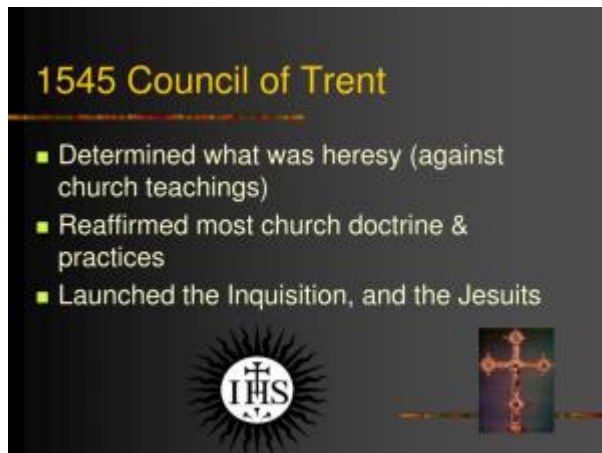


# The Reason for Eroded Civil Liberties: The Edicts of the Council of Trent



From my observation, most websites exposing the evils of this world deal only with the evil fruits or leaves of the tree of evil. Rather than try to cut off the fruits, leaves, or even the branches of evil, isn't it more effective to chop at the very *roots* of the evil tree? That way you get rid of *all* the poisonous fruits and all their evil branches in one shot!

Some people call the planners of evil, "Jews", some say, "not Jews, only the Zionists", some Americans call them "liberals" or Democrats, others say, "Illuminati", some say "Freemasons", some say "Bilderburgers", some say "the Committee of 300", you may say \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with your favorite bad guys). Are any of these correct?

First of all, I consider it wrong and illogical to label an entire ethnic group of people as the source of the problem. Secondly, I consider all the other above mentioned groups and secret societies to be merely the branches of the evil tree, not the tree itself. So what is the tree? The Bible calls the evil tree, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." – Revelation 17:5

What exactly is "Mystery, Babylon the Great"? I see it as a combination of false religion and a totalitarian government system started by Satan from the time when Babylon became a world class empire. This system was passed down to the Medo-Persian Empire, then the Greek Empire, then the Roman Empire and finally the successors of the Roman Empire. The Caesars turned into Popes and changed the name of the empire to the Holy Roman Empire, now called the "Holy See" AKA, the Roman Catholic Church. The papal emperor continued to rule Europe and sought control of the rest of the world, including Japan, when Jesuit priests first came to the Japanese island of Kyushu in 1549.

In 1517 Martin Luther wrote his Ninety-Five Theses and posted it on the door of a Roman Catholic church. This was the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation took off quickly because the printing press was already invented by that time and copies of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses were distributed all over Europe!

In 1540 the Jesuit Order started by Ignatius of Loyola was approved by Pope Paul III. The Jesuit Order, also known as the Society of Jesus, was created in reaction to the Protestant Reformation! The Jesuits are akin to **an army** seeking to destroy the biblical faith promoted by Martin Luther and other reformers of the Protestant Reformation!

The Council of Trent was a series of meetings by Catholic Bishops from 1545 to 1563. It was the counter-reformation against so called Protestant heresies at the time of the Reformation.

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*The Council of Trent was the response of Rome to the Protestant Reformation. Remember—the Protestant Reformation brought us all of the political liberty that we know of today. There's no such thing as national sovereignty without the Reformation. There's no such thing as private rights without the Reformation. There's no such thing as the Law of Nations, as we know of it today, of Montesquieu and the others, without the Reformation. So, when the Reformation came with their doctrines of salvation by grace through faith alone, and that there was no need for the priesthood to go to Heaven—that all we need is salvation in Christ, and Romans 1:17: the righteous shall live by faith. **When the Reformation came, it completely stripped Rome of its spiritual power.** The priests were no longer wanted because the people were getting the word of God in a Bible, specifically in Holland, England, and Germany. And so, with these great revivals breaking forth and the Reformation happening, nations were breaking away from the power of the Pope. The Holy Roman Empire was breaking up. Charles V, the Emperor, resigned and became a monk and a gardener. So, the Lord was moving mightily in breaking the power of the Holy Roman Empire, started by Charlemagne and the Pope. The Council of Trent consists of 25 Sessions. **Those 25 Sessions accurse and condemn all the doctrines of the Reformation.***

*It condemns anybody who does not believe that the literal Jesus Christ is in the host [holy communion bread], and that his literal blood is in the wine. That's called transubstantiation. Anybody who does not believe that is an accursed anathema. Anybody who believes that their salvation is outside the Catholic Church is accursed anathema. Anybody who believes in justification by grace through faith—anathema, accursed. Anybody who believes that the Pope is not the vicar of Christ—accursed, anathema. You see, all of these doctrines were being put forth as a result of reading the Bible, which produced the Reformation, and so the Jesuits accursed everything that the Reformers were preaching. This is all in Law called the Council of Trent. In the 4th Session, which is probably the most important Session, the Jesuits condemn freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of conscience. So, no man has the right to choose his own religion; no man has the right to publish what he feels is the truth; and no man has the right to freedom of conscience.*



The Council of Trent in the Santa Maria Maggiore church; Museo Diocesano Tridentino, Trento.