

# No...The Bible Is NOT Our Sole Guide!

Catholics have a genuine love and respect for the Bible. It could not be otherwise, for the Catholic Church is the Mother of the Bible.

But we do not agree with the modern theory that the Bible is the one and only source of religious truth.

The Gospel of St. John, for example, says: "...there are many other things which Jesus did which are not written in this book." And St. Paul said: "Stand fast; and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word, or by our epistle" (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

Christianity began with the coming of Christ—not with the writing of the Bible. And Christ had established His Church... which St. Paul called "the pillar and mainstay of the truth"... long before any of the books of the New Testament had been written. The Savior did not command us to read anything, but He did command us to hear His Church.

This does not mean, of course, that the Bible is not extremely valuable. It does mean, though, that the Bible is not... and was not intended to be... the sole source of Christian teaching and belief. The Church had existed 1600 years, in fact, before the theory was advanced that the Bible should be the sole guide to Christian believers.

Early century Christians never saw the complete Bible. It was 400 years after Christ died before the books of the Bible were assembled into their present form. And it was 1400 years before printing was invented and the mass distribution of the Scriptures became possible. If Christ had intended the Bible to be the sole guide to His teaching, would He have allowed this



delay—permitting millions of people to die in ignorance of the printed Word?

The answer is, of course, that Christ established His Church to carry on His mission and spread His teaching. And while the Bible is the inspired Word of God, there are certain truths taught and exemplified by Christ which it does not record... which will be found in the life, practice and teaching of Christ's Church—traditions dating back to the days of the Apostles and ante-dating the printing of the Bible.

If you have a genuine love for the Bible, you should learn all you can about it and how it must be understood in relation to the teachings of the Church. These and many other interesting facts are discussed in a pamphlet which we will send you free, in a plain wrapper, upon your request. And nobody will call on you. Write today—ask for Pamphlet No. FM-32.



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## Ernie Kovacs

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As Kovacs might say, wife Edie is "a real looker."

monia with complications, and spent 19 months with his 6-foot-2, 210-pound frame "laid out like a slab of beef."

After recovery, Kovacs turned to the less strenuous medium of radio in Trenton, alternating between on-the-spot news coverage and disc jockeying. News work became as serious as dramatics to him, but his disc-jockeying was filled with wild improvisations of gags, comic commercials, and nonsequitur interviews through which Kovacs let off steam between his "serious work." News reporting won Kovacs awards, but the relaxed disc-jockey programs won the audiences, and Kovacs reluctantly realized that if he was ever to hit the big time, he'd have to commercialize his instinct for unpredictable comedy.

He had his own show in Philadelphia in 1951 when a promising, pert blonde named Edie Adams auditioned as a singer. "I wish I could say I was the big shot that hired her," Ernie says, "but it was my show in name only—the producer had all the say. But Edie won him over, too. Later on I did have something to say, and I said it: 'Let's get married.'"

The couple married in Mexico City in 1954. Edie spent more than two years as Kovacs' singing star and adlebrained stooge, then her own star soared in two consecutive Broadway hits, "Wonderful Town" and "Li'l Abner." Ernie's own career bogged down, however.

In 1957 Ernie turned to Hollywood and won a succession of parts that reestablished him as a top performer. His star status, in turn, gave television producers renewed confidence in Kovacs' offbeat brand of humor, and he was given carte blanche in producing, writing, and acting in his own series of specials.

**THE KOVACS FAMILY** includes two daughters by Ernie's earlier marriage, Betty, 14, and Kippie 12, as well as Mia Susan, who is 2. Their home is a sprawling mansion in Beverly Hills, which the Kovacs have left infrequently in recent years. "It's got more rooms than I can count," Ernie says, "and more servants than I care to pay, but it's great for living."

What strikes Hollywood most about the mansion, though, is the bizarre décor. Unlike other film families who don't buy an ash tray without consulting an interior decorator, the Kovacs have furnished their home with the same uninhibited imagination they display on stage. Each room is startlingly different, and some rooms differ from wall to wall. "They go in for various periods," a publicist explains, "and also question marks and exclamation points."

But Ernie's cigar rises lancetlike again when it's suggested that his home is a monstrous sight gag. "We didn't buy brass leopards, armored suits, and Early American to be funny," he insists. "We just happen to like things like that. Honest, we leave our nuttiness for working hours."



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