Deprogramming New Believers the Wrong Way

In ancient times Roman Catholics had their own method of reprogramming people – apart from the bloody methods of conquest and the Inquisition. When they made new converts in the pagan societies that they infiltrated, they made physical and emotional changes for them to help them focus on being a 'Christian' rather than a member of their pagan culture.

Here are just a few of the things that the Roman Catholic establishment put in place. They:

- 1. Replaced the person's pagan name with a Christian name. This is where the expression "Christian name" came from.
- 2. Replaced the god the person worshipped with God/Jesus.
- 3. Replaced the days they set aside to specifically devote themselves to their gods. It became Sunday, the day of the Son, rather than the day of the sun god.

NOTE: Our week days are named after pagan gods as these were the days set aside for each god's worship.

- Monday Moon Day
- Tuesday Tiw's Day (The Anglo-Saxon name for the Norse god of war)
- Wednesday Woden's Day
- Thursday Thor's Day
- Friday Frige's Day (The Old English goddess Frigg, their version of Venus)
- Saturday Saturn's Day
- Sunday Sun's Day
- 4. Changed their old assembly house to a church building.
- 5. Replaced their pagan festivals with a Christian alternative on the same occasion.
- 6. Changed their clothing so they dressed in more European fashion.

These were all <u>outward</u> signs of conversion. They were to remind them that they now believed in Jesus – or actually the Mother Church (Roman Catholicism).

However, deprogramming needs to manifest as an alteration of character and behaviour caused by the <u>inward</u> work of Holy Spirit, not any outward changes.

Today, Holy Spirit must change people, not themselves, nor us. In addition, sound doctrine must change their beliefs and habits

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