

## THE MASS AND REASON

Religion and many other entities in society, claim to be rational and encourage people to take their rationality for granted. Actually that is very wrong and manipulative and anti-rational. Reason necessarily means you do not tell others you are rational - you show it to them. You lay out all the evidence by pen and paper if you have to. Reason belongs to everybody not just those who claim to be rational. Reason is about transparency in matters pertaining to evidence or proof and about avoiding contradiction and mistaking what is not proof as proof. Reason desires correction which is why it hides nothing from anybody.

If you have to have others taking your rationality for granted, that is only right if there is no time or no opportunity to let them judge you for themselves. But this will be seen as a necessary evil and hopefully provisional.

The Catholic Church does not have a policy of showing that its claims about bread and wine seeming unchanged but still becoming the body and blood of Jesus Christ are rational. It even claims that Jesus's sacrifice on the cross becomes present at Mass - so being at the Mass is the same as being at the crucifixion. However it does claim that these things can be believed by a rational person. The persons who understand the arguments are few and far between. And most that do understand them have the rationality and the integrity to reject them.

The Church likes Aristotle's theory about substance and accidents - that what a thing is, is not the same as the characteristics that we pick up through our senses. It uses this theory to maintain that the bread and wine of communion can seem unchanged but still be the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

If the argument is correct, then it follows that to worship the Eucharist properly, you need to understand the argument. Anything else would result in you intending to treat bread and wine as Jesus. If they are Jesus that is not enough. We are talking about your intention. Idolatry is in the heart ultimately so it possible to idolatrously worship even God.

Hardly anybody really knows the argument. Even fewer think it makes sense.

Reason itself says that though it is true that there is more to something than how you sense it, that it does not follow that it might be something other than what its physical characteristics say it is. It does not follow that a drop of lemonade might actually be arsenic.

To mistake the fact that there is more to a wafer than what it seems as evidence that it could be Jesus Christ is really stirring up our tendency to feel that objects are living things. We may feel that we have a personal relationship with our cars and tablets and laptops.

The Church says that the communion bread and wine though they act like ordinary bread and wine are not but are actually the body and blood of Jesus Christ. This amounts to saying that a sweet could be a human being for God could change what makes the sweet a sweet into a brand new person who never existed before. The absurdity in this is that this person would have no senses and would have no brain and therefore could not be a person at all! The Catholics are worshipping bread and wine and if Jesus told them to do that then he made the slip-up that proved he was a false prophet for the Bible says only one error made by a person through whom God seems to be speaking proves that he is not speaking through him at all which is pure commonsense for a perfect and almighty God cannot make a mistake. It follows too that if Jesus is a communion wafer then that wafer has more value than all the babies in the world. So it would be better for them to be incinerated alive than for the wafer to be desecrated. This is gross fanaticism. The true humanist hates the Mass or the Eucharist for it is full of superstition that seeks to enslave and insults the human race.

Like the pagans of old, we feel that our statues and material things are gods and goddesses and worship them. So the Mass is just a scam built on that very human impulse.

Plus that Catholic transubstantiation doctrine has too many miracles. There is the miracle of bread turning into his body and blood - bread a liquid? There is the miracle of wine turning into his body and blood - wine a body? There is the miracle of how they don't change as regards our experience. And that is not to mention how God gets Jesus to fit. Even the taste of the bread does not change. Then there is the reverse-transubstantiation of how they have to turn back into ordinary things in the bowel. As the food will be digested at different rates this will be a piecemeal transformation back into whatever makes up digested bread and wine. And the miracle is that they are either the old bread and wine back again in digested form or God makes them into digested new bread and wine. Another miracle is how it makes sense to feed on Jesus for a few minutes and how physically eating and drinking affects your soul! Another miracle is how grace is seen as

a substance for a soul to feed on. The sacrament gives that kind of grace. Grace in the Bible just means relationship with God. In reality it is like saying mathematics is a substance. Anybody saying that is just inventing something and calling it mathematics. It is absurd. This miracle transformation of grace into what it cannot be is the biggest miracle of all for grace is vital according to the Christian faith. Grace is metaphorically spiritual food - but it is not food in any sense any more than a parent bonding with her baby is food. The mass is blasphemous for it turns grace into magic. It is pure occultism and counterfeit spiritual food.

In John 6 Jesus uses graphic language about eating his flesh. He uses the word for gnaw and chew. The use of the word eat hides all that. Jesus says that whoever gnaws him sort of becomes him. Protestant and even Catholic authorities argue that the emphasis is on how important and meaningful it is for you to absorb Christ spiritually. Even if bread becomes Jesus spiritual eating is necessary not just physical. Gnaw and chew or munch is making an emphasis. Obviously Jesus did not want anybody gnawing communion bread so the expressions are making a spiritual point.

With Catholic communion it is claimed that we are what we eat. Catholics consume Jesus to become him. So if it is mere bread then it is idolatry of the worst kind. It is better to worship a frogs backside as God than to depend on consuming as God in human flesh that which is not God.

John Knox wrote, "The Mass is nothing but the invention of man, set up without all authority of God's word, for honouring of God; and therefore it is idolatry. Unto it is added a vain, false, deceitful, and most wicked opinion: that is, that by it is obtained remission of sins; and therefore it is abomination before God. It is contrary unto the Supper of Jesus Christ, and has taken away both the right use and remembrance thereof, and therefore it is blasphemous to Christ's death." He is right about it being a dreadful human invention.