

Pope Francis - the conniving fundamentalist with a media friendly image

Here quote from an article about the pope in the Belfast Telegraph

I quote the article "Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, 266th successor to St Peter".

The teaching that the pope really is the successor of Peter and Vicar of Christ is controversial for Protestants, Orthodox, Muslims and historians. Use more neutral language please. Catholic theologian Hans Kung does not accept the papal claims as historically or biblically justified.

Personally I believe Peter never was in Rome at all. If he was he was not its Bishop.

THE PAPAL DISRESPECT FOR THE DEAD CONTINUES

Out of respect for those who died over rejection of the papacy at the hands of the papacy including Muslims Francis should admit what the Protestants, Orthodox and historians know. He should admit he is not vicar of Christ, not infallible and is not the earthly head of the Church. The pope is not the successor of Peter for there is no evidence that Peter was bishop of Rome or was bishop when or if he died there. The papacy evolved bit by bit over time.

Jesus' assertion to Peter that he would build the church on him reflects texts such as the one from Isaiah 22, "In that day I will summon my servant, Eliakim son of Hilkiah. 21 I will clothe him with your robe and fasten your sash around him and hand your authority over to him. He will be a father to those who live in Jerusalem and to the people of Judah. 22 I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. 23 I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a seat[a] of honor for the house of his father. 24 All the glory of his family will hang on him: its offspring and offshoots—all its lesser vessels, from the bowls to all the jars. 25 "In that day," declares the Lord Almighty, "the peg driven into the firm place will give way; it will be sheared off and will fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut down." Like that prophecy, Jesus' statement was hyperbolic poetry and does not authorize the creation of a papacy. Eliakim was not God's vicar on earth though the text seems to say he was. It is not literal. Jesus structured statements around the statements of the Old Testament.

THE ENVIRONMENTALIST POPE

[Pope Francis - the Environment](#)

The Pope has become an apostle of the environment. That no pope cared until this one who needs the media adulation speaks volumes.

The Christian cannot really believe in improving the world. If the world is environmentally saved or destroyed the Christian says, "It happened so it is the will of God." So an IS becomes an OUGHT! That is not logical. The Christian cannot set out to fix the world. The Christian sets out to be the tool if God wants to use him to fix the world. There is a fundamental difference between the non-religious person being good and the religious. To see doing good as unimportant in itself unless it is a test from God is extremism. Helping another is not about doing good but about being tested. The test is good and the helping barely matters if at all.

THE PHILIPPINES

In response to Pope Francis condemning same sex marriage in the Philippines:

It is important to remember that it is extreme homophobia to say that a gay marriage is not a marriage at all. And the pope says not only that it is not marriage but anti-God. It is the lowest form of abuse to refuse to give same sex love the protections that other sex love has.

The Church says that loving somebody does not mean loving their behaviour. You might think of a parent hating the fact that the child they love takes drugs. The Church says it does not love gay behaviour meaning it must be something toxic and evil like drug taking! Now if you did not love a person for being kind to Satan could you really say you love that person? To not love the behaviour of a gay man trying to make a life with his one true love is hating that man period. Loving somebody does mean loving their behaviour when they are doing good.

THE REFORMER POPE?

The most ridiculous lie in the media is how the pope is a reformer with liberal traits. All popes have made changes and there are no signs of him doing anything about the growth of fundamentalist orders in the Church and the dreadfully creepy new Missal which is more medieval than the last one.

Some liberals and gay people kid themselves that the Catholic Church is changing. People in the Middle Ages whose membership of the Church enabled the Church to butcher and burn heretics told themselves the same thing. Nevertheless even if they condemned the violence their mere membership of the Church made them complicit.

The pope reaches out to "sinners" in the hope that they will change and fit the Catholic ethos or at least that they will be so soft on church violations of human rights that they will become complicit.

The Church as somebody said in a post is not to blame when some clergy abuse children. So bad individuals do not make a bad Church. Somebody else said the Church is to blame for it functions as a person - a corporation. That is an extremely good point. The Church claims to be the body of Christ - it claims to be Jesus in some sense. It claims to be one person.

It is up to Catholics to change the Church and make it less evil and to make it good. We cannot pretend that it is a good religion, when it so badly needs the people to change it.

AIDS

Re Pope Francis urging chastity as the answer to HIV and AIDS and not mentioning condoms in 2014

Pity somebody can't get the pope to answer the question, "Holy Father, if a couple are about to have once off sex and there is a risk of HIV, would you give them a condom? What if you knew for sure that their having sex would lead to a new infection?" No decent human being would say, "I wouldn't". The Catholic Church ultimately puts belief above people. This pope is dangerous for he is enabling such fanaticism, he is popularising the attitude that obedience to Jesus is prime even if it kills innocent people and he condemns them for nonsensical sins such as sex outside marriage.

Patheos praises Pope Francis for being more interested in the poor than in issuing condemnations of birth control

The Catholic Church is a faith and it understands faith as a coherent whole. Though the Church may stress some parts of the faith and not mention others much the fact remains that it is a whole. The style is what changes not the essence. It is thus ludicrous to insist that Francis in mentioning the poor and their rights more than birth control being a sin is doing a good thing. He is promoting the faith his way and it is a whole. He is still promoting and attracting people to the faith as a unit and thus he is still dangerous if the ban on birth control is dangerous. It would be tacit irresponsibility.

"WHO AM I TO JUDGE?"

Re Pope Francis December 2013

The pope said of gays, "Who am I to judge?" I am tired of people thinking that is progress. It only reflects Catholic doctrine that gay people are sinners but only God can know exactly how sinful they are and will judge them accordingly. The pope merely meant he cannot judge not that gay people should not be judged and punished by God. In fact, people would be better off being judged by the pope as Jesus warned that God gives you an unfair judgement if you judge others unfairly. Media stupidity over this papacy is getting very very irritating.

Regarding Gay Rights supporters praising Pope Francis for saying he does not judge gays and boasting how he is promoting their acceptance in the Church I have this to say. While some gay people suffer a fantasist episode that they are going to get proper acceptance by the Catholic Church, they make the Church attractive to others. And when these new recruits get a taste for Catholicism, and then find out that its teaching is intolerant and bigoted to the degree of saying that unrepented homosexuality deserves everlasting punishment in Hell, some of them will start to support that teaching. The pro-pope gays are enabling homophobia and are in denial where Catholic and papal homophobia are concerned.

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in denial where Catholic and papal homophobia are concerned. Do they understand how powerful the conditioning to support the pope's teaching will be if a person is raised in a strong Catholic context?

The issue might not be just lgbt concerns. It could be the bad doctrines such as Hell and banning people from communion or any of a number of issues. But the principle is the same - the dissidents are often enabling the problem.

The obsession with the "Who am I to judge?" comment is bizarre for it shows he is asking, "Gays maybe should be judged." You wouldn't say, "Who am I to judge?" if somebody was buying Primark runners and not Cedar State.

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND MISOGNY

Pope Francis on violence against children, "“One time, I heard a father in a meeting with married couples say ‘I sometimes have to smack my children a bit, but never in the face so as to not humiliate them’,” Francis said.

“How beautiful.” he added. “He knows the sense of dignity! He has to punish them but does it justly and moves on.”

Pope Francis on women's inferiority to men so that they cannot be ordained priests, "The Church has spoken and says no. . . . That door is closed". He repeated the Church cannot ever ordain women in November 2016 because it is an objective fact that women cannot be ordained. Please note that if a woman becomes a man the man cannot become a priest so clearly the pope is being implicitly transphobic.

POPE'S HATRED OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

The media is rather quiet on how Francis judged and accused transgenders of manipulating their bodies and said like Herod destroyed babies they destroy male and female creation by disfiguring it. He insanely declared them to be like nuclear weapons!

CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Pink News 2016 Comment regarding the Pope interfering to stop civil partnerships in Italy on the basis that it could lead to gay marriage.

A commenter denied this makes the pope a monster.

It does make him a monster. Not giving committed gay relationships the protection and sanction of marriage is homophobia of the worst kind. And he regards Mary and Joseph as married though they never had sex - that is not a marriage. And his Jesus banned divorce in a culture where female children were forced into marriage and to have sex without being ready. The pope is a fine one to say that gay marriage is not marriage when picks and chooses what he wants to believe about marriage. And there is plenty wrong with faith in the Bible as its God told Moses to let parents have wayward children murdered by stoning. Why do people of faith, like yourself, think they have the right to say x and y and z without even checking their facts first?

I find the reason all that evil done by the Church is enabled is because the state has always given the Church a lot of power as it imagines it helps with social control. And it does in a cruel and vicious way. People who have sex outside marriage are told they must stop or go to Hell. That is music to the ears of a country that does not want to help lone parent families. But no moral person would agree with a religion keeping social order through bullying and implied threats. It is time the Church got kicked out of society.

Pope Francis promotes the extreme homophobia of denying any value in gay relationships, "as for proposals to place unions between homosexual persons on the same level as marriage, there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family." To refuse to support committed same sex love is far worse than praying for gays to be cured. And Francis has done nothing but enable Vatican attempts to "cure" gay men.

Do not pick on Protestant and Islamic leaders who are homophobes and let Francis away with it. Ban Francis from entry into your country. Id prefer the former nuts to Francis who is more subtle and craftier and thus more dangerous with the poison.

MERCY

Pope Francis Christmas Message 2015 "Only God's mercy can free humanity from the many forms of evil, at times monstrous evil, which selfishness spawns in our midst".

He blames man not God for the fact that we are in more trouble today than we ever were in the past. War is crueller today. But if he is telling us about God's mercy and God is not there at all or if God is an impersonal intelligence without any concern for us then he is enabling the problems by offering this placebo and false hope in God's mercy. It has not done much so far and only a fool would be consoled by thinking it is going to help much now.

If you tell people that prayers and magic are going to solve world turmoil and that is not true then you take responsibility for the terrible consequences if there is no power behind them, You take the blame. The pope will never do that.

TERRORISM

The pope has said things that encourage fighting terrorism with more terrorism. He is just a hypocrite.

I find him to be a liar and would rather he would stay out of the country (Ireland which will get a visit from him in 2018).

He said in spite of the fact that Islamic State preaches the Koran and holy literature to get people to obey what Islam says is God's word and kill unbelievers that "When I speak of war I speak of wars over interests, money, resources, not religion. All religions want peace, it's the others who want war."

He knows from logic and his Bible that religion can be violent. The Bible God railed against pagan gods who demanded that babies be sacrificed to them. A man-made religion of peace has no immunity to turning violent. What is human will show bad traits sooner or later. And the religion keeps saying it is from God in order to protect itself despite the evil. The pope is no dummy. Yet he lies that Islam is not a violent religion despite the fact that its scriptures condone and even command violence. He does not really care. He is condemning terrorism but not as religious terrorism so he is just a fraud. He knows that nobody has the right to honour violent books as God's word and as he honours the violent Bible he has no room to talk about Islam and its bloodthirsty Koran.

IRELAND AND THE EIGHT AMENDMENT

In 2018 there is a move to get rid of the eight amendment of the constitution which declares that mother and unborn baby have an equal right to life. This bans abortion with often tragic consequences.

The pope ironically can be used to get rid of the eighth. This pope by his actions definitely regards abortion as a person's own business. He has granted major abortion rights person, Lilianne Ploumen, former minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation in the Netherlands. She was honored by Pope Francis with the title of Commander in the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great. From lifesite, "Despite vocal opposition, a notorious Italian abortionist was allowed to speak at a Catholic parish on Wednesday, while pro-life critics were locked out, silenced or kicked out. Despite her abortion advocacy, Emma Bonino was praised by Pope Francis in 2016 as a "forgotten great". Between her abortion activism and being an abortionist herself, Bonino is directly or indirectly responsible for the deaths of roughly six million Italian babies between 1968 and today." The Catholic teaching that baptism really is that important has been scrapped as babies are considered to be in Heaven even if not baptised. That does away with the old fashioned worry that abortion not only killed a child but kept her away from God for all eternity in limbo. The fear of a baby being banned from God forever for not being baptised does nothing today to stop abortions.

FUNDAMENTALIST

The pope criticises priests who are "too fundamentalist". At least he admits that Catholicism is a form of fundamentalism. And it still contradicts the scientific fact that there was no Adam and Eve. There is no genuine concern for people who get wrapped up in Catholic Pentecostalism and who run after miracle mongers and waste their lives and get swindled. The Church does little or nothing about false visionaries who terrify and fleece their victims. When religious faith makes such things possible, such faith is itself part of the problem.

Jesus' teaching that we must love God with all our hearts means that in all we do, the motive is to be about pleasing God 100%. This means a person's life is wasted if they do all that for God and there is no God. Nobody really cares.

Catholicism holds that it is better for the whole universe to be obliterated by accident than for one sin to take place.

Its teachings kill women in poorer nations who are denied abortions to save their lives.

And the Church regards the Bible as having being ultimately written by God despite the horrendous murders and genocide commanded in God's name and authority by Jesus' hero, Moses. A young bride who was suspected of not being a virgin on her wedding night was stoned to death on God's orders.

The Church condemns "sins" that are not really sins. Come on! A boy who freely masturbates for a few seconds will be lost forever in Hell if he dies? People can reason, "I am a sinner anyway so I may as well commit this sin." To invent sins and to exaggerate what they deserve is only encouraging such people.

The Church regards death as punishment for sin. It is the death penalty.

Such teachings are extremist. They sully any good the Church does. The good is certainly the enemy of the best.

The pope as head representative of the Church and its "father" must take the biggest responsibility for this evil of all. But he will not.