

WHY DOES CHRISTIANITY SEEM TO HAVE AN ANTI-SEMITIC FABRIC?

THE HATE OF CHRISTIANITY FOR JEWS IS ALMOST SUPERNATURAL

Melanie Phillips, British journalist told us her observation in February 2019. "There's a widespread failure to understand that anti-semitism is not just one of many types of bigotry. It is unique in its obsessional and malicious libels, double standards and murderous incitement against a people it depicts as a cosmic evil of almost supernatural proportions. There's a further failure to understand that anti-Israelism is the new anti-semitism, since it exhibits precisely the same characteristics. ... When societies and individuals find their identity fragmenting, they turn on the Jewish people as the scapegoat onto which they project their own murderous feelings. All these reasons and more have much validity. But ultimately, anti-semitism is inexplicable because it is quite deranged. And that's the most frightening thing of all."

Here are the questions,

Why does the left and the right share anti-semitist tendencies? Liberals are as bad as everybody else.

Why is anti-Jew hate different and more virulent than any other kind of racism? Is it something else rather than racism? Is it some kind of existential religious thing?

Why are even children turning anti-semitist?

Why is anti-semitism so rife among people who have never knowingly even met a Jew?

The one link all anti-semitists have is some membership or cultural affinity with Christianity. In some unknown but clear way the faith is creating the problem and keeping the hate fed without even needing to try hard.

It couldn't be any clearer. If you believed in gods and spirits you might think that Jesus' spirit was drawing the Christians to hate the Jewish people. It is proof that religion is hate and how dangerous any religion may become. The problem is so strange that everybody who promotes Christianity or stands silent while it is promoted is wittingly or unwittingly complicit.

RELIGION IS TOO PRONE TO PREJUDICE

Even without sectarian doctrines, a religion will still produce a sectarian problem!

Christianity produces sectarianism and reveres it in its doctrines and nurtures it with them. The doctrines are both a cause and a driver for anti-Jewish hate.

Only religious prejudice can explain why in the country the Jews who we don't hear much about in the media and who have never earned a bad reputation like some religious groups and castes have are hated at all and even worse, hated more than the groups you can expect to be the targets of hate.

Everybody has to ask why a group of people that have been victimised by Christianity and Islam (and religiously influenced monstrosities) such as the Nazis for centuries are hated in such an inexplicable way and big numbers. Why are the percentages of Jew haters always higher in a nation than hatred for Muslims, Roma, gypsies and so on and on. Yes I am referring to the Jews which the Catholic Church called the perfidious Jews on Good Friday for centuries. No Jew commits suicide bombings in Paris or New York or hates our values. Jews are not endlessly painted in a bad light like Roma and Muslims and Catholic priests in the media. I have never seen anything that would make you dislike them. Why for example are Jews picked on when the Catholic priesthood enabled brutal sex abuse of children and even babies by looking the other way? Religion gave them a means of access to children so why does Catholicism get away with it as much as it does? In psychology, members of a group attacking or hating or hurting my group explains if and why I hate them. So if I hate the Jews then why? I have no reason but something is doing it. The answer is in the subtle and unique power of religion. Christianity and Islam to instil prejudice. It shows the danger and potential of religion.

Psychology has noticed a passive aggressive streak in being Christian. The huge majority of Hitler's followers were Christians and who supported the Church. The hidden power of religion shows why Christianity was the oil that sped up the Nazi machinery in Germany and millions of Jews died. Where is our empathy? In 1944 Hitler said, "I may not be a light of the Church, a pulpiter, but deep down I am a pious man, and believe that whoever fights bravely in defense of the natural laws framed by God and never capitulates will never be deserted by the lawgiver, but will, in the end receive the blessings of Providence." Catholics must leave their Church for its role in what happened to the Jews under the Nazis. Support is

subtle anti-Semitism. And as it happened once it will happen again. It indeed has. Think of the role of priests and nuns in the 1994 Rwanda genocide. The pope never apologised for their role but ignored it. Blame the religion not the religionist if that makes any sense.

TRADITION FORMS CHURCHES AND IS THEIR FABRIC

The thinkers of the Church and its tradition preservers and who father the Church in a sense are anti-Semites.

In the book, Portraits of Paul, Malina and Neyrey show how "in the ancient world, people took their major identity from the various groups to which they belonged." They say there were no individuals as such just a "collectivist culture". This is true and the Bible teaches that the Church is the body of Christ which is why the whole body is to blame for the sin of a member. This teaching silences those who wish to use the few bad apples thinking when members of their religion do harm. It is their responsibility too. Their enrolling babies into the religion is a total abomination in that light. Sectarian enrollment grows into sectarian violence. Consent is very important when there are issues around collective responsibility. Christianity however has preferred to impute collective responsibility to the Jews rather than itself. As we shall now see.

~ St. Justin Martyr: I hold that those of the seed of Abraham who live according to the Law of Moses and who do not believe in Christ before death shall likewise not be saved; and especially shall they not be saved who curse this very Christ in the synagogues and who curse everything by which they might obtain salvation and escape the vengeance of fire.

~ St. Amphilochius of Iconium: God abhors those who refuse to offer to His Son the honor they pretend to pay to Himself.

~ St. John Chrysostom: How dare Christians have the slightest intercourse with Jews, those most miserable of all men. They are lustful, rapacious, greedy, perfidious bandits -- pests of the universe! Indeed, an entire day would not suffice to tell of all their rapine, their avarice, their deception of the poor, their thievery, and their huckstering. Are they not inveterate murderers, destroyers, men possessed by the devil? Jews are impure and impious, and their synagogue is a house of prostitution, a lair of beasts, a place of shame and ridicule, the domicile of the devil, as is also the soul of the Jew. As a matter of fact, Jews worship the devil: their rites are criminal and unchaste; their religion a disease; their synagogue an assembly of crooks, a den of thieves, a cavern of devils, an abyss of perdition! Why are Jews degenerate? Because of their hateful assassination of Christ. This supreme crime lies at the root of their degradation and woes. The rejection and dispersion of the Jews was the work of God, not of emperors. It was done by the wrath of God and because of His absolute abandonment of the Jews. Thus, the Jew will live under the yoke of slavery without end. God hates the Jews, and on Judgment Day He will say to those who sympathize with them., "Depart from Me, for you have had intercourse with My murderers!" Flee, then, from their assemblies, fly from their houses, and, far from venerating the synagogue, hold it in hatred and aversion.

~ St. Polycarp of Smyrna: Whosoever does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is Antichrist, and whosoever does not profess the testimony of the cross is a devil, and whosoever perverts the saying of the Lord to his own evil desires ... is the first-born of Satan.

The latter was a friend of John the apostle. Even without the anti-Semitism of the New Testament we would still know from tradition and the prevalence of Christian hate for the Jewish that the founders of the faith were outrageous bigots and absolute proof of how bigoted doctrines will produce violence when the bigots are able to inflict it.

THE CHURCH PUBLISHES ANTI-SEMITIST MATERIAL

Jews are a religion and also a race. The religion and the race are so intertwined that there is no essential difference between them. Thus opposition to Jews on religious grounds is racism or so close to it that it will spill over into shameless racism.

Church history is riddled with anti-Semitism. So accepted was it that the writings of notorious anti-Semites were preserved by the Church and distributed as inspirational.

They still are - Chesterton is highly regarded as a Catholic CS Lewis in every Catholic level from ground to pope. He is venerated as a top Catholic writer, influence, authority and future saint though and often because his writings are riddled with anti-Semitism and religious rancour towards Jews. His devotees confessed that his faith and his writings promoted views that enabled and helped validate the Nazi regime. That did not stop them or the Church from advocating people to peruse them. And that goes on today. For him, the Jew is "a traitor in France and a tyrant in England". The Jew must be distinguished in appearance from others: "The point is that we should know where we are; and he would know where he is, which is in a foreign land".

Anti-Semitism is both accepted and practiced aggressively. It is only in recent years that somewhat nicer statements have come which shows that the Christian religion is a purely human construct pretending to be holier than what it is. Holocaust deniers deserve what they get but the Church gets away with worse.

Frank Mc Donough in 2001 informed us that "active resistance against Nazism was undertaken by less than 1 per cent of the German population." As Christianity was the one link between them, it is clear that it subtly, latently and also, without shame, practically - perhaps through deliberate negligence, negligence can be an action should be called to account for its role in the worst sectarian bloodbath in history.

THE EXPERTS

Cardinal Lustinger was born Jewish. He became Catholic and was Archbishop of Paris. Of the opposing Nazi regime he said, "At the heart of the opponent's ideology was the persecution of the chosen people, the Jewish people, because they were a messianic people. When as a child I spent time in Nazi Germany, I had understood: Nazism's aim was more than Promethean; it was Satanic."

It was not just Promethean like people taking from gods to put themselves in their place but not as gods but as superior human beings. It was religious. If Satan and Satanic are only in the heads of Christians then the religion must take the blame for the Nazis. We need only indirect endorsement which is worse than direct for it is stronger and more manipulative.

Karen Armstrong: "There is nothing in the Islam that is more violent than Christianity. All religions have been violent, including Christianity. There was nothing in the Muslim world like anti-Semitism: that is an import of the modern period. They got it from us. The missionaries brought it over. And then came the state of Israel. Judaism has become violent in the modern world, thanks to the nation state...My message is not that religion has nothing to do with violence. It has always been implicated in it, and trying to take religion out of politics and warfare would have been like taking the gin out of the cocktail. It is inextricably intertwined." www.nieuwwij.nl 2015.

Frank McDonough says that 'active resistance against Nazism was undertaken by less than 1 per cent of the German population' (McDonough 2001: 1). The most prominent of the Catholic anti-Nazi heroes, the beatified Bishop von Galen, known as the 'Lion of Münster', was the subject of a hagiographical account by his chaplain, Heinrich Portmann, in 1953 (Frain 2009: 186–95). Yet Beth Griech-Polelle's study of Bishop von Galen questions his credentials as an anti-Nazi. In her view, he defended Catholics but did not intervene on behalf of other persecuted groups; while some sermons (especially those in 1941) famously resisted the state, he also 'sought to prove his obedience and loyalty' to it (Griech-Polelle 2002: 166). She concludes that von Galen, raised to cardinal shortly before his death in 1946, was an important symbolic figure in the process by which the German Catholic Church reconstructed its image, even before the war was over, as the robust opponent of Nazism (-Polelle 2002: 2). Catholics wanted to distance themselves from the horrors of the Third Reich.

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