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Tom A. Nelson, owner of TAN Books, is a notorious apostate and heretic because he is a professed member of the Conciliar Church and refers to apostate, Antipope John Paul II as a pope, and the Conciliar (Vatican II) Church as the Catholic Church. This article will detail two heresies that he professes. Mr. Nelson ruins many of the good books he prints by adding his own erroneous, liberal, and heretical comments. One such example is the excellent book, “The Dogma of Hell,” by Rev. F. X. Schouppe, S. J., 1883, by Hickey & Co., “The Vatican Library,” Barclay Street, New York. Tom Nelson’s reprint includes a “Publisher’s Preface” and a Part Two “How to Avoid Hell” in which Tom expounds his own personal opinions in which lies the poison of heresy. He wraps his tainted comments around Fr. Schouppe’s good book “The Dogma of Hell” that is contained in Part One.

Teaches Schismatics are Catholic

Tom Nelson, Part Two, How to Avoid Hell, Chapter 1, Introduction, p. 150-152: (The Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches, covering basically Eastern Europe and the Northern part of Asia, still have the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Jesus Christ according to the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. For these two groups still have true and valid priests and bishops, still possess the full deposit of the Faith and are “Catholics” in every respect, except that they do not accept the leadership and authority of the Pope in Rome over the entire Church of Jesus Christ. For this reason they are called “schismatic,” i.e., separated or cut off from the Catholic Church. But in every other respect they are Catholic, and for purposes of referring to the sacramental or Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, they are understood for our purposes to be included in the term Catholic, though the Roman Catholic Church actually refers to them as the “Orthodox” Churches.)

Tom, being faithful to apostate Antipope Paul VI’s lifting of the anathema against the Greek Schismatics, will have the reader believe the Greek and Russian Schismatics are Catholics, and that their sin of schism is only a minor inconvenience. He teaches that even though they deny the papacy, “in every other respect they are Catholic.” How can one be Catholic if he denies the papacy? Tom teaches out of one side of his mouth that the schismatics are separated from the Church, and out of the other side that they are still Catholic. Tom cannot have it both ways. A man who is separated from the Church is not Catholic in any way, shape, or form. A schismatic is not Catholic, that is what Tom denies. He teaches they are Catholic, at least in some way, and leaves open the option in the readers mind that they are fully Catholic. Schismatics are outside the Catholic Church and are non-Catholics, they are not Catholic in any way, shape, or form. Tom holds the heresy of the Conciliar Church that teaches baptized non-Catholics are joined to the Church in a certain though imperfect manner, and are brothers in the faith.

Catechism of Trent: Hence there are but three classes of persons excluded from the Church’s pale: infidels, heretics, and schismatics, and excommunicated persons.¹

The fact that they have the valid sacraments makes them guilty of the additional crime of sacrilege.

¹ *Catechism of the Council of Trent*, art. IX, “The Parts of the Church, Those who are not members of the Church,”

Pope Leo XIII, *Exima Nos Laetitia*: From this it follows that schismatics cannot promise themselves and of the graces and fruits of the perpetual sacrifice and of the sacraments which, although they are sacrilegiously administered, are nonetheless valid and serve in some measure that form and appearance of piety which St. Paul mentions and which St. Augustine speaks of at greater length... "The corporal sacraments, which some keep and use outside the unity of Christ, can preserve the appearance of piety. But, the invisible and spiritual virtue of true piety cannot abide there any more than feeling can remain in an amputated member."

Pius IX, *Multis Gravibusque*: The Church is built on the rock of Peter, and he who eats the Lamb outside this holy dwelling is reprobate...He who eats the Lamb outside this Apostolic See has no part with God.

The acts of religious worship of the Greek and Russian Schismatics, as well as all schismatics who have valid orders, are superstitious.

Rev. Ignatius J. Szal, *The Communication of Catholics with Schismatics*: The acts of religious worship performed by schismatic sects are acts of superstitious worship and hence are illicit. This follows from the nature of superstition, which denotes either the worship of a false deity or the unlawful worship of the true deity.² Among schismatics there is indeed a worshipping of the true deity, but the worship is paid in a manner which is unlawful. The ministers are unauthorized to perform sacred rites, and there is scarcely a sect among schismatics that is not tainted with some heretical doctrine.³

Then, Tom, will have us believe that the Greek and Russian Schismatics do not profess any heresies. The Greek and Russian Schismatics are not just schismatics they are also heretics. They hold several heresies; the denial of Purgatory; the denial of the Immaculate Conception; the Iconoclast heresy that condemns the Catholic Church's use of statues; the denial of the Filioque that teaches the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and the Son, not just the Father. In spite of these FACTS, the heretic Tom Nelson tells us, "The Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches... possess the full deposit of the Faith." By making this statement alone Tom is guilty of all their heresies. Also to mention that after the Vatican Council's infallible definitions regarding the papacy, schismatics are also heretics on this point alone, as popes and many theologians teach.

Apostate Antipope Pope Pius IX,⁴ *Quartus Supra*, 1873: "13. Nor can the Eastern Churches preserve communion and unity of faith with Us without being subject to the Apostolic power in matters of discipline. Teaching of this kind is heretical, and not just since the definition of the power and nature of the papal primacy was determined by the ecumenical Vatican Council: the Catholic Church has always considered it such and abhorred it.

But Tom says, Schismatics "possess the full deposit of the Faith." Tom ends by saying, for his purposes he personally calls them Catholic, while admitting the Roman Catholic Church does not. So, Tom, placing himself above the Church, labels them Catholic. He stands condemned, as a most seductive heretic, by Pius IX for calling schismatics Catholic.

Apostate Antipope Pius IX, *Quartus Supra*, 1873: 6. The chief deceit used to conceal the new schism is the name of "Catholic." The originators and adherents of the schism presumptuously lay

² Footnote #8: aertyns-Damen, *Theologia Moralis secundum doctrinam S. Alfonsi de Liguori Doct. Ecclesiae* (13. ed., 2 vols., Romae: Marietti, 1939), I, n. 416, p. 314)

³ "The Communication of Catholics with Schismatics," Rev. Ignatius J. Szal, A.B., J.C.L., p.44, Imprimatur +D Cardinal Dougherty, Phil., April 2, 1948, Catholic University of America Canon Law Series #264, The Catholic University of America Press.

⁴ Pius IX lost the papal office in 1856. See RJMI article "Pius IX Denied the Salvation Dogma and Lost His Office." (Added in October 2011.)

claim to this name despite their condemnation by Our authority and judgment. It has always been the custom of heretics and schismatics to call themselves Catholics and to proclaim their many excellences in order to lead peoples and princes into error... 8 ...For any man to be able to prove his Catholic faith and affirm that he is truly a Catholic, he must be able to convince the Apostolic See of this. For this See is predominant and with it the faithful of the whole Church should agree... 9 ...All these traditions dictate that whoever the Roman Pontiff judges to be a schismatic for not expressly admitting and reverencing his power must stop calling himself Catholic.

Pius IX condemns Tom of deceit and heresy for referring to the Schismatics as Catholics. What purpose is Tom's personal defense of the Schismatics serving? His purpose is to make the reader believe they are Catholic, acceptable to God, and can achieve salvation when they die. It also attempts to justify apostate, Antipope John Paul II and the Conciliar Church's false ecumenism with the schismatics.

Teaches the Implicit Faith Heresy

While verbally professing to believe in it, Tom craftily denies the dogma "No salvation outside the Catholic Church." He teaches the heresy that those who never heard the Word of God can be saved by an implicit faith.

Tom Nelson, Ibid: There is a famous saying in the Catholic Church that goes, "Outside the Church there is no salvation." ...Now the Catholic Church teaches—in connection with this doctrine that there is no salvation outside the Church—that there exists a "baptism of desire" and a "baptism of blood." ...implicit in Baptism of Desire is the condition that, if the person knows that the Catholic Church is the One True Church established by God, he would join it. Having received God's life (Sanctifying Grace) in his soul through Baptism of Desire, he will be saved if he stays in the state of grace.

How can a man desire what he does not know? Faith comes by hearing. How can a man be in a state of grace while worshipping a false god and practicing a false religion, which is the sin of idolatry? "*The ...unbelieving and the ...idolaters ...shall have their portion in the pool burning with fire and brimstone.*" (Apoc. 21:8) Tom teaches that those who do not know of the Catholic Church and of the sacrament of baptism can be justified and saved, and that is heresy. It is a denial of the dogma "No salvation outside the Catholic Church." He teaches those who live and die worshipping false gods and practicing false religions can be justified and saved.

Teaches Absolute Unbelief can Save those who hear the Word of God

Tom also teaches that absolute unbelief by one who hears the Word of God is not a crime, and is not an obstacle to his salvation.

Tom Nelson, Ibid: Despite these two possibilities for salvation (i.e. Baptism of Desire and Baptism of Blood) for those not officially (i.e. sacramentally) baptized as Catholics, it nonetheless remains necessary for salvation that one join the Catholic Church if he comes to the knowledge that the Catholic Church is the Church which Christ has founded and which He expects everyone to join in order to be saved. ...And if a person... even suspects that the Catholic Church might be the Church which God has founded, that person is duty-bound to investigate its claims to determine whether or not they are true. If he suspects it is God's true Church and fails to investigate it to be certain, he is liable for his own damnation. If he investigates and finds them true, but fails to join, he is again liable to his own damnation. If he investigates but cannot see that they are true, because he did not receive the grace of conversion from Almighty God, he may still be able to save his soul—if he has true Baptism of Desire and leads a life free from mortal sins."

Tom teaches that only those who do believe or suspect that the Church is necessary and do not enter Her are guilty of sin. While those who hear the Word of God and do not believe and suspect that the Church is necessary are not guilty of the sin of unbelief and can be saved. He has thus rendered absolute unbelief by those who hear the Word of God as no longer a sin. The truth is that those who are in absolute unbelief are further from God than those who suspect the Church may be the true Church outside of which there is no salvation. What does the Word of God teach us about the sin of unbelief? *“He that doth not believe is already judged. (Jn 3:18) He who does not believe is condemned. (Mk. 16:16) They could not enter in, because of unbelief.” (Heb. 3:19)*

Tom has attempted to denude God’s actual grace of its power and has exalted man’s deficient will. He has made a mockery of God’s grace, His Omnipotence (power), and Omniscience (foreknowledge). *“Certain men are secretly entered in... ungodly men, turning the grace of our Lord God into riotousness.” (Jude 1:4)* If God sees a man is of good will he never deny him the necessary grace he needs to come to the knowledge of the truth, and then to believe in it, and then to get baptized and enter the Catholic Church. It is that simple. Either God can do this, or as Tom would have us believe, God cannot do this in certain cases. In the last sentence Tom says “If he investigates but cannot see that they are true, because he did not receive the grace of conversion from Almighty God, he may still be able to save his soul.” He heretically and blasphemously teaches that although God does not give a man the “grace of conversion” that he, Tom Nelson, promises this man he can still be saved. Either Tom must search for a source of grace that does not come from God, because God did not grant the man the grace of conversion, or Tom must profess the Pelagian heresy that teaches men can come to God without His grace. If God does not give a man the grace of conversion, then who is Tom Nelson, that he grants conversion to this same man? Is not Tom judging God? Is not Tom saying to God, “Why did you not give this man grace? Did you not know he was of good will? I, Tom Nelson, will make up for your deficiency, God, and find another door for him to enter Heaven. *“Amen, amen, I say to you: He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold but climbeth up another way, the same is a thief and a robber.” (Jn. 10:1)* God closes the door to this man by not offering him the grace of conversion and Tom opens another. Woe to you Tom A. Nelson, dirt and dust that you are. Woe to you for standing in judgment against God’s judgments. Woe to you for playing God by attempting to open doors to Heaven that do not exist. I say triple abomination to Tom. A. Nelson, and his like. Woe to you, for you are among the worse sinners on earth. Unless you repent, convert, and abjure you shall surely go down to the deepest pits of everlasting hell. Yes, the hell Fr. Schoupe so perfectly describes in his good book that you have tainted by your vain, liberal, erroneous, and heretical comments.

Pope Pius IX, *Singulari Quadem*, 1854: “Not without sorrow we have learned that another error, no less destructive, has taken possession of some parts of the Catholic world, and had taken up its abode in the souls of many Catholics who think that one should have good hope of eternal salvation of all those who have never lived in the true Church of Christ. Therefore they are wont to ask very often what will be the lot and condition after death of those who have not submitted in any way to the Catholic faith, and by bringing forward most vain reasons, they make a response favorable to their false opinion.”

Pope Pius XII, *Humani Generis*, 1950: “27. ... Some reduce to a meaningless formula the necessity of belonging to the True Church in order to gain eternal salvation. 28. These and like

errors, it is clear, have crept in among certain of Our sons who are deceived by imprudent zeal for souls or by false science.