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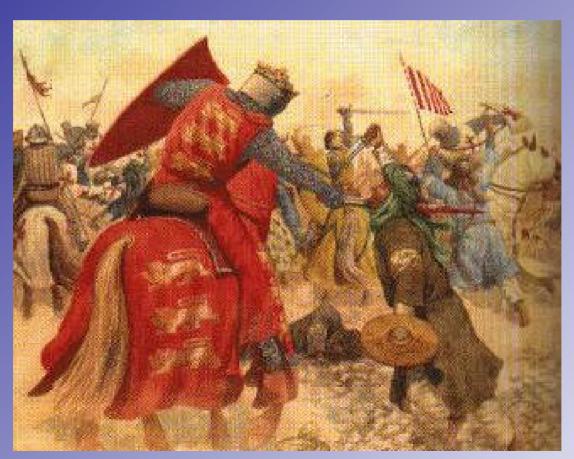
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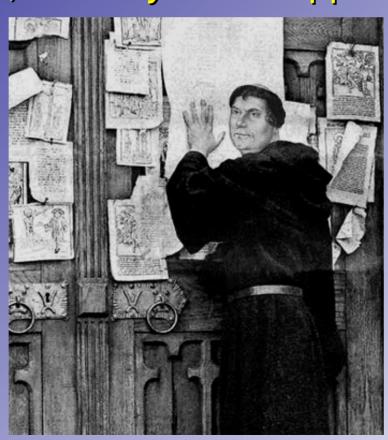
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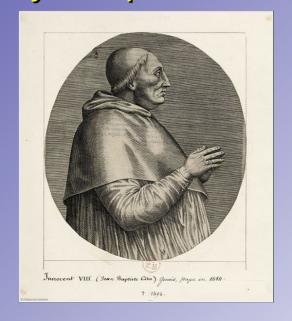
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Does any of this suggest that there's more worth learning about the history of the Church than most of us already know?



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"History is an account, mostly false, of events, mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers, mostly knaves, and soldiers, mostly fools."

(Ambrose Bierce)

"What is history but a fable agreed upon?"

(Napoleon Bonaparte)

"The past actually happened, but history is only what someone wrote down." (A. Whitney Brown)

"Men make history and not the other way around."

(Harry S. Truman)
"We are not makers of history. We are made by history." (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." (Marcus Garvey)
"That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history." (Aldous Huxley)



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 "If you think you have it tough, read history books."

(Bill Maher)

"If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility." (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)
"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." (George Santayana)
"History repeats itself, and that's one of the things that's wrong with history." (Clarence Darrow)
"History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce." (Karl Marx)
"History may not repeat itself, but it does rhyme a lot." (Mark Twain)
"You don't change the course of history by turning the faces of portraits to the wall." (Jawaharlal Nehru)

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 "Ideas shape the course of history." (John Maynard)

"Europe was created by history. America was created by philosophy." (Margaret Thatcher)
"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man." (George

Bernard Shaw)

"History never looks like history when you are living through it." (John W. Gardner)



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Let's end with a Biblical thought about this—

Please read Hebrews 11:1-12:3
What argument is the author of Hebrews making here about the importance of knowing our own history?

