

CATHOLICISM'S TACIT SUPPORT OF THE IRA

In the wonderful book *God and the Gun* by Martin Dillon we read that its author was conscious from his excellent research that collectively all religious leaders in Northern Ireland want the hatred and suspicion between the Catholic and Protestant religious camps to continue (page 3). He wrote, "It would be easy to condemn all churchmen and religious leaders, but it is fair to say that collectively they have allowed the terrorists to fill a vacuum of despair, hatred and suspicion".

Martin McGuinness notoriously had no remorse for following the Green Book, the rule code of the IRA, despite it being an evil document. Up to death, he remained firm in his devotion. It is a reminder of characters like Bible bashers who have no regrets.

Christianity bears the marks of politics, takes account of it and fitting in with it and is the creation of politics (Catholicism is created by the Roman Empire) which is why as Martin Dillon's book *God and the Gun* tells us its clerics to terrifying degree are pro-violence. Politics is inherently about fear. Fear is the Politician and the political party's fundamental emotion. Fear gives birth to and accelerates other negative feelings such as envy, jealousy, greed, anger and disgust. For example you fear Person X. Then this leads to you being angry with how you fear Person X. Anger tends to run away with itself so soon you get angry at Person X and everybody who is nice to X.

Sadly some people in Ireland support the Catholic Church not out of devotion or regard for it, (and they may even hate it) but because their ancestors and families who were Catholic were persecuted by Protestants. They need to make a distinction between the Catholics as a community and as a religion. That can be done. Then they need to work out loyalty to their loved ones as people not as Catholics. That way the relatives are truly honoured and this honour does not involve honouring an entity that had no real regard for them, the Church. The Church persecutes Catholics - eg loving couples who have married in defiance of Church law are barred from communion and considered to be living in a state of serious and objective moral evil. You would need to be insane or hypocritical to say that their sin is a sin at all never mind that bad. It is hardly murder! When your own is so nasty it is training you to be nasty to members of other religions and your own. It will lead to you fearing other faiths for better the devil you know. It will lead to other faiths fearing you and yours. You will be seen as a collaborator with official Church malevolence and hypocrisy. A religion that teaches evil irrational doctrine produces prejudice and anger and you will end up taking out your frustrations on other religions. No wonder there has been so much mind-boggling violence and hatred between the Christianities. Catholicism's evil is mirrored in its Protestant daughter Churches. They are chips off a demonic block and demonic themselves.

The Roman Catholic priesthood is ultimately to blame for the terrorism and killings that happened in the North of Ireland. They made rules forbidding entry into Protestant Churches during Protestant worship, forbade reading Protestant Bibles, forbade marriages between Protestants and Catholics and demanded that if such marriages took place the children must be raised as Catholics. They meddled in Irish politics and made sure to keep people away from their divorce and contraceptive rights. They acted as censors who wanted to control the information the people got so that they wouldn't learn anything about why Catholicism is a false religion. They encouraged and required the disowning of children who converted to Protestantism. They went as far as to require that Catholic and Protestant children be separated into Catholic and Protestant schools. All this encouraged Catholics to see themselves as good and as the true servants of God while Protestants were viewed with suspicion. When men claim to be the representatives of God and to be speaking in his name is it any wonder if some consciences become attracted to the idea of starting religious war? During the troubles and violence, the priesthood stuck to its guns. It refused to desist from religious doctrines and activities that were fuelling the evil. The Church made an interesting response when asked to comment on the latest IRA atrocity. "Forgive the killers and don't look for revenge." Anybody that commands forgiveness like the Jesus of the Catholics does is condoning and blessing the evil. Advising forgiveness would be different but Jesus commands it and said that if you don't forgive you won't get any forgiveness either meaning you will go to Hell forever. So he threatens evil and violence against you. He would say that if you really hated the sin and loved the sinner you would forgive easily so he wouldn't have much sympathy for those who find it difficult. After all that it is easy to feel that Jesus doesn't mind a lot or perhaps doesn't mind at all if you are a Catholic and go out to shoot Protestants. The Church's advice is repulsive for the deaths would not have happened had it not been for the Catholic terrorists. And the advice is made up of hollow words when the Church was encouraging the fear of Protestants. This fear was ultimately the reason why the IRA acted as it did.

IRA men were being forgiven by priests at confession and not told to turn themselves in and to make amends. That clearly suggests that the sin of plotting a Protestant bloodbath is not serious or is not seriously thought of as a sin. Priests knew from the confessional about planned atrocities. They said nothing for Church law forbids them to tell what they heard in confession. Religion comes before life. And who can be surprised then if religion leads to death?

Catholicism is wrong and the sheer body of evidence and proof against it is so huge that it is impossible to excuse the priesthood and the theologians for promoting the faith. They take advantage of the lay people who look to them for religious information. To promote a faith based on lies and ignorance in a climate of sectarianism is simply wicked beyond belief.

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