

A summary of some of the mistakes and ideas of the monk Matthew the poor.

Every year at the same time, we find many followers of the monk Matthew the poor publish things that amount to falsifying history and falsifying facts!

And in the midst of this state of falsification of a not-too-distant history, some are deceived and others believe these falsifications, so there are attempting to reveal the facts and announce the truth so that many are not deceived by things that are not true, amid a state of insistence by some to overturn the facts!

In this brief file, we publish some facts, most of them with evidence that show us the truth, thought and position of the monk Matthew the poor from the church, as well as his ideas and improper teaching.

We present such facts, and every human being has a mind that thinks and searches for the truth to know the truth, and the truth frees him from the dependence of any human being, no matter what, and as the Lord of Glory said, whoever has ears to hear, let him hear...

The disagreements of Matthew the Poor

We must first clarify that the disagreement of the monk Matthew the poor has two parts:

The first is a disagreement with the Church in general, represented in its fraternity with its history and faith. The second is a dispute over many of the teachings that reach the limits of heresies (Pope Shenouda wrote a book of modern innovations to respond to the teachings of the monk Matthew) These teachings are found in more than forty books and His Eminence Bishop Mosa the leader of the Faith and Education Committee banned the presence of these books in the Coptic Book Fair in 2015s

Besides a stab at the Bible in his interpretation

The monk Matthew and the Gospel of Mark.

The monk Matthew challenged the divine revelation and his words against the Holy Bible

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Also, his incorrect teachings, which amounted to separating the father and the son, and confusing the Christ's cries on the cross, and the leaving the father to the son, and other matters bearing grave errors against the divinity of Christ!!

Extremely dangerous talk about the father leaving the son, words that none of the church fathers knew, only the monk Mathhew and also to him

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So it was not just slips or hiccups, as some say, but an embrace of thought and education that he put in dozens of books, and many were affected by this strange education!!

As for his disagreement with the church and its leadership

In short, the dispute was with the church and not with one person.!

During the reign of Pope Yosab, he was removed from his position as the Pope's representative in Alexandria after a number of problems in 1955

He disagreed with three patriarchs, not only Pope Shenouda, as some claim.

He was suspended from the monastic life in 1960 and for nine years during which time he was stripped of his monastic degree and the priesthood, as he himself said in an audio recording.

And for his disobedience to Pope Cyril's decision, and also, he and his group were the cause of many disputes with the late Anba Theophilos, and he was stripped of his monastic degree and this was published in Al-Ahram newspaper.

Link to the St Takla website with this abstraction and other things

<https://st-takla.org/Saints/Modern-Coptic-Figures/fr-matta-almeskin.html>

In 1962 he wrote a book bearing intense hostility and hatred in which he attacked the episcopate of services and social work

It is considered one of the worst books written against the church and the history of the church, claiming that the Christian faith was spread by the sword and other dangerous matters.

You can refer to the Church's Hatred Lecture by His Holiness Pope Shenouda III

Link to the lecture

[محاضرة كراهية الكنيسة @ البابا شنودة الثالث يرد فيها على كتاب الكنيسة والدولة للراهب متى المسكين](#)



His Eminence Bishop Pachomius also talks about the position of the monk Matthew from the church and his accusation of it through an incendiary article in which he accused that the World Council of Churches is following Zionism and almost caused the death of Bishop Samuel. Bishop Pachomius then left the house of consecration for which the monk was responsible for then after this article.

Link video of Anba Pachomius.

[الانبا باخوميوس مقال للقمص متى المسكين كادت تتسبب في مقتل الانبا صموئيل أسقف الخدمات](#)



Referring also to the memoirs and letters of the monk, we find that he attacks Pope Cyril VI, and describes the Church as a lukewarm bridegroom, and accuses Pope Cyril of hiding behind rituals and holiness as a false front.

The detailed text of the speech.

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Will any honest Coptic accept these matters and allegations against the church, and is this an orthodox approach and monastic approach within the church?

Leave the answer to the reader.

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Unfortunately, some promote that there is a personal dispute between Pope Shenouda and the monk Matthew, and this is not true. The monk's dispute was with the Church, as we have explained in general and before the era of Pope Shenouda III.

In this video, His Eminence Bishop Rafael explains that the dispute between Pope Shenouda and the monk Matthew is not a personal one.

[الانبارافائيل الخلاف بين البابا شنودة والقمص متى ليس شخصيا وان بعض تعاليمه لا علاقة لها بالاباء](#)



And of course, we do not forget his position in the events determining Pope Shenouda's house arrest and his role in that, as well as his courtesy to the state and the reprinting of his Book "the Church and the State" in the years 77 and 81, and at that time, events were blazing between the Church and the president, but heaven's response came with force and the tribulation ended and Pope Shenouda continued on his chair for more than thirty more years!

As for the second part, related to the teaching and thought of the monk Matthew, I know that some say that he has good books, but we do not deny that, and as we have made it clear that his erroneous ideas are found in more than forty books.

But can we say his teaching is pure or completely orthodox?

Of course, I will not answer this question, but the great fathers such as His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, who responded to his wrong ideas, which he discovered from the sixties in the Book of Pentecost, as well as the Book of the Eucharist, the interpretation of Mark and Matthew, and many other books have already responded.

And he put these heresies in the book of “modern heresies”, as well as dozens of lectures in the seminary college over the years. Books and lectures are available everywhere.

His Eminence Bishop Bishoy also wrote a book containing the mistakes of the monk Matthew the poor

And he also has more than one lecture in which he explains these mistakes and his history also with the church

Link to the lecture.

اخطاء القمص متى المسكين العقيدية/ نيافة الانبا بيشوي



We also explain the opinion of Anba Gregory about the theological teachings of the monk Matthew. Anba Gregory stopped presenting books to the priest Matthew since the sixties after he wrote to him notes on the Book of Pentecost, but he did not take them

https://orthosoxi.blogspot.com/2017/06/blog-post_5.html?m=1

Of course, after referring to these references, we discover the impurity of many of the teachings of the monk Matthew the poor...!!

The truth is that the monk Matthew was influenced by many non-patriarchal Western ideas and spread these teachings, and unfortunately many were affected by them.

In this video, His Eminence Bishop Raphael explains that the monk when he became involved in teaching what is known as the new theology, which is a modern teaching, entered the Church of Greece and denied many of the teachings of the fathers and doctrines in the church such as

The inheritance of sin, substitutionary death, punishment and other things.

Anba Raphael's video

[الانبا رافائيل. القمص متى المسكين ورهبان حاليين تورطوا في تعليم اللاهوت الجديد](#)



Another video of Bishop Raphael that explains the truth of this teaching

<https://youtu.be/CzSB5DiLnm0>

A video in which we note how the monk Matthew and others were involved in this teaching.

[كيف تورط الراهب متى المسكين وآخرين في تعاليم اللاهوت الجديد / س و ج عقيدة الحلقة الثانية / عصام نسيم](#)



And of course, after referring to all these references, we can then judge, and we are not the ones who judge, but the decisions, teachings and thought of the monk Matthew, and also great fathers like the ones we mentioned, and their responses are everywhere.

Finally

The fruits of the monk Matthew in the monastery of Abu Makar:

Because the approach of the monk Matthew from the beginning was rebellion, lack of obedience, submission and respect for the church and its leadership. This was the approach of many of the monks of this monastery, for example:

The monastery remained isolated from the mother church and did not adhere to its rites and prayers, for example

They did not wear the cap on the head, like all the monasteries of the church inside and outside Egypt, and they did not put icons in the church!

They did not pray the virgin Mary's prayer's parts in the Agbeya and claim that it does not exist:

A video in which Pope Shenouda explains that the monks of Abu Makar did not pray, cutting the Virgin Mary

[اخطاء القمص متى المسكين العقيدية/ نيافة الانبا بيشوي](#)



There was intense hostility by the monks who were the disciples of the hegumen Matthew which he made them offend the church, Pope Kyrollos and Pope Shenouda, as well as Abba Mikhail the head of the monastery.

In this offensive statement to the monk Basil al-Maqari, a student of the monk, Matthew, he claims that the altar's lottery is a lie that the Copts believed and that Pope Kyrollos came with it by the orders of Abdel Nasser.

https://orthosoxi.blogspot.com/2015/08/blog-post_20.html?m=1

Also in this link, the same monk claims that Bishop Michael asked the monk Matthew an illegal request to be ordained as a priest.

https://orthosoxi.blogspot.com/2016/06/blog-post_15.html?m=1

Also in the link is the attack of the same monk on the Coptic monasteries, and it is amazing that he attacks the monastery's projects at the time that his monastery, one of the most monasteries that carried out different projects.

<https://orthosoxi.blogspot.com/2015/08/blog-post.html?m=1>

Also in this video, anba Michael's disciple explains anba Mikhail's saying about the monk Matthew and his group in 1969 were like a tight group and their possibility to dismiss any head of a monastery

<https://youtu.be/U2tPs1Z-hnc>

And of course, we do not forget the offensive recording of the monk Yoel Al-Maqari, after the incident of the murder of Abba Epiphanius, and his insults toward Pope Shenouda III, which made the monastic committee stop this monk from praying and published books for a year.

A valuable recording and testimony against what the monk Yoel Makari said against Pope Shenouda

https://orthosoxi.blogspot.com/2018/08/blog-post_28.html?m=1

And finally, the question that is frequently asked?!

Why didn't Pope Shenouda excommunicate the monk Matthew the poor!

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Of course, some will say what is the fault of the monk Matthew, because it has passed away more than 14 years ago, but the truth is that all this bears fruit and also the problems in this monastery exist and in abundance since the monk Matthew was the spiritual father of the monastery and to elaborate on the condition of the monks in the monastery and how work was more important than prayer and

worship You can refer to a video of Pope Shenouda explaining why many monks left the monastery.

[أسباب ترك كثير من رهبان دير أبو مقار للدير / البابا شنودة الثالث](#)



It is also possible to refer to the book “Confessions of an Egyptian Monk” in which he reveals many of the mysteries of life in this monastery and how it came to a monk to commit suicide more than once, the monk Royce Al-Maqari and many other things that reveal to us how many problems there are in this monastery (the book is with me for those who want it, but I don't want to publish it because it very troublesome to people).

It is also possible to refer to the episodes of Professor Mary Malak Sadiq, which accurately and honestly chronicle the period of the monk Matta in the church.

Link to the episodes.

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You can also refer to this section of an orthodox website, as it contains many articles about the incorrect teachings of the monk Matthew the poor.

Also in this topic, we will try to explain, were the teachings of the monk Mathew patristic teachings?!

https://orthosoxi.blogspot.com/2017/06/blog-post_7.html?m=1

The attacks of the monk Matthew on the Sunday schools?

https://orthosoxi.blogspot.com/2018/07/blog-post_10.html?m=1

Of course, this is a small piece of a lot more. We can publish, but for the lack of length, what we have presented is sufficient for the reader to understand and for those who want to read more. This is a section on my blog regarding the topics about the monk Matthew the poor

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Finally, I hope that this peace and these links clarify that this dispute is not simple and the matter is not just slips or falls, but it was embracing thought and insisting on it, as well as hostility towards the church and an attack on its beliefs, and unfortunately many of his followers inherited this spirit.

Please first, before we put forward a mere thought and discuss it, we know that all these deviations were refuted and put forward and responded to by the great fathers of our church.

Finally, the matter is not love, hate, sympathy or condemnation, but it is a matter of the faith and doctrine of the church, as well as the history of our contemporary church.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

A comprehensive file on the mistakes and positions of the monk Matthew the poor against the Church and in the era of Pope Kyrillos

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