Petrus Romanus: The Final Pope Is Here
For more than 800 years scholars have pointed to the dark augury having to do with "the last Pope." The prophecy, taken from St. Malachy's "Prophecy of the Popes," is among a list of verses predicting each of the Roman Catholic popes from Pope Celestine II to the final pope, "Peter the Roman," whose reign would end in the destruction of Rome. First published in 1595, the prophecies were attributed to St. Malachy by a Benedictine historian named Arnold de Wyon, who recorded them in his book, Lignum Vitæ. Tradition holds that Malachy had been called to Rome by Pope Innocent II, and while there, he experienced the vision of the future popes, including the last one, which he wrote down in a series of cryptic phrases. According to the prophecy, the next pope (following Benedict XVI) is to be the final pontiff, Petrus Romanus or Peter the Roman. The idea by some Catholics that the next pope on St. Malachy's list heralds the beginning of "great apostasy" followed by "great tribulation" sets the stage for the imminent unfolding of apocalyptic events, something many non-Catholics would agree with. This would give rise to a false prophet, who according to the book of Revelation leads the world's religious communities into embracing a political leader known as Antichrist. In recent history, several Catholic priests--some deceased now--have been surprisingly outspoken on what they have seen as this inevitable danger rising from within the ranks of Catholicism as a result of secret satanic "Illuminati-Masonic" influences. These priests claim secret knowledge of an multinational power elite and occult hierarchy operating behind supranatural and global political machinations. Among this secret society are sinister false Catholic infiltrators who understand that, as the Roman Catholic Church represents one-sixth of the world's population and over half of all Christians, it is indispensable for controlling future global elements in matters of church and state and the fulfillment of a diabolical plan they call "Alta Vendita," which is set to assume control of the papacy and to help the False Prophet deceive the world's faithful (including Catholics) into worshipping Antichrist. As stated by Dr. Michael Lake on the front cover, Catholic and evangelical scholars have dreaded this moment for centuries. Unfortunately, as readers will learn, time for avoiding Peter the Roman just ran out.

**Book Information**

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The book was an interesting read, no question about it. And the material that went into it was certainly exhaustively researched. In fact, almost 'over-researched'. Sorting thru all the 'data' contained in the book was at times like reading a PhD thesis. The glaring 'achilles heel', in 'Petrus Romanos' is, to me twofold: (1. all the 'prophetic eggs' for the book stem from an extra-biblical 'prophecy' or 'vision' which is, at the very least questionable, made by an Iris Catholic monk over 800 years ago! From my viewpoint, the authors spend WAY too much time and effort attempting to validate this 'prophecy' (which as I mentioned may be little more than apocryphal 'folklore') in an attempt to give some weight and merit to their book. The 2nd serious 'hurdle' for 'Petrus Romanos' is that even though the authors make the disclaimer that 'nobody knows the day or hour' that the anti christ sets up his kingdom, or the 7 year tribulation period begins, this book DOES, indeed, point to either 2012 or 2015 for the revelation of the False Prophet, Petrus Romanus, the final Pope. Combine that with the fact the authors point to other mystical belief systems (including the Mayan calendar and OTHER pagan beliefs),that point to 2012 as a 'pivotal' year for one epoch ending and a new one beginning, and one comes away with the strong impression that the authors are, indeed, attempting to do some 'date setting' AND, possibly, have written the book to 'capitalize' on the '2012 craze'. Also woven throughout the book are the author's research into the secret Masonic order, and their belief the Masons have infiltrated and subverted both the Roman Catholic church AND the United States government, at the highest levels.

This world system, so antithetical to God's blueprint for humanity, is winding up for the consummation of history by every measure examined by students of Bible prophecy who hold to a pretrib, premillennial view. Global politics, government, and socioeconomics are gushing in the prophet Daniel's end-times flood (Daniel 9:26) toward the end of the Church Age (Age of Grace). But no signal of the approaching apocalypse presents a more laser-like, focused view of the end-of-days dynamics than do religious rearrangements taking place locally, nationally, and
especially worldwide. The departure from biblical Christianity is so rampant and moving at such a furious pace in American neighborhoods and on a nationwide basis that even the most ardent, futurist student of end-times matters is sometimes stunned by developments. While the astonishing breadth and depth of material covered within this book take the reader into regions far beyond our local and national boundaries, the journey culminates in, I think, the reader achieving a much more profound understanding of where American churchianity stands within the doomed rush toward the harlot religious system of Revelation 17. The story of St. Malachy injects intriguing speculations and possibilities into the world’s rush into last-days ecumenism. The twelfth-century Irish bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, canonized by Pope Clement III in 1190, presented a most fascinating line of predictions that many believe were visions leading to the man who will be the final pope. St. Bernard of Clairvaux was St. Malachy’s biographer. Clairvaux wrote in his book, Life of Saint Malachy, that Malachy was said to have the gift of prophecy. It is claimed that St. Malachy predicted the exact day and hour of his own death.

I have always been really interested in the subject matter "Petrus Romanus" seems to cover. This was just one of many books I have read about end times, Catholic popes, visionaries, prophecies etc. Sadly, I must say this one was really a waste of my time. The quality of factual research is absolutely appalling - there are far too many factual mistakes and omissions for this book to be taken seriously. One prominent example is the mis-quoted statement about "the smoke of Satan which has entered the Sanctuary" by pope Paul VI. Well, pope did say these words, but he did not refer to any conspiracy or satanic ceremonies in the Vatican, as interpreted by "Petrus Romanus", but to worldly opinions or intellectual novelties spread among the faithful and invading Catholic theology. These words were pronounced on 29 June 1972 during the homily on the feast of St Peter an Paul and are easily verifiable. Another example is a theory about the poisoning of John Paul I, created by David Yallop in his "In God’s Name" and mindlessly repeated by this book. What really surprises me is that the authors know about another writer, John Cornwell and his book "Hitler’s pope", but have not mentioned his book disproving Yallop’s theory: "A Thief in the Night" (http://www..com/Thief-Night-Life-Death-Vatican/dp/0141001836). Cornwell, in contrast to Yallop, did factual research, talked to witnesses and his theory is much more credible, although also not quite favourable for the Vatican. Apart from being based on misinterpretations, this book is not even internally consistent. About one-third of the content is just Catholic bashing, mocking Catholic beliefs (very often misinterpreted), particularly the belief in saints, apparitions and visions.

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