Who Confused the Christian World?

Below you may compare the Ten Commandments as given in the Bible with the list recognized and taught by the Roman Catholic Church in their Catechism. You can see for yourself how they have "thought" to change God's law (Daniel 7:25)

Commandments as found in the Bible

Exodus 20:2-17

- 2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
 3 Do not have any other gods before me.
- 2. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- 3. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- 4. 8 Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.9 For six days you shall labor and do all your work.10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.
- 5. 12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- 6. 13 You shall not murder.
- 7. 14 You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. 15 You shall not steal.
- 9. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- **10.** 17 **You shall not covet** your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Commandments given in Catholic Catechism

A Traditional Catechetical Formula

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

- 3. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day.
- 4. Honor your father and your mother.
- 5. You shall not kill.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Note: You can find this exact list from the Catholic Catechism online: <u>http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc/command.htm</u>

Keep in mind that the commandments in the Catholic Bible will read the same as any other Bible. But, for a commandment where God says so much about not making idols (#2), don't you think it's strange the Catechism omits it entirely? And, why, if they were only summarizing #2 with #1 would they split a short commandment like "not coveting" (#10) into two separate commands in the Catechism so as to complete the list of ten? History teaches us that the church omitted the Second Commandment entirely from their list because when they were sharing the Gospel in many pagan lands they didn't think it needful to make the people get rid of their idols. It certainly was easier to get converts to the faith if people didn't have to give up their precious idols. Then of course, the church itself has many statues and relics that people reverence—visiting year after year to kiss the feet of them. So, for the Catholic Church, they prefer to leave the Second Commandment out of their book of official teachings. This creates the necessity of splitting the tenth commandment into two.

How did the Catholic Church change the "times" of God's Law? (Daniel 7:25)

Notice what was done to the fourth commandment about the Sabbath day (The Roman church refers to this as the third commandment, because they're missing #2):

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Q. What is the Third Commandment?

A. The Third Commandment is: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

Q. Why did the Catholic Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday, because Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, and the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles on a Sunday.

Q. By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plenitude of that power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her.

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"Sunday is a Catholic institution, and... can be defended only on Catholic principles... From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first."

Note: It is very clear that the Catholic church boldly admits they changed the "time" of the Sabbath from Saturday, the 7th day of the week which God himself "blessed and Sanctified," to Sunday, the first day of the week. Sunday worship is a man-made idea and directly violates God's Ten Commandments.