

Apologetics

A Catholic Understanding thru

Biblical References

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I. Introduction

1. Arch Bishop Fulton Sheen: "What unite us are oceans, what separates us are puddles!"
2. Everything we do, we do in God who is LOVE!!!!
3. Second Law of Thermodynamics: Proof of a God
4. Historical Jesus: circumstantial proof in Jesus being God
 - Jesus Life
 - His Apostles Live
5. Countless Biblical references: But family love.

II. Sola Scriptura

1. Not everything is in the Bible: John 21:25
2. But what it is the Truth: Anyone supporting Sola Scriptura notes it is the Bible Sacred Scripture: But that is not what the Bible says: 1Tim 3:15 says it is the Church! "But if I should be delayed, you know how to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth."
3. Nowhere in the Bible is it taught that theological principle is found only in the Bible. Just the opposite:
 - 2 Thes 2:15: "Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught, either by oral statement or by a letter of ours.
 - 1 Cor 11:1-2: "Be imitators of me, as I am in Christ. I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you"
4. And of course when Jesus left us, eh did not through down the Bible and leave. The Bible was compiled at the Synods at the Council of Hippo in 393AD and the Council of Carthage in 397 and 417AD. So there was no truth till then? Of course not, there was sacred Tradition and the Magisterium or what he Bible referred to as the "Truth"!

III. We call Our Priests "Fathers"

1. The Bible says in Mt 23:9 "Call no man Father, except your Father in heaven" ...yet we call our priests father...heresy! Not exactly, **Text without context is pretext!** Here Jesus is referring to hypocrites who are leading you away from God, not to God. There are countless examples of Father being used not in reference to our father in heaven.
2. Jesus himself uses it in Luke 16:24 referring to "Father Abraham" was Jesus confused?
3. Romans 4 1:18 Paul uses the word father 7x

4. Acts 7: 1-2 St. Steven calls the Apostles father and mentions Father Abraham as well!
5. 1John 2:13 also refers to the Church Hierarchy as fathers.
6. 1 Cor 4: 15 "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel"
7. We call our priests father BECAUSE it is Biblical.

IV. Sola Fide

1. Romans 3:28, St Paul writes "For we consider a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Many confuse this passage.
 - First Martin Luther adds "alone" the verse which St. Paul never wrote, to justify his faiths doctrine.
 - But again **text without context is pretext!** St. Paul is talking about works of the law, in this case circumcision. Read the text. It is obvious.
2. But the Bible does cover a works doctrine!
 - 1 James 18-24 (Go to Bible long passage). Only time faith alone is referenced! But it is NOT!
 - 1 James 26 also notes that faith without works is "dead".
 - The devil believes in God, is the devil in heaven
 - The Church is not saying one can work our way into heaven, but works through faith!

V. Purgatory

1. 1Cor 3: 10-15 Long Text Go to the Bible: We can be purified through Fire.

VI. The Doctrine of Mary

1. We believe Our Blessed Mom was sinless:
 - But what about these that refers to personal sin?:
 - Romans 3:10 – 12: "There is no one just,....all have gone astray"
 - Romans 3:23: "all have sinned"
 - 1 John 1:8-9: "Anyone who says they have not sinned is a liar!!!!"
 - Problem?
 - Was Jesus fully man? So an exception.
 - How about a baby in the womb? Another exception.
 - One who has serious mental incapacity? Another exception.
 - A one or two year old? Another exception!
 - Again text without context equals pretext!**
 - "All" does not always mean everyone, sometimes it means the vast multitudes.
 - In Mt 3:5 when he writes "All Judea and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him (John the Baptist) and were being baptized..." Was he really baptizing them all? He

could “Ker plunk” them that fast! Obviously it is absurd to think in this case all means everyone!

2. We pray to the Blessed Mom in the Hail Mary and other prayers!
 - We do because WE ARE Biblical!!!
 - Luke 1:28: “Hail (Mary) Full of Grace; Luke 1:41: Blessed are you among women; next part no Christian would have an issue with that, from there you are asking one in heaven to pray with us to God!
3. But you venerate a human being in Mary!
 - We precisely do that because again we ARE Biblical!
 - Luke 1; 48: All ages will call me Blessed? When was the last time you followed that instruction?
4. But you say she is a perpetual Virgin! What about other passages that reference Jesus’ brothers and sisters?
 - A common but weak argument is to note there was no Hebrew word for cousins.
 - Luke 2: 41-52: When Jesus was left at the Temple, Where are they?
 - But the strength lies at Jesus cross in John 19: 26-27. His last words!
5. The Assumption
 - Mt 27 52-53; Mary being arguably the greatest saint, this would be a safe assumption when we tie it to Rev 12:1 and Rev 11:19. The woman and the arc of the Covenant.

VII. Doctrine of the Eucharist

1. 1Cor 11: 17-34: Parady
2. John 6: 29-66 My flesh is true food...
3. Synoptic Institution Narratives

VIII. Doctrine of Confession

1. John 20: 21-23 Go to Bible for Passage
2. Mt 18:18 (in instructing the disciples: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”
3. 2 Cor 5:18: reminds us that the ministry of reconciliation comes from God: “ And all this comes from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation

IX. Doctrine of The Papacy

1. Mt 16: 16-18: Jesus gives Simon the keys to the Kingdom and calls him the “Rock” or Peter.
2. Historically if there is any doubt, St. Ignatius of Antioch between the years 105 and 110AD in an Epistle to the Romans referred to the primacy of the Bishop of Rome to resolve any disputes.