

The present adherents of the Church of Rome are not, in my judgment, Catholics. We are the Catholics. We can prove that we hold the doctrines of the primitive Church for the first three hundred years. The Council of Trent made the Papists what they are.

The course of Christianity and the Christian Church may not inaptly be likened to a mighty river, which filled a wide channel, and bore along with its waters mud, and gravel, and weeds, till it met a great rock in the middle of its stream. By some means or other, the water flows purely, and separated from the filth, in a deeper and narrower course on one side of the rock, and the refuse of the dirt and troubled water goes off on the other in a broader current, and then cries out, "*We are the river!*"

A person said to me lately, "But you will, for civility's sake, call them *Catholics*, will you not?" I answered that I would not; for I would not tell a lie upon any, much less upon so solemn an occasion. The adherents of the Church of Rome, I repeat, are not *Catholic* Christians. — S. T. COLERIDGE, *Table Talk*, April 29, 1823.

Romanists are great pretenders to Catholic Tradition or Primitive Antiquity, and yet the fact is so full and plain against them, that we can point out when, where, and how, every corruption almost commenced and every innovation crept in..... They screen themselves under modern Infallibility, and take sanctuary in their own authority, as sole judges of everything, rather than rest the issue of the cause upon a strict inquiry into ancient fact. — *Waterland*, 325,