

HO LUNG & HATE

On December 16th, 2012, a letter to the editor entitled: [“Do Adventists Hate Catholics?”](#) ran in Jamaica’s *Daily Gleaner*. Penned by the revered former Jesuit, ‘Father’ **Richard Ho Lung**, it has sent shock waves across the island. Here is his sub-head:

“I did not understand that Roman Catholics are considered the Antichrist, the evil enemy of true Christianity, by the Seventh-day Adventists. I did not take it seriously that the Pope is considered by the Adventists as the Devil himself. I thought that all this was the idea of some fanatic few from the Adventists. Finally, I did not know that Adventists were taught to hate Catholics.”

Below is the response I felt compelled to submit.

Inflammatory speech has its purposes – to incite being one of them. With that in mind, ‘Father’ Ho Lung’s recent article bearing the headline “Do Adventists Hate Catholics” raises several questions. Among them: who is he trying to incite, and why?

Like a shot out of the blue it came. Adventists hating Catholics: why such an article, and why now? I’m not God and could therefore be quite wrong in my assessment, but I’ll give you what I believe is the answer. It’s all about an upcoming episode of *Religious Hard Talk* with host **Ian Boyne**.

I came to Jamaica on Thursday December 6th for two reasons: (1) to meet with a group of men from Denham Town, one of whom had asked me to hold some meetings in his community, and (2) to videotape an episode of *Religious Hard Talk*. Because of the current unrest in Denham Town I’d frankly expected more trouble there. As I’d experience for myself, it is indeed tense on this side of North Street. Nothing, however, quite prepared me for ‘Father’ Ho Lung’s inflammatory remarks.

Do we Seventh-day Adventists hate Roman Catholics? No! Emphatically No! **And ‘Father’ Ho Lung knows this.** Over the years Seventh-day Adventists have sung in his choirs. Some of these I’d imagine he knows fairly well. Do they hate him? Of course not. Cherishing an ecumenical spirit, they joined his choirs and blissfully sang together to the glory of God.

Q. Beyond these singers, however, what’s the attitude of the typical Seventh-day Adventist toward those with whom we might have theological differences?

A. Probably no different from the typical Baptist or Pentecostal. Compelled by scripture to hate sin, we’re also commanded by Christ to love the sinner.

So why would ‘Father’ Ho Lung accuse those whom he knows don’t hate him of being “taught to hate Catholics?” What is this really saying about *him*? Has his vaunted ecumenism been a clever mask for an intransigent Catholicism patiently biding its time? And – in his mind at least – has that time come?

Look again at ‘Father’ Ho Lung’s message. Not once, but twice he uses the word “hate.” Powerful word. Visceral word. You couldn’t very well miss it the first time (it so dominates the headline) so why use it again in the sub-head? Evidently ‘Father’ Ho Lung wanted to make sure Jamaica didn’t miss his point. But why? Why descend into such darkness? Frankly, among the more sinister questions his article raises for me is this: what signal is ‘Father’ Ho Lung sending to Roman Catholics across our island, especially those who might employ Seventh-day Adventists?

Every writer worth his salt knows the headline and sub-head are where you set your tone. In some cases you can almost write off whatever follows as ‘fluff’ – i.e., absolutely irrelevant. The thrust is in

those first few split seconds. That’s where the die is cast. That’s where the major assault is made on the unsuspecting mind. Whatever his long-term purposes in that headline, the immediate challenge facing ‘Father’ Ho Lung was (I suspect) this: how was he to climb into the heads of as many Jamaicans as possible before the offending telecast aired? His answer? The editorial pages of the *Gleaner*.

“But wait a minute,” you ask, “how can you be so sure this article has anything to do with *Religious Hard Talk*? How would ‘Father’ Ho Lung have known anything about it?”

Simple. At the end of the recording session Mr. Boyne told me he intended asking the Roman Catholic Church to respond. If he did pass the recording on to the Catholic hierarchy, it still begs the question: why such an inflammatory response? Did it need all that to impugn what’s coming? To be fair I should point out that I’m not an innocent bystander in this impasse. My language at times could be construed as inflammatory too. For example, I’m convinced there’s something far deeper than a mere rhetorical exchange going on here. Something truly *jesuitical* is in that headline and sub-head – something, I believe, that betrays the plans of the *Society of Jesus* for our entire planet.

HATE SPEECH

To begin with, the use of the word “hate” is consistent with current attempts at limiting Free Speech across the globe. If one can succeed in getting unpopular speech labeled “hate speech,” then chances are sooner or later one might succeed in getting that speech banned. When he nailed his 95 theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31st, 1517, I suspect not even **Martin Luther** realized the Pandora’s box he was opening. His theses, after all, were written in scholarly Latin, thus suggesting at most a university debate. Thanks to the invention of **Gutenberg’s** printing press, however, within two weeks those theses were translated from Latin to German and circulated across Germany. Within two months they’d make their way across Europe and spark the greatest religious awakening since Pentecost. As historians **Will** and **Ariel Durante** pointed out in their 11 volume masterpiece, *The Story of Civilization*, “printing was the Reformation.”

Is it any wonder, therefore, that since that day (undoubtedly one of the most epochal in the history of Western Civilization) Popes aplenty have sought to have speech censored and books inimical to the faith banned? Have we forgotten the *Index Liborum Prohibitorum*, that index of books first banned by **Pope Paul IV** in 1559? Have we forgotten that that index, revised repeatedly over the centuries, was only abolished by **Pope Paul VI** in 1966? Men were flying in space – about to land on the moon – but the Vatican? She was still in the Dark Ages.

Since Luther demonstrated its power, the printing press has been hated as much as any heretic ever was by the Roman Catholic Church. Go read for yourself the *Syllabus of Errors* propagated by Lincoln’s contemporary, **Pope Pius IX**, in 1864; it still stands as official Catholic dogma. Read, I say. Read what the Vatican has to say about independent thought. Read

what she has to say about the separation of church and state. Read what she has to say about the religious freedoms you take for granted here in Jamaica. Truth be known, she’d obliterate those freedoms in a minute if she could. And lest we forget the lessons of history, let me remind you she’d also obliterate *you* with those freedoms if you refused to recant.

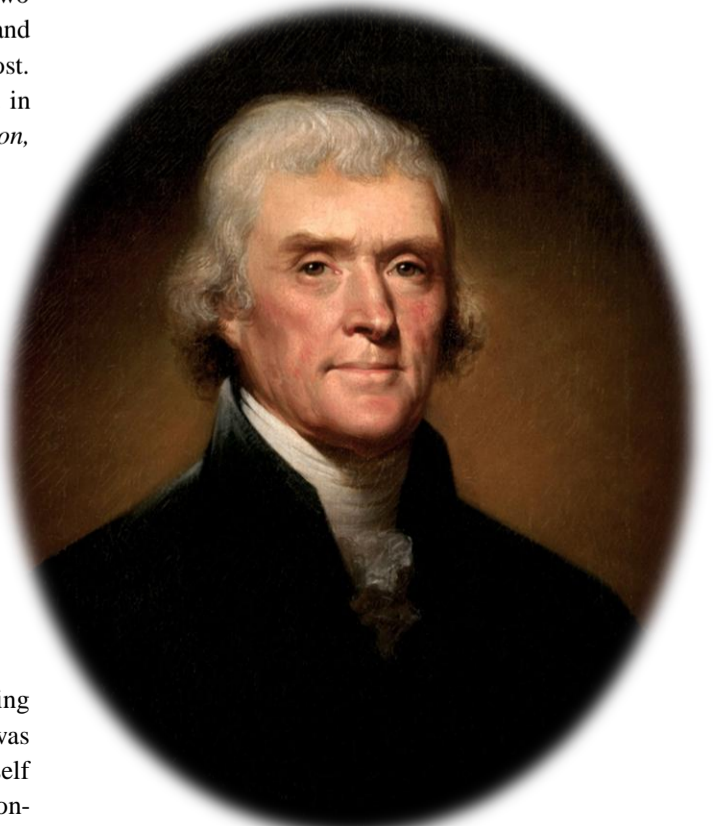
Q. The lessons to be learned from this?

A. If the Vatican could tie the printing press to the stake and burn it as they burned or otherwise annihilated an estimated 70 million heretics during her heyday, they would do it!

It was **Thomas Jefferson** who wrote: “No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, and which we trust will end in establishing the fact, that man may be governed by reason and truth. Our first object should therefore be, to leave open to him all the avenues to truth. The most effectual hitherto found, is the freedom of the press. It is therefore, the first shut up by those who fear the investigation of their actions.” Letter to Judge **John Tyler**, June 28, 1804.

“The investigation of their actions ...” That’s what I suspect has ‘Father’ Ho Lung rattled. Should Roman Catholic history be brought before our beloved island in such a public forum as *Religious Hard Talk*, it could undo centuries of Catholic action and public relations on our island. In one stroke, the dumbing-down of our society insofar as its knowledge of the great Protestant-Catholic divide is concerned, could be undone. Principles of governance hinge on this divide. Freedom of the press hinges on this divide. Our con-

Thomas Jefferson Enshrining Freedom of the Press



cepts of civil and religious liberty hinge on this divide. Do you think ‘Father’ Ho Lung wants anything like

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this brought before Jamaica? Of course not. If it is our interview on *Religious Hard Talk* that has indeed rattled his cage, then he's got to do everything in his power to block it or to cast aspersions upon those shedding unwelcome light upon the masses. On the other hand, if it isn't this upcoming telecast that has so provoked him, then I wonder what else is going on in Jamaica that could have upset him so. Maybe the Seventh-day Adventist Church's evangelistic meetings are being far more successful than we realize. Or maybe it's our tracts. Shiploads of them have been coming into the island from independent Seventh-day Adventist ministries. Could they be the culprits?

CAYMANAS PARK

Whatever or whoever the culprits may be, they've succeeded in taking my mind back to my own distant past. Right now I'm thinking of the home-stretch at Caymanas Park. I remember *Persian Coin* and *Drumbeat* and *None Such*. I remember **Lester Piggott** riding *Rumplestiltskin*. I remember **Eileen Cliggott** and *Minnie Ha Ha*. The home-stretch: that's where the race gets truly intense; that's where horses (some with chemicals in their blood and electricity in their flanks) break a leg or fall down dead. Well, Jamaica, we're in the home-stretch now ... and you don't need to be a Christian to sense it. This planet is headed for the finish line. Christ is about to come. Make no mistake: some of us running this race have steroids in our bloodstream. Consciences seared, these feel no pain. Mark my words: the battle for your mind and mine is about to get even more intense. Accusing innocents of "hate" is tame in comparison to what's coming. Thank God, however, Jehovah-Jireh is never unprepared.

"He that keepeth thee will not slumber," God's word declares, "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Psalm 121:3,4. In preparation for His final call to mankind (i.e., "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues," Revelation 18:4) what has God done? He's allowed technology to explode across our planet. "Many shall run to and fro," Daniel declared of the time of the end, "and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4. It is this explosion of technology that is scaring the Vatican silly, for with it comes the potential for an avalanche of knowledge – knowledge of history, blood-curdling Roman Catholic history, history displaying the insatiable blood-lust that has characterized the Church of Rome for over 1500 years. This is why I believe Vatican operatives: (i) in the media, (ii) in Protestant and Catholic churches, (iii) in [Islam](#) (yes, you read me correctly) (iv) in the judiciary, (v) in Congress, and (vi) in the diplomatic corps, are hastily fueling the notion of "hate speech" across our planet. At all costs, they've got to block the flood of light God is unleashing upon our world.

To this end, I believe, you can look for a Grand Constitutional Convention in the United States before too long – a convention that will have repercussions around the world. In it "hate speech" will be finally and irrevocably defined. The Roman Catholic Church will finally have her new *Index Liborum Prohibitorum*. **Jefferson, Madison, Washington, Adams** – even the *Bill of Rights* – if I read my Bible correctly they're all about to be repudiated. With more than a little help from the Vatican, this "lamb" we call America will speak as a "drag-

on" before the curtain comes down. And you thought the thundering preponderance of Roman Catholic Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court was mere coincidence? They're there for a purpose, friend, and we shall soon see what it is.

ANTICHRIST

So what report could possibly have been given to 'Father' Ho Lung about our upcoming episode that would have offended him so? Believe it or not, Roman Catholicism was not really on my agenda that night. In my initial letter to Mr. Boyne I'd outlined three topics I was prepared to discuss:

1. Our ongoing work in West Kingston.
2. The recent Seventh-day Adventist publication entitled *The Great Hope* (in particular how that book reflects the Church's shameful political correctness and the ongoing watering down of its message).
3. Islam.

When, however, in the midst of that interview, Mr. Boyne asked me point-blank to identify the *antichrist*, what could I do but answer as we Protestants have for centuries: i.e., "the Vatican!"

Thus it was in Luther's day. While still a Roman Catholic the intrepid Reformer wrote: "I am reading the decrees of the pontiffs, and ... I do not know whether the pope is *antichrist* himself, or his apostle, so greatly is Christ misrepresented and crucified in them." As the gulf between Luther and his Church grew, he wrote: "Already I feel greater liberty in my heart; for at last I know that the pope is *antichrist* and that his throne is that of Satan himself." Still later he would pen these words: "I feel more and more every day how difficult it is to lay aside the scruples which one has imbibed in childhood. Oh, how much pain it has caused me, though I had the Scriptures on my side, to justify it to myself that I should dare to make a stand alone against the pope, and hold him forth as *antichrist*! What have the tribulations of my heart not been! How many times have I not asked myself with bitterness that question which was so frequent on the lips of the papists: 'Art thou alone wise? Can everyone else be mistaken? How will it be, if, after all, it is thyself who art wrong, and who art involving in thy error so many souls, who will then be eternally damned?' 'Twas so I fought with myself and with Satan, till Christ, by His own infallible word, fortified my heart against these doubts." See *The (New, Illustrated) Great Controversy*, pages 139, 142, 143. Thus it was with **Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome, Latimer, Ridley, Cranmer, Sir Isaac Newton, Henry Guinness** and virtually every Protestant Reformer since. With the horrible record of Roman Catholic persecutions before them, they all saw the papacy as the *antichrist* power. Wrote Guinness:

"Rome herself admits, openly admits, that if she is not the very kingdom of Christ, she is that of antichrist. Rome declares she is one or the other. She herself propounds and urges this solemn alternative. You shrink from it, do you? I accept it. Conscience constrains me. History compels me. The past, the awful past rises before me. I see the great apostasy, I see the desolation of Christendom, I see the smoking ruins, I see the reign of monsters; I see those vicegods, that Gregory VIII, that Innocent III, that Boniface VIII, that Alexander VI, that Gregory XIII, that Pius IX; I see their long succession, I see their abominable lives; I see them worshipped by blinded generations, bestowing hollow benedictions, barter-

ing lying indulgences, creating a paganized Christianity; I see their liveried slaves, their shaven priests, their celibate confessors; I see the infamous confessional, the ruined women, the murdered innocents; I hear the lying absolutions, the dying groans; I hear the cries of the victims; I hear the anathemas, the curses, the thunders of the interdicts; I see the racks, the dungeons, the stakes; I see that inhuman Inquisition, those fires of Smithfield, those butcheries of St. Bartholomew, that Spanish Armada, those unspeakable massacres. I see it all, and in the name of the ruin it has wrought in the Church and in the world, in the name of the truth it has denied, the temple it has defiled, the God it has blasphemed, the souls it has destroyed; in the name of the millions it has deluded, the millions it has slaughtered, the millions it has damned; with holy confessors, with noble reformers, with innumerable martyrs, with the saints of ages, I denounce it as the masterpiece of Satan as the body and soul and essence of antichrist."

Being a former Seventh-day Adventist meant Mr. Boyne knew the answer to his question, but for reasons known only to him, he evidently wanted that answer to come from my lips. Though somewhat surprised at his question, I unhesitatingly complied.

GOD: ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD

Well, that said, what's God up to today? As one writer put it: "watch His methods, watch His ways." In 1517 it was the printing press; today I'm convinced His key tool for reminding our planet of the blood-curdling atrocities committed by the papacy (yea, His key tool for calling His children out of her fellowship, schools and universities) will be the internet ... *and the Vatican is shrewd enough to see it*. That, my friend, is what 'Father' Ho Lung's use of the word "hate" is all about. It is intended to vilify those with a passion for history, those whose scriptural acumen and exegesis is unimpeachable, yea, those who might inspire others to use this explosion of technology to dig for truth as for hidden treasure. As is said in scripture, however: "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth," 2 Corinthians 13:8.

Try as they may, nothing in the world will overthrow what God is doing through the internet. To this end it is my duty to tell you that with a few keystrokes you can discover endless details of a very unpleasant era in human history – that era when the Roman Catholic Church reigned supreme and slaughtered dissidents at will. Try Googling any of the following and see what you can glean: the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, the Gunpowder Plot, the Spanish Armada, **John Wycliffe, Jan Huss, Martin Luther**, etc. While at it, try searching out **Hitler's** roots. Do a Google on Professor **John Cornwell's** book: *Hitler's Pope*, then search out the Ratlines, the ustashi and **Ante Pavelich**.

As for the story of the 19th century (i.e., Rome's Responsibility for the assassination of Abraham Lincoln) you can add **Brigadier General T.M. Harris's** *Assassination of Lincoln: A History of the Great Conspiracy; Trial of the Conspirators by a Military Commission and Review of the Trial of John H. Surratt*, and **Charles Chiniquy's** *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome* to your list. For good measure, come visit our website www.lrltv.org and go to [The Lincoln Assassination](#). There you'll find a foretaste of what I believe God intends shouting out across our planet as He calls His children out of spiritual Babylon.

IN RETROSPECT

In publishing his article, 'Father' Ho Lung has no doubt sparked intense discussion on both sides of the theological divide. He's also prompted this response from yours truly, which, in adding fuel to the fire, has probably quadrupled the size of the audience for our February 19th chit-chat on *Religious Hard Talk*. Somewhere out there I know **Ian Boyne** is smiling.

• DAVID MOULD

Unanswered Questions

Vatican involvement in the assassination of President Lincoln

