

Strange Things to our Ears

'Strange' quotes

- Hosea 8¹² I have written for him the great things of My law, But they were considered a strange thing.
- Acts 17²⁰ you are bringing strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.

Some religious organizations /churches make things up as they go along

Most who leave truth, never return

- Cain, Gn.4. Hb.11:4
- Jeroboam, 1 K.12
- Jews, Mt.15
- Diotrefes, 3 Jn.9-10

He who hears you hears Me, he who
rejects you rejects Me, and he who
rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me
– Lk.10:16

Paul's last warning about false teachers and professed Christians

- Time will come
- Will not endure sound doctrine
- Guided by own lusts (desires)
- Seek teachers who will please itching ears
- Turn to fables (myths)

For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing – Ac.17:21

I. Roman Catholicism

Catholicism composed of many strange doctrines

Divine Mercy Sunday

Description and supposed Proof

- Sunday after “Easter”: it completes an octave
- Feast of Jews: too big to celebrate one day
- Biggest **octave** in Church: “Easter Octave” (day Lord opened door to heaven)
 - Seven perfect days symbolize our pilgrimage of ‘life’; as Jews wandered, so we...to find promised land of heaven.

Divine Mercy Sunday

- 8th day: because 8 is eternity to Jews
- Jesus comes for His bride [coming up aisle for communion is your wedding march]
- Jesus is Groom, waiting for her at the altar
- They become one; marriage consummated...
- Before we can do this, He wants to take His bride home forever to meet His mother and Father (!?!?)

[Mary and God? Married? ...???)

- He can't do this if our wedding garment is stained – sin / death: must get rid of them

Divine Mercy Sunday

- Going to confession, may be forgiven, but the punishment may reactivate. [Hb.8:12]
- Not hell, but temporal punishment (purgatory)
- When He comes on 8th day, He wants us spotless
 - Do purgatory on earth!
 - But it's hard to get rid of all sins
- We CAN get rid of all sins on Divine Mercy Sunday!

Divine Mercy Sunday

- Must be in state of grace (??)
If not, be contrite (??)
- Go to holy communion – go to church...
- Any snake can crawl out of gutter...
- Easter Sunday – He opened door to heaven
- 8th day: we enter into heaven. Go to complete the grace. Say this prayer...

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- Msgr. Patrick Perez – strongly rejects Divine Mercy Sunday (*The Angelus magazine*, June, 2010)
- Some ask why they don't celebrate it
 - It's not simply that it's not in the traditional calendar.... What is wrong with DMS?
 - Pius XII placed this devotion of 'Saint **Maria Faustina**' on the Index of Prohibited Books (because their content would mislead Catholics).
 - John XXIII condemned it twice. Why?

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- a. No evidence whatsoever of the supernatural origin of these revelations. 'We do not think ...came from God.'
- b. No feast of Divine Mercy should be instituted. ... It's based on apparitions that are not clearly coming from God.
- c. It is forbidden to disseminate writings propagating this devotion under the form received by Faustina. It was forbidden even to publish the image of Our Lord as Divine Mercy.

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d. Principal error of the image: it presents an unconditional mercy. It promises lots of spiritual rewards with no requirement of penance, no mention of reparation, no mention of any condition.

[Penance: self-abasement, mortification, devotion to show sorrow or repentance...]

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Perez opposes 'Pope John Paul II' for offering mercy with no price – gifts from heaven with no requirements.) And Divine Mercy Sunday was already prohibited and condemned by two previous 'popes.'

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AND: Presumption of Faustina's writings: frequent supposed apparitions and messages from our Lord.

Quotes: Oct.2, 1936, "Lord Jesus appeared to her and said, 'Now, I know that it is not for the graces or gifts that you love Me, but because My Will is dearer to you than life. That is why I am uniting Myself with you so intimately as with no other creature.'"

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Q: How can we believe that Our Lord has united Himself more intimately with Sr. Faustina than with the Blessed Virgin Mary??

Lord told her she was exempt from judgment, every judgment – “From today on, do not fear God’s judgment, for you will not be judged” (ib.).

[Nobody but the blessed virgin...is free from the judgment.]

Therefore, Divine Mercy Sunday contradicts Roman Catholicism!

Liguorian tract, How Old is Your Church?

- “If you are a Roman Catholic, you know that your religion was founded in the year 33 by Jesus Christ the Son of God, and that it has not changed since that time.”

REALLY?

- Where in Bible to find ‘Catholic Church,’ pope, Cardinal, Metropolitan, Abbott, Vicar, Mother Superior, Legate, Rector, Holy Orders, Monk, Nun, holy water, sprinkling for baptism, baptism of children, et al.?

I. Roman Catholicism

II. First Lutheran Church

Greenwich, N.J. ad

‘Express Worship Omits Sermon.’

- ‘Express worship, 22 minutes.’ Omits sermon / sacraments to draw people...
- Shortened service includes ‘greeting, statement of faith, apology for sins, prayer, and interpretation of the weekly Bible reading and a song without accompaniment’
- The idea may bring in people who do not have a lot of time or desire to attend church
- Nine came first Sunday; later, twenty-three

Greenwich, N.J. ad

1. Churches once 'preached truth' to convert people; now they may stay as they are as church changes to match worldly desires!
2. Would they agree to leave "God" totally out of their message if atheists would come?
3. At what point would they put their foot down and say, 'We will not yield any more'??
And why not?

How does this group
differ from Catholicism?

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III. Southern Baptist Church

They are not autonomous (1 Pt.5:2)

- Will they stand against immorality?
- Emphasis on food, fun, frolic
- SBC –
 - **Morals:** major scandal over two decades
 - **Political issues:** buckled under pressure
 - **Woke attitudes:** split is inevitable

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IV. Lessons

Lessons

- Doctrines of men do not save; Mt.15.
- Only the gospel can protect us from falling into sin and error.
- If we neglect the Word, satan will lead us farther and farther from its truth. Gal.1.
- Most think they have a right to their own beliefs. Is this true?
 - 1 K.13, young prophet?
 - Jer.10:23, direct own steps?
 - Ac.26:9-11, Saul?
 - Rv.2, Ephesus?