Aforethought (premeditated)

Preamble: ***The intent of Aforethought is to show two dissimilar ideas as they didn’t occur in my convoluted thinking so that their factual worth can be appreciated. By presenting them out of conjunction of their actual occurrence I hope to make a legitimate case for their authenticity. For starters the Stations of the Cross occurred on Friday and I handed the Attachment into Dr. Davidov on Thursday. The revelation of the Stations of the Cross came after my exchange with God. As followed the word pluralism popped into my head after meditating on the severity of Christ scourging: A contemplation that during the Lenten season comes up in my prayers over the sorrowful mysteries.***

After saying the Stations of the Cross at Church Friday 3/23/07 I noticed something that was missing in the listed 14 stations. As listed all 14 excluded in importance the scourging; the whipping of Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus receives the cross
3. Jesus falls the first time~
4. Jesus meets [His Mother](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blessed_Virgin_Mary)
5. [Simon of Cyrene](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_of_Cyrene) carries the cross
6. [Veronica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Veronica) wipes Jesus' face with her veil
7. Jesus falls the second time~
8. Jesus meets the women of [Jerusalem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem)
9. Jesus falls the Third time~
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. [Crucifixion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion): Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus' body removed from the cross (Pieta)
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

As a characteristic of the passion it is wholly justifiable to exclude or downplay the scourging that my Dominican rosary says made Jesus suffer for our sins of the flesh. The whipping of Jesus Christ was a sexually malevolent attack on his manhood. In ancient Greece or Sparta where we know the first public whipping took place: Youth’s tested their masculinity by being whipped. The Romans usually tethered their victim to a low pillar so that he would be bent over. The actual whipping of a person consisted of putting on a stripe on the back, pausing, and after the victim shutters putting on additional stripes. The flagellator thus derives sadomasochistic pleasure. From the roman word flagellum there had evolved the British word flogging.

It’s easy to see why the Catholic Church played down the role of the scourging in Jesus Christ death. The actual cruelty of the scourging can be meditated on by nimble minds. As an example *The Passion* by Mel Gibson gives a horrifying real depiction of Christ death arguing correctly that the soldiers were told at first to kill Christ by scourging. His denouement was only concluded by the crucifixion. The acquiescence I have with Mel Gibson Passion does not go as far as his depiction of Pilate offering Christ to the mob for the decision to crucify him.

Jesus was not only denounced as the King of the Jews but as a fake when Pilate exposed the weakened Christ with ‘Behold the Man’. The term crucify him, crucify him could only justify this God made man as both a failure as a savior and yes as a man.

In my reflection on his scourging I came up with the word pluralism. This led me in a Google moment to the practice of co-opting land and assets by feudal churches in Europe. Both Catholic and Protestant Churches have since had to adhere to a less materialistic office. All except *The Church of England* have relinquished their Benefice’s. The Pluralism I described that has spread the wealth of the Church of England to possibly thousands of Benefices’ (office holders). {see Attachment}

The importance of this as I thought in my attack on the monarchists I was only affecting the heart and mind of the archbishop of Canterbury. I wanted (in my delusion) to begin a process that already has been started by both Catholic and Anglican Churches. It is already accepted practice to accept a married Anglican priest into the Roman Catholic priesthood. I would do it differently. I wanted to take over the Anglican Church and make them Franciscan. The married clergy would become third order Franciscans’, an outfit I belong to that is already made up of married clergy, and I would head as abbot. There is only one catch they would have to take a vow of poverty. And by consequence all of the wealth accumulated by the Church of England since the beginning of the Christian era would have to be disinvested. This would work if there was a vault I could rob like as if robbing the bank of England: But as seen from the attachment the Church of England is a pluralistic organization with money spread over thousands of Benefice’s

In my waking dream I foiled a massive assassination attempt on 63drive late September of 2005. This and everything I concocted from the time I met you in October of that same year is now I concede a delusion. In any scenario I could be accidentally or purposely killed by any one or combination of Benefice’s. The fact that I’m still alive despite the decadence and perversity of the real world gives me pause as how my worst ambitions have been seen and met. It should be instructive that my meditation on the sorrowful mysteries yielded that Golden Bullet on Pluralism. This bullet sank any idea the IRA man had of making a believable dent in the ethos of our time. It’s over. The fantasy has subsided. All that is left standing is an average guy.

Sincerely, Patrick Lee

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**NOUN:**

1. *Ecclesiastical*
   1. A church office endowed with fixed capital assets that provide a living.
   2. The revenue from such assets.
2. A landed estate granted in feudal tenure.

**ETYMOLOGY:**   
Middle English, from Old French, from Latin beneficium, *benefit*, from beneficus, *benefic* ; see **benefic**   
  
**OTHER FORMS:**   
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### Abuse

Over time, the benefice system was abused throughout [Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Europe). As benefices came to priests due to feudal patronage and political considerations, priests occasionally held more than one benefice, called *pluralism*. This pluralism quite often resulted in [absenteeism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absenteeism), where the priest would not take care of his benefice. [Stigand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stigand), once Archbishop of Canterbury in England, was a pluralist, and [William](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_I_of_England) was keen to get rid of him.

Pluralism was often seen as a good investment for a family that could afford to buy a position ([simony](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simony)) for a younger son or other protégé. The position would allow the family to curry favor in the Church and serve to guarantee a future for the appointee.

## After the Reformation

The corruption called for ecclesiastical reform in the church in the 15th and 16th centuries. [Martin Luther](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther), an [Augustinian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustinian) monk, started as a significant leader in this drive for internal reorganization — ultimately starting the [Western Schism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Schism) and creating Protestantism.

After the Reformation, the new churches generally adopted systems of ecclesiastical polity that did not entail benefices, *with the exception of the Church of England*. On the continent the [French Revolution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Revolution) broke the back of the system by the *Constitution civile du clergé*, confiscating the vast [capital](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capital) of the church and paying for it by awarding the formerly dependent clergy a state salary. This system is still in force in several countries, including [Belgium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgium). At the [Second Vatican Council](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Vatican_Council), the [Roman Catholic Church](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Catholic_Church) called for the abolition of benefices in that church altogether; it was not successful.