

Spoken Word no 78
Communism, Catholicism and America's downfall
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From his sermon **Jezebel Religion 61-0319** he preached in Middletown Ohio, Br. Branham warned the people what would happen if they turned down the Message. *"When God sends forth a message and tells the people, and they don't receive it, then He withdraws His servant and sends His plagues: famine, death, spiritually speaking, physically also. You watch for a depression, brother. You think you've seen something; you just wait after while. You haven't seen nothing. You think you're dying for a good spiritual revival; you wait till after a bit. You just wait, long and cry to hear the Word of God. The Bible said so. "There'll be a famine in the last days," said the prophet, "and not for bread and water alone, but for hearing the true Word of God." But that voice will be quiet in the wilderness somewhere, hid away.*

This Evening I would like to show you how that communism is part of the curse that has come upon this country for turning down the Voice of God to this generation.

Now, we know according to scripture America and the rest of the nations are sinking financially because they have not hearkened to the Voice of God for this hour. In Deuteronomy 28 we see how the blessings from God turn to curses upon any nation or people who do not hearken to the Voice of the Lord God. To "hearken" means to "pay close attention", and it is very apparent by the legislation taking place in this country that they have turned their hearts away from God and His Voice to this generation.

Now, this is important to know because the curse could be reversed if the people would only turn from their wicked ways and hearken to and pay attention to the Message of the Hour which is The Voice of God to this generation. For the Lord Himself has descended with a SHOUT and we know that SHOUT is the Message.

From his sermon **The Former and latter rain 60-0303 P:19** Brother Branham said, *"The enemy watches for nighttime to come. He likes to come in the night. The great raids in our armies today is at nighttime. And that's what...You talk of communism. Communism's laying for one thing. We hear so much about it today. Communism's wanting one thing, the nation's honeycombed with it, but it's waiting for what little spiritual we have got to die out, till it gets darkness in the church. That's the only way it can strike. Let the Americans who claim to be Christians rise to their feet in the Name of the Lord, call out, communism would have no place. But we weave right into it, and our churches is even full of it, sure, everywhere. The whole thing's polluted; the whole body's polluted. There's only one sound thing and only one Foundation, that's Jesus Christ. On Jesus Christ is the only Rock of salvation that I know of. The only way of escape is through Jesus Christ. He is the One.*

So you see there is a way out, but will America take that one way out of this crisis? Will she do it? Absolutely not. Why? because she is thinks she is rich and increased with goods, and doesn't even know that she is Poor, wretched, miserable and naked, and she doesn't even know it. So how can she repent when she doesn't even think she has anything to repent of? But she does, and her conditions show it too! But she can't see it, so she does nothing but the same thing over and over again.

You know that is a sign of insanity when you do the same thing over and over again thinking it will change somehow if you do. She got herself into trouble spending money she doesn't have and now she thinks she will get out of trouble by spending even more money that she doesn't have. That is incredibly stupid. But we are forewarned that at the end-time the only people with a sane mind are those that have the mind of Christ. And we are there. And the only way of escape is through Jesus Christ, that's it. So come into Christ while you still have time. And repent of all your wicked ways, and acknowledge that without Christ you are lost.

In his sermon **Israel at the Red Sea 2 53-0327** *Now, we're coming down to the last plague, last thing. God said, "I'm tired fooling now. I'm going to give the **last plague**." Now, I want you to notice; **the last plague was death**. Now, we've had earthquakes; we've had wars and rumors of wars; we've had tidal waves, as Jesus said would be, **the sea a-roaring, man's heart failing, more heart trouble (number one disease), fear, perplex of time, distress between the nations**, horseless carriages in the broad ways, all these things fulfilled. But **the last plague is death**, not physically speaking, but **spiritually speaking, death, spiritually in the church**. You notice it was **amongst the sons: spiritual death**. The church has got more members than it ever had, thriving better than it ever did, and yet the weakest in spirit that it ever was. That's true. That's just like it was in Egypt.*

56 Israel at Kadesh Barnea 53-0328 *Notice. Then God, after fixing Moses, getting him ready, sent out the signs, then the last sign we taken last night was death. And we found out, that **spiritual death in the church, the last plague now, church drying up, blowing away**. That's right. We're living in a horrible time. How that the church, **the old-timers that used to really have the victory is losing out, dying time, letting the Blood get off the front of the door**. "When I see the Blood I'll pass over you."*

Now, it is very apparent that this seventh plague is spiritual death, and as we see from what brother Branham had to say about communism is that it is already here, that this nation back then was already honeycombed by it, but it was just waiting on the Spiritual death of this nation before it could be set in motion.

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Brother Branham predicted in 1956 that America would reject Christ, and all statistics show from that day forward this nation has gone further and further away from Christ.

On June 17, 1963 the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that any Bible reciting or prayer, in public schools, was deemed unconstitutional.

From Wikipedia: *Roe v. Wade*, [410 U.S. 113](#) (1973), is a [United States Supreme Court](#) case that resulted in a [landmark decision](#) regarding [abortion](#).^[1] According to the *Roe* decision, most laws against [abortion in the United States](#) violated a [constitutional right](#) to [privacy](#) under the [Due Process Clause](#) of the [Fourteenth Amendment](#). The decision overturned all [state](#) and [federal](#) laws outlawing or restricting abortion that were inconsistent with its [holdings](#). *Roe v. Wade* is one of the most controversial and politically significant cases in U.S. Supreme Court history. Its lesser-known companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, was decided at the same time.^[2]

Roe v. Wade centrally held that a mother may abort her pregnancy for any reason, up until the "point at which the fetus becomes 'viable.'" The Court defined [viable](#) as being "potentially able to live outside the mother's womb, albeit with artificial aid. Viability is usually placed at about seven months (28 weeks) but may occur earlier, even at 24 weeks."^[1] The Court also held that abortion after viability must be available when needed to protect a woman's health, [which the Court defined broadly](#) in the companion case of *Doe v. Bolton*. These rulings affected laws in 46 states.^[3]

Now, I would like to read for you an article by *Chuck Morse printed Friday, May 9, 2003* entitled **Communist Goals**

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Current Communist Goals

EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF HON. A. S. HERLONG, JR. OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 10, 1963

Mr. HERLONG. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Patricia Nordman of De Land, Fla., is an ardent and articulate opponent of communism, and until recently published the De Land Courier, which she dedicated to the purpose of alerting the public to the dangers of communism in America. At Mrs. Nordman's request, I include in the RECORD, under unanimous consent, the following "Current Communist Goals," which she identifies as an excerpt from "The Naked Communist," by Cleon Skousen:
[From "The Naked Communist," by Cleon Skousen]

CURRENT COMMUNIST GOALS

1. U.S. acceptance of coexistence as the only alternative to atomic war.
2. U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war.
3. Develop the illusion that total disarmament [by] the United States would be a demonstration of moral strength.
4. Permit free trade between all nations regardless of Communist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war.
5. Extension of long-term loans to Russia and Soviet satellites.
6. Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Communist domination.
7. Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the U.N.
8. Set up East and West Germany as separate states in spite of Khrushchev's promise in 1955 to settle the German question by free elections under supervision of the U.N.
9. Prolong the conferences to ban atomic tests because the United States has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress.
10. Allow all Soviet satellites individual representation in the U.N.
11. Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be set up as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces. (Some Communist leaders believe the world can be taken over as easily by the U.N. as by Moscow. Sometimes these two centers compete with each other as they are now doing in the Congo.)
12. Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party.
13. Do away with all loyalty oaths.
14. Continue giving Russia access to the U.S. Patent Office.
15. Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.
16. Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.
17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.
18. Gain control of all student newspapers.
19. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Communist attack.
20. Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, policymaking positions.
21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.
22. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms."
23. Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."

24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.
25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.
26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."
27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch."
28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."
29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
30. Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man."
31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the "big picture." Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over.
32. Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture--education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.
33. Eliminate all laws or procedures which interfere with the operation of the Communist apparatus.
34. Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities.
35. Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.
36. Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.
37. Infiltrate and gain control of big business.
38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand [or treat].
39. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals.
40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents.
42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use ["united force"] to solve economic, political or social problems.
43. Overthrow all colonial governments before native populations are ready for self-government.
44. Internationalize the Panama Canal.

45. Repeal the Connally reservation so the United States cannot prevent the World Court from seizing jurisdiction [over domestic problems. Give the World Court jurisdiction] over nations and individuals alike.

Christ revealed in His Own Word pp. 41 *Notice. Now, we come back; we've got to have something another that we have to hold on to. Something has to be a tie post; in other words, it's an ultimate. And everyone must have an ultimate or an absolute. I preached on it one time years ago, on a absolute, a place that's the last word. Like the umpire at a ball game, if he says it's a strike, that's just exactly what it is. No matter how you seen it, the umpire said it's a strike. You said, "I, It wasn't a strike. It went... I seen the..." It don't matter what it is, when he said, "Strike," that's it, and that's settled, just what... He's the ultimate. And the traffic light is an ultimate. If it says, "Go," I... You say, "Well, I--I'm in a hurry, I got..." No, no, it says, "You stand still while the other fellow goes." See? It's the ultimate.*

44 *Now, there's got to be an ultimate to everything you do. There had to be an ultimate when you chose your wife. There had to be a woman you had to select. Now, there has to be a time where when you're go to buy a car, what kind of an ultimate you're going to make. Will it be Ford, Chevy, Plymouth, foreign car, whatever it is, you got to have an ultimate. And so is it with Christian living; there's got to be an ultimate.*

Now we find that brother Branham is telling us here that it is vital that we have an absolute. As I said, Wednesday night, I believe that the lack of an absolute is why there is so much chaos in this country today, because that's exactly what happens when you don't have an absolute, chaos results. The Legislative branch of our government was formed to make the laws and the judicial branch was created to police those laws, and administrate those laws. But what has happened is that everybody wants to play lawmaker and in the Judicial branch we have seen the courts and other judicial branches of government have decided that they can make up their own rules and break the existing rules as they please. The BATF and the FBI and the CIA and other law enforcement agencies including the IRS have run amuck with making up their own laws or changing existing laws without proper legislative accord which must come from those who were elected to represent the people. And we have seen the Judicial courts, the Supreme court come to the place where they have decided that they are the interpreters of those laws and by doing so they have changed the meaning of those laws. Instead of the Rights to Life they have assented to the rights to murder innocent unborn children.

Since we looked at this subject of having an absolute in terms of what has happened to this country as a result of not having an absolute, I would now like to continue with this thought. And since we took our thoughts to the point of what the education in this country has become without having an absolute to guide it, I think it would be a good idea to expand on this thought today. Therefore this morning I want to examine the thought of this absolute that brother Branham is talking about and why it is so necessary

to teach our children and train our children about the need for this absolute in their lives as well.

[Deut 6: 4-9] KJV {7}NIV *Impress them on your children. Talk of them when you sit in your home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. {7} Amplified* *And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be first in your mind heart; then you shall whet and sharpen them, so to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.”* And so we see that to do so they were to place pictures and Scriptures and all sorts of things that the children will actually see with their eyes and when they see with their eyes it will have an influence in their minds and in their hearts.

Now let me tell you a true story about a little girl who was on her way home from school one day when she was approached by a man. I want you to notice how she was able to come out victorious in this situation. And I hope you will see by this story just how you should, and why you need to, give your children the proper training at home. A little girl, being asked by a priest to attend his religious instruction, refused, saying it was against her father’s wishes. The Priest said she should obey him, not her father. *‘Oh, sir, we are taught in the Bible, “Honor thy father and thy mother.”’* *“You have no business to read the Bible,”* said the priest. *“But sir, our savior said, ‘search the scriptures’” [John 5:39]* *“That was only to the Jews, and not to children, and you don’t understand it.”* said the priest in reply. *“But sir, Paul said to Timothy, ‘From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures,’” [2 Timothy 3:15].* *“Oh,”* said the priest, *“Timothy was being trained to be a bishop, and taught by the authorities of the Church.”* *“Oh, no, sir,”* said the child, *“he was taught by his mother and grandmother.”* On this the priest turned away, saying she *“knew enough of the Bible to poison a parish.” [Ezekiel 44:23-24]*

Exodus 20:3 tells us *I am the Lord thy God and thou shalt have no other gods.*

What does it mean *“I am the Lord thy God and thou shalt have no other gods.”* What does it mean to *have no other*? What is God trying to get across to the people by saying *no other*. He is letting us know that He is it. He stands alone and there is none that compare. There is none worthy of our worship, for the word God means an object of worship. And He is telling us *there can be no other*. In other words, He is the Ultimate, He is our *Absolute* and there can be no other absolute. And yet we find according to **John 1:1** tells us that *God is the Word*. And we know the Scripture teaches us that *As a man thinketh in His heart so is he and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh* and the Word of God then is God to us. The Word of God declares Who He is and therefore is Who He is. And so we find then that God’s Word is our God and no other God or no other Word shall be received as True worship. Jesus Himself said, *“God is Spirit, and they that Worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and In Truth.”*

And so without Truth, you can not worship God. And what Is Truth? In [John 17:17] Jesus was praying to God, His Father, and said, “*Sanctify them through Thy Truth, for Thy Word is Truth.*” His Word then is our absolute and our ultimate, and this is what we shall be hearing brother Branham bring to us as we read the next few paragraphs.

Our educational system in this country has run aground because we are so Laodicean in our approach as a nation. You say, what do you mean by that? What I mean is because we are rich and increased with goods we think that money is the answer to all our problems. If we have a social problem, what do we do? We throw money at the problem. Why? because we are so lazy as a nation. The average child receives over \$400 dollars in back to school clothes and -0- time dressing their minds with Truth, and Right-wise-ness to protect it from the liberal lies. [Deuteronomy 4: 8 - 10] [Matt 5:19][Psalm 86:11, 90:12, 143:10] [Isaiah 28:9]

That's why our educational system has run amuck, it's because the teachers unions control what is being taught and they have no True absolute, and so the teachers push the agenda's of the Liberal Unions and this has created chaos in American society. Children today are graduating from the public schools who can not even read. This nation spends more per student than any other nation in the world yet we are the last in value of education per dollar spend, even behind the lowest third world countries. And if you get a good teacher who tries to teach the children to learn, they will be ostracized by the other faculty members and the union will not support them because they are not following the unions manifest.

In fact I the National Federation of Teachers manifesto for 1995 and 1996 in which the gay agenda began being pushed forward as an acceptable lifestyle in the schools. The California teachers union put out a calendar of events for this year and it listed among the events, “**Coming out week**” and “**National aids awareness week,**” and some **Hindu holiday**, but it skipped *Thanks Giving* and *Christmas*. This shows who is in charge of the schools. Satan himself has become incarnate in the people and has taken over the minds of the people just as God's Presence has become incarnate in His Prophet in this hour and is taking over the minds of His People, His Elect.[Psalm 111:10, Prov 1:7, 9:10]

Now we all know this is the effects of a Godless society. But did you know that the Catholic church through the Society of Jesus (the Order of the Jesuits) has been planning the take over of the minds of this nation for well over a 100 years or more? I have 7 books in my possession that deal specifically with this subject and only one of them has been written in the past few years and that by a devout Catholic Malachi Martin. The other books are very old and in fact 3 of them were written around the turn of the century.

Pope Pius IX said in his Encyclical 45 “*The Roman church has a right to interfere in the discipline of the public schools, and in the arrangements of the studies of the public schools, and in the choice of teachers for these schools.*” **Pope Pius IX Encyclical -**

47: *“Education outside control of the Roman Catholic Church is a dangerous heresy... Public schools open to all children for the education of the young should be under the control of the Roman Catholic Church and should not be subject to the civil power, nor made to conform with the opinions of the age.”*

Quote from Catholic Priest in The Boston Advertiser: *“Catholics would not be satisfied with the public schools even if the Protestant Bible and every vestige of religious teaching were banished from them -”*

But the Catholic church has been trying to get government funding for their own schools since the mid 1800's and they will stop at nothing to get our tax dollars into their coffers. here is a sample of how they used the media back then to push for what tax funding of Catholic schools.

The New World (The official paper of the Archdiocese of Chicago, **February 6, 1904:** *Every school that does the work of education in a way to satisfy the requirements of the state in all the secular branches of instruction is entitled to state support, no matter what religious denomination the school managers may belong. ...In all justice, then, to religious schools, if they give the same amount of secular instruction as the others, then they are entitled to the same support for the secular instruction they give. Why not? Can any man except the unreasoning bigot see why they should not be treated alike? If, in addition to the secular instruction required by the state, the religious schools also teach religion because the parents want it, the state can have no objection. Because it will not be paying for the religious instruction, only the secular instruction. ... Let us take our stand on this platform, “The same pay for the same work.” That seems to offer tot he people of the United States the fairest solution of the school question.*

Back around 1900' **Cardinal McClosky** said: *“We must take part in elections. Move in solid mass in every state against the party pledged to sustain the integrity of the public schools.”*

President Garfield in His Acceptance letter, July 12, 1880: *“Next in importance to freedom and justice, is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained. It would be unjust to our people and dangerous to our institutions, to apply any portion of the revenue of the nation, or of the State, to the support of sectarian schools. The separation of the Church and the State, in everything relating to taxation should be absolute.”*

General Grant Des Moines, 1876: *“Encourage free schools and resolve that not one dollar appropriated to them shall be applied tot he support of any sectarian school. ‘*

Now, what I am trying to get across to us this morning is this, The Catholic church has been trying to destroy the Public schools in America for well over 100 years and they have finally prevailed. The Reverend Jeremiah Crowley Ex-Priest from Cincinnati, said in his book, **Romanism A menace to the Nation** written in 1912, the following:

I assert that it is the set purpose of the great majority of Roman Catholic Hierarchy in America to destroy, root and branch, the present system of America public schools. I believe the Catholic scheme to destroy the American Public schools has these among other phases:

- 1.) The bringing of the public school into contempt by characterizing it as godless, vicious, and a sink of corruption.*
- 2.) The securing of the Catholic Parochial school the largest possible share of the public school tax funds.*
- 3.) The encouraging of other sets to start sectarian schools and to demand public moneys in payment for the secular education of the children.*
- 4.) The securing of a Catholic majority on public school boards and on the teaching staff of the public schools in the hope of being able thereby to lower the tone of instruction and discipline in the public schools and thus bring public schools into disfavor.*
- 5.) securing the employment of nuns and monks as public school teachers.*
- 6.) The prevention of normal school training of public school teachers.*

By these and other means Catholic ecclesiastics hope to destroy the public school system, and to make the parochial school supreme. I have had many conversations with members of the American Catholic Hierarchy during the past eighteen years about the public and parochial schools in America. The ecclesiastical champions of the latter have stated that the insistent demand of the Catholic Hierarchy for a division of the public school money would eventually be granted; and that the American people would grow weary of the school contention and to escape it would adopt the Catholic view; that then every effort would be made to secure the largest grants of public money; that the other sects would, out of envy, demand similar grants for their various schools, and they would be encouraged by the Catholic dignitaries to press their claim; that the consequence would be the disruption of the public school system by the competition and antagonism of such sectarian bodies; and that the ultimate result would be the supremacy of the Catholic Church in secular teaching by virtue of her strong organization and great resources through her various teaching orders.

Abraham Lincoln 1864: *“The common people see and hear the big noisy wheels of Southern Confederacy’s cars, they call the Jeff Davis, Lee, Toombs, Beauregard, Semmes, etc., and they honestly think that they are the motive power, the first cause of our troubles. But it is a mistake. The True motive power is secreted behind thick walls of the Vatican, the colleges and schools of the Jesuits, the convents of the nuns and confessional boxes of Rome. There is a fact which is too much ignored by the American people, and with which I am acquainted only since I became President; it is that the best, the leading families of the South, have received their education in great part, if not in the whole, from Jesuits, and the nuns. Hence those degrading principles of slavery, pride, cruelty, which are as a second nature among so many of those people. Hence that*

strange want of fair play, humanity; that implacable hatred against ideas of equality and liberty, as we find them in the Gospel of Christ. You do not ignore that the first settlers of Louisiana, Florida, New Mexico, Texas, South Carolina and Missouri were Roman Catholics, and that their first teachers were Jesuits. It is true that those states have been conquered or bought by us since. But Rome has put the deadly virus of her anti-society and anti-Christian maxims into the veins of the people before they became American citizens. Unfortunately the Jesuits and the nuns have in great part remained the teachers of those people since. They have continued, in a silent, but most efficacious way, to spread their hatred against our institutions, our laws, our schools, our rights and our liberties, in such a way, that this terrible conflict became unavoidable, between the North and the South. As I told you before, it is Popery that we owe this terrible civil war. I would have laughed at the man who would have told me that before I became President. But Professor Morse has opened my eyes on that subject. And, now, I have seen that mystery; I understand that engineering of hell which, though not seen, nor even suspected by the country, is putting in motion the large, heavy and noisy wheels of the state cars of the Southern Confederacy. Our people are not yet ready to learn and believe those things, and perhaps it is not the proper time to initiate them to those dark mysteries of hell; it would throw oil on a fire which is already sufficiently destructive. You are almost the only one with whom I speak freely on that subject. But Sooner or later, the nation will know the real origin of those rivers of blood and tears, which are spreading desolation and death everywhere. And then, those who have caused those desolation's and disasters will be called to give an account of them. I do not pretend to be a prophet. But I see a very dark cloud on our horizon. And that dark cloud is coming from Rome. It is filled with tears of blood. It will rise and increase, till its flanks will be torn by a flash of lightning, followed by a fearful peal of thunder. Then a cyclone such as the world has never seen, will pass over this country, spreading ruin and desolation from north to South. After it is over, there will be long days of peace and prosperity: for Popery, with its Jesuits and merciless Inquisitions, will have been for ever swept away from our country. neither I nor you, but our children will see those things."

Cardinal Martinelli Papal delegate to America 1902: *"we know that there are many immortal priests and bishops, but still the laity have no right to interfere with the clergy; if the laity understand they have any rights, they will do in America as they once did in France during the Revolution, they will murder the clergy. In this independent country it would not be wise to let the laity understand they have any right to interfere in church matters: and one of the principal things we have against you, Father Crowley, is that you are enlightening the Catholic laity of this country as to their rights; the laity have no rights to expose their clergy, no matter how immoral they may be; the laity must be ignored; they must be crushed!"*