

Review of “*Catholicism: East of Eden*”
By Dr. Peter Masters of Spurgeon’s Metropolitan Tabernacle London.

By an increasingly well-known former priest with impeccable Catholic educational credentials, this [book] begins with the writer’s testimony, affirms the sole authority of God’s Word, then describes and critiques a range of Catholic doctrines and practices – all in a style that is captivating, courteous, and crystal clear.

Richard Bennett spent over twenty years as a parish priest in Trinidad, and writes from deep experience, providing the most readable survey, supported by first-hand experiences, of any of the currently available critiques of Catholicism. In the chapter, “The Mystic Plague”, the author takes his readers into a Shango (Voodoo) meeting attended by him as a curious priest. We read of gory rituals tolerated by the Catholic Church, which for centuries has absorbed the mystery elements of pagan religions.

The alignment of new evangelicals with Rome is ably reviewed – a crucial chapter that should be read by all evangelical office bearers – but then the whole book is of such immense value it should be regarded as priority reading. It is a blend of sheer intelligence and simple clarity. Strongly recommended.