

CARDINALS-BISHOPS-REVEREND-RABBI

The highest ranking men next to the Pope in the Catholic church, and highest ranking priests of many Protestant churches are called “Bishops”. In the book of Ephesians the Bible states that Yeshua appointed men as follows: **Eph. 4:11** “*And He gave some {as} apostles, and some {as} prophets, and some {as} evangelists, and some {as} pastors and teachers,*” There is no mention here or anywhere else in the good book about Cardinals, Bishops or even the name Reverend other than applying to YHVH Himself.

The word “Cardinal” is derived from the Latin word “cardo” (hinge). The priests of “Janus”, who was the pagan god who represented “doors and hinges” and “beginnings” whom the month of January is named after, were called “hinge”. As the god of doors he was the caretaker, or protector, hence we use the word “janitor” to this very day, because it comes from the name Janus. Janus was also known as the “opener and shutter” in Asia minor. This background gives light to the words of Yeshua in Rev 3:7-10.

Even Martin Luther said “But as for the Bishops that we now have, of these the Scriptures know nothing; they were instituted, so that one might rule over many ministers”.

The word reverend comes from the Latin word “revere” and the variations of this word include: The Reverend, The Very Reverend, The Most Reverend, and The Right Reverend. **Ps. 111:9** “*He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and **reverend** is his name.*” (KJV)

Scofield's commentary says the word “Nicolaitanes” comes from nikao, “to conquer”, and laos. “laity”, which, if correct, is referring to the earliest notion of a priestly order, or as we would today call “clergy”. **Rev. 2:6** “*Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the **Nicolaitans**, which I also hate.*” Even the word “Rabbi” was talked about in the Bible in a negative manner. **Matt. 23:8** “***But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.***” **Matt. 23:9** “***And do not call {anyone} on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.***” A title should not be in front of a name, only behind it, as a function rather than a title. It should be a descriptive function, not a means of identification.

In Matt. 15:2/9, 2Ths. 2:15, 3:6, the traditions spoken of (washing your hands before a meal), were the traditions that Paul and others like him accepted as Biblically based. Paul warned of other traditions of man that weren't based on scriptures. Because the Pharisees and Sadducees had made up their own traditions, Yeshua didn't want anyone giving them honor, by calling them Rabbi or Father. Yeshua was talking about the tradition (oral laws) of the elders which weren't Biblical.

Acts 10:25-26 “*And when it came about that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and **fell at his feet and worshiped {him.}** But Peter raised him up, saying, “*Stand up; I too am {just} a man.*”*

As per Matt. 23:9, YHVH can be called Father, but your earthly Father cannot be called YHVH.

Even today the Catholic Institution still has a major influence over the governmental leaders of the world, with the Vatican having political ties with nearly every country in the world. Every world leader who gets an audience with the pope must dress in black as a

sign of repentance to the pope, and must bow in the presence of the pope, and kiss his demonic ring.

As a matter of fact Peter instructed ministers not to try to be “lords over YHVH’S heritage”. **1Pet. 5:1-3** *“Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as {your} fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of YHVH among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to {the will of} YHVH; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.”* I am by no means saying that ministers, who follow the Bible only, shouldn’t be given respect; they are in most cases given too much unqualified respect, and in turn are expected to do everything in the church organization itself (1Tim 5:17, Acts 14:19-23, 20:17, James 5:14). All Believers are in the priesthood. **1Pet. 2:9** *“But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR {YHVH’s} OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”.*



The Cardinals garments are red. The color red is known for representing arrogance, pride and conceit. We all know it is also the color representing perversion, prostitution, or as in “red light district”. The color red is addressed in the Bible in reference to certain princes of Babylon, the images of the pagan Chaldeans, the harlot symbolizing Babylonish religion, and Isaiah called sins red. (Ezek 23:14-15, Rev. 17:4, Is 1:18) Why would a church want to associate its high priests with such a color? Can you imagine any of the disciples of Yeshua parading around in red or even black robes? The pagan priests of the “hinge” were commonly called the “Flamens”. Flamen comes from the word “flare”, meaning one who blows or kindles the sacred fires. They were keepers of the holy flame and they used the fan of “Bacchus” for this purpose. The same fan used in Papal processions for decoration.



The Flamens garments were red in color. They were servants of Pontifex Maximus and divided up into three groups just like the Cardinals are today: Cardinal Bishops, Cardinal priests, and Cardinal deacons. Is this coincidence?

It’s hard to believe that the very words Yeshua told the people not to use ended up being used by Bible believing Christendom to honor man instead of giving

full glory to YHVH, the one and only true: Father, Rabbi, Master, and Reverend.

The well respected preacher C. H. Spurgeon put it all in perspective when he said: "For myself, I desire to be known henceforth simply as a servant of YHVH, and I want my walk and conversation to prove that I am His servant indeed. If I, the servant of YHVH, am to be esteemed in any measure by my fellow Christians, it shall not be because in front of my name, an attribute stolen from YHVH has been placed by an ordaining council, neither shall it be because my collar is buttoned at the back, or my coat is clerical in cut, but only for my work's sake".

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