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JOHN.6

- 6:53. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink the blood, ye have no life in you.
- 6:54. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 6:55. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Italian government near collapse after Vatican 'plot'

Mr Mastella resigned from the government last week, after he and his wife were implicated in a cash-for-favours scandal.

He promised that his party would vote with the government, but changed his mind over the weekend. Now he has said Mr Prodi's coalition was "dead, dead, dead".

The impetus for his change of heart appears to have come from the Vatican, which has voiced its disapproval at Mr Prodi's stance on gay rights and abortion.

The Vatican also shook the government last year, when Mr Prodi lost a vote on his foreign policy on the same day that a gay marriage bill entered parliament.

Several senators from the old Christian Democrat party either absented themselves from the

sides because he was told to.

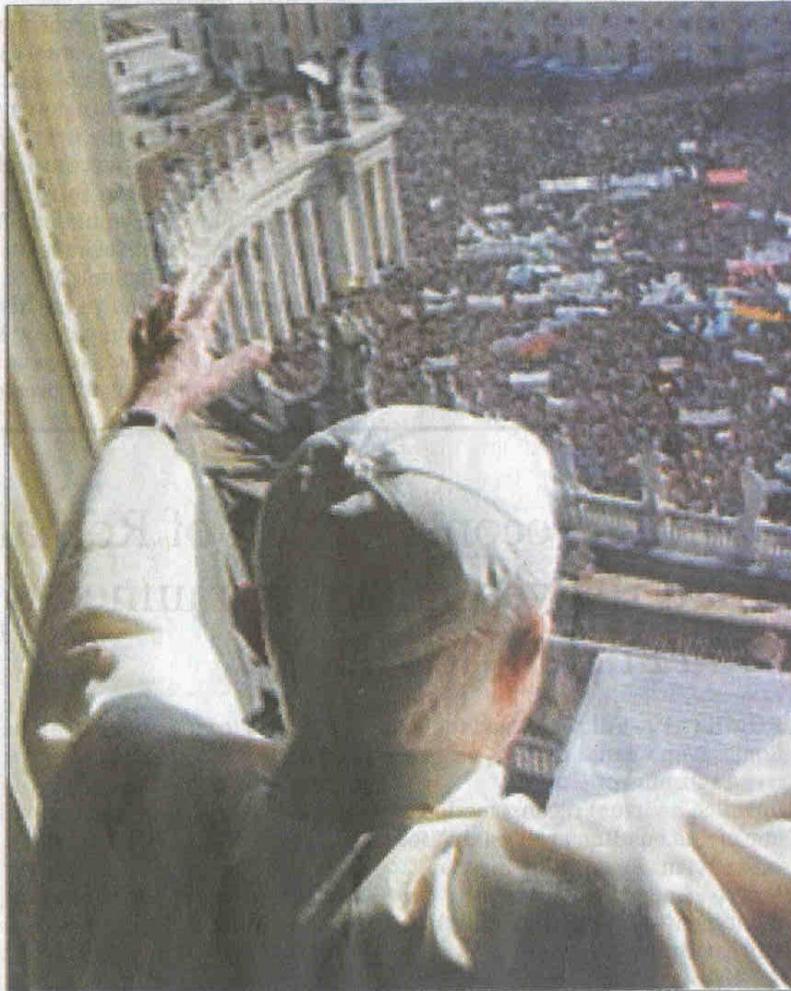
As Mr Mastella announced his defection on Monday, Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco, the head of the Italian Bishops Conference, attacked Mr Prodi.

"The country is in pieces," he said. "There is lazy administration and a shirking of responsibility."

He cited the rubbish crisis in Naples and deplored the policy on gay rights. He also accused the government of having blocked the Pope from visiting La Sapienza university after some students demonstrated against the pontiff's perceived anti-science stance.

The government immediately denied the charges, and said the Vatican had been reassured that security was not an issue.

The Vatican's department for communication did not try to deny the charges, and said that Cardinal



Pope Benedict XVI blesses the faithful. The Vatican is accused of meddling in politics

By Malcolm Moore in Rome Democrat party has three crucial

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EXODUS. 12

- 12:2. This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.
- 12:3. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of **this month they shall take to them every man a lamb**, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:
- 12:4. And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

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EXODUS.12

- 12:5. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats:
- 12:6. And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.
- 12:7. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
- 12:8. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

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EXODUS.12

- 12:9. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with purtenance therof.
- 12:10. And ye shall eat nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.
- 12:11. And thus shall ye eat it; with your lons girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.
- 12:12. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

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EXODUS.12

- 12:13. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pas over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
- 12:14. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.
- 12:15. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eatheth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

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EPHESIANS.4

- 4:4. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- 4:5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 4:6. One God, and Father of all, who is above all.
- 4:7. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 4:8. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

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EPHESIANS.4

4:9. Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into first into the lower parts of the earth?

4:10. He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.

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EPHESIANS.4

4:11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some. Evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

4:12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ:

4:13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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- When God begins to deal with you, if part of the body of Christ you will not be contented with being an average believer, the denominational churches produce.
- You would begin to understand, God is preparing you for very specific placement, and create in you sensitivity to His voice.
- God will lead us by His Spirit step by step, line upon line, but will not give the entire picture till we come to full potential of our position in Christ.

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PSALM.89.

89:15. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in light of thy countenance.

God while be very specific in leading us, will permits conditions that will test and try us, prove we are indeed the wheat not tars or foolish virgins.

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COLOSSIANS. 1

- 1:12. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- 1:13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
- 1:14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

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COLOSSIANS.1

- 1:15. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- 1:16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him.
- 1:17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consists.
- 1:18. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the , the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.