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## **The Pedophilic Former Rector of the Odenwald School Is an Important Lutheran Theologian**

Only seemingly did reports of the years-long cases of massive sexual abuse in the Odenwald school in Heppenheim, Germany buy time for the Church. The main culprit, the former rector, is a well-known theologian, who, before his deeds in Heppenheim, was, according to his own statements, at first, "active for several years in service of the Church." (<http://archive.ub.uni-marburg.de/sonst/1999/0015.html>). Thus, already in 1963, he wrote for the church newspaper "Amt und Gemeinde" the article "Worship Service and Liturgical Renewal" (No. 5/1963). And after his time in Heppenheim-Ober-Hambach, he continued his career in the church, where, among other things, he was called to the Chamber of the Protestant-Lutheran Church in Germany for Education and Training. In his function as the representative of the Protestant-Lutheran Church, Mr. Becker participated in the conference "Schools in Hessian," the purpose of which was to "reflect" with the Minister of Education on "Basic Questions for Organizing Schools."

Recently, the Protestant-Lutheran Church made headlines with crimes committed on children in homes run by the Church, as described by SPIEGEL editor Peter Wensierski in his book: "Beatings In the Name of the Lord." And now, there is another scandal.

"Cases like this reinforce our demand that the Protestant-Lutheran Church no longer call itself Christian," said Dieter Potzel, former Lutheran pastor and spokesman for the "Free Christians for the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount." "We must conclude over and over again, that many responsible Lutherans are very obviously lacking in a sense of guilt for their deeds. Apparently, in this, they follow Luther, who denied that people have free will and called upon his followers to: 'Sin boldly, but believe even more boldly.' However, the faith that even the most severe sins will then not be discovered, leads one astray."

Pertinent here is the fact that on March 16, 2010, a case will be heard before the Administrative Court of Hannover regarding a lawsuit against the Protestant-Lutheran Regional Church of Hannover. In an extensive and detailed statement of claim, the plaintiffs establish that, in its doctrine and behavior, the Lutheran Church represents the opposite of the teachings of Jesus, the Christ, and therefore, the use of the name "Christian" deceives people and leads them astray. ([www.Christus-oder-Kirche.de](http://www.Christus-oder-Kirche.de)). Until now, the defendant Church has not disputed any of the facts listed.

Potzel stated that "The resignation of Bishop Margot Käßmann, originally the addressee of the lawsuit, has no influence on the proceedings of the case. For the charge was directed against her as an official and not as a private person. The acting successor in the office is the Lüneburg superintendent Hans-Hermann Jantzen."

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