

Q. 31. To say Scripture, is correct; but what does she mean by tradition?

A. That which was spoken by the Apostles, but which has not been committed to writing.

Q. 32. How does Rome say that tradition was preserved?

A. She says it was passed from one to another, by word of mouth.

Q. 33. What is the meaning of 2 Thessalonians ii. 15?

A. The Thessalonians were to hold fast, or remember, what the Apostle taught by word or by his Epistle.

Thessalonians ii. 15. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

Q. 34. Why, then, do you not receive the Romish traditions?

A. Because it cannot be proved that they proceeded from the Apostles, and because they are contrary to the Apostles' writings. They are the traditions of men.

Q. 35. Does Christ condemn the traditions of men?

A. Yes.

Matthew xv. 3. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Q. 36. Can we rely on the traditions of men as being truth?

A. No; because the traditions of men are imaginations, inventions, and myths, and as such are condemned by the Word of God.

Q. 37. Does Paul warn us against the tradition of men?

A. Yes.

Colossians ii. 8. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Scripture the Only Rule of Faith.

Q. 38. What is the Protestant Rule of Faith?

A. The Holy Scriptures; that is, the Bible, the Word of God.