

SAINT PETER

THE FIRST SUCCESSOR TO OUR MERCIFUL LORD JESUS CHRIST



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Foreward:

Few Catholics realize that *The Book of John* ends with **The Last Prophecy of Jesus**. It predicts the death of Peter, The First Catholic Pope (John 21:18):

“I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and someone else will put a belt around you and take you where you do not want to go.”

That is a ***Very Unusual Prophecy!*** Did it come true?

An ancient, Catholic Tradition tells us Peter asked to be crucified upside down because he was *“not worthy of being crucified as Jesus was”*. The executioners realized: *“This will be the most fun we’ve ever had in a Crucifixion!”*

One of the executioners saw the obvious problem: *“The weight of Peter’s body will pull the nails through his hands and feet. He will fall off the cross and not suffer as long. We could end up being crucified, ourselves!”*

Peter realized The Last Prophecy of Jesus from John 21:18 about *“putting a belt around him”* could be fulfilled! He told the executioners: *“Put **a belt** around me to hold my body onto the cross. Then, the center of my body will suffer as well.”* The executioners put **“a belt”** around Peter to secure him to The Cross. He spent more time in agony while being *“crucified upside down”*.

Only Catholics realize that The First Pope asked the executioners to crucify him upside down because **they** would fulfill The last Prophecy of Jesus and ***“stretch out his hands and put a belt around him”***.

Catholics thank God for letting **us** see that miraculous detail in The Power of Jesus to Speak The Catholic Church Into Being more clearly than *Victims of Protestantism* can understand.



Introduction

In this short book, Catholics focus on the fact that many avoid: Out of half a billion men in the world, Jesus Christ personally chose St. Peter to be The First Pope of The Only Church Spoken Into Being by This Word of Jesus:

"And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven."

What is the *"interesting idea"*?

Catholics know that every cell in our body, 25-35,000,000,000,000 trillion of them, was put in place by atoms in the DNA molecules provided by our parents.

That is why Catholics see that our Faith makes *"changes"* our DNA. The First Pope seems to confirm that in both of The Bible Books he wrote, *1st Peter* and *2nd Peter*.

See if we agree!

How do we know that Earth's Last Age began when Peter genetically replaced Abraham as *"The Father of a Multitude"*? We ask simple questions!

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Question 1: "When did '*The Age of Abraham*' begin?"

Answer: "The DNA of eight people survived The Flood in Noah, Shem, Ham, Japeth, and their wives. God's teaching about Abraham's DNA from Ezekiel 16:3 gives us God's clear message about some of his ancestors: *'Your father was an Amorite. Your mother was a Hittite.'* Both peoples were descended from Noah's son, Ham, and his wife, Na'eltama'uk."

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Question 2: "Where did that DNA take human form more pleasing to God?"

Answer: "The introduction to Peter's Ancestors begins in Genesis 11. Abraham, a descendant of Noah through his son Shem, lived with his family in Ur of The Chaldees, in Iraq. Abraham left Ur with his father, Terah, his wife, Sarah, and his nephew, Lot. They stayed in Haran until Terah died.

The specific DNA facts are in Genesis 12:1-3 *'Now The Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, your kindred, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; and I will make your name great, so that it will be a blessing. And I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you will I curse, and all the families of the land will be blessed because of you.'*

God's promise that Abraham's DNA would have a good effect on *'all the families of the land.'* tells us that **'all'** the families on earth could choose to benefit by being in *'the multitude'* of those who would follow Peter. Jesus

appointed Peter as The Spiritual Father of the largest '*multitude*' in The History of The World."

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Question 3: "Where did Abraham's ancestors originate?"

Answer: "Judith 5:6-9 tells us: *'The Jews are descended from the Chaldeans. At one time they lived in Mesopotamia, because they would not follow the gods of their fathers, who were in Chaldea. For they had left the ways of their ancestors, and they worshipped the God of Heaven, the God they had come to know; hence the the Chaldeans drove them out from the presence of their gods and they fled to Mesopotamia and lived there for a long time. Then, their God commanded them to leave the place where they were living and go to the land of Canaan.'*"

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Question 4: "Who was living in Canaan at the time?"

Answer: "Nearly a dozen tribes from Noah, including the Hittites and the Amorites."

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Question 5: "Did Moses and Joshua know they were following Abraham when they led The Twelve Tribes back to Canaan?"

Answer: "Joshua 24:2-3: *'And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Your ancestors lived of old beyond the Euphrates: Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan.'"*

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Question 6: "Did God tell Abraham to worship Him and not 'graven images'?"

Answer: "'The Book of Jubilees' is not in Catholic Scripture, but does give us interesting facts, including the name of Ham's wife, Na'eltama'uk.

Relevant Passages include 11:16-17, 12:2, and 6-7. *'Abraham began to realize the errors of the land that everyone was going astray after graven images and after impurity -- And he began to pray to the Creator of all so that He might save him from the errors of mankind. -- And he said to his father, 'What help or advantage do we have from these idols...? Worship the God of Heaven.'* -- *And his father said to him: 'Be silent my son, lest they kill you.'"*

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Question 7: "Were the leaders of The Twelve Tribes descended from Jacob?"

Answer: "*The Book of Judith 5:6-9* tells us that David's great-grandmother, Ruth, was a Moabite descended from Abraham's nephew, Lot. (*Ruth 4:17–22*)

Today, we can see how Peter replaced Abraham as "*The Father of a Multitude*" in God's New Testament. Catholic DNA was brought into alignment with The Holy Orders Peter passed on from Jesus Christ: "*And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.*"

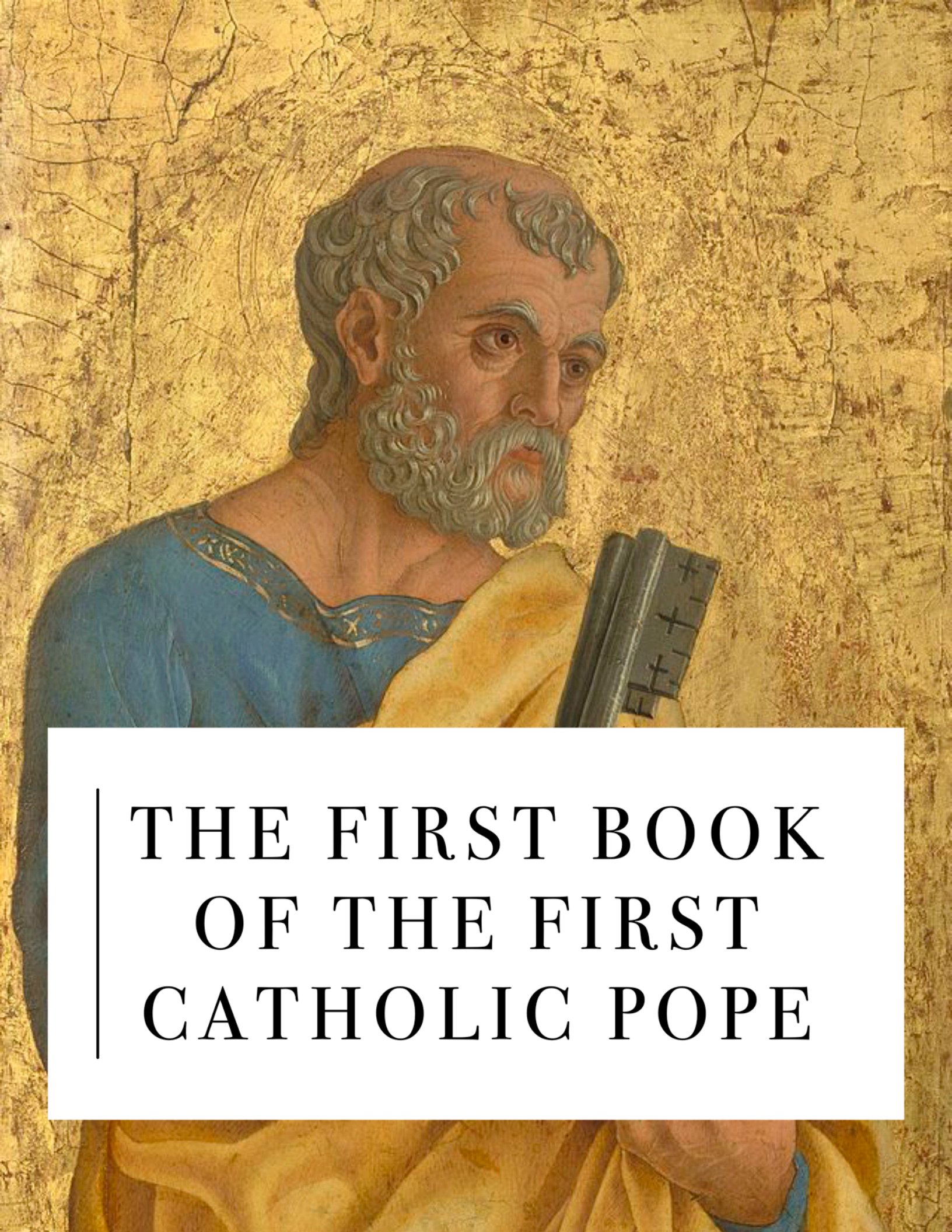
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Question 8: “When did The Age of Jesus begin?”

Answer: The Immaculate Conception of Mary allowed her to have The Son of God conceived in Her Holy Womb by The Power of The Holy Spirit.

Just as The Father began to Speak Creation Into Being by saying “*Let there be light.*”, The Son Spoke One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church Into Being with His Church-Creating Word to The First Pope:

“And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.”



THE FIRST BOOK
OF THE FIRST
CATHOLIC POPE

1 Peter - Chapter 1:

1. *Peter, apostle of Jesus Christ, to all those living as aliens in the Dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen,* (Most of those lands had been taken over by Rome after having been ruled by Hittites, Assyrians, Greeks, and Persians, among others. The Catholics to whom The First Pope is Speaking are the people who were '*chosen to be dispersed*' as they sought safety from persecution by those hostile to The Catholic Faith.)

2. *in the foresight of God the Father, to be made holy by The Spirit, obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.* (Being "*sprinkled with His Blood*" describes the taking of Catholic Communion. That changes The DNA molecules of those chosen to receive *That Holy Food*. Were one or more molecules in every Catholic's DNA "*upgraded*" to let us be among those "*chosen*" to have His "*Grace and peace*"?)

3. *Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who in His great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead* (Could we have a "*new birth*" into a "*living hope*" without having our DNA "*upgraded*" to be "*born again*" with the DNA '*upgrade*' that gives Catholics that "*new birth*"?)

4. *and into a heritage* (It is obvious that only those whose DNA is "*upgraded*" can "*inherit*" His "*heritage*"!) *that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away. It is reserved in heaven for you*

5. *who are being kept safe by God's power through faith until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the final point of time. (God's Power works within those whose DNA has been changed to allow them to be among those able to "inherit" His "inheritance" at God's Final Judgment.)*

6. *This is a great joy to you, even though for a short time yet you must bear all sorts of trials;*

7. *so that the worth of your faith, more valuable than gold, which is perishable even if it has been tested by fire, may be proved -- to your praise and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

8. *You have not seen Him, yet you love Him, and still without seeing Him you believe in Him and so are already filled with a joy so glorious (Only those blessed to be Catholic may be "filled with a joy so glorious" by receiving His Body and Blood by The Miracle of Transubstantiation that takes place at every Catholic Mass.) that it cannot be described;*

9. *and you are sure of the goal of your faith, that is, the salvation of your souls. (Only Catholics conceive of the fact that our DNA may be "upgraded" so much that it can be "sanctified" by receiving His Body and Blood from a God Powerful enough to provide that Holy Transformation.)*

10. *This salvation was the subject of the search and investigation of the prophets who spoke of the grace you were to receive,*

11. *searching out the time and circumstances for which the Spirit of Christ, bearing witness in them, was revealing the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow them.*

12. *It was revealed to them that it ('it' is the possibility of changing the essence of our being by "upgrading" molecules in our DNA) was for your sake and not their own that they were acting as servants delivering the message which has now been announced to you by those who preached to you the gospel through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even the angels long to catch a glimpse of these things. (The "upgrade" begins to be downloaded by The Holy Spirit into the DNA of those who become "believers" at the Sacrament of Baptism, one of Christ's "keys to The Kingdom of Heaven".)*

13. *Your minds, then, must be sober and ready for action; put all your hope in the grace (that "upgrades" your DNA) brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

14. *Do not allow yourselves (your original DNA) to be shaped by the passions of your old ignorance, (that came from our mind and body produced by the "old DNA".)*

15. *but as obedient children, (All meaningfully 'obedient children' live by the DNA "upgrades" with which we have been blessed) be yourselves holy in all your activity, after the model of the Holy One (Whose DNA is perfect in form and alignment, down to the tiniest electron within every atom of His DNA molecules.) Who calls us,*

16. *since scripture says, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'*

17. *And if you address as Father (God is “The Father”. Mary and The Church are our “Mother” Who provide our DNA "upgrades".) Him who judges without favoritism according to each individual's deeds, live out the time of your exile here in reverent awe.*

18. *For you know that the price of your ransom from the futile way of life handed down from your ancestors (They were not blessed with as much soul-elevating DNA, but who may be blessed with that "upgrade" by our prayers for them.) was paid, not in anything perishable like silver or gold,*

19. *but in precious blood as of a blameless and spotless lamb, Christ. (Our DNA "upgrades" can keep us as 'blameless and spotless lambs' of God!)*

20. *He was marked out before the world was made, and was revealed at the final point of time for your sake. (Trillions of lightyears of History were spoken Into Being to let Catholics know how special we are to God as His continually expanding universe rolls out over at least 13 trillion lightyears of distance.)*

21. *Through Him you now have faith in God, Who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory for this very purpose -- that your faith and hope should be in God.*

22. *Since by your obedience to the truth you have purified yourselves (And, were chosen to be made worthy of "upgrading" our DNA) so that you can experience the genuine love of brothers, (who share the same, "upgraded" DNA) and love each other intensely from the heart;*

23. *for your new birth was not from any perishable seed but from imperishable seed, the living and enduring Word of God. (That is what “upgrades” Catholic DNA!)*

24. *For all humanity is grass, and all its beauty like the wild flower's. As grass withers, the flower fades,*

25. *but the Word of the Lord remains forever. And this Word is the Good News that has been brought to you. (Upgrading our DNA molecules puts every part of our mind and body in such good alignment with The Father that He will let us into Heaven.)*

1 Peter - Chapter 2:

1. *Rid yourselves, then, of all spite, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and carping criticism.* (Remove all "downgrades" to our DNA molecules.)
2. *Like new-born babies all your longing should be for milk -- the unadulterated spiritual milk -- which will help you to grow up to salvation,* (Catholic Communion helps us "grow up to salvation"!)
3. *at any rate if you have tasted that the Lord is good.* (The First Pope is speaking to those who receive Catholic Communion.)
4. *He is the living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen by God and precious to Him; set yourselves close to Him* ("close" enough to receive His Actual Body and Blood in Catholic Communion!)
5. *so that you, too, may be living stones making a spiritual house* (God's "Spiritual House" is His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church where we live after our DNA has been "upgraded".) *as a holy priesthood to offer the spiritual sacrifices made acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*
6. *As scripture says: Now I am laying a stone in Zion, a chosen, precious cornerstone and no one who relies on this will be brought to disgrace.* (That "cornerstone" is The Catholic Church, God's eternal source of the DNA "upgrades" that let Catholics be Catholic!)

7. *To you believers it brings honor. But for unbelievers, it is rather a stone, (People used to seek a "Philosopher's Stone" that would turn metal into gold. God's Holy Version of that is "The Cornerstone" that "upgrades" our DNA enough to let us be among "the children of God".) which the builders rejected that became a cornerstone,*

8. *a stumbling stone, a rock to trip people up. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the Word; it was the fate in store for them. (Failure to meaningfully believe God's Power to "Upgrade our DNA" with The Catholic Sacraments brings people to "the fate in store for" those who reject The DNA "Upgrades" that Jesus died to provide.)*

9. *But you are a chosen race, (of people whose DNA was "upgraded") a kingdom of priests, (Catholics know that His Catholic priests are both "kings" and "priests" in The Kingdom of God on earth and in Heaven!) a holy nation, a people set apart (Truly, the 'children of God'.) to be a (God's!) personal possession to sing the praises of God Who called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.*

10. *Once you were a non-people (with the common, ordinary DNA of the rest of the world's people) and now you are the People of God; once you were outside his pity; now you have received pity. (His "pity" for repentant Catholics lets us have the "upgrade" in our DNA to let us be among "The people of God"!)*

11. *I urge you, my dear friends, as strangers and nomads, to keep yourselves free from the disordered natural inclinations that attack the soul. (May we pray to be saved from the vanity that leads many to follow The Profiteers of*

Protestantism and believe that we know more than God about where and how Jesus wants His “chosen people” to worship Him.)

12. *Always behave honorably among gentiles so that they can see for themselves what moral lives you lead, and when the day of reckoning comes, give thanks to God for the things which now make them denounce you as criminals. (Many who reject God's "upgrade" for their DNA hate those of us who are blessed by His "pity". (We must not give our watchful neighbors excuses to not be Catholic.)*

13. *For the sake of the Lord, accept the authority of every human institution: the emperor, as the supreme authority,*

14. *and the governors as commissioned by him to punish criminals and praise those who do good.*

15. *It is God's will that by your good deeds, you should silence the ignorant talk of fools. ("Fools" will not listen to reasonable words about The Power of God. They are sometimes cured of "foolishness" by seeing good examples of holiness in Catholics.)*

16. *You are slaves of no one except God, so behave like free people, and never use your freedom as a cover for wickedness. ("Fools" are smart enough to notice every time that we live in the hypocrisy of claiming to be Catholics while choosing to commit sins.)*

17. *Have respect for everyone and love for your fellow-believers; fear God and honor the emperor.*

18. *Slaves, you should obey your masters respectfully, not only those who are kind and reasonable but also those who are difficult to please. (Catholics know what a test of faith **that** can be!)*

19. *You see, there is merit if, in awareness of God, you put up with the pains of undeserved punishment;*

20. *but what glory is there in putting up with a beating after you have done something wrong? The merit in the sight of God is in putting up with it patiently when you are punished for doing your duty.*

21. *This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow in His steps.*

22. *He had done nothing wrong, and had spoken no deceit. (That is exactly what makes those crippled by sin avoid Him!)*

23. *He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when He was suffering He made no threats but put His trust in the upright judge. (Catholics see that "upright" is composed of two meaningful words that describe The Judge: "up" and "right".)*

24. *He was bearing our sins in His own body on the cross, so that we might die to our sins and live for uprightness; through His bruises you have been healed.*

25. *You had gone astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. "Though we may "go astray" and "downgrade our DNA", we may be "healed" and restored by The Sacraments of Confession and Absolution."*



1 Peter - Chapter 3:

1. *In the same way, you wives should be obedient to your husbands. Then, if there are some husbands who do not believe The Word, they may find themselves won over, without a word spoken, by the way their wives behave, (Catholics know this happens to many.)*

2. *when they see the reverence and purity of your way of life.* (As a once-married man, the widowed Peter knew from personal experience that men could be led by their wives to do good. Her dying words to him may have been, "Love and obey God, my Lord." That was one reason Jesus chose him to be the Leader of The Church He Spoke Into Being with His Holy Word. Peter's experience let him reach the women who make up half the world's population and know their job is to help get their husbands and families into Heaven.)

3. *Your adornment should be not an exterior one, consisting of braided hair or gold jewellery or fine clothing,* (Catholic women know that the accouterments of beauty are as useless as they are expensive.)

4. *but the interior disposition of the heart, consisting in the imperishable quality of a gentle and peaceful spirit, so precious in the sight of God.* (May every woman on earth be blessed with a "gentle and peaceful spirit" and be "precious in the sight of God." And, their husbands!)

5. *That was how the holy women of the past dressed themselves attractively -- they hoped in God and were submissive to their husbands;*

6. *like Sarah, who was obedient to Abraham, and called him her lord. You are now her children, as long as you live good lives free from fear and worry. (Catholic women know: The more they honor their husbands, the harder they will try to take better care of their families.)*



7. *In the same way, husbands must always treat their wives with consideration in their life together, respecting a woman as one who, though she may be the weaker partner, is equally an heir to the generous gift of life. This will prevent anything from coming in the way of your prayers. (Anger between spouses keeps both from being as close to God. Only the devil fans the flames of anger in families.)*

8. *Finally: you should all agree among yourselves and be sympathetic; love the brothers, have compassion and be self-effacing. (Do not get into arguments by exalting ourselves and our opinions above those of others.)*

9. *Never repay one wrong with another, or one abusive word with another; instead, repay with a blessing. That is what you are called to do, so that you inherit a blessing. (If we curse and abuse others, **that** will be our "inheritance"!)*

10. *Anyone who wants to have a happy life and to enjoy prosperity must guard your tongue from evil, your lips from any breath of deceit.*

11. *Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.* (Again, The First Pope is sharing Universal, Catholic Truth.)

12. *For the eyes of the Lord are on the upright, His ear turned to their cry. But the Lord's face is set against those who do evil.* (And, Peter is telling us to avoid God's anger.)

13. *No one can hurt you if you are determined to do only what is right;*

14. *and blessed are you if you have to suffer for being upright. Have no dread of them; have no fear.*

15. *Simply proclaim the Lord Christ holy in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you have.* (We should **always** have This “answer ready” to share “the Reason for hope we have” in the Church-Creating Word of Jesus **to** The First Catholic Pope!

“And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.”

16. *But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their accusations.*

17. *And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.*

18. *Christ Himself died once and for all for sins, the upright for the sake of the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body He was put to death, in the spirit He was raised to life,*

19. *and, in the spirit, He went to preach to the spirits in prison. (“prison” symbolizes everyone trapped by any vanity that keeps them from “the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven”.)*

20. *They (early Protestants) refused to believe long ago, while God patiently waited to receive them, in Noah's time when the ark was being built. In it only a few, that is eight souls, were saved through water.*

21. *It is the baptism corresponding to this water which saves you now -- not the washing off of physical dirt but the pledge of a good conscience given to God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

22. *Who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, with angels, ruling forces and powers subject to Him. (Only Catholics begin to conceive of The Power of “the Heavenly Host”!)*

1 Peter - Chapter 4:

1. *As Christ has undergone bodily suffering, you too should arm yourselves with the same conviction, that anyone who has undergone bodily suffering has broken with sin, (When we suffer for defending God's Truth, we show God, and ourselves, that we have "broken" with sin.)*
2. *because for the rest of life on earth, that person is ruled not by human passions but only by the will of God. (If we choose to later fall into sin, "the rest of our life on earth" will not be ruled by God's Will.)*
3. *You spent quite long enough in the past living the sort of life that gentiles choose to live, behaving in a debauched way, giving way to your passions, drinking to excess, having wild parties and drunken orgies and sacrilegiously worshipping false gods. (Time to grow up!)*
4. *So people are taken aback that you no longer hurry off with them to join this flood which is rushing down to ruin, and then abuse you for it. (This describes the hostility directed to Catholics from those who proudly march along "the broad path to destruction" described in Mt. 7:13.)*
5. *They will have to answer for it before the judge who is to judge the living and the dead.*
6. *And this was why the gospel was brought to the dead as well, so that, though in their bodies they had undergone the judgment that faces all humanity, in their spirit they might enjoy the life of God. (This happened when Jesus "descended into Hell", as we learn from The Apostle's Creed.)*

7. *The end of all things is near, so keep your minds calm and sober for prayer.* (In that short sentence, St. Peter describes the purpose of every Catholic's life on earth.)

8. *Above all preserve an intense love for each other, since love covers over many a sin.*

9. *Welcome each other into your houses without grumbling.* (We see that Peter had a profound understanding of our nature!)

10. *Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others.* (Catholics obey The Command to "Love God and our neighbors as ourselves" because we see that each of us was given our gifts by God, Himself, when He downloaded The DNA Program that makes each person our unique "gift" to His Creation Program.)

11. *If anyone is a speaker, let it be as the words of God, if anyone serves, let it be as in strength granted by God; so that in everything God may receive the glory, through Jesus Christ, since to Him alone belong all glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.* **(Every Catholic knows how important it is to make our words and deeds pleasing to God.)**

12. *My dear friends, do not be taken aback at the testing by fire which is taking place among you, as though something strange were happening to*

you; (All who are blessed to be "*tested by the many kinds of fire*" must see what a common occurrence it is!)

13. but in so far as you share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, so that you may enjoy a much greater gladness when His glory is revealed. (No explanation needed!)

14. If you are insulted for bearing Christ's name, blessed are you, for on you rests the Spirit of God, the Spirit of glory. (Since the word "Catholic" means "universal", Catholics are the most blessed people in Creation!)

15. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; (Note that The First Pope puts the crime of being a tattle-tale along with the crimes of "murderers, thieves, and criminals"!)

16. but if any one of you should suffer for being a Christian, then there must be no shame but thanksgiving to God for bearing this name.

*17. The time has come for the judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who refuse to believe God's gospel? (Catholics have a duty to remind lapsed Catholics to obey The Church-Creating Decree with Which Jesus Christ SPOKE His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church Into Being: "*And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.*"*

Catholics know! “*The Father said ‘Let there be light, and there was light.’*”
The Son said, ‘*Let there be The Catholic Church,* and She Still Stands! The Holy Spirit let it happen! The Holy Trinity at Work!)

18. *If it is hard for the upright to be saved, what will happen to the wicked and to sinners?* (That is a question that no unrepentant "*wicked person*" or "*sinner*" wants to face.)

19. *So even those whom God allows to suffer should commit themselves to a Creator Who is trustworthy, and go on doing good.* (May we all be blessed to never lose our "*commitment*" to God.)

1 Peter - Chapter 5:

1. *I urge the elders among you, as a fellow-elder myself and a witness to the sufferings of Christ, and as one who is to have a share in the glory that is to be revealed:*

2. *give a shepherd's care to the flock of God that is entrusted to you: watch over it, not simply as a duty but gladly, as God wants; not for sordid money, but because you are eager to do it.* Catholics are blessed to not be looted by Profiteers of Protestantism who are addicted to “sordid money” because our priests and religious take Vows of Poverty, Celibacy, and Obedience to let them live as Jesus did.)

3. *Do not lord it over the group which is in your charge, but be an example for the flock.* (God believes “Humility” is better than “arrogance” and is specifically manifested by *The Vow of Obedience* taken by our Blessed Catholic priests and religious.)

4. *When the chief shepherd appears, you will be given the unfading crown of glory.* (“chief shepherd” is a Very Catholic Way of describing God and His Superior Position to Popes, Bishops, priests, religious, and every Catholic on earth!)

5. *In the same way, younger people, be subject to the elders. Humility towards one another must be the garment you all wear constantly, because God opposes the proud but accords his favor to the humble.* (“in the same way” means that those who obey Verse 5 will receive “the unfading crown of glory” promised in Verse 4!)

6. *Bow down, then, before the power of God now, so that He may raise you up in due time;*

7. *unload all your burden on to Him, since He is concerned about you.* (This is a call to confess our sins and “*unload all our burden*” to Catholic priests at Confession! They are the only people on earth to whom God has given This Power: “*Those whose sins you forgive on earth are forgiven in Heaven.*” (John 20:23). It is so important that The First Pope mentions it!)

8. *Keep sober and alert, because your enemy the devil is on the prowl like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.* (Good, simple advice with which all may guide our lives!)

9. *Stand up to him, strong in faith and in the knowledge that it is the same kind of suffering that the community of your brothers throughout the world is undergoing.* (Every Catholic and Catholic Family, Parish, and Diocese is the ‘boat in Mt. 8:23-27 that is ‘swamped by waves’ from those who hate Jesus, His Church, and us, just for being Catholic.)

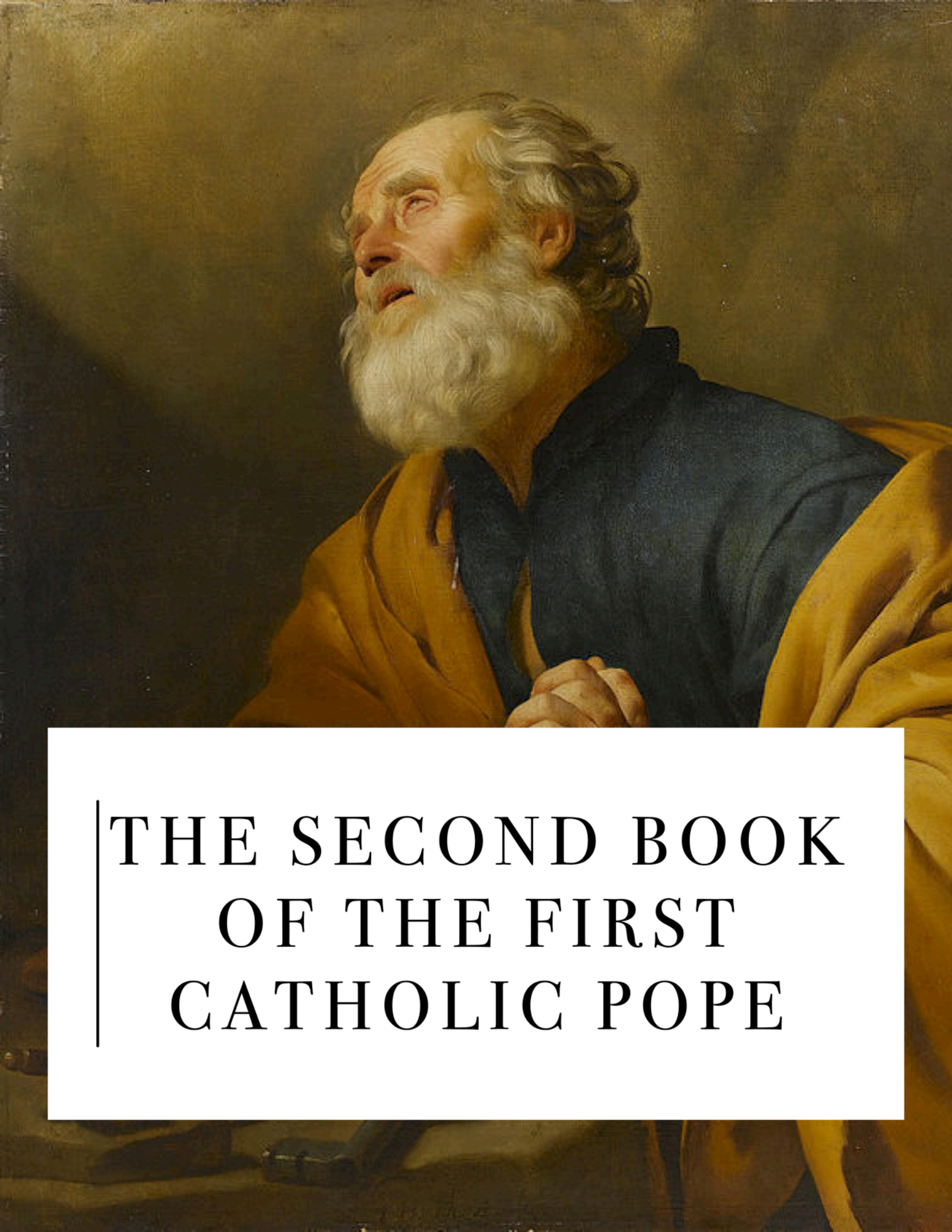
10. *You will have to suffer only for a little while: the God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ will restore you, He will confirm, strengthen, and support you.*

11. *His power lasts for ever and ever. Amen.* (What more does anyone need to know to be Catholic?)

12. *I write these few words to you through Silvanus, who is a trustworthy brother, to encourage you and attest that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! (May all be blessed to “stand firm”!)*

13. *Your sister in Babylon, who is with you among the chosen, sends you greetings; so does my son, Mark.*

14. *Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ.* (Nowhere does The First Pope ask for what cannot be found: “Peace for those who choose to **not** be in Christ”).



THE SECOND BOOK
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2 Peter - Chapter 1:

A “Holy Addition Problem!”

1. *Simon Peter, servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith as precious as our own, given through the saving justice of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Is there a better way to describe those who try to be good Catholics?)*
2. *Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of our Lord. (The First Pope’s Holy Addition Problem has begun by adding: “Grace” + “Peace”)*
3. *By His divine power, He has lavished on us all the things we need for life and for true devotion, through the knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and goodness. (More Holy Addition! “Glory” + “Goodness”)*
4. *Through these, the greatest and priceless promises have been lavished on us, that through them you should share the divine nature and escape the corruption rife in the world through disordered passion. (We all see what happens to those who let ‘disordered passions’ ruin their lives. And. we see that adding “Grace” + “Peace” + “Glory” + “Goodness” = “God’s greatest and priceless Promises”.)*
5. *With this in view, do your utmost to support your faith with goodness, goodness with understanding, (More Holy Addition: “Faith” + “Goodness” + “Understanding”.)*

6. *understanding with self-control, self-control with perseverance, perseverance with devotion, (Holy Addition continues: (“**Understanding** + “**Self-control**” + “**Perseverance**” + “**Devotion**”)*

7. *devotion with kindness to the brothers, and kindness to the brothers with love. (Then, we add “**Kindness to the brothers**” + “**Love**”).*

8. *The possession and growth of these qualities will prevent your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ from being ineffectual or unproductive. (Let’s look at the “totals”: “Adding **Grace + Peace + Knowledge of God + Jesus’s Righteousness + Their Precious and Very Great Promises + Life + Devotion + Faith + Virtue + Goodness + Understanding + Self-control + Endurance + Perseverance + Kindness to Brothers + Mutual Affection + Love + Increase in Abundance** = “**life and true devotion**”. The First Pope’s Simple Addition Problem adds up to letting us be such Good Catholics that we can get our souls into Heaven!)*

9. *But without them, a person is blind or short-sighted, forgetting how the sins of the past were washed away.*

10. *Instead of this, brothers, never allow your choice or calling to waver; then there will be no danger of your stumbling, (We must not let ourselves become *Victims* of any sort of *Protestantism*.)*

11. *for in this way you will be given the generous gift of entry to the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

12. *That is why I will always go on recalling the same truths to you, even though you already know them and are firmly fixed in these truths. (We must follow Peter's example of "always recalling the same truths" that he includes in His Holy Addition Problem!)*

13. *I am sure it is my duty, as long as I am in this tent, to keep stirring you up with reminders,*

14. *since I know the time for me to lay aside this tent is coming soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. (St. Peter tells a truth that becomes more "clear" every day we get older.)*

15. *And I shall take great care that after my own departure you will still have a means to recall these things to mind. (Peter is telling us that His Great, God-given Purpose in Life is to begin The Church Who would provide Catholic Teachings until the end of time for all who want to be "clear" about being on the Right Road to Heaven.)*

16. *When we told you about the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we were not slavishly repeating cleverly invented myths; no, we had seen His majesty with our own eyes. (All contradictions of Catholic Teachings are "cleverly invented myths".)*

17. *He was honored and glorified by God the Father, when a voice came to Him from the transcendent Glory, This is my Son, the Beloved; He enjoys My favor.*

18. *We ourselves heard this voice from Heaven, when we were with Him on the holy mountain.*

19. *So we have confirmation of the words of the prophets; and you will be right to pay attention to it as to a lamp for lighting a way through the dark, until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds. (Obviously, The First Pope personally knew The Prophets' Prophecies, had directly heard God's Own Word, and, therefore, has Perfect Credibility from everyone who takes The Bible seriously.)*

20. *At the same time, we must recognise that the interpretation of scriptural prophecy is never a matter for the individual. (We must rely on the Teachings of The Only Church against Whom "the gates of hell shall not prevail".)*

21. *For no prophecy ever came from human initiative. When people spoke for God it was the Holy Spirit that moved them. (Another recognition of The Power of The Holy Trinity, the Factual Basis for All Catholic Teaching and People.)*

2 Peter - Chapter 2:

These Words of The First Pope need little explanation! Jesus wanted Every Word of The First Pope to be so clear that everyone would understand them.

1. As there were false prophets in the past history of our people, so you too will have your false teachers, who will insinuate their own disruptive views and, by disowning the Lord who bought them freedom, will bring upon themselves speedy destruction. (That sentence contains a Papal Teaching **and** Prophecy That is Truth in Every Age of Human History!)

2. Many will copy their debauched behavior, and the Way of Truth will be brought into disrepute on their account. (All Willful Protestantism is a “copy” of earlier, self-serving teachings.)

3. In their greed they will try to make a profit out of you with untrue tales. (And, unnecessary taxes!) *But the judgment made upon them long ago is not idle, and the destruction awaiting them is forever on the watch.”* (Another Papal Prophecy tells The Simple Truth: “*the destruction awaiting them is forever on the watch.*”)

4. When angels sinned, God did not spare them: He sent them down into the underworld and consigned them to the dark abyss to be held there until the Judgement. (Angels go instantly and eternally from obedience to disobedience. They have no opportunity to seek forgiveness as they change from positive, +, to negative -.)

5. He did not spare the world in ancient times: He saved only Noah, the preacher of uprightness, along with seven others, when He sent the Flood over a world of sinners. (In every Age, only the “upright” are saved.)

6. He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by reducing them to ashes as a warning to future sinners; (That is an unpopular fact that “modern” people hate to remember in every Age!)

7. but rescued Lot, an upright man who had been sickened by the debauched way in which these vile people behaved-

8. for that upright man, living among them, was outraged in his upright soul by the crimes that he saw and heard every day. (Like Lot, God’s People are still “outraged” by every hateful, destructive sin, especially those that lead others away from God and Heaven.)

9. All this shows that the Lord is well able to rescue the good from their trials, and hold the wicked for their punishment until the Day of Judgement, (We may all be saved by getting our thoughts, words, and deeds aligned with God’s Teaching.)

10. especially those who follow the desires of their corrupt human nature and have no respect for the Lord's authority. Such self-willed people with no reverence are not afraid of offending against the glorious ones, (Every sin is a violation of The First Commandment and at least one other. Every “offense” results in putting ourselves “before God”.)

11. *but the angels in their greater strength and power make no complaint or accusation against them in the Lord's presence. (Why don't the "angels" tell God about the sins they see us committing? They know that God is always aware of what we are doing and will do." They know God doesn't want them to waste their time being "tattle-tales".)*

12. *But these people speak evil of what they do not understand; they are like brute beasts, born only to be caught and killed, and like beasts they will be destroyed, being injured in return for the injuries they have inflicted. (May all who have hurt a neighbor be blessed to seek Absolution from Catholic priests, the only people on earth with God's Authority from John 20:23, "Those whose sins **you** forgive on earth are forgiven them. Those whose sins **you** retain are retained.")*

13. *Debauchery even by day they make their pleasure; they are unsightly blots, and amuse themselves by their trickery even when they are sharing your table; (That is a very clear warning of the dangers near to all of us when sins that used to be hidden at night are now appearing "even by day". That has prophesied the end of every society since Sodom and Gomorrah. Now that those sins are appearing "by day" around the world, "the end" may be near for all Creation.)*

14. *with their eyes always looking for adultery, people with an insatiable capacity for sinning, they will seduce any but the most stable soul. Where greed is concerned they are at their peak of fitness. They are under a curse. (What more does anyone need to know about how easy it is for God, and us, to identify the "cursed".)*

15. *They have left the right path and wandered off to follow the path of Balaam son of Bosor, who set his heart on a dishonest reward, but soon had his fault pointed out to him:*

16. *a dumb beast of burden, speaking with a human voice, put a stop to the madness of the prophet.* (The First Pope politely reminds us that even a “donkey” knows more than a lying man who pretends to be “holy”!)

17. *People like this are dried-up springs, fogs swirling in the wind, and the gloom of darkness is stored up for them.* (Three perfect descriptions of that sort of sinner!)

18. *With their high-sounding but empty talk they tempt back people who have scarcely escaped from those who live in error, by playing on the disordered desires of their human nature and by debaucheries.* (This phrase tells us how sinners work and what they work with: “high-sounding but empty talk” that is all we hear from many sources who claim to be “respectable”!)

19. *They may promise freedom but are themselves slaves to corruption; because if anyone lets himself be dominated by anything, then he is a slave to it;* (“slaves to corruption” is a phrase worth remembering!)

20. *and anyone who has escaped the pollution of the world by coming to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and who then allows himself to be entangled and mastered by it a second time, ends up by being worse than he was before.* (It is a worse sin to hear the truth and then turn from it than it is to merely sin.)

21. *It would have been better for them never to have learnt the way of uprightness, than to learn it and then desert the holy commandment that was entrusted to them.*

22. *What they have done is exactly as the proverb rightly says: The dog goes back to its vomit and: As soon as the sow has been washed, it wallows in the mud. (Who cannot understand that?)*

2 Peter - Chapter 3:

More simple Teachings from The First Pope. Again, little explanation is necessary.

1. *My dear friends*, (all who read and heed His writings are “*dear friends*” of The First Pope chosen by Jesus to lead His Catholic Church!) *this is the second letter I have written to you, trying to awaken in you by my reminders an unclouded understanding.* (May every person on earth be blessed with an “*unclouded understanding*”!)

2. *Remember what was said in the past by The Holy Prophets and the command of the Lord and Saviour given by your apostles.*

3. *First of all, do not forget that in the final days there will come sarcastic scoffers whose life is ruled by their passions.* (We see hordes of “*sarcastic scoffers*” in every age. Have there ever been as many “*sarcastic scoffers*” as “*ruled by their passions*” as now”?)

4. *'What has happened to the promise of His coming?' they will say, 'Since our Fathers died everything has gone on just as it has since the beginning of creation!'*

5. *They deliberately ignore the fact that long ago there were the heavens and the earth, formed out of water and through water by the Word of God,* (It may have been 15 trillion light years ago that God Spoke Creation into Being on “*The Day that had no Yesterday*”. Catholic minds can comprehend That Power of “*The Ancient of Days*”.)

6. *and that it was through these same factors that the world of those days was destroyed by the floodwaters.* (“floodwaters” include tidal waves of destructive thoughts and desires.)

7. *It is The Same Word which is reserving the present heavens and earth for fire, keeping them till the Day of Judgement and of the destruction of sinners.* (Catholics know we have free will. May we all choose to be obedient enough to be pleasing enough to **not** be destined for “destruction”)

8. *But there is one thing, my dear friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.* (This is an understanding of time and space that gives perspective that lets us see God more clearly.)

9. *The Lord is not being slow in carrying out his promises, as some people think He is; rather is He being patient with you, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to repentance.* (Another mention of His “Mercy” upon which Jesus led St. Faustina, and every Catholic Saint, to make their holy lives an inspiration to us.)

10. *The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and melt away, the earth and all that it contains will be burned up.* (The First Pope is telling us to spend our lives getting ready for our end, **and** the world’s because we do not know when it is coming.”)

11. *Since everything is coming to an end like this, what holy and saintly lives you should be living*

12. *while you wait for the Day of God to come, and try to hasten its coming: on that Day the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.*

13. *What we are waiting for, relying on his promises, is the new heavens and new earth, where uprightness will be at home. (Every Catholic should read The Book of Revelation (19-22) to get a better understanding of what comes after the “end”.)*

14. *So then, my dear friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live blameless and unsullied lives so that he will find you at peace. (We can only find “peace” by living in obedience to He Who Fulfilled The Prophecies and The Church He left with the actual “keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.” Those “keys” include The Seven Catholic Sacraments and the Catholic priests and religious who provide them.)*

15. *Think of our Lord's patience as your opportunity to be saved; our brother Paul, who is so dear to us, told you this when he wrote to you with the wisdom that he was given. (“Our Lord’s patience” takes form in His Mercy: the only thing that makes our salvation possible.)*

16. *He makes this point too in his letters as a whole wherever he touches on these things. In all his letters there are of course some passages which are hard to understand, and these are the ones that uneducated and unbalanced people distort, in the same way as they distort the rest of scripture--to their own destruction. (The First Pope describes the eternal fate, “destruction”, that comes to those who say they believe in Jesus and The Bible while ignoring the often unpopular Teachings of God that St. Paul was chosen to share on earth.)*

17. *Since you have been forewarned about this, my dear friends, be careful that you do not come to the point of losing the firm ground that you are standing on, carried away by the errors of unprincipled people.*

18. *Instead, continue to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory, in time and eternity. Amen.* (The First Pope ends his short Books with The Best Advice in The World. May every person *in The World* be blessed to follow it and “*grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!*”

Afterword:

The Foreword quoted *The Last Prophecy of Jesus* about *The First Pope* and the no longer mysterious “*belt*” that allowed him to fulfill Christ’s Incredible Prediction in John 21:18:

“I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and someone else will put a belt around you and take you where you do not want to go.”

Peter would be securely “*belted*” to The Cross so he could be crucified upside down, fully fulfilling every related Prophecy of Jesus.

From beginning to end, The First Pope shows us The Wonders of The Catholic Church despite the “*errors of unprincipled people*”.

Our Catholic Duty: Be blessed to honor the Word of Jesus to he who would be The First Catholic Pope!

“And I say unto you thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.”

May we memorize and *share* The Only Church-Creating Word of Jesus with this simple fact: “*Every Word of Jesus Christ is a Truth we must obey.*”

Everyone who denies The Church-Creating Word of Jesus is wrong. Willful

disobedience keeps many souls from having “*the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven*” that are available in the only place Jesus died to leave them: His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

May all recognize *The Power of God* to have died and remain alive on earth through The Miracle of Catholic Communion. Jesus told us 12 times in John 6, and twice more at The Last Supper: “*If you do not eat My Body and drink My Blood you do not have life in you.*”

Only Catholic priests are empowered by God to provide *That Holy Food* by God’s *Miracle of Transubstantiation* at every Catholic Mass since The Last Supper.

We thank God for Jesus, Who Spoke The Catholic Church Into Being with His Church-Creating Word to the person He chose to be The First Catholic Pope:

“*And I say unto you, thou art Peter and on this rock I build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I give you the keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.*”

We thank God for Peter, who gave his life to begin building The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church Who gave billions of people the only “*keys to The Kingdom of Heaven.*” that Jesus Christ died to leave on earth.

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