

# Documentation

The Catholic Church should no longer call itself “Christian”!

What would **Jesus of Nazareth** say if He were to come to the Earth again and see what the Church has made of His life’s work?

## *The Vatican – the Biggest Warmonger*

**Jesus, the Christ, taught love of enemy and non-violence.**

**“The one who takes up the sword will perish by the sword.”**

But as absolute monarch of the church-state, the pope in Rome has often waged war himself and participated in civil wars. Over and over again, the popes have incited and supported wars, yes, they have incited whole nations to wage war against one another – for instance, the Byzantines against the Ostrogoths, the Franconians against the Lombards, the Normans against the Hohenstaufen dynasty and vice versa.

During the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Vatican fueled the 30-Years War in Germany, and in 1914, the Vatican ambassador in Vienna incited the Habsburgs against the Serbians in the First World War.

Shortly before the Second World War, Pope Pius XII let Hitler know that he would “withhold every damnation of Germany if it would wage war against Poland.” (Deschner, Ein Jahrhundert Heilsgeschichte, vol. 2, p. 41) On both sides of the front, Catholic army chaplains always sent soldiers into battle with “God’s blessing.” The Vatican supported all fascistic and right-winged dictators in Europe and Latin America. After the Second World War, the Catholic Cardinal Josef Frings was the first to urge the rearmament of the Republic of Germany.

Catholic clergy were decisively involved in the genocide committed by Croatian fascists on orthodox Serbs from 1941-1943, in the bloody “cleansings” in Argentina from 1976-1983 and in the genocide committed by the Hutus on the Tutsis in Ruanda in 1994.

Leading Jesuits even justified the deployment of nuclear weapons, and thus, they accepted hazarding the destruction of entire nations.

During the Golf War in 1991, Pope John Paul II said: “We are no pacifists.” And in 1995, he called for a “just war” in Bosnia. And as Cardinal Ratzinger, a few months before his election, the present pope rejected pacifism as “unchristian.” (Radio Vatican, Nov. 23, 2004) And so, he rejects Christ!

Until today, the Vatican justifies the death penalty in its

Catechism.

### ***Intolerance Instead of Love for Neighbor***

**Jesus called upon all people to practice brotherhood and respected their free will.**

But the Church has always bloodily persecuted dissidents. From the Marcionites to the Cathars and Bogomils all the way to the Waldensers and Anabaptists, it eradicated all movements that were connected to original Christianity. With its dogmatic slogans, it is answerable for the pogroms against the Jews; it initiated the Inquisition and inflamed the witch-hunts. It spread its church doctrine with fire and sword, and thus, has the genocide of the Central and South American Indians and the plunder of a whole continent on its conscience. Even today, the Vatican persecutes religious minorities.

### ***The Wealth of the Church is Blood Money***

**Jesus lived simply and taught that people should “not lay up treasures ... where moth and rust consume.”**

The Church has laid up immense wealth over many centuries, by plundering the population, by mercilessly having the church tithe collected, by enriching itself on the victims of the Inquisition and the burning of witches, by falsifying documents, practicing legacy hunting and ensuring for itself tax exceptions and state subsidies, which are valid in many countries until today. What the Church does as “good deeds” in the world is not financed with its enormous assets, but with donations of the faithful and subsidies from the state.

In Germany, these subsidies amount to – excluding church taxes and state subsidies for public welfare facilities run by the Church – at least **14 billion Euros** a year in direct subsidies and tax exemptions. The salaries of the bishops including their “royal” household expenses are paid by the state, in this case, by the respective German states.

### ***Pope and Church – Proclaimers of Evil***

**Jesus taught the God of love, who loves all His children equally and undertakes everything to have them with Him again. He did not teach an eternal hell. Nor did He teach to baptize babies, saying, instead: “Teach first and then baptize.”**

However, the Church introduced the forced baptism of babies, and upholds this until today. A baby has no possibility to defend itself against this. This is against Jesus of Nazareth; it is

manipulation, a mental restriction imposed on defenseless children by way of the parents, as ordained by the Church. But, as if that weren't enough: Until today, the Church spreads the pagan idea of a punishing God, who punishes all those people who do not follow the caste of priests with eternal damnation. With this, they terrify countless people, undermine their mental health and alienate them from God. This is a sin against the Holy Spirit.

From all these mental burdens that the Church inflicts upon people, many psychological illnesses develop, among others, the so-called church-induced neuroses. Since so many people are affected by this we can understand the state our world is in.

### ***The Guilt Complex – a Product of a Church that Is Against Sexuality***

The Church loads enormous guilt complexes onto people, by threatening them over and over again with guilt and eternal damnation. Then it has the nerve to claim that via its priests, it can forgive these sins, which they cannot do at all. (The Bible was deliberately manipulated here: In reality, people should forgive each other their sins – it is still correct in the Lord's Prayer: "... as we forgive those who trespass against us.")

The implication is: "You are all sinners and will probably go to hell, unless you subjugate yourselves to our ceremonies" – this is psychological blackmail. If the state or an association were to do this, someone would immediately intervene, saying: This is psychological terrorism.

The Church's hostility toward sexuality also leads to considerable problems in society, above all with priests. Enforced celibacy has no biblical foundation at all; and so, it is a purely ecclesiastical tradition and, what's more, an unnatural condition, an expression of the Church's hostility toward sexuality. It is often accompanied by pedophilia and the terrible crimes that result from this.

### ***Children and Youth Become Slaves of Pedophilic Priests***

Despite all assurances and showcase-speeches, sexual crimes among the ranks of the clergy have still not been rigorously cleared up. Over and over again, children and youth become slaves of pedophilic priests. For decades, pedophilic priests were covered for and transferred from one parish to the next. This, too, is a sin against the Holy Spirit, because it not only leaves young people emotionally traumatized, but also alienates them from God. The countless institutionalized children who were abused, misused and forced into labor in Catholic facilities have received

no compensation until this very day.

### ***The False “Holy Father” in Rome***

**Jesus was a simple, modest person, who honored God in all things.**

At all times, His alleged followers surrounded themselves with all imaginable splendor, for which the people had to bleed. They cultivated a cult oriented to the person and had themselves venerated as “Holy Father,” even though Jesus said: “Call no man on earth father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.” In the Lord’s Prayer, we simply address this father as “Father”, but we are supposed to address His alleged representative on earth with “Your holiness.” Is the chief priest of the Roman Church, attired in pagan robes, perhaps more than God?

### ***Jesus Did Not Want a Caste of Priests***

**Jesus appointed no priests and established no church. He gave people an understanding of the inner religion of the heart, for: “The Kingdom of God is within, in you!”**

However, the Church turned these positive beginnings of Early Christianity into the exact opposite of what Jesus wanted: a hierarchically structured church of priests, with rituals, vessels, robes and customs, which all verifiably stem from paganism. The Church bound, and still binds, people to external pagan rituals such as the veneration of saints, pilgrimages, the ritual celebration of Mass, holy water, sacramental ceremonies, thus holding them captive in an externalized religion.

### ***The Church that Is Hostile to Women and Children***

**Jesus always championed women and their right to equality.**

However, since it emerged, the Church has oppressed women and labeled them as being second class; it had them tortured with choice torture methods during the persecution of witches, and cruelly killed. Illegitimate children of priests were turned into slaves of the church. Until today, women do not have equal rights in the Church. Children resulting from liaisons with priests are alienated from their fathers and palmed off with small child support payments.

### ***The Betrayal of the Animals***

**Jesus loved the animals. When He fasted in the desert, they**

**approached Him and made friends with Him. The first Christians lived primarily as vegetarians and excluded hunters, as well as soldiers, from their communities.**

Right up until the present time, the Church denies animals a soul and justifies the billion-fold maltreatment and torment of animals in animal testing, factory farming and hunting. The indifference basically laid out by church doctrine, the disdain for nature and the animals, plays a considerable part in the present boundless, brutal exploitation of nature all over the earth. Ultimately, the climate disaster also has its roots in this.

Despite of all these clear contradictions, the Church still labels itself “Christian,” as it always has. This is a scandal that we no longer want to accept.

**Down with this fraudulent labeling of the Church!**

We are free Christians who champion the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount. We feel linked and committed to Christ who lived among us as Jesus of Nazareth. No one has to make of the original teachings of the Nazarene the guideline for his life. But whoever calls himself “Christian” should not constantly do the opposite of what Jesus, the great freedom teacher, wanted and taught.

Just imagine that one of our ancestors developed a unique product of the highest quality and marketed it. At first, this product enjoyed great respect among the consumers and was highly prized. Then came a product pirate who produced an inferior product under our ancestor’s name. It only bears the same name, but it is worthless and even harmful to people after short time use. How would we react?

Would we simply look on – or would we try to point out the product piracy and fraudulent labeling to our fellowman and warn them?

**Free Christians for the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount  
in All Cultures Worldwide**

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