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**Part B – The Heresies of Vatican II, Part B  
Other Errors, Summary, pp. 367-372**

- A. Read excellent analysis of the errors and heresies of Vatican II by Bp. Mark Pivarunas, CMRI, at [www.cmri.org/02-doctrinal-errors-v2.html](http://www.cmri.org/02-doctrinal-errors-v2.html)
  - B. Read side-by-side comparisons of Vatican II decrees with traditional Catholic teaching at [www.cmri.org/02-v2decrees.html](http://www.cmri.org/02-v2decrees.html)
  - C. FAQ's at [www.traditionalmass.org](http://www.traditionalmass.org) “What's wrong with Vatican II? from *Vatican II, the Pope and the Mass* by Rev. Donald J. Sanborn
- 1. What is wrong with the Second Vatican Council?**  
The Second Vatican Council taught doctrines which had been already condemned by the Church, and enacted disciplines which are contrary to the Church's teaching and constant practice.
  - 2. What doctrines did it teach which were already condemned?**  
There are four major errors concerning: (1) the unity of the Church; (2) ecumenism; (3) religious liberty; (4) collegiality.
  - 3. What false doctrine does it teach concerning the unity of the Church?**  
Vatican II teaches heresy concerning the unity of the Church, namely that the Church of Christ is not exclusively identified with the Catholic Church, but merely subsists in it. This heretical doctrine is contained principally in *Lumen Gentium*, and its heretical meaning is confirmed in statements of Paul VI and his successors, particularly in the 1983 Code of Canon Law, in the 1992 *Statement concerning Church and Communion*, and in the *Ecumenical Directory*. It is contrary to the teaching of the Catholic Church, contained principally in *Satis Cognitum* of Pope Leo XIII, *Mortalium Animos* of Pope Pius XI, *Mystici Corporis* of Pope Pius XII, and in the condemnations of the “Branch Theory” made by the Holy Office under Pope Pius IX.
  - 4. What false doctrine does it teach concerning ecumenism?**  
The teaching of Vatican II concerning ecumenism, which states that non-Catholic religions are a “means of salvation,” is overtly heretical. This doctrine directly contradicts the teaching of the Church that there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church, called by Pope Pius IX “a most well-known Catholic dogma.” In addition, the ecumenical practices which have resulted from this heretical doctrine are directly contrary to *Mortalium Animos* of Pope Pius XI.
  - 5. What false doctrine does it teach concerning religious liberty?**  
The teaching of Vatican II on religious liberty, contained in *Dignitatis Humanae*, nearly word for word asserts the very doctrine which was condemned by Pope Pius VII in *Post Tam Diuturnas*, by Pope Gregory XVI in *Mirari Vos*, by Pope Pius IX in *Quanta Cura*, and by Pope Leo XIII in *Libertas Praestantissimum*. The teaching of Vatican II on religious liberty also contradicts the royalty of Jesus Christ in society as expressed in *Quas Primas* of Pope Pius XI, and the constant attitude and practice of the Church with regard to civil society.
  - 6. What false doctrine does it teach concerning collegiality?**  
The teaching of Vatican II concerning collegiality alters the monarchical constitution of the Catholic Church, with which she was endowed by the Divine Savior. The doctrine of Vatican II, confirmed by the 1983 Code of Canon Law, which states that the subject (the possessor) of the supreme authority of the Church is the college of bishops together with the pope, is contrary to the defined doctrine of the Council of Florence and of Vatican I.

**7. What is wrong with the disciplines which have emanated from Vatican II?**

The 1983 Code of Canon Law contains the heresy of Vatican II concerning the Church, mentioned above. It also permits sacrilege to the Blessed Sacrament, by approving of its reception by non-Catholics, which is a mortal sin, and permits *communio in sacris* (common public worship) with non-Catholics, which is a mortal sin. In addition, the Ecumenical Directory of 1993 permits ecumenical practices which have always been taught by the Church to be mortally sinful.

**8. What does all this mean?**

It means that Vatican II and its subsequent reforms have given us a new religion, a religion which is substantially different from the Roman Catholic Faith founded by Christ.

The reformers have substantially altered the three main components of religion: doctrine, worship, and discipline. The result is that the reformers are promoting a **religion of ecumenism** in place of the Roman Catholic religion, which has always taught that it alone is the one, true Faith, and that all other religions are false. The Vatican II religion teaches doctrines which have been condemned by the Church in the past. It has instituted rites and disciplines which are Protestant in nature.

As a result, the religion which Catholics find in their local parishes and schools, although in name Catholic, is a new, non-Catholic religion already condemned by the Catholic Church.

**9. Could it be that you are merely giving a bad interpretation to Vatican II?**

No. The heretical nature of this council is confirmed by:

- the doctrinal interpretation given to Vatican II by Paul VI and his successors in their decrees, encyclicals, catechisms, etc.;
- the series of abominations perpetrated by John Paul II against the First Commandment of God, in the form of ecumenical ceremonies which constitute false worship, even to pagan deities in some cases;
- the alteration of the Sacred Liturgy in such a way that the Catholic Mass has been replaced by a Protestant supper service;
- the tampering with the matter and form of the sacraments so that many of them, but most notably the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders, labor under doubt or invalidity;
- the promulgation of disciplines, especially the 1983 Code of Canon Law and the Ecumenical Directory, which approve of sacrilege against the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Matrimony, and which demonstrate heresies concerning the unity of the Church as their theoretical basis;
- the scandalous mockery made of the Sacrament of Matrimony by the granting of annulments for spurious reasons, constituting an abandonment of the sacred doctrine of the indissolubility of marriage;
- the fact that John Paul II is in communion with manifest heretics, has openly declared himself to be in communion with non-Catholic sects, and has recognized an apostolic mission in schismatic and Lutheran bishops, all of which destroys the unity of faith. He has even kissed the Koran, which explicitly denies the Incarnation and the Trinity. He has also publicly prayed that St. John the Baptist protect Islam.

**D. Other problems areas**

1. Neglecting to affirm procreation of children as the primary end, or purpose, of marriage
2. Praising non-Catholic religions
3. Declaring Jews and Christians to have “a common spiritual heritage.” But remember, that Judaism persists in rejecting the very essence of Christianity, Our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Dialogue with other religions is “commendable,” “Christians and non-Christians search for truth and for the right solution,” we should “dialogue” with atheists, to “help establish right order in this world,” Catholic missionaries should have “fraternal cooperation and harmonious relations with the missionary undertakings of other Christian communities.”
5. There have been “deficiencies... in the way that Church teaching has been formulated, to be carefully distinguished from the deposit of faith itself.”