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"Shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2:4).  
—The *Giornale d'Italia* has this to say of papal pretension to divinity. "It seemed blasphemous when Flammarión in his romance, 'The End of the World,' imagined a council gathered to decree the divinity of the Pope. A writer in the *Osservatore Romano*

# Papal Claims to the Divinity of the Pope

The following statement taken from a writer in the *Osservatore Romano*, the official organ of the Vatican, tells unmistakably that the one who was to "speak great words against the most High" is none other than the pope of Rome:

"The man of white race who dominates with his spiritual power all the material forces, the man in whom and by whom the supernatural life of the world is eternalized—behold him! The Pope, *Vicar of God*, who stands in the center of centuries, a light lighting all darkness, the symbol of liberty and civilization, the inexhaustible source of life.

"The Pope alone is immovable Truth, the Eternal Light which blesses the destiny of our civilization. He alone is love, binding the peoples in brotherhood and in lasting and fruitful peace.

"All the world looking at Rome, palpitates with joy, with love, with life. Here sit genius, sanctity, knowledge, virtue, power. And the people know that these blessings adorn the soul of the Pope; *because in him is centered the supernatural power of Christ.*

"When the Pope sends his words to the earth's ends, the earth keeps silence. The peaks of earthly intelligence and power redden with light and listen pensively to the word which makes vibrate with its echo the abysses of time, eternity, and all things visible, because the word is from Christ."

--Ernest Gorden in  11, 1912.