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***Part I – Who Is Ultimately Responsible for the Universal Loss of Faith?
A study of John Paul I & John Paul II, pp. 529-540***

A. Who is ultimately responsible?

1. The enemies of the Church absolutely needed to capture the Papacy. Without it, they could never conquer the vast majority of Catholics! Why? Because the Pope has supreme authority over the entire Church.
2. The enemies of the Church understood this quite well. Here is more from the *Instruction of the Alta Vendita* (secret documents captured in 1846, cf. pp. 519-521 of *TT*):

The pope, whoever he is, will never come to the Secret Societies, it is up to the Secret Societies to take the first step towards the Church, with the aim of conquering both of them.

The task that we are going to undertake is not the work of a day, or of a month or of a year; it may last several years, perhaps a century; but in our ranks the soldier dies and the struggle goes on.

We do not intend to win the Popes to our cause, to make them neophytes of our principles, propagators of our ideas. That would be a ridiculous dream; and if events turn out in some way, if Cardinals or prelates, for example of their own free will or by surprise, should enter into part of our secrets, this is not at all an incentive for desiring their elevation to the See of Peter. That elevation would ruin us. Ambition alone would have led them to apostasy, the requirements of power would force them to sacrifice us. What we must ask for, what we should look for and wait for, as the Jews wait for the Messiah, is a pope according to our needs...

With that we shall march more securely towards the assault on the Church than with pamphlets of our brethren in France and even the gold of England. Do you want to know the reason for this? It is that with this, in order to shatter the high rock on which God has built his Church, we no longer need Hannibalian vinegar, or need gunpowder, or even need our arms. We have the little finger of the successor of Peter engaged in the ploy, and this little finger is as good, for this crusade, as all the Urban IIs and all the Saint Bernards in Christendom.

3. John XXIII (1958-1963) convoked Vatican Council II (“Away with the prophets of doom!”) and the nefarious Paul VI (1963-1978) approved all of its 16 documents, and also oversaw the wholesale destruction of the traditional Sacraments, teachings, and practices of the Catholic Church.

4. In Bishop Donald Sanborn's opinion, Paul VI was the revolutionary typified by Robespierre of the French Revolution. Because he was so radical, the Revolution was "burning itself out." John Paul I and especially John Paul II would not be quite as revolutionary, but still entirely faithful to Vatican II. In that sense they served the same purpose as Napoleon, spreading the IDEAS of the French Revolution throughout Europe. The 1978 Conclaves were quite pivotal, therefore, either to continue the course of radicalism of Paul VI, or be moderate (and save the day!) by a less jarring approach. The moderate approach saved the day...

B. John Paul I

1. Biography, p. 530
2. First purported Pope to ever have two names. He did away with the tiara, the official triple crown worn by a Pope. The simple miter would take its place at his "installation."
3. It has been said that he was going to reverse the Church's teaching on the serious sin of artificial birth control.
4. Suddenly died 33 days after being elected. Why? In author David Yallop's opinion (*In God's Name*, 1984), he was murdered because of the very real threat of financial corruption being exposed and corrected. It was a political, not a theological reason, in other words.
5. He was likely killed by poisoning. No autopsy took place. Hmmm...

C. John Paul II (1978-2005)

1. A person of definite charm and intellect. No wonder he was called "superstar" and was like a "rock star."
2. No one had ever travelled the world like he did, lapping up the adulation that accompanied him everywhere. In rough numbers, he would travel the equivalent of over 32 times around the circumference of the globe (774,200 / 24,000 miles). The description of the 2002 World Youth Day said it was like "Woodstock, the Olympics, and an old-fashioned revival meeting" all in one.
3. He could alternate quite easily between a conservative and a radical stance. Remember, he had been an actor.
4. His early life (p. 534)
5. The World War II era (pp. 534-535)
6. Ordained priest on Nov. 1, 1946, studied thereafter in Rome for less than a year. In Communist Poland, he had quite the freedom to move about and do activities denied to other clergy (pp. 536-537)
7. Ascending the ladder (pp. 538-539)