

Men Are Not Saved By Following Their Own Conscience

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Men are not saved by following their own consciences but by obeying all of God's commandments. Jesus says,

“If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” (Mt. 19:17)

Hence only men whose consciences are conformed to the will, commandments, and laws of God can be saved. Men, then, if they want to be saved must examine and form their consciences according to the objective truth taught by the law in their heart and by God through his Holy Catholic Church. Therefore, all men, if they want to be just and pleasing to God must first form their conscience according to God's laws.

When a man's conscience conforms to God's law, it is said to be good, a good or clean conscience. But when a man's conscience does not conform to God's law, it is said to be false, a false or deluded or evil or perverse or seared conscience; such as men who believe adultery or homosexuality is good:

“Let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with clean water.” (Heb. 10:22)

“A perverse heart [conscience] is abominable to the Lord; and his will is in them that walk sincerely.” (Prv. 11:20)

“Now the Spirit manifestly saith, that in the last times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to spirits of error, and doctrines of devils, Speaking lies in hypocrisy, and having their conscience seared.” (1 Tim. 4:1-2)

A man who has a false conscience believes that his conscience is good and right, but it is nevertheless evil and false and thus brings sin and death upon him:

“There is a way that seemeth to a man right and the ends thereof lead to death.” (Prv. 16:25)

“A generation that are pure in their own eyes [consciences], and yet are not washed from their filthiness.” (Prv. 30:12)

“Such is also the way of an adulterous woman who eateth and wipeth her mouth and saith: I have done no evil.” (Prv. 30:20)

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsels.” (Prv. 12:15)

Hence a man who has a false conscience believes he has a good conscience just as much as a man who has a good conscience believes he has a good conscience:

“Every way of a man seemeth right to himself, but the Lord weigheth the hearts.” (Prv. 21:2)

The only way, then, that a man can tell if he has a good conscience is to judge it according to the law in his heart and by God's other laws as taught by his Holy Catholic Church. The great St. Paul did not trust his own conscience. He said that just because he believes his conscience is good does not mean it is, as he is aware of the fact that men can be guilty of sins they do not want to acknowledge:

“For I am not conscious to myself of anything, yet I am not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord.” (1 Cor. 4:4)

That is why Catholics are told to pray to God for his grace so that they may honestly examine their consciences so as to reveal any sins they may be guilty of that they are hiding from themselves or are not aware of due to affected ignorance.

King David says, “Who can understand sins? From my secret ones cleanse me, O Lord.” (Ps. 18:13)

King Solomon says, “Who can say: My heart is clean, I am pure from sin?” (Prv. 20:9) “He that trusteth in his own heart, is a fool, but he that walketh wisely [according to God’s law], he shall be saved.” (Prv. 28:26)

Beware of the follow-your-own-conscience heretics who mistranslate 1 Cor. 4:4. Challoner’s mistranslation of the Vulgate’s 1 Corinthians 4:4 teaches the heresy that men are saved by following their own conscience:

Challoner’s mistranslation of the CV: “For I am not conscious to myself of anything, yet am I not hereby justified...”

The Clementine Vulgate says the opposite, that just because a man has nothing on his conscience (and thus follows his own conscience) that does not mean that he is justified:

Clementine Vulgate: “Nihil enim mihi conscius sum sed non in hoc iustificatus sum qui autem iudicat me Dominus est.” (1 Cor. 4:4)

English translation of the CV: “For I am not conscious to myself of anything, yet I am not hereby justified...” (1 Cor. 4:4)

This correct translation is used by all the Church Fathers and is in the Haydock and Confraternity Bibles:

St. Ambrose, *Ambrosiaster*, 4th century: “ ‘I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted.’ (1 Cor. 4:4)”

St. Augustine: “14. ... ‘For I am conscious of nothing in myself, but I am not hereby justified.’ (1 Cor. 4:4)”¹

Haydock Bible, 19th century: “For I am not conscious to myself of any thing: yet hereby I am not justified. (1 Cor. 4:4)”

Confraternity Bible, 1961: “For I have nothing on my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified. (1 Cor. 4:4)”

I will tell you a true story regarding a follow-your-own-conscience heretic, and I will give his real name because he was bold enough to publish his heresy in the Lord’s Day bulletin handed out in the church. His name is Fr. John Perricone and the church is The Church of St. Agnes at 143 East 43rd St., New York, NY. He is no longer at that church. He denied the Salvation Dogma and this is one of his heretical theologies that he used to defend his denial of the dogma. Two or three parishioners who held the Salvation Dogma were so shocked that they told me the story and showed me the evidence. The apostate Fr. Perricone said in the Bulletin that a pagan Aztec can be saved by offering up a human sacrifice to his false god because he was following his own conscience. When I saw the evidence, I told the parishioners to condemn him in person as was their duty. And they did. And instead of abjuring his heresy, he said (either to them or in another Bulletin) that if the pagan Aztec did not offer up a human sacrifice to his false god he could not be saved because he did not follow his own conscience regarding the dictates of his false religion and false god. There you have it folks, a very smart man who is too smart for his own breeches, so smart that he became insane:

“Be not more wise than is necessary, lest thou become stupid.” (Ectes. 7:17)

This is the curse all scholastics are under. And the apostate Fr. John Perricone is a scholastic and even bragged about how smart he was, as well as the five or so other priests that were at The Church of St. Agnes at that time, which was run by the apostate Monsignor Matthew Clark and one of the priests was the apostate Fr. George Rutler. Fr. Perricone said that he was fortunate to

¹ *Sermons on Selected Lessons of the New Testament*, Sermon 87 (137 Ben), The Tenth Chapter of The Gospel of John. Of the Shepherd and the Hireling.

be stationed in a church which had many genius priests like himself. A bunch of evil genius peas in one evil pod. Instead of multiplying good, these geniuses multiply evil and deception.

The apostate Thomas More (1477-1535) also denied the Salvation Dogma and was a follow-your-own-conscience heretic. (See RJMI book *The Hellenization of Christianity by the Anti-Church Fathers and Scholastics: ... Thomas More.*)

According to the follow-your-own-conscience [FOC] heretics, the following Bible verses must be changed:

Bible: "Thou wilt hear the voice of the Lord thy God to do and keep all his commandments which I command thee this day." (Deut. 28:1)

FOC Bible: "Thou wilt hear the voice of thy own conscience to do and keep all that it tells you."

Bible: Jesus says, "I am the way the truth and the life" (Jn. 14:6)

FOC Bible: "Men's consciences are the way the truth and the life."

Bible: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." (Mt. 19:17)

FOC Bible: "If though wilt enter into life, follow your own conscience."

And according to the follow-your-own-conscience heretics, the following infallible creed is heretical because it infallibly teaches that one of the things necessary for salvation is belief in the Catholic faith:

The Athanasian Creed (*Quicumque*), 4th century: "Whosoever willeth to be saved, needs above all to hold the Catholic faith... The Catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in unity... It is necessary for eternal salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ...that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man. ...This is the Catholic faith: everyone must believe it, firmly and steadfastly, otherwise he cannot be saved." (D. 39-40)

According to the heretics, men who follow their own conscience by believing in heresies or false religions or false gods can be saved and hence do not have to believe and profess the Catholic faith.

Lastly, on this topic, the follow-your-own conscience heretics follow the Satanic commandment of "Do what thou wilt is the whole of the law," which is contained in the Satanist Aleister Crowley's *Book of the Law*, 1904.

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