GLOSSARY

Christianity = religion since its origins polarized between love and power, parts of the New Testament being as radical today as in AD 9.

Roman Catholic Church = self-appointed definer of Christianity repeatedly routed in north-west Europe, now presuming to 'maintain Christian presence' in secular society = take over Christianity and define it solely in its terms. Called a whore because sold out love in return for power. Also called the anti-Christ. I can't think why.

Reformation = bunch of guys who couldn't get the hang of relationship between Jesus and Vatican

Enlightenment = bunch of guys who couldn't get the hang of the relationship between Jesus, being a normal, rational, decent human being and the Vatican

Marxism = bunch of guys who couldn't get the hang of any of it but some of whom got agitated over the possibility that Jesus was the first socialist

Faith = arbitrary ceiling on thought beyond which it may not pass. Also apparently a gift from God, in which case a) it seems unfair to be at those who do not possess it and b) not being thus favoured, we must then be inferior life-forms. This indeed they do not hesitate to tell us.

Prime moral virtue = obedience to the faith as revealed and interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church. Where do you think the Nazis and Stalinists got it from?

Enemies of faith = science and learning, because they take thought beyond the arbitrary boundary of the supposedly 'permissible'.

Aside:

How about depriving all these Stone Age fascist folks of medical care, mobiles, netbooks, kettles, fridges, even vacuum cleaners? Both in the West and the East there were plenty of bright guys interested in science, maths, medicine. The reason for the vast majority of human history everybody, rich and poor alike died of what are now readily treatable diseases is not the absence of the NHS but the skeletal hands of religion shackling minds, condemning reason, reviling inquiry, the truth is already known, it is God's will that your child has died of bronchitis and all the rest of the filth.

If absence of faith = evil then faith must be the foundation of society and we must be governed by what men tell us are God's laws.

Submission = obedience to the faith as revealed to Mohammed and interpreted by religious authorities

Short word for bunch of guys plotting to replace the laws of a free and democratic society with rule by God's self-appointed vice-regents on earth = traitors.