

The Satanic One World Religion is Here!

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**"No one will enter
the New World Order
unless he or she will make
a pledge to worship Lucifer.
No one will enter the New Age
unless he will take a
Luciferian Initiation."**

*~ David Spangler
Director of Planetary Initiative, United Nations*

“One World Religion” Headquarters Set to Open Next Year (2022)

(Headline from the “Back to Jerusalem” website)

The Abrahamic Family House

The Abrahamic Family House, which encloses a synagogue, a church (Catholic only) and a mosque in a single complex, and which is scheduled to be inaugurated in 2022, is 20 percent complete, the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity (HCHF) said in a statement on Tuesday. The Committee, which is also supervising the project, said it is inspired by the 2019 **Document on Human Fraternity**. Constructed on Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, the project is closely followed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayeb of al-Azhar, who endorsed the design, the HCHF said.



Abrahamic Family House
(under construction)



A virtual model of the Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi

Here is an excerpt (below) from the Vatican News Website, with “high-sounding” praise for the coming One World Religion

Shared values

The Abrahamic Family House’s design, by architect Sir David Adjaye, captures the values shared by Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, through three main buildings, including a mosque, a church, and a synagogue in one place. “As such, the complex innovatively recounts the history and builds bridges between human civilizations and heavenly messages.” The names of the three separate iconic houses of worship in the Abrahamic Family House complex are officially unveiled as “Imam AlTayeb Mosque,” “St. Francis Church,” and “Moses Ben Maimon Synagogue”. Moses ben Maimon was a prolific and influential Sephardic Jewish philosopher of the Middle Ages.

Interfaith harmonious coexistence

Besides the 3 places of worship, the site includes a cultural center that aims to encourage people to exemplify human fraternity and solidarity within a community that

cherishes the values of mutual respect and peaceful coexistence, while the unique character of each faith is preserved.

The REAL GOAL of the coming One World Religion is

The ELIMINATION of CHRISTIANITY, CHRIST and CHRISTAINS!

The Abrahamic Family House derives its name from the Old Testament biblical figure, Abraham, who is recognized and greatly revered by Jews, Christians and Muslims.

However, the present-day Jews actually have nothing to do with Abraham, even though Abraham is considered by many Jews, and even many Christians, as “the father of the Jews.” But Abraham was NOT “Jewish.” Abraham was a Babylonian pagan, who worshiped pagan gods of wood and stone, before God called him to 1) move from Babylon (the city of Ur) to Canaan, which required Abraham to CROSS OVER the Euphrates River, and, 2) to CROSS OVER from paganism to worshipping the true God of heaven – the God of the Bible.

That’s why Abraham is called a “Hebrew.” The word “Hebrew” does NOT mean “Jew.” The word “Hebrew” means “to CROSS OVER.”

Abraham CROSSED OVER the Euphrates River to get from Babylon to Canaan, and Abraham CROSSED OVER from worshipping pagan gods to worshipping the one True God, so Abraham is referred to in the Bible as a “Hebrew.” Abraham did NOT “become a Jew” by walking over 1,000 miles from Ur, in Babylon, to the land of Canaan. No one “becomes a Jew” by the act of traveling 1,000 miles.

From Wikipedia:

Ivri

The biblical term **Ivri** (עברי; **Hebrew pronunciation: [ʕiv'ri]**), meaning "to traverse" or "to pass over", is usually rendered as Hebrew in English, from the ancient Greek Ἑβραῖος and the Latin Hebraeus. The biblical word Ivri has the plural form Ivrim, or Ibrim.

² And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, **Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood** (Euphrates River) in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and **they served other gods.**

³ **And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood** (Euphrates River), and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. Joshua 24:2-3

Again, the word "Hebrew" does NOT mean "Jew." Abraham was called by God to CROSS OVER the Euphrates River (called "the flood" – a river) and to CROSS OVER from worshiping "other – pagan gods – to worshiping the True God of Heaven.

Abraham was a CHRISTIAN because he was looking forward to Christ, the Messiah – who actually was born in the human lineage of Abraham.

¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his **seed** were the promises made. **He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

²⁹ **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:16,29

Abraham's seed (offspring/descendant) was Christ. And if you are Christ's, you ARE Abraham's seed, and heirs of the promises to Abraham.

It is the CHRISTIANS, NOT the Jews, who are heirs to the promises God gave to Abraham.

Are the words Jew and Gentile in the Bible?

The word "JEW" NEVER appears in the Original Hebrew or Greek Scriptures

The word "Jew."

Look in a Concordance, Strong's Concordance is a popular, commonly used one. **The word "Jew" (#2453 in the Greek) is actually short for the word Judean**, or more accurately *loudas*, pronounced *ee-oo-dah-yos*. The letter "J" is not present in the New Testament Greek alphabet. The English alphabet had no "J" prior to the 14th century, and it wasn't predominantly used until the 17th century.

Since the word "Jew" is an English concoction that did not exist at the time of the writing of the New Testament, we know that it actually is the word "Judean" or "Judahite." The King James Bible in 1611, for example, used the word *Iudea*, not our present "Judea", and it was pronounced you-dee-a. So the word "Jew" is short for the word "Judean" or

“Judahite,” meaning either a resident of a particular area - Judea, the southern part of Canaan, later known as Palestine or a worshiper of the God whose presence was in the temple in Jerusalem in Judea. The word "Jew" or more properly “Judean” had nothing to do with ethnicity.

The English word Jew evolved phonetically from the prefix 'Iou, from the Greek word 'Ioudas which means Judean. Judea is the same as Judah, and Judah was the tribe of Israel that inhabited that geographical area when the twelve tribes conquered the inhabitants of Canaan about 1400 B.C. The Tribe of Judah was the largest of the twelve and the most influential. God said that the Messiah would come through that Tribe.

The Bible speaks of ONLY two main groups: Believers and Unbelievers

God is not interested in ethnicity, gender, or whether a person is a slave or free. He is “no respecter of persons.” He has no caste system. He is only interested in whether we have learned to **trust Him** or not. Are we a Believer in the One True God, or are we an Unbeliever?

All other subgroups in the Bible are a member of one or the other of these two main groups: Believers or Unbelievers. The apostle Paul makes this very clear In Romans 15:8,9 and in Galatians 2:9.

Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister (servant) of the **circumcision (the Believers – those who Believed in God)** for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers (the ancestors of the Believers – such as Abraham).

And that the heathen (“Gentiles” – nations – **Unbelievers**) might glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, “For this cause I will confess to Thee among the heathen (“Gentiles” – Unbelievers), and sing unto Thy name. Romans 15:8,9

“And when James, Peter and John, who seemed to be pillars (of the ecclesia – the Believers), perceived the grace that was given unto me (Paul), they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; **that we should go unto the heathen (Unbelievers), and they unto the circumcision (Believers in God – even though many constantly strayed from God).** Galatians 2:9

The word “Jew.”

The word "Judean" in the Bible (later incorrectly shortened to "Jew") originally meant - those who had knowledge of the God of heaven – the **Believers**. The study of the Scriptures, particularly the Old Testament, makes it clear that the designation "Judean" or *Ioudas* refers to those who had a knowledge of the God of heaven – those who were **Believers** in God, as opposed to those who had NO knowledge of the God of heaven or those who worshiped pagan gods, referred to as the "Nations" – the **Unbelievers**.

The word "Gentiles."

In Strong's Concordance, the word "**Nations**" in the Greek #1484 and in the Hebrew, #1471. Now look up the word "Gentiles." You will see that the number is identical to the word "Nations" both in the Greek (#1484) and in the Hebrew (#1471). The word "heathen" has the same numbers. This shows that the Bible translators used the word "Gentiles" at their own arbitrary discretion, when it would have a theological or sociological impact **they** desired, rather than using the word "Nations" in every instance, as unbiased translation would dictate.

There is NO instance in the Bible, where the word "Gentiles" is appropriate. The word should ALWAYS be *Nations* or *heathen* – referring to Unbelievers.

These words "Jew" and "Gentile" are both mistranslations and have nothing to do with ethnicity. They only have to do with the spiritual beliefs of the two groups. Either they worshipped the God of heaven (Believers) OR they worshipped many pagan gods (Unbelievers).

Over thousands of years and many translations, there began the intrusion of a false theology that these terms referred to ethnicity rather than spiritual beliefs. Jacob's name was SPIRITUALLY changed by God to the SPIRITUAL name of "Israel" when he finally gave up his evil ways of deceit and trickery because he had finally learned his lessons. Jacob's **heart** was changed but Jacob's genes did **not** change. The name "Israel" described his new spiritual character. It had nothing to do with ethnicity – with Jacob OR with his subsequent progeny.

The Hebrew word (#1471) translated "Nations" or incorrectly as "Gentiles", is the word "goy" or "goyim", a present-day derogatory term used by Jews to describe non-Jews, and means a troop of lowly animals, such as cattle, or a heathen people.

Isaiah 37:12 "Have the gods of the **nations** delivered them..."

Psalms 96:5 "For all the gods of the **nations** are idols..."

Isaiah 9:1 "...Galilee of the **nations**."

Again, the Scriptural meanings of the two terms are the following:

Judeans (mistranslated "Jews" in the Bible): Those who were aware of, or who worshiped, the God of heaven – Believers - even though often they had wandered far from the God of heaven they were supposed to know.

Nations or heathen (often **mistranslated** "Gentiles" in the Bible): Those who did **NOT** know, nor worship, the God of heaven, but instead worshiped pagan idols.

Neither term was a designation of ethnicity or blood line. Both terms were defined in relation to their religion - their worship, which, in general, correlated with their geographical location. The center of the worship of the God of heaven in the entire inhabited world, was Jerusalem which was in the region of Judea. Everywhere else was referred to as "the Nations."

"There were no nations until after the flood. God did not "select" Israel and Judah (and the Pharisees) because of their superiority to other nations, God "created" them for one purpose, to be **His** bondslaves, so that through that nation all the other nations should come to know Him. The idea that Israel was a magnificently developed type of nation is a mistaken one. Israel was a despised, and a despicable nation, continually turning away from God into idolatry." *Complete works of Oswald Chambers*; Discovery House Publishers pg 1317

When did Judaism begin?

When the Israelites returned from their captivity in Babylon, the center of Paganism in the entire world at that time, the Pharisees brought back their oral pagan traditions of the Babylonians. They were the **opposite** of what Jesus taught when He was on earth!

Jesus strongly rebuked the Pharisees for their pagan "traditions" saying,

"By your traditions, you make the Word of God of no effect." Mark 7:13

More than 300 years AFTER Jesus was born into this earth, had His ministry, died on the Cross, was resurrected and ascended to heaven, the Pharisees wrote down their oral traditions – which became - - - - the (Jewish) BABYLONIAN Talmud, the "holiest" book of the Jews of today.

The Jews of today do NOT live by the Old Testament. They don't even study the Old Testament. They live by the Babylonian Talmud, a book of rank Paganism! Even the secular Jews, who do not attend synagogue, never denounce the Talmud. They may not study it, but it is still revered by virtually ALL Jews.

Judaism began 300 years AFTER Christ!

So, there were NO "Jews" or "Gentiles" in the Bible, in the original Scriptures in Hebrew and Greek. There were only "Believers" – who worshiped the God of heaven - and "Unbelievers" – who didn't! The Israelites were Christians! They were NOT "Jews"!

So, the Jews of today have NOTHING to do with Abraham, and should NEVER be considered of the "House of Abraham."

And Muslims are the offspring of Ishmael, the son of Abraham's SIN (adultery with Sarah's servant, Hagar), the son who Abraham had to send away, never to see him again. Ishmael became the "father" of the Arab nations.

So, the Arabs (Muslims) really don't have anything to do with Abraham either.

And the ONLY "Christian" church that is represented in this "Abraham Family House" is the Catholic church, a church whose doctrines are purely PAGANISM, a church that believes human tradition is just as important as the Bible, a church who worships idols made of wood, stone, and metal, a church whose leaders in the Vatican actually hold a Mass to Satan, regularly, in the basement of the Vatican, a church whose doctrines have nothing to do with true Christianity!

The Catholic Church is run (from behind) by the Jews. The head of the Jesuits is referred to as the Black Pope (meaning the hidden Pope who rules from behind the scene). The Jesuit organization is Jewish, as is the Black Pope. It was started by Ignatius Loyola, who was a Jew.

Furthermore, during the Spanish Inquisition, the Jews were told they had to join the Catholic church or be killed. So, they pretended to convert to Catholicism while retaining their Jewish religion at home. They were called Conversos or Marranos. The International elitist Jews told the Spanish Jews to live this lie so they could infiltrate the Catholic church and take it over, which they have done.

The present Pope, Benedict, plus the previous two Popes, Francis and John Paul II, were also Jewish.

The First and Second Beasts of Revelation, Chapter 13

The First beast of Revelation 13 controls the whole world,

"The whole world marvels after the beast..." Rev 13:3

The Jewish Rothschilds from London, England control the money supply of 192 of the 195 countries in the world, through their control of the Central Banks of each country (like the U.S. Federal Reserve, a private corporation, run by the Jews under the control of the Rothschilds).

The Second beast of Revelation 13, "looks like a lamb, but speaks as a dragon."

¹¹ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Rev 13:11

The “Lamb” is Jesus Christ. So, the Second beast **appears** to be worshiping Jesus Christ, but it speaks as a dragon. Satan is referred to as a dragon in the Bible (Rev 12:3-4). So, the Second beast of Revelation 13 is **Apostate Christianity** (which will become part of the One World Religion that eventually will worship Lucifer/Satan), a group that does the “dirty work” for the First Beast of Revelation (the Jewish Rothschilds, and their agents, including the Rockefellers, George Soros, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg, and many other Jews).

This One World Satanic Religion will persecute and KILL True Christians:

15 And he (The Second Beast) had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” Rev 13:15

Where does the United Nations (UN) fit into all of this?

The Jewish Rothschilds control the UN and it is the vehicle that will be used to control the world. Already they have a pagan chapel that endorses the New Age (Satanic) Religion of (Jew) Madame Blavatsky and Alice Bailey.

Like “good” Communists, the Jews are creating Chaos in every country in the world. They change the rules almost every week, all their numbers (Covid cases, the various variants, the tests for Covid) are ALL LIES – made up out of thin air. In 2022 (and the subsequent next few years), the deaths from the vaccines will start to escalate, and many adults AND children will die. The incidence of robbery and murder in the general population will escalate until everyone will be afraid to leave their home. The famines will begin and people will starve to death. And there also may be war with Russia – or China! The country will be torn apart.

And that is exactly what the Jews want!

The people then will BEG for someone, or some organization, to RESTORE ORDER. And THAT is when the UN will “come to the rescue” of the world. And THAT is when the Jackboot of COMMUNISM will come down on the neck of every citizen in every country in the world, including the United States.

In America

Former national security Adviser (for Pres. Donald Trump) Michael Flynn, called for the United States to adopt “one religion under God.” He spoke at the ReAwaken America tour saying this country should have “one faith.” Flynn continued,

“If we are going to have one nation under God, which we must, we have to have one religion. One nation under God, and one religion under God.”

Michael Flynn is a Roman Catholic!

The Rise of Dominionism

And many of the evangelical Christians are “Dominionists”, meaning they believe they have a right to IMPOSE their brand of Christianity on ALL Americans. They do not believe in the separation of church and state – they believe that the government should ENFORCE religion. And many evangelical “Christians” believe that today’s Jews are “God’s Chosen People” (even though the Jews HATE Christ).

Dominionists include Pastors D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge ministries, Jerry Falwell, Tim LaHaye, Paula White, Psychologist James Dobson, Senator Jeff Sessions, William Barr, former VP Mike Pence, Trump Advisor Kellyanne Conway, and many others.

These people, who claim to be followers of Christ, will happily join the One World Religion – that will eventually worship Satan, under the guise of Lucifer. Then they will call for the deaths of those who refuse to join their ranks. It will be those who “call” themselves *Christians* who will call for the DEATH of TRUE Christians!

Revelation, Chapter 13, tells us what will happen:

“. . . and all the world wondered after the beast (the Jewish Rothschild One World Government that will rule through the United Nations).

And they worshipped the dragon (Satan) which gave power unto the beast (the One World Government): **and they worshipped the beast**, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great (horrific) things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (the 3 ½ year time of trouble).

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God (the One World Government will demand to be worshiped as God), to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Rev 13:3-8

The One World Government is Here!

And NOW, the One World Religion is Here!

The Bible will eventually be banned!

And the persecution of true Christians will soon begin!

Addendum (below)



Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayeb of al-Azhar after signing the Document on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi on Feb. 4, 2019

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
(3-5 FEBRUARY 2019)

A DOCUMENT ON

HUMAN FRATERNITY

FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER

[Multimedia]

INTRODUCTION

Faith leads a believer to see in the other a brother or sister to be supported and loved. Through faith in God, who has created the universe, creatures and all human beings (equal on account of his mercy), believers are called to express this human fraternity by safeguarding creation and the entire universe and supporting all persons, especially the poorest and those most in need.

This transcendental value served as the starting point for several meetings characterized by a friendly and fraternal atmosphere where we shared the joys, sorrows and problems of our contemporary world. We did this by considering scientific and technical progress, therapeutic achievements, the digital era, the mass media and communications. We reflected also on the level of poverty, conflict and suffering of so many brothers and sisters in different parts of the world as a consequence of the arms race, social injustice, corruption, inequality, moral decline, terrorism, discrimination, extremism and many other causes.

From our fraternal and open discussions, and from the meeting that expressed profound hope in a bright future for all human beings, the idea of this Document on *Human Fraternity* was conceived. It is a text that has been given honest and serious thought so as to be a joint declaration of good and heartfelt aspirations. It is a document that invites all persons who have faith in God and faith in *human fraternity* to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters.

DOCUMENT

In the name of God who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, to fill the earth and make known the values of goodness, love and peace;

In the name of innocent human life that God has forbidden to kill, affirming that whoever kills a person is like one who kills the whole of humanity, and that whoever saves a person is like one who saves the whole of humanity;

In the name of the poor, the destitute, the marginalized and those most in need whom God has commanded us to help as a duty required of all persons, especially the wealthy and of means;

In the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their countries; in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice; in the name of the weak, those who live in fear, prisoners of war and those tortured in any part of the world, without distinction;

In the name of peoples who have lost their security, peace, and the possibility of living together, becoming victims of destruction, calamity and war;

In the name of *human fraternity* that embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal;

In the name of this *fraternity* torn apart by policies of extremism and division, by systems of unrestrained profit or by hateful ideological tendencies that manipulate the actions and the future of men and women;

In the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings creating them free and distinguishing them by this gift;

In the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith;

In the name of all persons of good will present in every part of the world;

In the name of God and of everything stated thus far; Al-Azhar al-Sharif and the Muslims of the East and West, together with the Catholic Church and the Catholics of the East and West, declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard.

We, who believe in God and in the final meeting with Him and His judgment, on the basis of our religious and moral responsibility, and through this Document, call upon ourselves, upon the leaders of the world as well as the architects of international policy and world economy, to work strenuously to spread the culture of tolerance and of living together in peace; to intervene at the earliest opportunity to stop the shedding of innocent blood and bring an end to wars, conflicts, environmental decay and the moral and cultural decline that the world is presently experiencing.

We call upon intellectuals, philosophers, religious figures, artists, media professionals and men and women of culture in every part of the world, to rediscover the values of peace, justice, goodness, beauty, human fraternity and coexistence in order to confirm the importance of these values as anchors of salvation for all, and to promote them everywhere.

This Declaration, setting out from a profound consideration of our contemporary reality, valuing its successes and in solidarity with its suffering, disasters and calamities, believes firmly that among the most important causes of the crises of the modern world are a desensitized human conscience, a distancing from religious values and a prevailing individualism accompanied by materialistic philosophies that deify the human person and introduce worldly and material values in place of supreme and transcendental principles.

While recognizing the positive steps taken by our modern civilization in the fields of science, technology, medicine, industry and welfare, especially in developed countries, we wish to emphasize that, associated with such historic advancements, great and valued as they are, there exists both a moral deterioration that influences international action and a weakening of spiritual values and responsibility. All this contributes to a general feeling of frustration, isolation and desperation leading many to fall either into a vortex of atheistic, agnostic or religious extremism, or into blind and fanatic extremism, which ultimately encourage forms of dependency and individual or collective self-destruction.

History shows that religious extremism, national extremism and also intolerance have produced in the world, be it in the East or West, what might be referred to as signs of a "third world war being fought piecemeal". In several parts of the world and in many tragic circumstances these signs have begun to be painfully apparent, as in those situations where the precise number of victims, widows and orphans is unknown. We see, in addition, other regions preparing to become theatres of new conflicts, with outbreaks of tension and a build-up of arms and ammunition, and all this in a global context overshadowed by uncertainty, disillusionment, fear of the future, and controlled by narrow-minded economic interests.

We likewise affirm that major political crises, situations of injustice and lack of equitable distribution of natural resources – which only a rich minority benefit from, to the detriment of the majority of the peoples of the earth – have generated, and continue to generate, vast numbers of poor, infirm and deceased persons. This leads to catastrophic crises that various countries have fallen victim to despite their natural resources and the resourcefulness of young people which characterize these nations. In the face of such crises that result in the deaths of millions of children – wasted away from poverty and hunger – there is an unacceptable silence on the international level.

It is clear in this context how the family as the fundamental nucleus of society and humanity is essential in bringing children into the world, raising them, educating them, and providing them with solid moral formation and domestic security. To attack the institution of the family, to regard it with contempt or to doubt its important role, is one of the most threatening evils of our era.

We affirm also the importance of awakening religious awareness and the need to revive this awareness in the hearts of new generations through sound education and an adherence to moral values and upright religious teachings. In this way we can confront tendencies that are individualistic, selfish, conflicting, and also address radicalism and blind extremism in all its forms and expressions.

The first and most important aim of religions is to believe in God, to honour Him and to invite all men and women to believe that this universe depends on a God who governs it. He is the Creator who has formed us with His divine wisdom and has granted us the gift of life to protect it. It is a gift that no one has the right to take away, threaten or manipulate to suit oneself. Indeed, everyone must safeguard this gift of life from its beginning up to its natural end. We therefore condemn all those practices that are a threat to life such as genocide, acts of terrorism, forced displacement, human organ trafficking, abortion and euthanasia. We likewise condemn the policies that promote these practices.

Moreover, we resolutely declare that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood. These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings. They result from a political manipulation of religions and from interpretations made by religious groups who, in the course of history, have taken advantage of the power of religious sentiment in the hearts of men and women in order to make them act in a way that has nothing to do with the truth of religion. This is done for the purpose of achieving objectives that are political, economic, worldly and short-sighted. We thus call upon all concerned to stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism and blind fanaticism, and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression. We ask this on the basis of our common belief in God who did not create men and women to be killed or to fight one another, nor to be tortured or humiliated in their lives and circumstances. God, the Almighty, has no need to be defended by anyone and does not want His name to be used to terrorize people.

This Document, in accordance with previous International Documents that have emphasized the importance of the role of religions in the construction of world peace, upholds the following:

- The firm conviction that authentic teachings of religions invite us to remain rooted in the values of peace; to defend the values of mutual understanding, *human fraternity* and harmonious coexistence; to re-establish wisdom, justice and love; and to reawaken religious awareness among young people so that future generations may be protected from the realm of materialistic thinking and from dangerous policies of unbridled greed and indifference that are based on the law of force and not on the force of law;
- Freedom is a right of every person: each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action. The pluralism and the diversity of religions, colour, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings. This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected, as too the imposition of a cultural way of life that others do not accept;
- Justice based on mercy is the path to follow in order to achieve a dignified life to which every human being has a right;
- Dialogue, understanding and the widespread promotion of a culture of tolerance, acceptance of others and of living together peacefully would contribute significantly to reducing many economic, social, political and environmental problems that weigh so heavily on a large part of humanity;
- Dialogue among believers means coming together in the vast space of spiritual, human and shared social values and, from here, transmitting the highest moral virtues that religions aim for. It also means avoiding unproductive discussions;
- The protection of places of worship – synagogues, churches and mosques – is a duty guaranteed by religions, human values, laws and international agreements. Every attempt to attack places of worship or threaten them by violent assaults, bombings or destruction, is a deviation from the teachings of religions as well as a clear violation of international law;

- Terrorism is deplorable and threatens the security of people, be they in the East or the West, the North or the South, and disseminates panic, terror and pessimism, but this is not due to religion, even when terrorists instrumentalize it. It is due, rather, to an accumulation of incorrect interpretations of religious texts and to policies linked to hunger, poverty, injustice, oppression and pride. This is why it is so necessary to stop supporting terrorist movements fuelled by financing, the provision of weapons and strategy, and by attempts to justify these movements even using the media. All these must be regarded as international crimes that threaten security and world peace. Such terrorism must be condemned in all its forms and expressions;

- The concept of *citizenship* is based on the equality of rights and duties, under which all enjoy justice. It is therefore crucial to establish in our societies the concept of *full citizenship* and reject the discriminatory use of the term *minorities* which engenders feelings of isolation and inferiority. Its misuse paves the way for hostility and discord; it undoes any successes and takes away the religious and civil rights of some citizens who are thus discriminated against;

- Good relations between East and West are indisputably necessary for both. They must not be neglected, so that each can be enriched by the other's culture through fruitful exchange and dialogue. The West can discover in the East remedies for those spiritual and religious maladies that are caused by a prevailing materialism. And the East can find in the West many elements that can help free it from weakness, division, conflict and scientific, technical and cultural decline. It is important to pay attention to religious, cultural and historical differences that are a vital component in shaping the character, culture and civilization of the East. It is likewise important to reinforce the bond of fundamental human rights in order to help ensure a dignified life for all the men and women of East and West, avoiding the politics of double standards;

- It is an essential requirement to recognize the right of women to education and employment, and to recognize their freedom to exercise their own political rights. Moreover, efforts must be made to free women from historical and social conditioning that runs contrary to the principles of their faith and dignity. It is also necessary to protect women from sexual exploitation and from being treated as merchandise or objects of pleasure or financial gain. Accordingly, an end must be brought to all those inhuman and vulgar practices that denigrate the dignity of women. Efforts must be made to modify those laws that prevent women from fully enjoying their rights;

- The protection of the fundamental rights of children to grow up in a family environment, to receive nutrition, education and support, are duties of the family and society. Such duties must be guaranteed and protected so that they are not overlooked or denied to any child in any part of the world. All those practices that violate the dignity and rights of children must be denounced. It is equally important to be vigilant against the dangers that they are exposed to, particularly in the digital world, and to consider as a crime the trafficking of their innocence and all violations of their youth;

- The protection of the rights of the elderly, the weak, the disabled, and the oppressed is a religious and social obligation that must be guaranteed and defended through strict legislation and the implementation of the relevant international agreements.

To this end, by mutual cooperation, the Catholic Church and Al-Azhar announce and pledge to convey this Document to authorities, influential leaders, persons of religion all over the world,

appropriate regional and international organizations, organizations within civil society, religious institutions and leading thinkers. They further pledge to make known the principles contained in this Declaration at all regional and international levels, while requesting that these principles be translated into policies, decisions, legislative texts, courses of study and materials to be circulated.

Al-Azhar and the Catholic Church ask that this Document become the object of research and reflection in all schools, universities and institutes of formation, thus helping to educate new generations to bring goodness and peace to others, and to be defenders everywhere of the rights of the oppressed and of the least of our brothers and sisters.

In conclusion, our aspiration is that:

this Declaration may constitute an invitation to reconciliation and fraternity among all believers, indeed among believers and non-believers, and among all people of good will;

this Declaration may be an appeal to every upright conscience that rejects deplorable violence and blind extremism; an appeal to those who cherish the values of tolerance and fraternity that are promoted and encouraged by religions;

this Declaration may be a witness to the greatness of faith in God that unites divided hearts and elevates the human soul;

this Declaration may be a sign of the closeness between East and West, between North and South, and between all who believe that God has created us to understand one another, cooperate with one another and live as brothers and sisters who love one another.

This is what we hope and seek to achieve with the aim of finding a universal peace that all can enjoy in this life.

Abu Dhabi, 4 February 2019

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