“Then Jesus said to them: All you shall be scandalized in me this night. For it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed.” (Matthew 26:31).

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther left the Roman Catholic Church despite the efforts of Pope Leo X to bring him back into the fold. Perhaps few people today know that the Father of Protestantism started the ball rolling on the destructive path of globalism and one-world government. Sermons, letters, university lectures, theses of the students he directed, and his books are replete with ancient, non-biblical notions of the divinity. The late Catholic scholar Theobald Beer, spent a major portion of his life uncovering the influence that *The Book of the Twenty-Four Philosophers* (*Liber XXIV philosophorum*) had on Luther. Strange, geometric definitions of God appear, such as the second (2nd) of the twenty-four (24): God is an infinite sphere whose center is everywhere and His circumference nowhere.

What does this have to do with pagan Globalism? Everything.

If the supposed author of such writings was a Philosopher born 500 years before the birth of Christ and first in line of Greek mental giants (ahead of Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and the like), then returning to ideas of this type could unite all philosophies, peoples, and indeed all religions.

So, a rebellious academic undercurrent spread throughout Roman Catholic universities in the 15th and 16th centuries inspired by the Hermetic writings. Cosimo de’ Medici funded heretic priest Marsilio Ficino in the translation of these from Greek into Latin at the Platonic Academy in Florence, Italy. Not until the 17th century did it become known that documents attributed to the Thrice-Great Hermes (Hermes Trismegistus) actually originated in the 2nd and 3rd centuries after Christ. Egyptian priests who had mixed their own religion with some Greek philosophy penned them in esoteric dialogues.

Our Lord’s prophecy of the Catholic faithful dispersed like sheep is being fulfilled today without a doubt. Dispersion, fracture, separation, and isolation are unfortunately the hallmark of our times. What does one expect since Luther’s religious tenets reject nature and works for faith, and magisterium for the private reading of Scripture?

On October 31, 1999 the Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church under Pope John Paul II published the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, a thoroughly scandalous document. Bowing to pressure (or feigning reluctant agreement) then-Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger made his timid opinion known: that Luther’s teaching of the justified sinner (*simul iustus et peccator*) could never be considered Catholic doctrine. I was there. Heard his speech. Walked away dumbfounded and angry.

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And so, a false ecumenical, globalism-tending ideology was crowned that day. Banishing the principal of non-contradiction on all levels – grammatical, logical, and metaphysical – has become vogue. Paradox is king!

Indeed, such unity can only take place at the cost of destruction of the Blessed Trinity. Luther's 1525 Diatribe against Erasmus of Rotterdam, *On the Bondage of the Will*, contains passages that resemble *The Perfect Sermon* (*Asclepius* in Latin) attributed to the Thrice-Great Hermes. Luther seems to interpret the ancient, unorthodox definition of God as He who is hidden, He who is most revealed in a blasphemous way: God the Father, secluded in His own world and wrathful towards humanity, is defeated by Christ His Son, Who revealed Himself to us and is our protection and shield. Utter nonsense and trash!

But yes… strike the shepherd, and the sheep shall be dispersed.

These are prophetic times. Let us unite with the Catholic Fathers of the Council of Trent who soundly rejected Luther's ideas knowing that they were uninspired, promoted a false peace, and had the desire for patricide at their heart. Interesting that Europe continues to struggle over national patriotism. The lies just keep coming back.

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