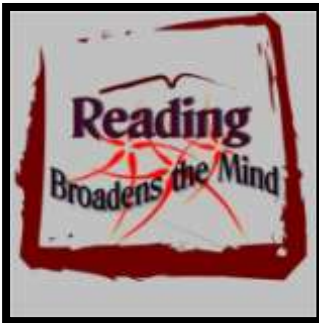




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Improve your mind by Reading

On my Facebook page at the end of April I made a comment that I have decided to make a great effort to encourage more people to read.

Recently I was speaking to a friend who is a member of the committee of a

Christian Organisation who said to me that the circulation of their magazine has declined, and certain members of the committee have put this down to the fact the people are not reading today as they have in the past.

We live in an age of technology where everything is available at a touch of the button, people have become more reliant on the visual, but reading is far more informative and stays in the mind a great deal longer but where do we start..... Well surely there is only one starting point, the bible, the Word of God; the sad thing is that there are many professing Christians who do not read the bible from one Sunday to the next. Therefore the task is not so much to get people to read more books to help them improve their

understanding of God's Word but to get them to read the source of all truth in the first place.

The words of the Puritan Thomas Brooks are still as relevant today as they were when he first penned them:

"Remember, it is not hasty reading but serious meditating upon holy and heavenly truths, that prove sweet and profitable to the soul. It is not the bee's touching of the flower which gathers honey, but her abiding for a time upon the flower, which draws out the sweet. It is not he who reads most but he who meditates most who will prove the choicest, sweetest, wisest and strongest Christian".

What great advice, but it only becomes a reality to us if we take it to heart? Let me encourage you to read more often, my mother-in-law has often commented that she does not know where I get all my knowledge, well the answer to that is simple, what knowledge I have has come from reading, firstly the Word of God, and secondly good Christian commentaries and other good Christian literature.

My challenge to you is to read more and more, and you will be surprised how much it broadens your mind.

Pope to visit UK in September

I am sure like me you have read several things about the visit of the Pope to this country in September, it seems very strange to me that the government has fought through the courts to keep certain men from not being able to enter the UK for fear of inciting trouble because of what they call their inflammatory remarks, and yet they are quite prepared to allow the head of an organisation into the country despite its dubious



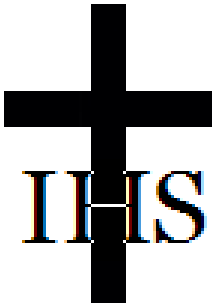
connections with some of the worst organisations and regimes in history, as well as its own atrocious activities in sodomy with young boys they were supposed to be protecting, and yet this man who the bible reveals as the Great Harlot of Revelation chapter 17, has done nothing to remove those involved from their positions, which means that many more young children still remain venerable.

Of course this visit is being hailed as one of the great events of the year, and there have been several “tongue in cheek” suggestions as what he might do while he is here. However, it is a sad reflection that the first thing planned for him is to be received by the Queen at the palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, sad I say because as the Pope is the head of Vatican State it makes this a State visit, although it has not been hailed as such, but secondly it is sad because the Queen, by nature of her status is the head of the Church of England, and such a meeting only goes to show the depth of the relationship between Rome and the Church of England.

Another point to reflect upon is the fact the Pope is due to make a major speech in Westminster Hall, which was the ancient seat of the British Parliament at the time of the Reformation, it was there that King Charles was tried and condemned to death on a charge of treason. It was also there that on 20 April 1653 Oliver Cromwell, supported by about forty musketeers, cleared the chamber and dissolved the Parliament by force because it would not set a date for elections. Cromwell, having been saved from sin by God's mercy, placed his faith firmly within the Independent beliefs that the Reformation had not gone far enough, that much of England was still living in sin, and that Catholic beliefs and practices needed to be fully removed from the church.

It is there that so many have fought to safeguard this country from the grasp of Rome, that our present government invited the leader of the most corrupt anti-Christian organisation in the world to make a “major speech”. Before you make judgement on the views I have expressed, let me assure you that I do not hate Roman

Catholics, indeed, I have relatives who are Roman Catholics, I reach out to all who are being deceived by the godless doctrines of Roman Catholicism in the love of Christ, it is my greatest desire that they come to see the true light and that they are delivered from their present state of darkness, and this will continue to be my desire.



It's not what you think

How many churches have you been in and seen this sign or something very similar on the pulpit fall or elsewhere in the church. To many people it means "In His Service", a common Christian sign seen in so many churches; however, those taking this view are being terribly deceived, because what you see is not a Christian sign, but the monogram of the Jesuit Order.

Dating from the 8th c., this is an abbreviation for "IHESUS," the way Christ's Name was spelled in the Middle Ages (despite popular belief, the monogram stands neither for "Iesus Hominum Salvator" --"Jesus Saviour of Men" -- nor for "In His Service.") Popularized by St. Bernardine of Siena, the monogram was later used by St. Ignatius of Loyola as a symbol for the Jesuit Order.

The sign is also referred to as the Sun Cross, a sign that pre dated Christianity by thousands of years. As a pagan or mystical symbol, there was a small resurgence of interest after the proliferation of similarly patterned crop circles in the 1970s and 1980s.



It is also a sign used in astrology, as well as in witchcraft, so be careful because what you see may not be what you really see.