

teaching of the Elders which transgress the commandments of God. As the Jews teach the traditions of the Elders, so the Papacy teach the tradition of the church Fathers in place of the commandments of God. Such traditions of the Papacy are: Sunday sacredness; image worship; bowing to a man in place of Christ; the teaching of purgatory; praying to humans (saints); the teaching of the Virgin Mary; calling the Pope Holy Father etc. But the distinctive feature (tradition) of the antichrist is the teaching that Christ did not come in “the flesh.” Instead the RC Church (the beast, antichrist) teaches the false doctrine of the Immaculate Conception i.e. Christ did not come in the same flesh as David (Rom. 1:3) and the children and seed of Abraham (Heb. 2:14-16) but rather the sinless human nature (flesh and blood) of Adam before the fall. This false teaching identifies the RC church as the antichrist/beast, and all who believe and teach this false doctrine have the same spirit as the antichrist (2 John 1:7-10).

THE GREAT DECEPTION

The Antichrist, the Beast, his Mark, Name & Number

The Number and Name of the Beast

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John 4:1-3

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. Rev. 13:17, 18

The meaning of the number 666 has like the beast and antichrist been the subject of much conjecture. Since the Bible says that this is the number of a man, persons have been speculating and summing up the number of names using Latin and even English numerals to come to a conclusion of who this number may represent. Again please remember that the New Testament was not written in Latin, but rather in Greek, therefore we should consult the Greek rather than Latin to determine who or what this number represents. And only those who try the spirits with the wisdom and understanding from above will know.

To understand who is the antichrist, his number and name let us first consider who is the real Christ, his number and name.

The name JESUS in the Greek is Ι Η Σ Ο Υ Σ (pronounced IOESUS). It is the Greek form of the Hebrew YESHUA which mean “He will save” or “Saviour.” (Matt. 1:21; Luke 1:31; 2:11). The numeric value of Ι – iota; Η – eta; Σ – sigma; Ο – omicron; Υ – upsilon; Σ - sigma in the Greek is 888. Ι = 10; Η = 8; Σ = 200; Ο = 70; Υ = 400; Σ = 200. Total value 888.

Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Theta
A α	B β	Γ γ	Δ δ	E ε	Z ζ	H η	Θ θ
1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9

Iota	Kappa	Lamda	Mu	Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi
I ι	K κ	Λ λ	M μ	N ν	Ξ ξ	O ο	Π π
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80

Rho	Sigma	Tau	Upsilon	Phi	Chi	Psi	Omega
P ρ	Σ σ ς	T τ	Υ υ	Φ φ	Χ χ	Ψ ψ	Ω ω
100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800

Digamma	Stigma	Koppa	Sampi
F	Ϛ	Ϟ	Ϸ
6	6	90	900

Using this same method of calculation, we shall be able to find out the number (six hundred and sixty-six) and name of the beast/antichrist. We are told those with understanding should calculate the number of the beast, which is the name of the beast. (Revelation 13:17, 18). In the Greek there is one word/name which adds up to six hundred and sixty-six (Rev. 13:18) that fits John's description of antichrist/beast (1 John 4:2). The word is Π Α Ρ Α Δ Ο Σ Ι Σ pronounced (paradosis) meaning teaching or tradition, or the act of passing on a tradition or the content of the tradition itself. The numeric value of PARADOSIS is Π - pi = 80; A - alpha = 1; P - rho = 100; A - alpha = 1; Δ - delta = 4; O - omicron = 70; Σ - sigma = 200; I - iota = 10; Σ - sigma = 200. Total value 666.

Strong's Concordance G3862 paradosis: a handing down or over, a tradition.

In the Bible (KJV) there are thirteen references to the word (paradosis) tradition, eleven of these references show tradition in a negative light.

1. Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. Matt. 15:2
2. But he answered and said unto them, why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? Matt. 15:3
3. And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Matt. 15:6
4. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. Mark 7:3
5. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands? Mark 7:5
6. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. Mark 7:8
7. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. Mark 7:9
8. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. Mark 7:13
9. And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. Gal. 1:14
10. 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. Col. 2:8
11. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 2 Thess. 2:15
12. Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. 2 Thess. 3:6
13. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. 1 Peter 1:18

What is this tradition that six hundred and sixty-six could refer to? According to Christ it is the