergy. About this time, too, the \_\_\_\_\_ language ceased to be spoken in \_\_\_\_\_, and the Greek and Latin both became dead languages. The Bible at that time not being written or translated into any other languages in Europe, it became an easy task for the bishop to obscure the doctrine and discipline of the word of God, so far as suited his convenience, and to obtain universal power over the minds and consciences of men, and clothe the Scriptures in sackcloth.” “Miller’s Works Volume 2,” Lecture 13 by William Miller.

In this verse the prophet describes the \_\_\_\_\_ as exercising all the Roman Pagan power which existed in the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom before him. And he causes men to worship in like manner as did the Roman Emperors under the Pagan worship...” “Remarks on Revelations Thirteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth,” Chapter thirteenth, by William Millar.

The ancient Greek for "The Latin Kingdom" is **HE LATINE BASILEIA**. BASILEIA is Strong's #G932

H = 0	(transliterated)
E = 8	eta

L = 30	lambda
A = 1	alpha
T = 300	tau
I = 10	iota
N = 50	nu
E = 8	eta

B = 2	beta
A = 1	alpha
S = 200	sigma
I = 10	iota
L = 30	lambda
E = 5	epsilon
I = 10	iota
A = 1	alpha

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## ITALIKA EKKLESIA MEANING “THE ITALIAN CHURCH” HAS THE VALUE ONCE AGAIN OF 666

**Another term with the numerical value** that adds up to 666 is the \_\_\_\_\_ Church. There is no doubt that the beginnings and center of the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ Church is \_\_\_\_\_.

The ancient Greek for "Italian Church" is **ITALIKA EKKLESIA**. EKKLESIA is Strong's # G1577

I = 10	iota
T = 300	tau
A = 1	alpha
L = 30	lambda
I = 10	iota
K = 20	kappa
A = 1	alpha

E = 5	epsilon
K = 20	kappa
K = 20	kappa

L = 30	lambda
E = 8	eta
S = 200	sigma
I = 10	iota
A = 1	alpha
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## THE NUMBER 666 COMES FROM OLD BABYLON AND WAS INHERITED BY THE POPE

**Ans: e. The number 666 comes from Old Babylon.** “Osiris, or Nimrod, whom the pope \_\_\_\_\_, was called by different \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore as Wilkinson remarks, he was in much the same position as his wife, who was called “Myrionymus,” the goddess with “ten thousand names.” If we know the apocalyptic name of the system, that will lead us to the name of the head of that system. The name of the system is “Mystery” (Rev 17:5). Here then we have the key that unlocks the enigma. We have now only to inquire what was the name by which Nimrod was known as the god of the Chaldean Mysteries. That name, as we have seen, is \_\_\_\_\_. Saturn and mystery are both Chaldaen words, and they are correlative terms. As Mystery signifies a Hidden system, so Saturn signifies the \_\_\_\_\_ god. To those who were initiated the god was revealed; to all else he was hidden. Now the name Saturn in Chaldee is pronounced \_\_\_\_\_; but every Chaldee scholar knows, consists only of four letters, thus \_\_\_\_\_. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666.

### THE BABYLONIAN 666 INHERITED BY THE POPE

S = 60
T = 400
U = 6
<u>R = 200</u>
<b>666</b>

If the \_\_\_\_\_ is, as we have seen the legitimate \_\_\_\_\_ of Saturn, the number of the pope, as the head of the mystery of iniquity, is just 666. But still further it turns out, as shown above, that the original name of Rome was Saturnia, “the city of \_\_\_\_\_.” This is avouched alike by Ovid, by Pliny, and by Aurelius Victor. Thus, then, the pope has a double claim to the name and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ legitimate representative of the original Saturn at this day to its existence, and he reigns in the very city of the seven hills where the Roman Saturn reigned; and, from his residence in which, the whole of Italy was “long after called by his name,” being commonly named “the Saturn land.” “The Two Babylons,” by the Rev. Alexander Hislop, pages 269,270. “The penetration of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ became so general and well known that \_\_\_\_\_ was called the \_\_\_\_\_ Babylon.” “Faith of our Fathers,” 1917 edition, Cardinal Gibbons.

#### Babylon, Religion of—Influence on Persia, Syria, and Rome

SOURCE: Franz Cumont, *Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks and Romans* (reprint; New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1960), pp. 44–46.

[p. 44] The ascendancy of an erudite \_\_\_\_\_ who ruled there [in \_\_\_\_\_ and Nineveh], was extended at an early date over \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding \_\_\_\_\_, eastwards over \_\_\_\_\_, northwards over Cappadocia. But nowhere was it so readily accepted as among the Syrians, who were united with the Oriental Semites by community of language and blood...

[p. 45] Bel of \_\_\_\_\_ was worshipped all over northern Syria... The naturalistic and primitive worship which these [Semitic] peoples paid to the Sun, the Moon, and certain stars such as Venus, was systematised by a doctrine which constituted the \_\_\_\_\_—Identified with the Baals, conceived as supreme gods—the [p. 46] almighty Lord of the world, thus paving the way in the East for the future transformation of \_\_\_\_\_ paganism...

#### Rome, Religion of—Babylonian Sun Cult Made Official by Emperor Aurelian

SOURCE: Franz Cumont, *Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks and Romans* (reprint; New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1960), pp. 55, 56.

[p. 55] In 274, Aurelian ... created a new cult of the “Invincible \_\_\_\_\_.” Worshipped in a splendid temple, served by \_\_\_\_\_ who were raised to the level of the ancient pontiffs of \_\_\_\_\_, celebrated every fourth year by magnificent games, \_\_\_\_\_ was definitely promoted to the highest rank in the divine hierarchy and became the official protector of the Sovereigns and of the Empire... He [Aurelian] placed in his new sanctuary the images of Bel [god of Babylon;] and Helios, which he captured at Palmyra. In establishing this new State cult, Aurelian in reality proclaimed the dethronement of the old Roman \_\_\_\_\_ and the accession of Semitic \_\_\_\_\_-worship...

[p. 56] This sidereal theology, founded on ancient beliefs of Chaldean astrologers, transformed in the Hellenistic age under the twofold influence of astronomic discoveries and Stoic thought, [was] promoted, after becoming a pantheistic Sun-worship, to the rank of \_\_\_\_\_ religion of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire.

### Sunday Law, First—Constantine's Attempt to Unite Pagans and Christians

SOURCE: H. G. Heggtveit, *ImvtesfwL jslfi jwsjf* (Christiania: Cammermeyers Boghandel, 1891–95), p. 202.

Constantine labored at this time untiringly to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the old and the new faith in one religion. All his \_\_\_\_\_ and contrivances are aimed at promoting this \_\_\_\_\_ of religions. He would by all lawful and peaceable means melt together a purified \_\_\_\_\_ and a moderated \_\_\_\_\_... His injunction that the “Day of the \_\_\_\_\_” should be a general rest day was characteristic of his standpoint... Of all his blending and melting together of Christianity and heathenism none is more easy to see through than this making of his \_\_\_\_\_ law. “The Christians worshiped their Christ, the heathen their sun-god; according to the opinion of the Emperor, the objects for worship in both \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”

### Rome, Papal, Continuation of Pagan Roman Empire

SOURCE: Alexander Clarence Flick, *The Rise of the Mediaeval Church* (reprint; New York: Burt Franklin, [1959]), pp. 148, 149. Used by permission.

[p. 148] The mighty \_\_\_\_\_ Church was little more than the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire \_\_\_\_\_ . Rome was transformed as well as converted. The very capital of the old Empire became the capital of the \_\_\_\_\_ [p. 149] Empire. The office of \_\_\_\_\_ Maximus was continued in that of \_\_\_\_\_... Even the Roman language has remained the official language of the Roman Catholic Church down through the ages. Christianity could not grow up through Roman civilisation and \_\_\_\_\_, however, without in turn being coloured and influenced by the rites, festivities, and \_\_\_\_\_ of old polytheism. Christianity not only conquered Rome, but \_\_\_\_\_ conquered \_\_\_\_\_. It is not a matter of great surprise, therefore, to find that from the first to the fourth century the \_\_\_\_\_ had undergone \_\_\_\_\_ changes. See note below

**Ans: f.** <sup>4</sup>And they worshipped the \_\_\_\_\_ which gave power unto the \_\_\_\_\_: and they worshipped the \_\_\_\_\_, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? Rev 13:4.  
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It is not yet too late for Protestants to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves. Will they do it? Will they stand consistently upon the Protestant position? Or will they still continue to occupy the “indefensible, self-contradictory, and suicidal” position of professing to be Protestants yet standing on \_\_\_\_\_ ground, receiving Catholic \_\_\_\_\_, and bearing Catholic \_\_\_\_\_? Will they indeed take the written word only, the Scripture \_\_\_\_\_, as their sole authority and their sole standard? Or will they hold the “indefensible, self-contradictory, and suicidal” doctrine and practice of following the authority of the Catholic Church and of wearing the \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_? Will they keep the Sabbath of the Lord, the seventh day, according to the Scripture? Or will they keep the Sunday according to the tradition of the Catholic Church?

Dear reader, which will you do? “The Catholic Mirror,” Sept, 2, 1893. See note below

**The mark of the beast** as we have already noticed is to pay homage to the beast or papacy by keeping Sunday the mark of her authority above God and His law when it becomes a civil law. This law at the writing of this seminar has not as yet been enacted so no one has as yet received the mark of the beast by Sunday keeping. God is still calling many Sunday keepers who love him out of those churches that they attend whether Catholic or Protestant to keep the Seventh Day Sabbath. Many sincere and honest Christians are still not aware that man changed the Sabbath to Sunday, not God but when shown in God’s word and history they gladly follow God’s way in keeping the Bible Sabbath. The following quotes show the Roman Catholic claim of the change of the Sabbath:

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change is her act. And the act is the mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters” Thomas H.F., Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath.

“Sunday is the mark of our authority... The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.” Catholic Record, September 1, 1923.

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SOURCE: Louis Gaston de Ségur, Plain Talk About the Protestantism of To-day (Boston: Patrick Donahoe, 1868), p. 225.

It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of JESUS CHRIST, has transferred this rest to the Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church.

The Protestant Churches will not be required to become Roman Catholics but just to pay homage to the Papacy by keeping holy the papal Sabbath Sunday. Any one of any religious persuasion whether Christian, pagan, Moslem, or Jew will receive the mark of the beast by bowing down to the dictates of the papacy by keeping Sunday as a day of worship showing the authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

**Or the name of the beast.** The ecclesiastical name of the beast is the Roman Catholic Church. Those that learn that their Church, if they are Roman Catholics, has changed God’s law against God’s explicit command will not want to keep Sunday or any other ordinance that has any thing to do with the Roman Catholic Church. They will no longer want to call themselves Roman Catholics because they realize that God’s wrath will be poured out on those that remain in that organization.

**Or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.**

The number of his name and the number of a man is the number of the pope, and the title that he is given at his coronation which is “Vicarius Filii Dei” being Latin for “Vicar of the Son of God.” This title indicates the great claim of the Roman Catholic Church that the pope has the power of God on earth and power to change the law. This is where the Roman Catholic Church claims to have received its great authority in the power given by Christ to Peter.

#### Vicarius Filii Dei, Catholic Discussions of

SOURCE: Answers to readers’ questions in *Our Sunday Visitor*. Volumes and pages as indicated. [FRS Nos. 16–18.]

##### a. Number of the Beast

3 (Nov. 15, 1914), 3

*Is it true that the words of the Apocalypse in the 13th chapter, 18th verse refer to the Pope?*

The words referred to are these: “Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man; and the number of him is six hundred sixty-six.” The title of the Pope of Rome is *WjbsjtGtjtjE fj* This is

inscribed on his mitre; and if you take the letters of his title which represent Latin numerals (printed large) and add them together they come to 666:

“The letters inscribed on the pope’s mitre are these, ‘Vicarius Filii Dei,’ which is Latin for Vicar of the Son of God.” “Our Sunday Visitor, April 18, 1915, page 3, Bureau of Information Department.

“The tiara is placed upon the pope’s head at his coronation by the second cardinal in the Loggia of St. Peter’s with the words, Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns, and know that thou art Father of princes and kings, Ruler of the world, Vicar of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.” “Catholic Dictionary,” by William E. Addis, London, 1909, article “Tiara.”

**“Practically everything that the Protestants regard as essential** they have received from the Catholic Church. They accepted Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change.

But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that in accepting the Bible, in observing Sunday, in keeping Christmas, and Easter, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman of the church, the pope.” “Our Sunday Visitor, Feb 5, 1950.

The word name comes from the Greek word **ονομα (ονομα)** which includes in its meaning: “the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one’s rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc.” **Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon**. In the Latin the letters have numerical value. The following demonstrates how the letters of the pope’s title or rank and authority given to his command add up to 666.

L A T I N

**VICARIUS FILII DEI**

THE LITERAL MEANING:

VICARIUS - substituting for, or in place of  
FILII - means son  
DEI - means God

<p>V = 5 I = 1 C = 100 A = no value R = no value I = 1 U = 5 S = no value ----- 112</p>	<p>F = no value I = 1 L = 50 I = 1 I = 1 ----- 53</p>	<p>D = 500 E = no value I = 1 ----- 501</p>
<p>112 + 53 + 501 = <b>666</b></p>		

**Dux Cleri** is a Latin term that has been applied to the pope as head or captain of the clergy which also has the numerical value of 666. Notice the following quote in reference to the pope being the head or captain over the clergy:

**Papacy—Hierarchy Perfected in 13th Century**

SOURCE: Alexander Clarence Flick, *The Rise of the Mediaeval Church* (reprint; New York: Burt Franklin, [1959]), pp. 575, 576. Used by permission.

[p. 575] During this period [the thirteenth century] the organisation of the papal hierarchy was perfected. At the head stood the all-powerful and absolute Pope as God’s agent on earth; hence, at least in theory and claim, he was the ruler of the whole world in temporal and spiritual affairs. He was the defender of Christianity, the Church, and the clergy in all respects. He was the supreme censor of morals in Christendom and the head of a great spiritual despotism...

He had the sole authority to transfer or depose bishops and other Church officers. He was the creator of cardinals and ecclesiastical honours of all kinds. He was the exclusive possessor of the universal right of absolution, dispensation, and canonisation. He was the grantor of all Church benefices. He was the superintendent of the whole financial system of the Church and of all taxes. He had control over the whole force of the clergy in Christendom, because he conferred the **capitulum**, the archbishop’s badge of office. In his hands were kept the terrible thunders of the Church to enforce obedience to papal law, namely, excommunication and the interdict.

**DUX CLERI** ... translated means Captain of the Clergy

D = 500
U = 5
X = 10
C = 100
L = 50
E = no value
R = no value
I = 1
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**Vicar of the court** is also used as a term for the pope with the same numerical value 666. Notice the following claim of the Catholic Church with respect to the pope being vicar in the court of God whose decision no one can make an appeal against:

#### **Papacy—Claims Made for the Pope—Decisions Same as God's**

SOURCE: Augustinus Triumphus, *Wp p b b f S r f t b w f H d d f t j w j b* ("Summary Concerning Ecclesiastical Power") (*Augustae Vindelicorum* [Augsburg]: [Johannes Schüssler], 1483), question 6, "De Papalis Sentencie Apellatione," fol. [61 v]. Latin.

The second reason is accepted on the part of the pope. For the pope alone is said to be the vicar of God; wherefore only what is bound or loosed by him is held to be bound and loosed by God Himself. Therefore the decision of the Pope and the decision of God constitute one decision, just as the opinion of the Pope and of his assistant are the same. Since, therefore, an appeal is always made from an inferior judge to a superior, just as no one is greater than himself, so no appeal holds when made from the Pope to God, because there is one consistory of the Pope himself and of God Himself, of which consistory the Pope himself is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper. Therefore no one can appeal from the Pope to God, as no one can enter into the consistory of God without the mediation of the Pope, who is the key-bearer and the doorkeeper of the consistory of eternal life; and as no one can appeal to himself, because there is one decision and one court [curia] of God and of the Pope.

**LUDOVICUS** ... translated means Vicar of the Court

L = 50  
U = 5  
D = 500  
O = no value  
V = 5  
I = 1  
C = 100  
U = 5  
S = no value

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**The number 666 not only applies to the number of a man** but also to the number of the beast or the kingdom the Pope rules over which took the place of the Roman Empire. The following quote verifies their claim to political power.

"In the West a new power was formed--the Roman Church, the church of the bishop of Rome. This church understood itself as the successor of the extinct Roman Empire. In the political vacuum of the West that was created by the invasion of the Germans and the destruction of the Roman state and administrative apparatus, the church became great and powerful as the heir to the Roman Empire. Only within this vacuum could the idea of the papacy develop in which the great popes, as bishops of Rome, stepped into the position of the vanished emperors." *Encyclopedia Britannica* 1998.

#### **Vicarius Filii Dei—Peter Called "Vicar of the Son of God" in Forged Donation of Constantine**

SOURCE: Donation of Constantine, quoted in Christopher B. Coleman, *The Treatise of Lorenzo Valla on the Donation of Constantine*, pp. 12, 13. Copyright 1922 by Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn. Used by permission. [FRS No. 14.]

[p. 12] Sicut B. Petrus in terris vicarius Filii Dei esse videtur constitutus, ita et Pontifices, qui ipsius principis apostolorum gerunt vices, principatus potestatem amplius quam terrena imperialis nostrae serenitatis mansuetudo habere videtur, consessam a nobis nostroque imperio obtineant...

[p. 13] As the Blessed ~~SMS~~ is seen to have been constituted vicar of the Son of God on the earth, so the Pontiffs who are the representatives of that same chief of the apostles, should obtain from us and our empire the power of a supremacy greater than the clemency of our earthly imperial serenity is seen to have conceded to it.

The Hebrew and Latin name for Roman Kingdom give a very interesting insight to the number 666. Both Hebrew and Latin have numerical values for their alphabet. The Following quote shows two other instances of the number 666 applying to the Papacy.

"Now, Romiith is the Hebrew name for the Roman beast or Roman Kingdom, and this word as well as the former word Lateinos (Greek for the Roman beast or kingdom) contains the just and exact number 666. It is really surprising that there should be such a fatal coincidence in both names in both languages. No other word, in any language whatsoever, can be found to express both the same number and the same thing." *Newton on Prophecy*," page 620.

#### **GREEK**

The numeric equivalents of Greek letters can be found in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* under "Languages of the World", Table 8.

See also [The Greek Alphabet](#) for a complete table of Greek gematria.

The ancient Greek word for "the Latin speaking man" is LATEINOS

L = 30	lambda
A = 1	alpha
T = 300	tau
E = 5	epsilon
I = 10	iota
N = 50	nu
O = 70	omicron



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**Some other titles** that have been applied to the papacy over the years with the number 666 are the following. The Papacy took over the **Latin kingdom of Rome** as noted in the following quote:

“In the beginning of the sixth century, about A. D. 538, Justinian, emperor of Constantinople, in his controversy with the Arians, and other schismatics in the Greek church, constituted the bishop of Rome head over all others, both in the western and eastern churches, who, by his authority, suppressed the reading of the Bible by laymen, pretending that they could not read and understand without the assistance of the clergy. About this time, too, the Latin language ceased to be spoken in Italy, and the Greek and Latin both became dead languages. The Bible at that time not being written or translated into any other languages in Europe, it became an easy task for the bishop to obscure the doctrine and discipline of the word of God, so far as suited his convenience, and to obtain universal power over the minds and consciences of men, and clothe the Scriptures in sackcloth.” “Miller’s Works Volume 2,” Lecture 13 by William Miller.

In this verse the prophet describes the Pope as exercising all the Roman Pagan power which existed in the Latin kingdom before him. And he causes men to worship in like manner as did the Roman Emperors under the Pagan worship...” “Remarks on Revelations Thirteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth,” Chapter thirteenth, by William Millar.

The ancient Greek for "The Latin Kingdom" is **HE LATINE BASILEIA**. **BASILEIA** is Strong's #G932

<b>H</b> = 0	(transliterated)
<b>E</b> = 8	eta
<b>L</b> = 30	lambda
<b>A</b> = 1	alpha
<b>T</b> = 300	tau
<b>I</b> = 10	iota
<b>N</b> = 50	nu
<b>E</b> = 8	eta
<b>B</b> = 2	beta
<b>A</b> = 1	alpha
<b>S</b> = 200	sigma
<b>I</b> = 10	iota
<b>L</b> = 30	lambda
<b>E</b> = 5	epsilon
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**Another term with the numerical value** that adds up to 666 is the Italian Church. There is no doubt that the beginnings and center of the Roman Catholic Church is Italy.

The ancient Greek for "Italian Church" is **ITALIKA EKKLESIA**. **EKKLESIA** is Strong's # G1577

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<b>T</b> = 300	tau
<b>A</b> = 1	alpha
<b>L</b> = 30	lambda
<b>I</b> = 10	iota
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**The number 666 comes from Old Babylon.** “Osiris, or Nimrod, whom the pope represents, was called by different titles, and therefore as Wilkinson remarks, he was in much the same position as his wife, who was called “Myrionymus,” the goddess with “ten thousand names.” If we know the apocalyptic name of the system, that will lead us to the name of the head of that system. The name of the system is “Mystery” (Rev 17:5). Here then we have the key that unlocks the enigma. We have now only to inquire what was the name by which Nimrod was known as the god of the Chaldean Mysteries. That name, as we have seen, is Saturn. Saturn and mystery are both Chaldaen words, and they are correlative terms. As Mystery signifies a Hidden system, so Saturn signifies the Hidden god. To those who were initiated the god was revealed; to all else he was hidden. Now the name Saturn in Chaldee is

pronounced Satur; but every Chaldee scholar knows, consists only of four letters, thus Stur. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666.

### THE BABYLONIAN 666 INHERITED BY THE POPE

$$\begin{array}{r} S = 60 \\ T = 400 \\ U = 6 \\ \underline{R = 200} \\ 666 \end{array}$$

If the pope is, as we have seen the legitimate representative of Saturn, the number of the pope, as the head of the mystery of iniquity, is just 666. But still further it turns out, as shown above, that the original name of Rome was Saturnia, “the city of Saturn.” This is avouched alike by Ovid, by Pliny, and by Aurelius Victor. Thus, then, the pope has a double claim to the name and number of the beast, He is the only legitimate representative of the original Saturn at this day to its existence, and he reigns in the very city of the seven hills where the Roman Saturn reigned; and, from his residence in which, the whole of Italy was “long after called by his name,” being commonly named “the Saturn land.” “The Two Babylons,” by the Rev. Alexander Hislop, pages 269,270.

“The penetration of the religion of Babylon became so general and well known that Rome was called the New Babylon.” “Faith of our Fathers,” 1917 edition, Cardinal Gibbons.

#### **Babylon, Religion of—Influence on Persia, Syria, and Rome**

SOURCE: Franz Cumont, *Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks and Romans* (reprint; New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1960), pp. 44–46.

[p. 44] The ascendancy of an erudite clergy who ruled there [in Babylonia and Nineveh], was extended at an early date over all surrounding countries, eastwards over Persia, northwards over Cappadocia. But nowhere was it so readily accepted as among the Syrians, who were united with the Oriental Semites by community of language and blood...

[p. 45] Bel of Babylon was worshipped all over northern Syria... The naturalistic and primitive worship which these [Semitic] peoples paid to the Sun, the Moon, and certain stars such as Venus, was systematised by a doctrine which constituted the Sun—Identified with the Baals, conceived as supreme gods—the [p. 46] almighty Lord of the world, thus paving the way in the East for the future transformation of Roman paganism...

#### **Rome, Religion of—Babylonian Sun Cult Made Official by Emperor Aurelian**

SOURCE: Franz Cumont, *Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks and Romans* (reprint; New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1960), pp. 55, 56.

[p. 55] In 274, Aurelian ... created a new cult of the “Invincible Sun.” Worshipped in a splendid temple, served by pontiffs who were raised to the level of the ancient pontiffs of Rome, celebrated every fourth year by magnificent games, ~~Virtu~~ was definitely promoted to the highest rank in the divine hierarchy and became the official protector of the Sovereigns and of the Empire... He [Aurelian] placed in his new sanctuary the images of Bel [god of Babylon; see No. 154] and Helios, which he captured at Palmyra. In establishing this new State cult, Aurelian in reality proclaimed the dethronement of the old Roman idolatry and the accession of Semitic Sun-worship...

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#### **Sunday Law, First—Constantine's Attempt to Unite Pagans and Christians**

SOURCE: H. G. Heggtveit, ~~Jmvtv~~ (Christiania: Cammermeyers Boghandel, 1891–95), p. 202.

Constantine labored at this time untiringly to unite the worshipers of the old and the new faith in one religion. All his laws and contrivances are aimed at promoting this amalgamation of religions. He would by all lawful and peaceable means melt together a purified heathenism and a moderated Christianity... His injunction that the “Day of the Sun” should be a general rest day was characteristic of his standpoint... Of all his blending and melting together of Christianity and heathenism none is more easy to see through than this making of his Sunday law. “The Christians worshiped their Christ, the heathen their sun-god; according to the opinion of the Emperor, the objects for worship in both religions were essentially the same.”

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The Roman Catholic Church who have many sincere and loving Christians in their communion do not realize that Satan or the Dragon is the invisible head of their church. The Roman Catholic Church in the following quote made this observation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church:

"The Adventists are the only body of Christians with the Bible as their teacher, who can find no warrant in its pages for the changes of the day from the seventh to the first. Hence their appellation, "Seventh-day Adventists." Their cardinal principle consists in setting apart Saturday for the exclusive worship of God, in conformity with the positive command of God Himself, repeatedly reiterated in the sacred books of the Old and the New Testaments, literally obeyed by the children of Israel for thousands of years, to this day, and endorsed by the teaching and practice of the Son of God whilst on earth.

Per Contra, the Protestants of the world, the Adventists excepted, with the same Bible as their cherished and sole infallible teacher, by their practice, since their appearance in the sixteenth century, with the time-honored practice of the Jewish people before their eyes, have rejected the day named for His Worship by God, and assumed, in apparent contradiction of His command, a day for His worship never once referred to for that purpose, in the pages of that Sacred Volume.

It is not yet too late for Protestants to redeem themselves. Will they do it? Will they stand consistently upon the Protestant position? Or will they still continue to occupy the "indefensible, self-contradictory, and suicidal" position of professing to be Protestants yet standing on Catholic ground, receiving Catholic insult, and bearing Catholic condemnation? Will they indeed take the written word only, the Scripture alone, as their sole authority and their sole standard? Or will they hold the "indefensible, self-contradictory, and suicidal" doctrine and practice of following the authority of the Catholic Church and of wearing the sign of her authority? Will they keep the Sabbath of the Lord, the seventh day, according to the Scripture? Or will they keep the Sunday according to the tradition of the Catholic Church?

Dear reader, which will you do? "The Catholic Mirror," Sept, 2, 1893.

**2. Would you like to be among God's faithful people who keep the Seventh day Sabbath and would rather die than keep Sunday and receive the mark or sign of the papacy identified as the power with the number 666? \_\_\_\_\_**