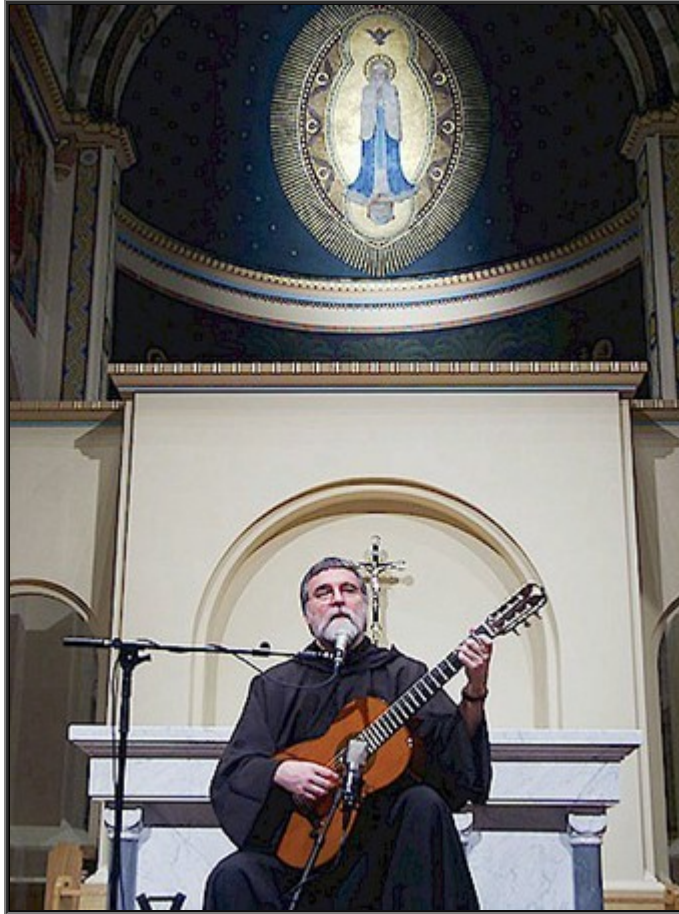


John Michael Talbot

Troubadour For Satan



Who Is John Michael Talbot?

John Michael Talbot is the world's leading Roman Catholic recording artist, with **more than four million in record sales**. He has released over 40 albums and performed in front of audiences all over the world. In 2001, **he was chosen to sing at the Inagural Prayer Luncheon of President George W. Bush**. In July 2002, he performed at the **World Youth Day 2002 Vigil service for Pope John Paul II in Toronto, Canada**.

John Michael Talbot is **Founder and Minister General of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity monastic community in Eureka Springs, Arkansas**, an international religious community of over 500, and a monastic expression at The Little Portion Hermitage Monastery.

An author of 16 books on roman catholic spirituality, community and living, John Michael Talbot is a well loved roman catholic lecturer, teacher, and retreat master.

John Michael Talbot Reveals How He Was Bewitched Into Roman Catholicism

How did you become a Catholic? *I saw so much division within the different churches, and at the same time I saw a lot of head knowledge and Scripture quoting. I also saw a lot of anger and hate under the surface. So I began to look. I read Scripture, the patristics and the contemplative traditions – John of the Cross, Theresa of Avila, Francis, Benedict. On all of those fronts I was encountering the Catholic faith. **It confused me, because I was convinced that Catholicism was a false religion.** First, I went and looked up a Franciscan I knew, Father Martin, who is still my spiritual director today. I moved into a place called Alverna in Indianapolis, and while I was there I heard a little voice inside that said, “John Michael, I want you to become Catholic. She is my first Church. She’s been sick and she’s nearly died. But I am going to heal her and raise her to new life, and I want you to be a part of her.” So I began formal studies and a year later I was a Catholic.*

[quoted from: <http://www.conceptionabbey.org/TowerTopics/TTSummer2003/talbot.htm>]

John Michael Talbot Reveals His Deception Regarding Pentacostalism, Charismatics, and Ecumenical Movement:

Charismatic and Pentecostal Christianity certainly are exciting. They deal with the fundamentals of generic Christian faith – praise and worship, excitement, good preaching. *That’s all great. But it only goes so far. So after people have been in that movement for five, 10, sometimes even 20 years, they come to a place where they want more.*

People feel not so much that other forms of faith are bad, but that there’s something deeper. In my life that comes from the Catholic experience and the Franciscan and monastic experience. The mystical experience. That’s what people are hungry for. *If you put it into objective words they would probably disagree. But deep inside that’s what people want.*

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Quotes From the book he authored; "Blessings: Reflections On The Beatitudes"

page 33; "There can be no doubt that Jesus demanded actual external poverty of both himself and his disciples. Likewise, the only way safely to steward the reality of this hundredfold principle is to just keep giving it away. **It becomes almost a holy competition with God**".

page 60 & 61; "Many people also grossly misunderstood original sin. Original sin is the corporate sin of all mankind, passed down from Adam and Eve through every generation. Now some thought that this sin is so radical that it totally eliminates the image of God from the human soul. As we know, human beings were originally created

in the image of God. The fulness of that image is lost through sin and restored by the being conformed to the image of Christ. But some teach that the image is radically absent from all human beings without faith in Christ. **In fact, even after faith in Christ, they teach that the tendency of the human being is toward sin, not toward God.**

Martin Luther, in trying to describe the mystery of sin and redemption in Christ, taught that sin makes the human soul like a pile of dung. The atonement of Christ is like a layer of pure snow that covers the dung heap or our lives. While we now look pure to God and to others through the atonement of Christ, beneath the layer of snow, we are still a pile of dung.

While Luther's intentions were correct, this understanding has vast ramifications on Christian outlook on all human life, ramifications that are not good. They are even catastrophic and tragic.

If I really believe that all human beings are essentially a pile of dung, it will radically affect the way **I think of myself**, and the way I treat others. First, if I really believe that I am just a pile of dung, redeemed or not, **I will develop a very low image of myself**. This will eventually backfire with a vain attempt to come up with a self that has some worth. **This results in coming up with a false self, which results in egotism.**

Likewise, if I really believe that others are only a pile of dung, I will not treat them with the dignity of human respect. Furthermore, even my Christian efforts to evangelize will easily degenerate into a ministry of numbers, rather than a ministry to precious souls that bear the image of God.

The effect of this belief is one of the major tragedies of the sociological development of America. Founded primarily as a Protestant nation, it substantially bought into Luther's analogy. Many of our forebearers had this footing from which they build their view of basic human self-worth. John Calvin took it even further. Many Catholics did the same through the widespread errors of **Jansenism**. Consequently, generation after generation were ingrained with a teaching that propagated this extremely low self-image within ourselves and others. After generations of trying to live on an ideal that is essentially demoralizing and untrue, we have sprung back with a desperate attempt to establish basic human-worth.

Unfortunately, this has snapped back in an error of equal force to the opposite extreme, the error of **egotism**. Today, Americans are a "me-first" people. We look out for number one. We learn how to **assert ourselves** and how to **win through intimidation**.

page 66; "Today, the church calls him (**St. Francis of Assisi**), the patron saint of **ecology**".

page 73;

"In the eyes of faith, **even sin will lead us back to God**".

page 85; "He (Jesus Christ) became one of us, **to save us all**."

page 98; "This is when it is important to remember that **faith is a choice.**"

page 101; "The same could be said of the **sacraments. They symbolize and effect the grace of God.** If our hearts are pure, the sacraments become a conscious and lived experience.

page 104; "He (Jesus Christ) is the **cosmic Christ.** Fully God, fully human, to reach humans and **make them divine in himself.**"

page 111; "I have **never seen a Constitution or Bill of Rights as consistent and developed as the Second Vatican Council and the ensuing papal encyclicals.**"

page 112; "The church teaches a way that stands between the two **(speaking of democracy & socialism). It is the way of democratic socialism.**"

page 114; "Imagine if all 50 million Catholics in America united behind these issues. **Imagine if all 850 million (Roman Catholics) united throughout the world. We would be one of the largest nations on earth. Plus, imagine those who would join us from the other like-minded Christian and monotheistic religions, not to mention all people, both religious and nonreligious, who agree with the consistent life ethic. We would be a force to be reckoned with. But the force would be only a force for life. It would be a force of love.**"
