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In *Infiltration: The Plot to Destroy the Church from Within*, Taylor Marshall touches on a topic that is deliberately ignored today. The issue of a possible infiltration of the Church by forces outside her does not fit into the optimistic picture that Pope John XXIII and particularly the Second Vatican Council unrealistically and uncritically drew of the modern world.

In the last sixty years, there has been a continuously growing hostility toward the Divine Person of Jesus Christ and His claim to be the sole Redeemer and Teacher of humankind. This hostility of the allegedly “nice,” “tolerant,” “optimistic” modern world expresses itself in slogans such as “We don’t want Christ to reign over us”; “We want to be free from any demanding doctrinal truth or moral law”; and “We will never acknowledge a Church that will not unconditionally accept the mindset of the modern world.”

This hostility has reached its peak in our day. Not a few high-ranking members of the Catholic Church’s hierarchy have not only yielded to the relentless demands of the modern world; they are, with or without conviction, actively collaborating in the implementation of its principles in the daily life of the Church in all areas and on all levels.

Many wonder how it could happen that the Church’s doctrine, morals, and liturgy have been disfigured to such a large extent.

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How is it that there remains very little difference between the predominant spirit in the life of the Church in our days and the mindset of the modern world? The modern world, after all, is inspired by the principles of the French Revolution: the absolute freedom of man from any divine revelation or commandment; the absolute equality that abolishes not only any social or religious hierarchy but even differences between the sexes; and a brotherhood of man so uncritical that it even eliminates any distinction on the basis of religion.

It would be dishonest and irresponsible only to state the facts of the Church's current internal crisis, and to deal with the symptoms. We must examine the very roots of the crisis, which, to a decisive extent, can be identified (as Taylor Marshall has done in this book) as an infiltration of the Church by the unbelieving world, and especially by Freemasons – an infiltration that, by human standards, could effectively succeed only through a long, methodical process.

As Pope Leo XIII noted when he opened the secret Vatican Archives, in researching and exposing historical facts – even if they are compromising and troubling – the Church has nothing to fear. This book reveals significant historical roots of the current global crisis in the Church and throws light on many otherwise puzzling events of the past.

Because of the lack of sufficient resource materials and since the relevant Vatican Archives are still closed to researchers, some issues considered in this book (such as the circumstances surrounding the death of Pope John Paul I) must remain as hypotheses. Other arguments presented here, however, point to the existence of a kind of ominous red thread which systematically runs through the history of the past century-and-a-half of the Church's history.

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The Church of Christ has always and will always be persecuted; she will always be infiltrated by her enemies. The question is always only about the extent of such an infiltration, and this is determined by the degree of vigilance exercised by those in the Church who are designated as “watchmen,” which is the literal meaning of the word *episcopos*—that is, bishop. The highest watchman in the Church is the Roman pontiff, the supreme shepherd both of the bishops and of the faithful. The first infiltration in the Church happened with the apostate apostle Judas Iscariot. Since then, there have been in the Church intruders – priests, bishops, and even in very rare cases, popes – whom Our Lord called “wolves in sheep’s clothing.”

It is noble and meritorious to sound the alarm when robbers and other intruders are secretly breaking into the house and poisoning the food of its inhabitants. In the past fifty years, such an alarm has been sounded several times by courageous bishops, priests, and lay faithful. Those in responsible offices in the Church, however, have not paid due attention to those alarms, and so the intruders – wolves in sheep’s clothing – have been able to wreak havoc, undisturbed, in the house of God, the Church.

With devastation and confusion in the Church now in full public view, it is time to expose the historical roots and the perpetrators of this harm. It may help many in the Church to wake up out of their lethargy and to stop acting as if everything is just fine. Taylor Marshall’s book is a significant contribution to the work of raising awareness of this situation and taking preventive actions and countermeasures in the future.

Saint Augustine gave us the following realistic yet consoling description of the truth that the Church will be always persecuted:

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Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up (Ps. 128:1)... The Church is of ancient birth... At one time, the Church was in Abel only, and he was fought against by his wicked ... brother Cain (Gen. 4:8). At one time, the Church was in Enoch alone: and he was taken from the unrighteous (Gen. 5:24). At one time, the Church was in the house of Noah alone, and endured all who perished by the flood, and the ark alone swam upon the waves, and escaped to shore (Gen. 6–8). At one time, the Church was in Abraham alone, and we know what he endured from the wicked. The Church was in his brother's son, Lot, alone, and in his house, in Sodom, and he endured the iniquities and perversities of Sodom until God freed him from among them (Gen. 13–20). The Church also began to exist in the people of Israel. She endured Pharaoh and the Egyptians... We come unto our Lord Jesus Christ: the Gospel was preached in the Psalms. For this reason, lest the Church wonder now, or lest anyone ... who wishes to be a good member of the Church wonder, let him hear his Mother the Church saying to him, "Marvel not at these things, my son: *Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up, but they could not prevail over me.* (Enarr. in Ps. 128)

Even the most perfidious plot to destroy the Church from within will not succeed. Hence, our Mother the Church will answer with the voice of her innocent children, of her pure young men and virgins, of her fathers and mothers of families, of her courageous and knightly lay apostles and apologists, of her chaste and zealous priests and bishops, of her religious sisters and especially of her cloistered nuns, the spiritual gems of

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the Church: “They could not prevail over me!” *Christus vincit!*
Christus regnat! Christus imperat!

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