

modification in clerical dress and monastic vows.

greater involvement in emerging nations and a larger degree of socialistically minded priests.

a softer (warmer?) attitude towards the Jewish people

a practical overturn of the edicts of Boniface VIII with regard to the possibility of salvation beyond the Roman church.

an increasingly "sympathetic" understanding of the reformation and the nature of protestant dissent at that time.

an ease in the promotion of Bible study and spiritual life activities.

We will mention others in a later category but please note that in terms of redemptive truth and a true manifestation of the Gospel, we see nothing in the Roman reforms that mirrors this. The opinion of TVT is that Rome, with the other major churches, is simply moving towards that one world church system that, in the Book of Revelation, will give its power to the Beast and ultimately be destroyed by him.

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##### The Church and Totalitarian states

#### Church Reactions to Totalitarianism

This is a touchy section in that it is easy to find fault after the fact. Without defending any of the ecclesiastical actions we will only say that the economic/political pressures of centuries were hanging in the influence portion and the decisions of national church leaders were affected by these as well as by the liberalism that had taken the Bible out of a realm of practical consideration.

Totalitarianism, incidentally, never advertises itself for what it is. It uses an angel of light medium and promises improvement in the face of whatever difficulties have existed. In the early days of Hitler and Mussolini it was popularly reported that they were devout men...reading the Bible daily. Later we heard similar reports about Stalin and Krushchev, et al. The Communist state in Czechoslovakia (after World War II) looked like such an