

BELIEVE IT . . . NOT

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"people." Yet many of them can be described as an organization and the rank and file a kingdom, a power, a principality, etc., of the various sects, still organized for our destruction. A "secret to believe in the Bible" I have said; these truths are either in the Bible "done" in the rule expressed or understood in every other book. Strange logic, and page-of-the-Bible and the Bible is indeed omniscient.

For the divine Revelation "the word of God."

And it is just as evident in the same Revelation that these evil powers are by some means under the permission of Divine Providence permitted not only to tempt us, but also to modest extent to impugn our bodies.

For Catholic doctrine is, of course, a matter of faith. As Hilary Belloc says, "we are surrounded by invisible enemies. There is, he says, a battle of invisible powers carried constantly over man's heads for the possession of their souls. St. Peter tells us that the Devil goes about like a roaring lion, seeking after men to devour them. His life here below is described in Hell. We are in warfare," and St. Paul tells us that his warfare is with the "powers" and "principalities of darkness" namely that our enemies in this conflict are not one only, but many, united under some kind of leadership so that

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