

**"WAS ERASMUS A ROMAN CATHOLIC?"**  
**Dear Reader you judge for yourself!**

- 1.** Born in 1446, his only reason for joining the Roman Catholics as an Augustinian, was that they had **the best libraries**. As it turns out, Rome may have had his body but they never captured his mind and heart.
- 2.** He **refused** to keep any Catholic vigils
- 3. Ate meat on Fridays**
- 4.** Although ordained he **never performed as a Catholic priest**
- 5.** Constantly **opposed the excesses** of the Catholic church
- 6.** Wrote an article calling the **Catholic church "Barbarians"** ...berating the Papacy and the priests and the monks for their **over indulgences**
- 7.** Criticized Pope Julius **comparing** him to the Roman Emperor **Julius Caesar**
- 8.** He called the Pope "**the pest of Christendom**"
- 9.** He advised the church to "**get rid of the Roman See**"
- 10.** He wrote a scalding satire **depicting Pope Julius going to hell**
- 11.** He refused to use **Jerome's Latin translation** in his works as Jerome had solely based his work on the **corrupt Alexandrian manuscript called Vaticanus**
- 12. Jerome** had incorrectly translated [Matthew 4:17](#) as "Do **penance**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, whereas Erasmus had the correct translation of "Be **penitent** for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- 13.** Erasmus **vehemently defended** [Mark 16:9-20](#) and [John 8:1-12](#)

**14.** He was an untiring supporter of getting **the Bible into the hands of the common man** ... that is ... "the farmer, the traveller, the tailor and the Turk, the masons, prostitutes and pimps"

**15.** God used Erasmus' Greek Text (TR) as **the basis for the King James Bible**

**16.** His cry was "**salvation was entirely by grace alone, faith alone and not of works**"

**17.** Erasmus said he was the **only Anabaptist of the 16<sup>th</sup> century** ... that is ... babies were not to be sprinkled with water.

**18.** Erasmus' writings were the basis on which Luther stake his claim ... "**Erasmus laid the egg that Luther hatched.**"

**19.** Twenty three years after Erasmus' death in 1536, Pope Paul IV in 1559 put Erasmus' writings on the list of **Forbidden Books** for Roman Catholics ... **they were banned from reading them!**

If you think that Erasmus was a Roman Catholic ... what's the saying? ... "I'm a monkey's uncle."

Mmmm! Yes ... you probably believe in evolution, and that we descended from apes as well!

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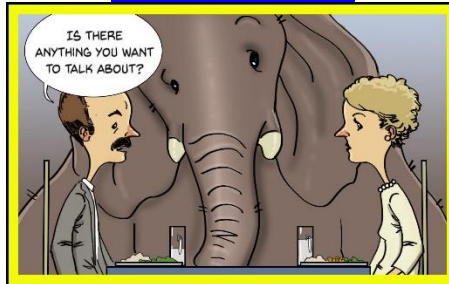
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