

SHOULD YOU GET YOUR BABY BAPTISED?

When you agree with the Church insulting babies in the whitewashing baptismal ceremony you can't complain about it insulting you or anything else about you be it your sexuality or whatever. Instead of, "Welcome to this world you precious little angel and we accept you and honour you unconditionally", it is, "You are outside God's Church, you are not one of his people. You are in the same state as Adam was after he sinned so grievously against God. You will always be damaged. To help stop you becoming the evil thing you would become we heal you in baptism. Now that you are baptised you are one of us." You cannot accuse a baby of being justly rejected by God unless you are putting faith before evidence and before your natural instincts which are to adore the child as an angel. Baptism is the vow to make the religion come before people and to judge as the religion judges and to believe what it believes.

BAPTISM BIG DEAL?

Most Christians take babies to church to have water poured over them by a minister or priest who says, "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

The Roman Catholic Church claims that baptism is a big deal.

It says it is of utmost importance to be baptised for it makes you a member of God's one true family of love the Catholic Church. This membership confers the alleged benefits of the sacraments - you can't get any sacraments without baptism. And the benefits of having the Catholic Church to teach you for God guards the pope and the bishops from doctrinal or moral error under certain conditions.

It says that baptism infuses faith in the teaching God gives you through the Church. It gives a miraculous inclination to obey the Church and thus it obligates you to support Church doctrine to remain Catholic.

It says that baptism removes and heals much of the tendency to despise God's laws that we have from the first moment of our existence.

It says that baptism forgives original sin and if this is not done the baby will not go to Heaven if he or she dies.

It says baptism makes God dwell in you and gives you your best friend who matters more than your parents or anybody else.

Catholic doctrine is very serious matter when deliberately choosing to reject it will land you in Hell forever.

To agree with the Church that your baby should be baptised is to say that the Church has authority to teach. It would then be a mockery of the ceremony to have your baby undergo it while intending to raise the baby to pick and choose as it suits from the Catholic faith.

BAPTISM AND RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE

If we could persuade society to stop bringing babies to clergy for baptism we would manage to avert much of the damage that religion is accountable for and get rid of its dangerous influence. Religion uses infant baptism to accustom society and desensitise it in relation to the exploitation and manipulation of the vulnerable children. People bring their babies to get them baptised and promise to have them conditioned to follow the teachings of the denomination providing the baptism. The result is that people are reluctant to protest against the unfair advantage over the child's mind that the religion seeks. They are reluctant to protest against religion's plot to keep the child away from truth if the religion doesn't have the truth.

We are not saying that stopping infant baptism will stop the indoctrination of children. But it does stop an attempt to use baptism to justify that indoctrination. We are saying that once we get infant baptism stopped it will be easier to stop indoctrination.

It is nobody's business, not even the parents's, what a child believes. Parents might condition their children to live and think like Catholics but that is not making them real believers. It is nobody's business what a child believes for no amount of conditioning can make a child truly believe. It may make the child think he or she believes. Conditioning or indoctrinating means you are hypnotised into agreeing with something while belief means you came to agree through thinking and considering valid evidence and logic. Real belief comes from freedom and free inquiry.

BAPTISM MAKES IT EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND DO

If you join a community, it is the community's business what you think, believe and do in relation to religion. It is everybody in the community's business if a baptised child gets a bit bigger and starts to scoff at religion. It is their business because baptism entered the child into their community. It is their business because baptism is a promise to believe what the community believes and stand by the community.

Christians have so little enthusiasm for their faith that they don't bother running after those who fall away from the Church. But baptism gives them the right and authority to order you if you are baptised to believe and do what the Church wants. They have the right to be offended and to hate your sin if you leave the Church. In fact they have the duty to. Infant baptism is about control. It still is. It is just that most Christians are so disobedient that the controlling can't be done. But it was done in the past and it might be done again. And in many parts of the world it still happens. But disobedient or not, baptism is blessing and condoning and encouraging the pressure put on you by the religious community you are in. It is still subjecting the child to a degrading and bigoted principle.

Baptism removes or seeks to remove the right of the child to autonomy and to form her or his own relationships and religious or non-religious opinions. It is putting serious obligations on the child without the child's consent. It isn't fair.

THE WORSE THE RELIGION THE WORSE THE BAPTISM

Religions like most Christian Churches and others which claim children as members have no right to do so. The practice of a baby for example being counted say a Roman Catholic at baptism shows contempt for the child and what the child may need. Even more so the harsher a religion is. It is bad to baptise a child into a liberal Protestant Church that believes everybody will be saved eventually and that if you die estranged from God and go to Hell you will get out of it sometime. But it is diabolical to baptise a child into Roman Catholicism which teaches that it is possible that most people go to Hell forever for dying in sin and that you should prefer to get AIDS than use condoms to protect yourself even during rape and that you should believe that the Law of God in the Bible given to the Jews that demanded ritual murder on God's authority was right.

BAPTISE JUST IN CASE?

You can't have your baby baptised just in case religion is true and the baby will suffer if it is not baptised. Then why not get it circumcised a Jew in case Judaism is true as well?

If you can have no better reason for getting the baby baptised than that it might do it harm not to be baptised then you do not have a high view of God. He would want you to come to him for you see him as great and attractive and not because you are scared. Can you really be expecting and asking for a blessing when you come in fear? Its absurd to seek a blessing from a God you don't trust. You are really asking for a curse!

BAPTISM WANTS FANATICAL LOVE OF GOD

People don't behave rationally when they fall in love. Religion says it wants people to fall in love with God even more than they could fall in love with any person. In other words, it advocates dangerous love, the love that makes a wife take beatings from her husband and condone them. Believers condone the terrible things God does to others and to a lesser extent they condone the evil God does to them and say its to keep them disciplined or to make them holy. Believers encourage people to be so interested in God that there will be an insane anger if he is slighted. We know the consequences of that. All we have to do is see the rivers of blood that Christianity has produced.

STAND YOUR GROUND

Catholicism says that baptism puts an indelible mark on the soul. So baptism is an attempt, depending on your viewpoint, to mutilate a child!

There are many people who do not wish to have their babies baptised but feel their decision is going to bring trouble from religious relatives.

They should explain that they respect the views of the relatives and ask the relatives to extend the same courtesy to them. It s their child and their decision.

They should explain that they feel baptism and child initiation into religion is telling the child and everybody else a lie. A child can't be a Catholic or a Protestant or a Muslim or a Jew.

They should explain that they would be disrespecting religion itself by having the ceremony just to please others.

They should explain to say their Christian family that if the family was Muslim they would have much the same feeling about the child being uninitiated.

They should explain how hardly anybody these days who has a healthy baby rushes it for baptism. They may delay it for months. They often delay it out of indifference. They often delay because they want to have a baby born in winter baptised in the summer. They often delay because they want to pick the right time for a good party and when all their friends will be free. If it is okay to delay then why worry about getting the baby baptised at all? What would there be to fear?

CONCLUSION

No self-respecting or baby-respecting person would have anything to do with the baptism of a child. They should not attend the ceremony or any celebration related to baptism. If they would not consider a child initiated into Hitler Youth to be a true supporter of Nazism, then they should extend the same honour to those who are baptised. Offended at the comparison? Don't be. For all a child knows it could have been initiated into something just as dark. Baptism is nothing yes. It's nonsense. But it should be renounced for certain religions make a lot of it and it still demeans the baptised. Religion claims the baptised as its own and uses this to get power and influence by having them counted as members until they tell it what is what. Is it none of our business if a child is baptised? Yes. But it is our business to express our view on this and to make that view clear to the world.