

SOME QUOTES CATHOLICS LIKELY WISH PEOPLE WOULD NOT READ

“Of all the counseling we can possibly give to your Holiness, we reserve the more important of it to the last. We must hold our eyes well open and intervene with all of our power in the affairs we have to consider. The reading of the gospel must be permitted as little as possible (especially in the modern languages, and in the countries under your authority). The very little that is read generally at the Mass should be enough and it should be prohibited for anyone to read more. (As long as the people are content with that small part, our interests will prosper; but from the moment that the people desire to read more, our interests will begin to suffer). Here is the book that more than any other provoked rebellions against us, storms that have been risky in bringing us loss in fact, if anyone reads accurately the teaching of the Bible and compares what occurs in our churches, he will soon find out the contradictions and will see that our teaching is far removed from that of the Bible and more often yet is in opposition to it. If the people realize this, they will provoke us without rest until all become unveiled and then we will become the object of ridicule and universal hate. It is necessary that the Bible be taken away and snatched from the hands of the people, however, with much wisdom in order to not provoke trouble.”

The National Library of Paris, folio number 1068, Volume 2, pages 650-651

“There was far more extensive and continuous use of Scriptures in the public service of the early Church than there is among us.”

Catholic Dictionary, The Catholic Publication Society, page 509

“The very nature of the Bible ought to prove to any thinking man the impossibility of its being the one safe method to find out what the Saviour taught.”

Catholic Question Box, 1913 edition, page 67

“There is nowhere in the New Testament a clear, methodical statement of the teaching of Christ.”

Catholic Question Box, 1913 edition, page 66

“Again, it has ever been practically impossible for men, generally to find out Christ from the Bible only.”

Catholic Question Box, 1913 edition, page 70

“The Bible was not intended to be a textbook of the Christian religion.”

John Francis Knoll, Catholic Facts, Our Sunday Visitor Press, page 50

“In other spiritual books the truths of the Bible are presented more fully, and in a more modern and familiar style, so that we can hardly wonder that they are, as a rule preferred; and that though Catholic families generally have a Bible, it is more venerated than read.”

George M. Searle [a Catholic Priest], Plain Facts, page 154

“Christ sent forth His Church clothed with His own and His Father's authority ... To enable her to carry out this divine plan she makes laws, laws purely ecclesiastical, but laws that have the same binding force as the divine laws themselves.... For Catholics, therefore, as far as obligations are concerned there is no practical difference between God's law and the law of the Church.”

John H. Stapleton, Explanation of Catholic Morals, page 26

“By what right do you teach doctrines not found in the Bible?”

“Because the origin of our faith is not in the Bible alone, but in the Church which gives us both the written and the unwritten word.”

Catholic Question Box, 1913 edition, page 75

“The reformation [Ashdod - SP] produced indeed an exaggerated individualism, which by declaring every man equally competent to find out the doctrine of the Saviour from his own private reading of the Scriptures, has led millions to the utter denial of Christ.”

Catholic Question Box, 1913 edition, page 131