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The Roman Catholic Sacrifice of Christ 🧵

The RCC requires at a ceremony every Sunday under pain of mortal sin and loss of sanctifying grace that the priest, in concert with congregation, partake in the offering up of Jesus Christ “as a sacrifice to God” for the forgiveness of sins. The RCC teaches (and many of its followers believe) that we are actually and truly present at and partake in the actual sacrifice of Christ on Calvary.

It is seen as the summit of Christian life in the RCC to partake in the offering up of Christ for slaughter as an oblation.

To repeat, it is a necessary condition for communion in the RC institution that members participate in a ceremony in which they are metaphysically present at the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and partake in the actual offering of Christ as sacrifice to God. The priest offers up (and the attendees join in the offering) the Body of Christ as a sacrifice for his and their sins.

Christ freely submitted to suffering, unjust condemnation and death on the cross for the remission of our sins. He is different than the types of the sacrifices that prefigured Christ in the Old Testament - Christ is not a dumb animal unknowingly and unwillingly led to his slaughter as were the lambs and bulls and other animals - He is GOD and freely wills everything that He does consistent with the will of the Father and the Holy Spirit. At the actual crucifixion on Calvary, He was not offered up by humans to God - He freely gave Himself.

You don't want to be the one offering God his own Son for slaughter as a sacrifice. We are of course called to acknowledge and believe in Christ's self-sacrifice and then to give praise

Him for His selfless and humble offering of Himself for the reconciliation of the world to Himself. But you do not want to be one actually making a sacrificial offering of God.

With the help of Judas, the Sanhedrin and the Roman authorities were the ones who orchestrated (or so they thought) the actual sacrifice of Christ 2000 years ago. As the Chief Priest himself said “It is better that one man die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.”

The bizarre ritual practice of purporting to take part in offering up of your own God for sacrifice comes from a misunderstanding of Christ’s sacrifice. That misunderstanding of Christ’s sacrifice has led to much worse things than an impious ritual. But the ritual has been memorialized as an outward and well-known sign for anyone with eyes to see that the RCC crucifies and persecutes the Body of Christ (Christ’s Body are his members throughout history).

Just as the sacrifices that were unique to and were practiced by the Jews (and were holy and good in their ordained time) prefigured the slaughter of the Lamb by that very same people and were misunderstood by them, the RCC’s signs and sacraments are a figure of their attempts to re-crucify the Son of God and nail His works to a cross so that they may glorify their own works instead.

They should know better than to take part in a ritual in which they offer up God to God for slaughter as an oblation for their sins. But they don’t understand the sacrifice of Christ - it was freely given by the only One who can truly offer up His life as a sacrifice for others because Christ, as perfect man, is the only human being who ever truly possessed life (whereas our lives are already forfeit due to original sin) and is therefore the only one who can truly give it up. Christ is not a dumb animal led to slaughter unwillingly like the continuous sacrifices required under the Old Testament.

Additionally, the priesthood that was prophesied to replace the priesthood of Aaron would not require the Priest to offer for His own sins. But the priests in RC must offer for their own sins as they are not without sin. The Priest of the everlasting promise would be spotless Himself and make a spotless offering OF Himself once for the remission of all sins

for all time. That Priest is Christ. He Himself offers Himself - spotless mediator making a spotless sacrifice.

Not a defiled priest making continuous (and therefore ineffective) offerings for the sins of himself and others. The sacrifice enacted by the RCC at the Mass is not the sacrifice of Christ - it is something else entirely.

@whpub Wondering if you have any thoughts on the above since you're deep in the weeds on the concept of sacrifice / development of the Eucharist in the early church.

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