

Creeds Are Private Interpretations

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I am at a loss to understand why Protestants are so set against Catholics, while most of their doctrines and practices have been borrowed from Rome. The Catholic Church has set the precedent in creed making. A creed (Latin, Credo), is the expression of one's belief. If a creed contains more or less than the Bible, it is condemned by the Bible. If a creed contains neither more nor less than the Bible, then it is the Bible and no human creed.

The alleged Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, are the expressions of the private interpretations of the Catholic Church. On the other hand, the Catholics should not condemn the Protestants for expressing their private interpretations and their Catechisms, Articles of Faith, etc., because they are only following the lead of their Catholic predecessors.

Both Catholics and Protestants express their private interpretations in the form of creeds, therefore they should not condemn each other. All man-made creeds are unscriptural, therefore sinful. The apostles had no creed but the commands of Christ, and the New Testament church had no creed but the apostles' doctrine. Refer me not to the ex cathedra pronouncements of the pope or the deliberations of the Council of Trent, because these documents have no more authority in matters spiritual than does the preamble to the Constitution.

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