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kp2007

I think you mean beatify.

#1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:01 AM EST

REPLY 5 votes

Theresa N

You just stole my thunder.....lol

#1.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:06 AM EST

1 vote

suzyactiondoll

mine too.

#1.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:19 AM EST

1 vote

Nofluer

MSNBC - Freaking morons. That's the only reason I opened this story - to ping the idiots on their lack of knowledge.

#1.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:20 AM EST

4 votes

JJD-561872

Ditto

#1.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:27 AM EST

1 vote

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"The statement said there was no reason to believe that any possible **beatification** would take place at the same time." >>>> Why don't you read your own article before coming up with a headline? This is about the worst impropriety I've ever seen.

#1.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:30 AM EST

ArtistJohn



Yes, beautification of long-deceased Pius XII seems unlikely, even with Photoshop. As for beatification, seems to me like just more religious silliness. More tiresome self-importance.

But the spelling mistake was great for a laugh.

#1.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:32 AM EST

6 votes

Fisherman144



Spelling errors aren't the only problem in this article. The Catholic church has more money, holds more property and forces people to believe their lies that have been manufactured for 1700 years. Fear of dying is the only glue that holds this massive cult together.

Maybe they could 'beatify' their paedophile priests.

#1.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:56 AM EST

11 votes

TJM07



Why is necessary for the Chruch to defend who is beatified to anyone? Thank you fisherman for your input, but your opinion is so uninformed, and so off the mark of the article that it does not deserve comment.

#1.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:26 AM EST

7 votes

stageleft



TJM-As a Catholic, I take some offense to Fisherman's remarks on one hand, but on another, the Catholic Church certainly has to defend its position on beatification to its parishoners. Beatification represents something truly special, and they want to push him through, for all intents and purposes, merely because he was "in the network". I hardly think Pius deserves this posthumous honor, and it is yet another black eye for the Catholic Church that we don't need right now.

#1.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:32 AM EST

5 votes

orbust

Speak or forever hold your tongue.

#1.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:33 AM EST

Matt Stieber

Well said stageleft. Quite frankly, unless you are Catholic, why should anyone care if he's beatified or not?

#1.11 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:41 AM EST

4 votes

tom343

Hey mentor, if you don't purge 'fisherman' for being an inflammatory bigot, you are not a responsible person at all.

#1.12 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:07 AM EST

3 votes

BILOXPAT

Oh, shoot! They fixed it!

#1.13 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:08 AM EST

orbust

Pius couldn't said or done anything at the time of Italy's struggles with their regime, Mussolini and Hitler were joined at the hip when they were banned from the League of Nations. It should be to late now..

#1.14 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:26 AM EST

2 votes

smp65

It's hypocritical of the moniters on this site who allow hate speech toward Catholics to flagrantly be posted. Fisherman I'll say it then: You're an ignorant bigot. If I lived next door to you, I would fear for my children as they walked to the bus in their Catholic school uniforms in front of your home. Get a clue and preach love, not bile.

#1.15 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:43 AM EST

4 votes

Matt Stieber

You see smp65, Catholics aren't on the "PC List" that everyone has to be nice and nauseatingly respectful of. Obviously, you can hate Catholics all you want. They tend to be white, working/middle class, basically don't look a whole lot different than a lot of people walking around.

It's morons like fisherman that we grew up with that used to call us "fish" all the time. I do remember as a kid, a lot of them didn't have a clue what it meant, they just heard it from their parents.

#1.16 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:04 AM EST

3 votes

me-986426

I completely agree with Fisherman. He hit the nail smack dab on the head. Fear God or go to hell. What kind of a God wants you to fear him? How come all the miracles happened thousands of years ago? I wanna see a burning bush today. I don't see any seas parting as of late. Lies lies lies. The Catholic church is nothing more than a greedy money making business. It is a cult. Just look at yourselves. I'm thinking of starting a church so I can have suckers give me money in the name of God. I do need a new Hummer. Wait. That's right. They need the money to pay off the lawsuits from all the pedophile priests. They sure do like little boys. Just saying. I definately wouldn't let my kids be around one of them.

#1.17 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:06 AM EST

2 votes

me-986426

One more thing. Maybe you should check dictionary.com on the meaning of beatify before you complain about spelling.. It is the correct word.

#1.18 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:13 AM EST

1 vote

smp65

me...you are an ignorant retread. I wouldn't let my piglets around you let alone my kids.

#1.19 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:29 AM EST

1 vote

Matt Stieber

me, I'll try to make this very basic since you're obviously a little challenged. That bar on the right side of your screen is a "scroll bar." use it to go up to the top of the page.....I'll wait, but don't forget to come back.....There, see it now "beautify," not beatify.

Congratulations on being Moron of the Day!

#1.20 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:00 AM EST

1 vote

Amber, Cherry Hills, Colorado

Fisherman: "The Catholic church has more money, holds more property and forces people to believe their lies that have been manufactured for 1700 years. Fear of dying is the only glue that holds this massive cult together."

Don't pay any attention to your critics. You are exactly correct (except for the pedophile part, which is pejorative, I think). I suggest they do a little research into the Catholic Church history before calling names (against the rules in this forum).

One of my favorite quotations is from H. L. Mencken who said of the Church: "All religion is nothing more than fear of the unknown, institutionalized as magic and capitalized on by priests." No less true today than a thousand years ago.

#1.21 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:16 AM EST

2 votes

Amber, Cherry Hills, Colorado

ArtistJohn: "...beautification of long-deceased Pius XII seems unlikely, even with Photoshop..."
Good one. Thanks for the laugh. "tiresome self importance." Also good.

See #1.21 above re H.L. Mencken to see if you agree.

#1.22 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:24 AM EST

1 vote

Matt Stieber

Wow, Mencken, a follower of Nietzsche and outspoken anti-semite. Good person to quote!

#1.23 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:36 AM EST

Floyd57

Does God really care about earthly, man-made ceremonies, rituals and ordinations? No, He doesn't. We're all saints in God's eye's and the catholic pope or anyone else is no greater to God than you and me.

People need to focus directly on Jesus because he said, (John 14:6-7 NIV) "*I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him*".

So who really cares about the pope, those he ordains, mother Mary or any other person on this planet that seeks to put themselves on a pedestal? *Focus only on Jesus Christ* and forget about all this garbage!!

God is the only one that can forgive us of our sins so stop asking some sinful Priest to forgive you, he can only forgive you for what you've done to him. Stop bowing to the pope (even God's angels said "do not bow before me, it's insulting to God. Plus, read the first 4 commandments, not the catholic ones, the real ones), God didn't create the pope, man did!! Mother Mary is dead and not your mediator to Jesus (as mentioned in the scripture above) and start learning the complete truth by studying the Bible instead of just listening to uneducated idiots constantly blasting it to pieces.....this way you'll know what the truth actually is and won't be so dumbfounded and will know how to respond when an issue like this one lands on your laps.

#1.24 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:44 AM EST

1 vote

Amber, Cherry Hills, Colorado

Matt Stieber: Since you can't argue with Mencken, you ridicule him. Good show.

#1.25 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:52 AM EST

1 vote

Matt Stieber

Ridicule someone who outspokenly talked of his hatred of the Jews? Yeah, you bet!

#1.26 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:55 AM EST

1 vote

orbust

meIts "understand" God not fear him, but don't go their your having enough trouble with the article. I believe you may fear catholics in general or you wouldn't have clicked on it...You also wouldn't know a Miracle if it were staring at you.! Your last rant, sit back in your chair and tell half the worlds population what you think of Catholicism! Pedophiles their everywhere..wherever a sick mind can carry one..little troll !

#1.27 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:08 PM EST

2 votes

Amber, Cherry Hills, Colorado

Floyd: I agree that God has no use for man-made ceremonies, etc. We are all equal, so one person cannot be above another. Jesus was a revered being, it's true. But he was just one of many Ascended Masters who came to help humanity. And the bible is just one of many religious books written at the time, which Christianity chose to focus on. And that's a good thing, except that there were so many translations throughout history that barely one word in the Bible is as it was originally intended. It was originally written in Aramaic, then translated into Greek, into Latin, and then into many other languages. Many times during this process, there was no word that could correctly translate, so they tried to come close, but unfortunately lost the meaning in the translation. And of course, the translation was seen through the eyes of the translator at the time. (i.e., to "suffer" means to "allow" or "permit", but today that word means something entirely different. "Suffer the little children to come unto me." - JC)

All these beings (Mother Mary, Jesus, etc.) are aware of us and of our prayers to them, but not (of course) on the physical level. Only on the spiritual plane. It's true, they are "dead", but only the physical is dead, not their energy. Energy endures forever; it just takes on a different form from time to time.

#1.28 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:13 PM EST

1 vote

orbust

One of my favorite quotations is from H. L. Mencken who said of the Church: "All religion is nothing more than fear of the unknown, institutionalized as magic and capitalized on by priests." No less true today than a thousand years ago.

Its people like you I fear the most, soon the Holocaust will be forgotten.

Your most likely a Scientologist or something close, this is probably your third life on this earth or who knows you may have witnessed the Birth of Jesus that never happened.!

Don't you Trolls have better things to do like go shopping or hit the bars..!

#1.29 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:18 PM EST

Amber, Cherry Hills, Colorado

Orbust, Golly, could you use Spellcheck or a dictionary or something? Your post is very hard to understand. I get the general meaning, I think, that you disagree with **me's** comments. (Maybe you can try to relax a little. Some things are not worth a heart attack over.)

#1.30 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:20 PM EST

1 vote

WmRAllen

It's hypocritical of the monitors on this site who allow hate speech toward Catholics to

| fl agrantly be posted.

While he may be more blunt than you might like, I'm not sure if Fisherman's post would qualify as "hate speech". Certainly, there is a historical basis for a critique of the Catholic Church *vis-a-vis* "money and power"-- it was one of the main arguments involved in the Reformation. And again, the paedophile scandal did point to (in the opinion of many Americans, Catholic and non-Catholic alike) problems in the system of pastoral care...

American religious freedom does not protect religion from criticism, though in many ways that's the sort of cultural metric that has developed over the last few years.

You see smp65, Catholics aren't on the "PC List" that everyone has to be nice and nauseatingly respectful of. Obviously, you can hate Catholics all you want. They tend to be white, working/middle class, basically don't look a whole lot different than a lot of people walking around.

That's an oversimplification of "political correctness" which has more to do with your "culture war" white-victim identity than it does with Fisherman's post. Critique of the organization as a whole differs from critique of the members of that organization.

Isn't the largest-growing segment of the Catholic population in this country drawn from the Latino/a ethnicity in any case?

#1.31 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:21 PM EST

orbust

Amber I see you check your own post, arrogance is a virtue.

You need to move to some place quiet like the poudre canyon, get away from the hustle and bustle of suburbia Denver!

#1.32 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:28 PM EST

1 vote

Floyd57

Amber,

Since the Bible is God inspired, it will *always be correct* no matter what language it's in. God will ensure of that. The problem is how people interpret it. One must compare scripture to scripture to fully understand it. The Bible is God's book and if you believe it fully, you fully believe in God and God will *never* let you down.

I'm a Christian and believe in the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) so they are one in my mind.

In regards to death, there is no more life, physically or spiritually once you die. Many take the scripture, absent from body, present with the Lord as being alive in heaven with God once you die from this planet. That is not true. If it were, there would be no reason for the righteous in Christ to rise at his second coming because we'd already be alive. The penalty for sin is death. There are 7 scriptures in the Bible where people were brought back to life after dying and not one had an "afterlife experience" or even said "Hey, why did you take me out of heaven and bring me back here"? Send me back!! They couldn't because they were "asleep", unconscious of everything.

The word "asleep" is constantly reference to someone that dies. Jesus said that about Lazarus. The reason for that is, when your asleep, you have no consciousness of anything taking place, not even time. When we die, it's a reverse process of how we become alive. Genesis 2:7 (NIV) says, *the Lord formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being.* When we die that process is reversed. Our "spirit" or breath returns to God and our bodies rot back to the ground.

When Jesus comes the second time, it is written, read **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)**, this is a major explanation of *what actually happens*. You'll even see the word "asleep" described as the "dead" in Christ that rise first followed by the living.

When Jesus died on the cross, he didn't return immediately to heaven and neither did the thief whom he saved. Jesus returned to heaven 40 days later. So, where was he and everyone else (expect Moses, Elijah and a few others used as examples by God to prove you will eventually go to heaven) when they died? "Asleep" waiting to be resurrected.

If I can be of further help to anyone else in clarifying questions, respond and I'll do my best.

#1.33 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:46 PM EST

me-986426

Hi, it's ME again. Kinda funny how most of the gripes against me are about my mistake on the word not the fact that I was blasting the Catholic church. Makes me kinda laugh. Catholics use what I like to call scare tactics to weasel money out of the fools, I mean parishioners, who believe the BS that is spewing forth. I am not ignorant. I see and read what the church is up to all the time. Makes me laugh how gullible you believers are. Where can I donate to the lawsuit fund? Where do I donate to the new mansion fund? If I don't give 10% of my paycheck every week, will I burn in hell for all eternity? Wait! I just spotted Jesus in my dog's pile of crap. Or is that the Virgin Mary. Wait. It wasn't in my dog's crap. It was that on that waffle I ate this morning. No, in the grime under the bridge. In the frost on my window. Now I'm just confused. They appear everywhere but where they need to. Go ahead and defend your faith. And the molesters for all I care. Now go cry in your holy water and repent for your sins so you can get into heaven like good little lemmings.

#1.34 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 1:01 PM EST

1 vote

REPLY

Newgoof



Creating gods to pray to.

#2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:05 AM EST

REPLY

7 votes

Hans-285771



Saints are not prayed to as "gods". They are regarded as being part of an extended "family" of believers that exists on earth and in heaven. They may act as good examples, comforters or intercessors, but they do this through God, not independently from Him. God - for many Christians - is made manifest in part through His angels and saints. But God is at the center of it all, the focus of it all. And technically, the Church doesn't MAKE people saints. God makes saints, and the Church ACKNOWLEDGES this through canonization. Candidates for sainthood are not always perfect people. Often, they had the same flaws as anyone, but strove towards perfection and faithfulness in spite of them.

#2.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:30 AM EST

9 votes

MM-584706

More fairy tales !

#2.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:52 AM EST

3 votes

Theresa N

Hans, I love your explanation of saints. It's really well written.

With that said, what do you think of Pope's being canonized?

Just curious.

#2.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:55 AM EST

1 vote

Hans-285771



As my father fought for Germany in WW2 (and lost most of his family to Hitler's inspired madness) I have no problem with Pius being canonized. My father loved his country, but he came to hate Hitler and all he stood for. My father was conflicted and had hard choices to make. He was imperfect, but did the best he could under hard circumstances. Pius too, was conflicted. He agonized over what his response should have been to Nazism and he took the path that he thought would result in fewer deaths and atrocities. I really do not believe that he just looked the other way and worried only about Catholics. Saints aren't declared as such because they are perfect. They are saints because they struggled, and no one can prove the Pius didn't do this, as a man, as a Christian, and as a fellow human being who held great power that could have backfired if used incorrectly.

#2.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:16 AM EST

5 votes

ivan, NC

Hans-285771.....How can a church, any church claim to be so grand and its own priest to be so grand when since the beginning of the church people were killed in order for them to become what they are today ? Other religions were wiped out because this church said that they were better than the others. I don't see it...killing for the reasons they, the church, handed out is still killing and in the worst way...to make sure they were the only ones left in power.

#2.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:30 AM EST

3 votes

santo-1499119

I understand your feelings. However, not being able to prove someone didn't struggle with their faith is not an affirmative reason to nominate them for sainthood. Logically, it isn't possible to prove a negative. If you're interested in the subject, I suggest a book called "Hitler's Pope". It is, I think a rather fair and balanced analysis of the subject, and raises some very strong factual points regarding what actually happened between the Catholic Church and the Jews before and during WW2. It comes to no definite conclusion for or against sainthood, but does bring to the fore some interesting and rather disturbing facts regarding Pius XII's relationship with the Jews at that time.

#2.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:40 AM EST

2 votes

Hans-285771

Ivan NC, your point is well taken. But the same could be said of almost every human institution. Name one form of government for example which did not come into being without people being killed in order for it to become what it is today? Other governments were often wiped out to make way for the "better" ones. Governments too, have an imperative to be moral, even if only in humanistic terms, do they not? Churches - like governments - are based on ideals and inspiration, but are made up of imperfect people. So we look to civil constitutions - or to laws of God - as markers on our way, and judge the actions of politicians and priests accordingly. I would prefer to be in a world full of basically good human institutions made up of imperfect people, institutions which can be made better, than to be in a world with no order or vision at all.

#2.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:50 AM EST

1 vote

Peter-741281

Creating gods to pray to.

They are regarded as being part of an extended "family" of believers that exists on earth and in heaven.

Ok creating minor or lesser "gods" to pray to....

The catholic church is polytheistic by any true definition - they just choose to cloak it in "mysterious mysteries."

#2.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:03 AM EST

2 votes

John-327741

"A Prayer to all the saints,"

Help us to see the opportunities for holiness
that fill our everyday lives.

*Obtain for us, by your prayers,
the deep understanding and appreciation
of spiritual things that were yours.*

Help us to see, too,
in the beauty of the world in which we live,
some slight mirroring of the eternal beauty
which you now see,
as you gaze on God.

So much for the idea that Catholics don't pray to the saints.

#2.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:12 AM EST

3 votes

tom343

Hans- please explain why you feel Ivan's point is well taken? Or any of the others that use any forum relating to the Roman Church as merely a place to attack it? Ivan really hasn't a handle on either ancient church history or recent European history. He comes from a culture that lately treated many races and sects, Christian and otherwise, like inferior beings. I lived in NC some number of years. I remember Graham and Cannonapolis particularly, because as you drove into each venue you were greeted by huge signs on the side of the road proclaiming these towns to be 'Klan Kountry'. Circumstances (the job) forced me to live down there. Co-workers treated us 'civilly' and management forced cooperation on the job, but social intercourse between locals and us 'Yankees' was largely unknown. Veterans and their families was the glaring exception.

#2.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:16 AM EST

tom343

Hey Santo, remember the good thief? He is one of the very few people that made it to heaven. He was not such a paragon until the end. (made it to heaven per Catholic teaching, that is. Moses, Elias, Mary are other that come to mind. Saints, too, we surmise.)

#2.11 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:24 AM EST

tom343

John-

The imprimatur of that prayer is ?? (now you're the one getting into technicalities, not me...)

#2.12 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:26 AM EST

smp65

Catholics ask Saints to intercede for them in their prayers. They don't pray TO them.

#2.13 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:46 AM EST

1 vote

Kane497

There is only **one** mediator who intercedes biblically speaking ...

#2.14 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:08 AM EST

1 vote

Peter-741281

Catholics ask Saints to intercede for them in their prayers. They don't pray TO them.

What do you call asking the dead if not praying?

#2.15 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:11 AM EST

1 vote

tom343

Asking the dead where they hid the silver? Hope, man!

#2.16 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:46 AM EST

1 vote

Peter-741281

Asking the dead where they hid the silver? Hope, man!

lol... So much for "Dead men tell no tales..."

I mean really who would be silly enough to think that we *pray* to saints. We just talk to people who in some cases have been dead for over a thousand years and ask them to personally intervene for us... No we don't *pray* to them that would be weird and stuff...

#2.17 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:27 AM EST

1 vote

smp65

You never speak to a deceased person in your prayers, wishes, internal dialogue or whatever you want to call it?
Sarcasm is not your strong suit.

#2.18 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:50 AM EST

Peter-741281

You never speak to a deceased person in your prayers, wishes, internal dialogue or whatever you want to call it?

No I do not. Do you find that strange?

#2.19 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:02 PM EST

1 vote

smp65

Yes

#2.20 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:08 PM EST

WmRAlien

Tom wrote:

Or any of the others that use any forum relating to the Roman Church as merely a place to attack it?

Tom, in regards to issues relating to the Catholic Church, or any religious organization for that matter, do you see a difference between "critique" and "attack"?

If you go back and look at both Ivan's post and Hans' reply, they seem to be engaging not only each other, but the issues as well, in a respectful and nuanced way. Hans also spelled out the reasons he would accept Ivan's analysis:

the same could be said of almost every human institution... Churches - like governments - are based on ideals and inspiration, but are made up of imperfect people.

Should we not try to deal with the issues, rather than dismissing each other on a simple (or simplistic) *ad hominem* basis? Simply because Ivan may live in North Carolina does not mean that his concerns have less validity...

#2.21 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:54 PM EST

REPLY 

amusedreader

Are these acts against Christian Jews or non-Christian Jews, if the latter why should it matter what they say. A nations president is chosen by that nation, not by another (well I hope thats what's happening).

Is it just me or do the Jews deem everything hostile towards them?

#3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:07 AM EST

REPLY 3 votes

myopinion-13

What the heck is a Christian Jew?

And who's choosing a president?

#3.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:24 AM EST

4 votes

BILOXIPAT

You would be paranoid, too, if the whole world was against you as it is the Jews.

#3.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:32 AM EST

3 votes

Theresa N

myopinion-You've lost me, what are you talking about?

#3.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:56 AM EST

Fisherman144

amusedreader - Prejudice, slander, and the desire for annihilation by other religions and countries has ALWAYS made the Jews the target- scape goat for all the problems the are unsolvable. Small minded people continue this fantasy.

#3.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:01 AM EST

2 votes

romilio

amusedreader Popes are elected by a council of Cardinals not the Catholic community, they are considered kings not presidents.

For the others although the Jews didn't deserve the Holocaust, they are not nor were not peaceful people, when they could, as they can today, they have been abusers, land grabbers and murderers like many other people. It is actually recorded in their Old Testament:

[Josh 6:16]

Joshua said to the people of Israel, "The Lord has given you the city (of the Canaanites).. all silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord: They shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

The people utterly DESTROYED ALL THAT WAS IN THE CITY, BOTH MAN AND WOMAN, YOUNG AND OLD, AND OX AND SHEEP, AND ASS, WITH THE EDGE OF THE SWORD.

#3.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:55 AM EST

myopinion-13

Theresa - the original poster (amusedreader) stated

"acts against Christian Jews or non-Christian Jews, if the latter why should it matter what they say. A nations president is chosen by that nation, not by another (well I hope thats what's happening)."

Both of my questions came from that paragraph, which made no sense to me. Before I assumed either antisemitism or ignorance, I wanted to give amusedreader a chance to explain. I have absolutely no idea what she/he is talking about. If I am missing something, please enlighten me.

#3.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:05 AM EST

1 vote

tom343

BILO- the whole world went to war for 6 years, loosing enormous blood and treasure to save the Jews.

#3.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:28 AM EST

myopinion-13



tom, if you think WWII was about saving Jews, you are woefully ignorant of history.

#3.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:37 AM EST

5 votes

smp65

I would say it's Christians who are under attack in this society...Jews enjoy a remarkably indulgent and discrimination free lifestyle in the U.S., Europe and Isreal.

#3.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:52 AM EST

myopinion-13

smp,

When is the last time your place of worship or cemetary was desecrated with swastikas or statements to "Kill the Christians"?

And look out your window, the whole country is celebrating Christmas, a federal holiday no less. And don't tell me about the token menorah or dreidl, since Hanukkah is not at all a major Jewish holidays, although most Christians (and sadly some Jews) think it is because of when it happens to fall. When the Christian community as a whole acknowledges our most holy holidays, then maybe you can talk.

I am really not complaining though - fortunately I live in a diverse tolerant community, and for the most part we all respect and learn about each other's religions and traditions and it enriches us. Every year the Catholic church and school nearest my house puts out a sign during the high holy days (Yom Kippur/Rosh Hashana) wishing a happy new year to their Jewish friends. I wish more people around the country and around the world could embrace diversity and tolerance in such a meaningful way.

But even in my diverse community, a number of Jewish sites around town - synagogues, community center, cemeteries - were targets of vicious antisemitic vandilims recently.

ANd by the way there is no country known as "Isreal"; it is Israel. I hope that was a type and not sheer ignorance.

#3.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:05 AM EST

1 vote

Upstate New York-1233487

With the news that Al Franken is headed to the **Senate**, JTA updates its list of the 44 **Jewish** members --13 **senators** and 31 members of the House of Representatives -- in the **111th** United States congress. It hardly seems like we are discriminating against Jewish people. Do not forget Rahm Emanuel the Presidents Chief of Staff. I think he despises our military but served 2 years in the Israeli military.

#3.11 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:25 AM EST

smp65

Wow, interesting how the White House recently hosted a Hannukah party, followed by a "Holiday Party". While Jews can attend a celebration actually called a Hannukah party, Christians attend the White House, office parties etc...with the watered down title of "Holiday Party". Look out your window and watch a secular, consumer driven mess that has been hijacked by greed and made a joke.

It's wonderful that the local Parochial school acknowledged Jewish holy days. Our local Pastor, a wonderful and pious man is afraid to wear his collar in public for fear that someone will verbally or physically hurt him.

In my community we have a number of Hasidic Jews..they walk around in full gear and refuse to acknowledge anyone, other than their own.
Yes, discrimination is alive and well.

#3.12 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:25 AM EST

myopinion-13

smp,

I will grant you that there are some Jews whose behavior does not befit the pillars of our religion. But this is true of any religion. Chances are those particular Hasidic Jews would also not acknowledge me because they wouldn't consider me a "real" Jew.

But, for every one of those, there is an Hasidic Jew whose behavior does espouse true Jewish values. I know many of them.

Antisemitism is a part of life. I don't live my life in fear though and never will. I just go about my business and work to make the world a better place.

Your posts indicate a great deal of animosity towards an entire group of people you know little about. Perhaps your New Year's resolution could be to educate yourself. You could start at adl.org ... but chances are you'll just dismiss that suggestion because living in ignorance and intolerance seems to be your goal, based on your various posts on this thread.

#3.13 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:56 AM EST

smp65

Anti Christianity is a part of my life.

Turn on any sitcom, drama or most mews shows and Christians are portrayed as gap-toothed morons...except if your black, then in the media's eyes, it's all good.

It's officially o.k. to lampoon Christians...it IS the Anti-semitism of the new millenium.

Perhaps your New Year resolution could be to get honest with yourself and realize that when someone points out the truth, labeling them anti-semetic is a ridiculous tool to shut them up.

BTW...look at some of the hate speech and ignorance posted on this site and see if anti-Christian ideology isn't only o.k. but encouraged... If it were anti-semetic remarks, this site would be closed down!

#3.14 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:13 AM EST

myopinion-13

Anti-any religion (or culture, group of people, nationality, sexual orientation, etc.) is part of my life. I have never voiced any anti-Christian sentiment here or anywhere else. My goal is tolerance, respect, peace and harmony. I would have thought those were the values a Christian would espouse, especially at Christmas time. All the Christians I know in real life do. Your posts, however, show your goal is different.

Actually that is one of the main reasons I support the ADL, because they fight hate regardless of the religion, race, etc. of the victim. Yes their roots are in fighting antisemitism, but they work very hard to fight all hate speech, crime, etc.

And this is not anti-Christian sentiment. It is only directed at your personal views and take on things as you have expressed them in multiple offensive posts throughout this thread. Your attempts to make Christians into victims and martyrs in a society where they are the majority and basically set the rules is laughable, but the virtriol you spewed elsewhere in the thread is despicable and ignorant.

Gone for the day now. Wishing you peace and harmony.

#3.15 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:24 AM EST

smp65

my...it's not Christmas we're celebrating..didn't you get the memo? It's the 'Holiday' season.

Again, refer to my posts as hateful, ignorant...whatever else you want to pull out of your 'tolerant' behind...the truth shall set you free brother.

Your posts are the antithesis of tolerance....and pushing the ADL? Really? Good grief and thankyou for proving my point.

#3.16 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:33 AM EST

REPLY 

Sonja-2



I think the Catholic church has forgotten a few key facts regarding WWII. Not only were the Jews 'exterminated', but there were people of other cultures & faiths that suffered the same fate, purely because they were not of the Roman Catholic faith. I refer to the forced mass conversion of Serbian Orthodox people throughout the former Yugoslavia by Catholic priests & bishops whose actions were condoned by Pius XII. In some cases, whole villages were converted & then slaughtered, anyway. What was the Pope's reaction to this behaviour? Complete silence. I think this man should be considered the devil in Pope's robes, rather than a saint

#4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:08 AM EST

REPLY 

7 votes

Wakehead



I agree. A good percentage of Popes throughout history were at minimum corrupt and several were complicit to acts equivalent to Pius XII.

#4.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:48 AM EST

8 votes

Theresa N

I second that emotion.....

#4.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:58 AM EST

2 votes

Hans-285771

Any collusion with Nazis by representatives of the Roman Catholic Church should rightly be decried, but such collusions were not one sided, or universal throughout the Church, or easily explained in terms of black and white. Members of the Serbian Orthodox Church likewise helped the Nazis in an effort to expand Orthodoxy, expecting religious concessions or favors in return. And in general, people of many faiths helped the Nazis: Catholic Ukrainian gendarmes, Orthodox Latvian auxiliary police, Catholic and Orthodox Romanian soldiers, Hungarian railway workers and Polish farmers, Protestant Dutch land registry officials, Catholic French mayors, Protestant Norwegian ministers, and Catholic Italian soldiers. These people were not always church representatives of course, but I mention them to illustrate that it wasn't just Catholics who "could have done more".

It's easy to criticize in hindsight. Has the pope spoken out against Hitler, many more would have died, and not just Catholics. Jewish refugees were sheltered IN the Vatican. Hardly the act of a devil with an agenda. Were we actually in the middle of war and horrors and atrocities, who knows what decisions we would make? Like the fictitious "Sophie" in "Sophie's Choice", if told that one of our two children may live but that one must die, how would we choose?

#4.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:08 AM EST

1 vote

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Nice try with the Serb nonsense. The whole area was Christian. You seem to take only the parts of history you wish to look at. Islam attacked, conquered and massacred all of the Christians they could. Pathetic attempt at twisting facts to support your hatred. Are you Islamic?

Out of the 266 Popes only 8 are considered to have been poor. You might want to reflect that the Inquisitions killed 5,000 people over 500 years. Not good; but, hardly the hundreds of millions killed by atheist such as Stalin, Lenin etc. Nor does it compare to the occultist Hitler in his short rain.

Hatred based upon myths is just a waste. Please start reading.

#4.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:14 AM EST

1 vote

Hans-285771

Serb nonsense? Yes, the whole area was Christian. That was my point. I was pointing out that not just Catholic Christians were involved in atrocities or Nazi collusion. And yes, I am looking at only

one part of history - WW2, in relation to Pius and the Church, the part of history that this discussion is about. What exactly is your problem? I am not anti-Catholic (I'm defending Pius) or anti-Christian, yet you throw things at me re: Muslims and atheist atrocities. We are discussing Pope Pius, the Catholic Church, and Nazism. We are not discussing all atrocities committed through history by every kind of person imaginable on the face of the earth. Perhaps it is YOU who should READ, stop hating, and wasting our time. ("Are you Islamic" my foot.)

#4.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:36 AM EST

2 votes

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Hans

I misread your post and apologize. You are correct.

#4.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:52 AM EST

1 vote

Hans-285771

Accepted and thank you.

#4.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:02 AM EST

1 vote

Peter-741281

Hans

I misread your post and apologize. You are correct.

lol - I now realize that your statements align with the same catholic agenda as I have and retract my condemnation. roflmao.....

#4.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:08 AM EST

1 vote

simon cyrene cross-1080237

It is not an agenda when one post facts. All of my posts are verifiable facts. I am not posting personal opinion that lacks the most basic of historical facts like almost every other post on this site.

Do you have any verifiable historical fact you can post?

#4.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:24 AM EST

smp65

Sonja...You are so wrong. Many Roman Catholics were exterminated during WWII...more Christians/Catholics than Jews. Stalin's 25 million dead included mostly Orthodoxed Christians. Hitler's faith was a pagan based one.

#4.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:56 AM EST

1 vote

REPLY 

sighber

If they're going to beautify a pope I think they may want to start with the current one.

#5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:28 AM EST

REPLY  1 vote

tom343

Beatify, beatify. write it 239 times!

#5.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:30 AM EST

1 vote

jet mech 44

Sighber: Are you nuts? I am Catholic and I think Pope Pius XII is a schmuck as is Pope Benedict XVI. Both of them are Nazi lovers. Inexcusable.

#5.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:55 AM EST

1 vote

jet mech 44

Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication of those four bishops from the Society of St. Pius X, a group largely acknowledged to be anti-semitic.

#5.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:09 AM EST

Bob in Sanra Monica

Catholics are taught from childhood that they must accept the teachings of the church, including the existence of supernatural beings able to bend nature to their will. If they deny these beliefs, an all-powerful, invisible being will torture them for eternity. Parents are required to indoctrinate their children in this belief. Pius XII made it a "required belief" that Mary the mother of Jesus did not return to the earth at the end of her life (believing she never died is officially optional) and that her body miraculously entered a supernatural place where the all-powerful deity lives. They have to believe that's where Jesus' body went, too.

Reasoning with Catholics about saints is like reasoning with Mormons about the golden tablets. All evidence to the contrary, these folks are taught they must suspend reason and accept unreasonable beliefs, or they will be ostracized by their community in life and tortured after death. Believers in reason need to cut them some slack.

Painful as it is to see decent people exploited, and their children raped, by a self-perpetuating institution whose hierarchy lives in mansions and palaces while taking money from the poor, the best we can do is hope for a better future, where ancient mythology gives way to science and reason. Of course, we could also stop subsidizing this horror show by removing the tax exemptions from religious institutions, and our NEWS organizations could stop treating ridiculous fairy tales as though they deserved to be treated with the same respect as actual facts.

Just a thought.

#5.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:14 PM EST

smp65

Are you serious? Have you ever heard of free will?
I was raised as Catholic and know so many who sometimes attend Mass and sometimes don't. Many who are divorced, have left the faith for good or returned, are agnostic, had abortions etc.. They are not ostracized by the Church. And the community? Where do you live?

#5.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:31 PM EST

REPLY

Mrsteve1

Copy editor to aisle 1!

#6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:30 AM EST

REPLY

docroc

I was able to send the headline to a bunch of friends (who enjoy tracking American illiteracy) before they fixed it

#7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:31 AM EST

REPLY

BILOXIPAT



"Aliteracy?" A person who can read but chooses not to? I think you meant "illiteracy," my friend

who laughs at American's inappropriateness.

#7.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:39 AM EST

7 votes

REPLY 

thaid-1526083

Thats a beautiful headline. but ignorant beyond belief.

#8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:31 AM EST

REPLY 

2 votes

pdaohio.org

As a once active in the faith Roman Catholic, I believe the Church has lost its moral compass. In order to protect the heirarchical control of a church once based on liberation theology, the present pope and Synod have steered the church away from Christ's core values in order to protect the institution and its control over lives and into a neo-conservative top down structure. The process of losing my faith in the Institution all started when Pope John Paul II firmly slapped the face of a Nicauragan priest who was fighting for justice for the poor. The Polish pope moved the Church back into thr 19th Century with that act. If any pope should be beatified, it should be Pope John the XXIII, who brough the Church out of the Stone Age in the 1960's. The Church has been a weak beacon for social justice since. For me, Pope John XXIII will always be remembered as the the Pope who opened the doors of the Church and brought focus back to the real message of Christ - the Christ as a liberator for the poor and powerless. The German Pope is the closest resemblance to a Dick Cheney in a collar that I can think of. I pity the Church and ith direction it has taken - zeroing in on abortion in order to propagate the faith, instead of emphasizing the consistent ethic of life and its social mission/

#9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:32 AM EST

REPLY 

4 votes

BILOXIPAT

There are none who fall so far as lapsed Catholics. However, I agree that John Paul XXIII was beloved by many people who aren't even of the faith.

#9.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:40 AM EST

MM-584706



My personal opinion is that if Jesus Christ walked the earth today, he would have nothing to do with the Catholic Church, or any other organized religion.

"Throw the money changers out of the temple ."

#9.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:55 AM EST

10 votes

Theresa N

Truly

#9.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:03 AM EST

1 vote

tom343

Many of you are fallen away Catholics because you are pikers.

#9.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:32 AM EST

Don3727

pda...Once active? Are you like most "catholics"? The ones that say they are/were catholic simply because they were baptized as one or because your parents told you that you were catholic? Maybe you went to church? Self proclaiming yourself a "catholic" does not give any more credence to your suppositions. I don't believe most catholics know, understand or live the Catholicism of the Catholic Church. Just look at our esteemed politicians that claim the catholic religion as their own

while living a hypocritical life. CEO catholics (Christmas - Easter Only) and buffett catholics (taking the parts they want to believe and live by) make up most of the "catholics" these days. Those that truly understand the faith and live the faith are hard to find. Merry Christmas! (and no, I am not proclaiming I am holier than thou. I have a long way to go)

#9.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:03 AM EST

Bob in Sanra Monica

Yeah, these days it's hard to find anyone who can believe all that nonsense, ait it.

#9.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:28 PM EST

REPLY 

DTNIC01

Are they serious? What the heck could anyone in Europe have done to stop the Nazis from killing off jews? Not to mention it wasn't just jews that the Nazis were killing. Rome had already taken over by the Germans. It wasn't like they had an army to go into germany and save them. That is like saying the British and the U.S. didn't do enough. Hell they saw the signs and stayed there. That is why so many jews fled Germany. Because they saw what was going on. Why not complain that other Christians didn't do enough to help as well?

Get over it.


#10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:33 AM EST

REPLY  4 votes

reason84

Definitely agree, I just extended your point in post # 12

#10.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:42 AM EST

MM-584706 

DTNIC01

The church stood by and said nothing about the extermination of not only Jews but many other cultures. They were silent in order to protect their own holdings and well being. There is a word for that silence, cowardice.

I doubt that they would have had much influence, but they had a duty to protest the massacre, they did nothing.

#10.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:58 AM EST

9 votes

simon cyrene cross-1080237

DTNIC01

All of that is false. Where do yo people get such nonsense in your heads. Read a book once in a while and stop judging other because you are ignorant. Hatred is sad. Ignorant hatred is just shameful.

#10.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:04 AM EST

1 vote

DTNIC01

Yes MM you are so right. The Roman Catholic Church didn't speak out and stand in front of the ovens like the Baptist, Protestants, Methodist, Hindus, Buddist or other religion did. It is the Catholic Church's fault the holocaust occured. I mean Catholics were the only religious group in Europe at the time right? And of course the Church never did aid in running any of the underground railways that helped jews escape the Nazis. It wasn't like in the U.S. or Britian. Where it was on all the news reels before the camps were freed. We didn't turn a blinds eye to that, even though we had reports of the killings years before hand but said nothing, because we could do nothing about it. Just like we never knew about the Russians killing jews, Poles, anti-communist, oh wait...this sounds familiar. But that was on the Eastern Front. Someplace we could control, like the Church

could in Germany. Good thing we put a stop to that.

My bad.

#10.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:17 AM EST

2 votes

Andrew-1162039

Half of Germany was Catholic. Make a speech excommunicating anyone who assists the regime and you've crippled the Nazis without any blood shed. If Pat Kennedy can be denied communion for advocating for health care surely German Catholics could have been held accountable for assisting with genocide.

#10.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:19 AM EST

4 votes

DTNIC01

simon where did I say I hated anyone? As far as what the Russians did, check out what happened at the Katyn Forest in 1943. The Russians killed over 5000 Polish Officers and Cadets, who were their prisoners. They shot them in the back of the head and buried them in a mass grave. This is part of the U.S. Congress records from hearings held after the war.

You might want to try reading up on history before you speak. Sounds like the only one that is ignorant...is yourself.

#10.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:38 AM EST

Beth-1317014

Andrew: Kennedy wasn't denied communion because he supported health care reform, which the American Bishops have been actively supporting for months (complete with letters being passed out at all Masses, urging that all Catholics support such reform). He was denied communion because he supported the use of federal funds for abortion and has been an active supporter of abortion. When Catholic politicians opening support abortion, they know well that they risk being denied communion. Instead, Kennedy acted like he was martyred for supporting health care reform--not quite but I'm sure it got him some votes.

#10.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:40 AM EST

3 votes

simon cyrene cross-1080237

The number of Catholic Priests held in Dachau was over 2,500. Other religions it was 141. The Catholic faith was not killed to near the amount of Jews; however, they were targeted. People need to read and learn. This re-writing of history is silly.

#10.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:46 AM EST

2 votes

Patriot Tom-548724

So, if the Pope could not stop the Nazis with military might, he should just throw up his hands and keep silent??

In occupied Denmark, when the Nazi invaders decreed that all Jews must wear the yellow Star of David, the Danish King led the way and also wore one! Following his example, most non-Jewish Danes wore the star. Guess what? The Danish Jews suffered the least persecution of any country that the Nazi invaded.

Yes, there are ways to protest and to resist. One of the problems is the centuries-long persecution of Jews by the Catholic Church. It certainly appeared that Pius was following that tradition. Not clear to me how it is possible that things would have been WORSE had he spoken out forcefully to condemn this.

#10.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:16 AM EST

2 votes

tom343

Gee, I thought it was the Dutch Jews who had the least trouble. Other mistakes I made: When the

Nazis took a place over, they ran the place with very few Gestapo working hand in hand with the local cops. And the Jews that either turned in or not turned in were done so generally by locals.

To verify this, go over the records. Or even some once popular books. "Is Paris Burning" is a good example. Or talk to some who had to endure the various occupations.

#10.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:37 AM EST

smp65

The ignorance and blind hatred on this board would be laughable if it weren't so scary. Many Priests/Nuns were held in camps....as were many Christians not of the Catholic faith. Our family had dear friends who were wealthy German Catholics whose family was obliterated and wealth destroyed. Out of six family members, only two lived and immigrated to the U.S. Did the U.S. reach out their hand to Jews who were trying to immigrate? No, Roosevelt didn't want them. How you weenies pick and chose your arguments is whacked.

#10.11 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:04 AM EST

1 vote

REPLY

PatrynXX

One don't care about misspellings.. two, the guy is a Nazi pope. Already have one book on this creep. What bad timing Vatican. o_O

#11 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:39 AM EST

REPLY

4 votes

simon cyrene cross-1080237

The book you refer to has been proven to be false. It was based upon a play. Yes that is correct a play from the 1950s.

#11.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:02 AM EST

REPLY

reason84

Why was it the pope's job to speak out against the holocaust? The pope didn't seem to speak out against the Armenian (Christian btw) genocide by the Turks (which was the VERY thing that inspired Hitler/the nazis to perform the holocaust to begin with), yet nobody seems to bring that up. Oh wait, it was jews in the holocaust and apparently they're the only important people in the world. Not trying to sound 'anti-semitic' but really...stfu already.

#12 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:41 AM EST

REPLY

MM-584706

It was the Church's job to speak out against all of these atrocities, they did nothing. Sure did not want to risk their gold ceilings and riches. I repeat, my belief is that if Jesus Christ walked the earth today he would have nothing to do with the Church or any other organized religion.

I respect the Jew's attitude of " never again."

#12.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:02 AM EST

4 votes

myopinion-13

I am a Jew and I agree that other genocides have sometimes not received the attention the Holocaust did, but I don't understand why that means you put down discussions of the Holocaust and Jews. You can promote educating people about other genocides without denigrating anyone and without sounding antisemitic, but you have chosen not to.

The Jewish community itself is generally quite proactive in moving to educate and help other victims of genocide or ethnic cleansing - witness their involvement in Darfur, just to mention one current example. Their history of enemies trying to destroy them goes back thousands of years, the

Holocaust being just the most current and most widely known event, and as a result many if not most Jews are quite sympathetic to the plight of others and work actively to stop other atrocities.

When we say "never again", we are not referring to "never again to the Jews", but never again ... to anybody. We are ages away from this goal, but will march on towards it by actions in our daily lives.

MM, good post, well said.

#12.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:15 AM EST

1 vote

tom343

Not putting the goring of your particular ox on top? Oh well..I got the potato famine for my ox; others got the rape of Nanking, still others have..oh yeah, the Armenians, and so it goes. It is all dreadful. No instance any less or more dreadful than another. What happened in the camps is especially notorious for 3 reasons;

1- It was carried out by an educated, cultured people.

2- It was so mechanized and de-humanizing; perversion of the best technology

3- It was well publicized.

My people just starved to death by the side of the road surrounded by plenty or else drowned like rats in the North Atlantic, but 25% of my folks died; 1,500,000 of them. But one government murder is one too many.

#12.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:46 AM EST

1 vote

REPLY

jpooch00

I'm always amazed that ANYONE cares what this collection of antiquated, sexually-repressed dotards has to say or what they do. This is just one more instance of their disconnection with reality.

#13 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:43 AM EST

REPLY 2 votes

Brats

From one Nazi Pope to another...*Danke Schoen*

#14 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:49 AM EST

REPLY 2 votes

JoseF-2

To the poster who asked what are christian jews. The first christians WHERE jewish, including Christ and the apostles. And there are many christian jews today. However this making people saints business those not come from any "god". It comes from men. Also what happened during WW2 was a horrific tragedy, which must never happen again. Jews however like to forget that they committed genocide on the Cainites and other tribes, so there hands also have and still have blood on them,ask the Palestinians.

#15 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 7:55 AM EST

REPLY 1 vote

MM-584706

You are partially right. The fact is, you cannot be a Christian at all unless you embrace the Jewish faith first. If you think that you can, you don't understand the Christian religion.

#15.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:05 AM EST

1 vote

Theresa N

Agreed, Jesus was a Jew. Christianity evolved later, and seems to have gotten all screwed up by various interpretations.

#15.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:10 AM EST

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Theresa N,

If you are here to learn. Please read about the first Christians. They were Catholic. The Didache written by the Apostles around the year 70 supports today's Catholic beliefs. In fact the mass of today is the same as it was during the Apostles time. Christianity did not evolve. That is a myth created by Atheist and Protestants. Normally out of ignorance not intent. Read the Early Church Fathers. Everyone of them was Catholic and clearly state it.

The term Catholic was coined in the year 107 by a Bishop of the Church that was taught by the Apostles. It stands for Universal and it represents that body of Christ.

From a historic perspective the creation of a Pope can not be refuted. We have letters from the first Popes showing their authority; while, Apostles yet lived. We have proof that the Deuterocanonical books of the Bible were thrown out by Luther because he was losing a debate to Eck in Leipzig. The findings of the Dead Sea Scrolls have proved Luther thoughts to be in error.

The Church is the same as it always has been. It is full of sinners that try to follow Christ. If we were perfect we would not have needed Christ to come.

#15.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:24 AM EST

1 vote

DTNIC01

One reason Jews cannot accept Christ, if they did, they would have to accept the fact they killed the Son of God. Not sure I would want to have that on my head as well.

#15.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:28 AM EST

1 vote

myopinion-13

I understand that before there was Christianity, there was Judaism, and that Jesus Christ was born a Jew, etc. I understand the Judaism and what you call the old testament is the basis that Christianity grew out of. I am no religious scholar but I am not ignorant.

However, there is no such thing today (or ever) as a Christian Jew. By definition, if you accept that Jesus Christ was the son of G-d, you are a Christian and no longer a Jew. What kind of Christian you are - Catholic, Baptist, etc. - depends on the way in which you worship and the particular belief system you have around Jesus Christ, but regardless, you are a Christian of some flavor.

I know there are churches and movements that describe themselves as "Jews for Jesus" or similar names, but these are Christian groups, not Jewish. By definition, Jews do not believe in Christ as the messiah; we believe the messiah has yet to come.

As far as DTN's ridiculous comment that Jews don't accept Christ because they "killed the son of G-d", it is absurd at best and ignorant and antisemitic at worst.

Why can't some people accept that there are many legit, moral paths people take in life, and what works for one person may not work for his neighbor? Christians, Jews, Muslims, atheists, agnostics, Buddhists, what have you - among each group are mostly people working to live good lives and do the right thing, and whether we think the Sabbath is Saturday or Sunday or no such day, whether we gather in mosques or temples or churches or our own homes, is pretty insignificant and I'm pretty sure not something G-d cares about, as long as we live our lives trying to do the right things in how we treat our fellow men.

#15.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:33 AM EST

tom343

Some say Christians are finished Jews. Christians accept Jesus as the Messiah while Jews do not.

#15.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:49 AM EST

1 vote

myopinion-13

tom, why say it in a way to indicate Jews have somehow made a mistake or missed the boat? Jews do not think Christ was the messiah, Christians do. Two different belief systems, one goal - to live a moral, meaningful life, to help one's fellow man, to give back to society, to work to make the world a better place.

I would never imply that Christians have made a mistake in their belief system, and I am offended that anyone would say that as a Jew I have just made some error in judgment and am somehow lacking (or "unfinished").

#15.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:09 AM EST

TOR-744926

Christ was not born a Jew. His seed line is through the tribe of Judah which makes him Judean, not a Jew.

#15.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:10 AM EST

tom343

Many say those who follow religions are fools. But someone who follows a certain religion when he believes some religion other than the one he follows to be truer than all others; ergo, his own religion is somewhat lacking in truth, is an idiot. Christian and Jew in common hold what is written in what we call the Old Testament as their faith and heritage. Christians agree at least that Christ is the Messiah, the chosen One, the promised one. Jews don't.

#15.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:42 AM EST

myopinion-13

tom, I really don't follow your post at all. I don't believe any other religion to be more true than mine, but I respect people whose belief system is different than mine. Is that such a bad way to live? Where I'm from, that's pretty much everyone's attitude, be they Christian, Jewish, atheists, Buddhists, Muslims, etc.

Live and let live. Why do people have to put others down to lift themselves up? Let's all lift each other up and live in peace and harmony. Isn't that supposed to be what the Christmas season is all about?

#15.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:00 AM EST

REPLY 

simon cyrene cross-1080237

MSNBC is full of very uneducated writers. As diplomat the Pope future Pope denounced and filed grievances against Hitler 57 times. As Pope he ordered Churches, the Vatican and his own home to shelter Jews. They forged fake birth certificates and saved over 800,000 Jews. The Pope spent tens of millions of dollars running an underground system to shelter Jews. The New York Times after the war stated that the Catholic Church was the only organization to stand against the Nazis. The leading Jew of the time praised the Pope for his heroic efforts. His efforts that lead to Hitler ordering his capture. A German General refused the order. Even Einstein is quoted as stating that the Pope was the one force that stood against the Nazis.

I feel so sorry for all the people that continue to refuse to look at science, history and archeological facts just to hate something so much as the Church. Sad that people continue to hate more than love. Accuse more than understand. Search for knowledge instead of ignorance. Please read a book once in a while. This country deserves better than the above rantings from uneducated people with nothing; but, hatred and ignorance in their heart.

#16 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:00 AM EST

REPLY  2 votes

Theresa N

Thanks, I am here to learn and will have to research some of this.

Still, throughout history Popes have presided over atrocities. If they have not been informed of the atrocities, then something is amiss.

#16.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:08 AM EST

1 vote

simon cyrene cross-1080237

"Was Pope Pius XII secretly in league with Adolf Hitler?"

No, says Rabbi David G. Dalin—but there was a cleric in league with Hitler: the grand mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-Husseini. As Pope Pius XII worked to save Jews from the Nazis, the grand mufti became Hitler's staunch ally and a promoter of the Holocaust, with a legacy that feeds radical Islam today.

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Hitler's cleric—Hajj Amin al-Husseini, who advised and assisted the Nazis in carrying out Hitler's Final Solution

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#16.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:15 AM EST

1 vote

REPLY

Tired of silly

The meaning of miracle must have changed. The bar has lowered.

#17 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:13 AM EST

REPLY

2 votes

Ishmael

Beautify, Beatify. Schmeutify, Schmeatify. Same-same Pidgen. It's trying to put lipstick on a pig. That said, as a recovering Catholic, I don't worry too much about Pius and sainthood. According to dogma, he can't be beatified until someone can actually trace a Miracle of God to his actions. The only miracle I see with Pius is that he escaped prosecution for war crimes. Of course, there could still be some lone SS guy from ODESSA living in the wilds of South America who could come forward and testify that he almost got caught until he prayed to Pius XII and he then, miraculously, escaped.

#18 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:15 AM EST

REPLY

3 votes

CloudyOne

LOOK HERE FOLKS. Christianity is a fake religion because Catholic Hitler lost World War II. Also, the Jewish religion is untrue because "God" did nothing to prevent the deaths of "His" people in the Concentration Camps.

Wake up IDIOTS!

#19 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:19 AM EST

REPLY

1 vote

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Perhaps you should understand a few things before being so judgemental. The Jews are involved in the Second Coming of the Lord. The Devil attacked the Jews to try and postpone the Second Coming.

The Jews are not the chosen race to be cuddled and babied. They are the chosen race because of

their singularity of purpose. To withstand temptation as much as possible and to incur the wrath of the devil. Mother Mary did not just accidentally come about. The Jews were segregated by genetics and culture to create the environment that God wished for him to be born into.

#19.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:29 AM EST

A.-661334

Weak argument.

FDR failed to keep America out of WWII does that make him a fake President ?

#19.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:39 AM EST

1 vote

CloudyOne

FDR was a just like all other fake Christians. Praying did not work to stop his Christian brother, Adolf Hitler. So he resorted to force. It was all about power.

#19.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:40 AM EST

CloudyOne

FDR was also DYING to get into World War II so he could make \$\$\$\$ from what they say about him in history. He was looking for any excuse to get into it.

#19.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:51 AM EST

REPLY 

Ron-994710

When will people realize the ridiculousness of religion? It is a blight on the world, and long, long ago lost its reason for being.

#20 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:28 AM EST

REPLY  1 vote

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Ron,

Christianity is based upon science. What is your atheism based upon. Did you know that Genesis in the Bible follows the description of how the Big Bang would occur.

Have you ever read the proof from Aquinas concerning the first cause and cause and effect. This scientific proof has never been found to be in error.

Atheism is formless nonsense based upon myths. Sciences support Christianity. History and archeological facts support Christianity. All you have is an opinion based upon gossip.

#20.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:32 AM EST

1 vote

michele-574435

simon...I'm not even going to pretend that I know anything about your religion...but don't you guys believe that the world is only like 6000 years old or is that a different religion?? Because if you do believe this and your claiming that your faith is based in science...that would be impossible...I'm really curious if I have two religions mixed up here...

#20.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:32 AM EST

tom343

If there is a God and He is omnipotent, what is stopping Him from making bunches of old rocks along with hordes of idiots? All will at least concur with half of what I write.

#20.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:52 AM EST

simon cyrene cross-1080237

No we do not believe this world is 6,000 years old. Just another common myth spread by atheist. The thought is that man received his soul around 6,000 years ago. See this thought does not conflict with evolution. In fact the DNA of woman, held outside of the nucleus, supports the thought that all humans did come from one set of parents. Science that is ignored by the mainstream media because it does not support their contentions. Look it up and read a book about it. At this time it is just a theory; however, it is supported by mainstream scientist. Even atheist scientist state that at this time this theory appears to be correct.

#20.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:31 AM EST

michele-574435

simon...thanks for answering my question...I have read some books on various religions...but not much on Christianity. I am not an atheist...I do believe in God...I just struggle with the whole idea of organized religion...but again...thanks for the clarification. Merry Christmas!!

#20.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:21 AM EST

REPLY 

A.-661334

Therefore, Scripturally speaking, the "saints" are the body of Christ, Christians, the church. *All Christians* are considered *saints*. *All Christian* are ...
www.gotquestions.org/saints-Christian.html

If everyone is a saint , why does the Catholic church raise one individual over another ?

#21 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:29 AM EST

REPLY 

Snidley

It is generally agreed that all Christians are "saints" (with a lower case "s").

The Roman Catholic Church has a category of "Saints" with an upper-case "S" that are people who demonstrated excellence in faith, and to whom certain miracles are attributed.

There is a process that is followed by their faith. I don't agree with it. But I'm not Roman Catholic. Their belief is their own. They may enshrine anyone they wish within the rules governing their faith. Who am I to complain about it? I've already rejected it.

But I can see that many Roman Catholics are good Christians.

#21.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:40 AM EST

1 vote

A.-661334

You're arguing with religion with a Minister who holds a Master's in Theology.

The Catholic Church is a mechanization of Emperor Constantine who had a two fold purpose in creating it. One was to rid his empire of pagan rituals and practices , the other was to please his mother.

I am not going to bother to give you a Sunday school class today.

We are all SAINTS , the word of God as it says in the Bible is infallible , there is no lower case "s" or upper case "S" , we are all saints , this came from one of the Apostles appointed by Christ to carry out his mission on earth . The Catholic church was born of Constantine's need to keep his mother out of the affairs of state , therefore the church was created as appeasement to his mother. He adopted the pagan holidays and pagan customs and turned them into religious practice for a faith that was formed some 300 years after the death of Christ. The Catholic Church is not only NOT the true church , as it claims to be , it is not the original " Christian " church.

The Apostles , after Christ's crucifixion never called themselves " Christians " and never worshiped Christ , nor did he ever ask people to bow down and worship him , kiss his ring , elevate him to near Godlike status as the Pope's hold. He asked that we Love one another as He loved us enough to give his life , and obey God's laws.

The Egyptian Coptic Church pre-dated the Catholic Church by some three centuries and is one of the first churches to practice Christianity as it is practiced today with the worship of Christ as God.

By the Standards of the Holy Bible , the Catholic Church is a cult , and most theologians outside the Catholic Church interpret scripture to take it a step further to say that the Catholic Church is the whore " Babylon , Mystery the Great " the False Church as mentioned in the Book of Revelations.

#21.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:04 AM EST

Snidley

As a theologian, you would be better off arguing against those who attack Christianity than against other Christians. You are only adding fuel to the pit.

#21.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:15 AM EST

1 vote

A.-661334

My JOB as a theologian is NOT to defend , but to TEACH the Word as it is written , as Christ was a teacher and called " Rabbi , Rabboni " by his disciples.

We have gotten off track with theology , it is not the preachers job to teach dogma , nor to dictate human morality , the Pastor , Preacher , Teacher , Rabbi , Priest's job is to TEACH and interpret scripture and allow people the choice of right or wrong , heaven or hell as GOD gave man free will.

#21.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:20 AM EST

Peter-741281

You're arguing with religion with a Minister who holds a Master's in Theology.

Wow shows the usefulness of religious degrees - A masters degree and you can't form proper sentences... Hold your arrogance and the statements of futility in arguing against your esteemed education of religion. I have a Doctorate from FSM University.

#21.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:20 AM EST

1 vote

A.-661334

A proper sentence ? A proper sentence is interpreted by the listener and or the speaker of said sentence. Your use, or flawed use of English grammar is interpretive of someone who is looking to find fault.

Mine is to establish the fact that I am a professional. YOUR arrogance far exceeds anything that you may have surmised or incorrectly interpreted from your flawed reasoning.

I hold several degrees , FIVE of them to be precise, and to be honest, education means nothing without the common sense to apply it.

You seem to lack it.

I checked with a professor of English at Davenport University as I typed this sentence by phone, where I earned my MBA , and he told me that the sentence you question was subject to interpretation and not an improper sentence.

You're going to find fault with anything presented, but again, You present nothing solid in fact or scripture, only an attack on the person.

#21.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:26 AM EST

1 vote

Peter-741281

"You are arguing with religion with a Minister" ???

What exactly is the target of your rant arguing with a minister or a religion?

I sir hold exactly six degrees to be precise one more than you in advanced studies of the studious kind all of them from FSM University. As well as several honorary degrees from IPU University. Please show me the immense respect due me for possessing such accreditation's which I can not confirm in this discussion.

#21.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:37 AM EST

1 vote

A.-661334

Offer something substantive in reasoning or theory . Not an attack on the person and prove and or refute the argument or it makes you sound like an egotistical jerk.

Attacks on the person are indicative of the inability to form a coherent thought to refute the argument. So even IF you hold a doctorate , and you failed to list the science, it holds very little weight and no credibility whatsoever. You typed a one line sentence that was as flawed in the usage of proper grammar as the one you pointed out, perhaps even more. Your argument is like the argument where when the military is discussed, one in 3 people claim to be former U.S. Marine's but the Marines are the smallest of all military services making that as much an improbability as your Doctorate.

It's the tactic the Neoconservatives use not to undermine the argument , but to undermine the person so that the argument carries less validity.

Perhaps your Doctorate is in Psychology ? It doesn't work , it's another flawed science.

#21.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:41 AM EST

1 vote

A.-661334

You're still attacking the person, not the validity of the argument.

I seriously doubt that you hold any degree whatsoever as as your anger increases, your grammatical structure decreases and your sentences become less and less coherent.

#21.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:46 AM EST

1 vote

tom343

In A-66134 there is neither grammar, theology or sense. Where is your Master's degree from? Do you have a church?

#21.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:55 AM EST

Peter-741281

So even IF you hold a doctorate , and you failed to list the science, it holds very little weight and no credibility whatsoever.

Not a Doctorate sir... Several Doctorates in the esteemed science of "Holding Degrees That Cannot Be Confirmed To Add Weight To My Newsvine Arguments And Beat Those Arguing With Me Into Submission By Citing My Educational Level While Making Grammatical Errors."

Same field of study as your "Masters Degree" the citing of which only showed your pomp and arrogance and added nothing to the discussion.

My Degrees are from FSM University an acclaimed and accredited University with a FOOTBALL team. This trumps your silly Masters degree any day. When you have even one degree from FSM University... Well you call me then and we'll discuss...

#21.11 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:08 AM EST

2 votes

smp65

A.66...I hold a degree from Clown College and a beautician's license from The Acme School of Hair...and even I know you don't denounce someone by lecturing AT them and waving your knowledge by the degrees you have.

That would make you sound like a jackass.

#21.12 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:12 AM EST

2 votes

tom343

Only if Div I, Peter.

#21.13 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:36 AM EST

Peter-741281

I hereby acknowledge your degrees from Clown College as well as your esteemed and coveted license from the Acme School however would you please provide field of study from Clown College as it would lend tremendous weight and give authority with conviction to any discussion you offer here after. I was once acquainted with a professor from Clown College... A Professor Huffinstuffs I believe - were you perhaps acquainted as well?

#21.14 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:40 AM EST

1 vote

A.-661334

I notice that every time I add a qualification, your exponentially increases in order to match or exceed mine.

You're full of it. You're probably an ex Marine , ex navy Seal , ex Air Force Para-Rescue , Ex Army Ranger , you probably have a list of things you claim to have done and have done nothing but argue from a Neo Conservative perspective of undermining and subverting the person versus argument.

I doubt anything you offer , as you lack reason , only personal attacks and suppositions.

Karl Rove beat you to this type of arging.

#21.15 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:41 AM EST

Peter-741281

Only if Div I, Peter.

Duh... What Division of Fantasy Football would you think The University Of The Flying Spaghetti Monster would have?

#21.16 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:43 AM EST

1 vote

Peter-741281

You're full of it. You're probably an ex Marine , ex navy Seal , ex Air Force Para-Rescue , Ex Army Ranger , you probably have a list of things you claim to have done and have done nothing but argue from a Neo Conservative perspective of undermining and subverting the person versus argument.

None of the above actually - I just hold far more degrees than you and thus speak with a greater authority on any subject including subjects of such weighted importance as religion. The University I attended is much more recognized than any school you could have possibly attended.

Actually I vote as an independent each election preferring to use my thoughts and academic mind (see listing of degrees) to vote for who I feel would best represent the American people. My personal beliefs are not so easily packaged into a value size political party and can not have a symbol of an Elephant or a Donkey stamped onto them.

#21.17 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:52 AM EST

1 vote

smp65

Peter...my field of expertise was in scaring children and ensuring they would need years of therapy as a result of my hideously painted face and unfunny antics.
Many of my audience went on to receive their Master's degree in Theology and rant on various web sites. As for the professor you spoke of, he now runs an Orange Julius stand in Pasadena.

#21.18 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:26 AM EST

2 votes

Peter-741281

Oh you are most recognized sir moving forward. I knew your intellect as soon as you referenced Clown College. One of the most recognized Global Corporate giants of commercialism owes all of it's success to your University... I believe Ronald went there as well.

#21.19 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:32 AM EST

1 vote

Peter-741281

notice that every time I add a qualification, your exponentially increases in order to match or exceed mine.

Ahh... I see evidence of your degrees again... degrees of separation from best possible usage of English as a language.

#21.20 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:40 AM EST

1 vote

smp65

So you see why I had to leave Clowning...as if Ronald wasn't enough, the introduction of the Hamburgler was my limit.
Cirque de Soleil just about killed it for us clowns...it was like a bad Fellini film.
Sigh

#21.21 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:54 AM EST

1 vote

REPLY 

Snidley

I'm not Roman Catholic.

But lets see what the basic argument is here against Pius...

Surrounded by Nazis, he cared more for saving the Catholic Church than he did for saving Jews.

His job was "protector of the faith". He did his job. Could he have done more? I'm sure that with 20/20 hindsight he could have done a lot more. But he didn't have that, so he did his job.

Next argument?

#22 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:29 AM EST

REPLY 

4 votes

A.-661334

The Pope is seen as the embodiment of Christ. He wears the shoes of the fisherman " Peter " the first " Pope " and his mission commanded by Christ was , " Do you love me , then protect my sheep " (sheep meaning all of God's people) , the Pope is not only the head of the Catholic Church , he is an extension of Christ and of God , he is viewed as the head of Christianity not only in Catholicism , but in many Christian religions.

His job , like that of any shepherd , is to protect the flock , which means all the children of God.
Therefore he failed.

#22.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:32 AM EST

1 vote

simon cyrene cross-1080237

We must remember that the Holocaust was also anti-Christian. After Hitler revealed his true

intentions, the Catholic Church opposed him. Even the famous Albert Einstein testified to that. According to the December 23, 1940 issue of **Time** magazine on page 38, Einstein said:

*Being a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany, I looked to the **universities** to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but, no, the universities immediately were silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks...*

Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced thus to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly.

#22.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:41 AM EST

1 vote

Snidley

He is viewed as a leader of Christians in much of Christianity. He is neither viewed as an extension of Christ nor as the "head" of Christianity outside of Catholicism.

He was dealing with extraordinary circumstances. If he was an extension of Christ, then one could easily argue that he was doing God's will, and that greater protection was achieved through his actions than by doing anything else.

I've got to fence-sit on the failure thing. I can't judge that. I have to believe him to be sincere in his efforts. At the time the Nazis were in power, the church was truly in danger of being exterminated. I can't weigh that loss against what happened in concentration camps. But if he was an extension of Christ, he could do no wrong.

#22.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:51 AM EST

1 vote

Snidley

Excellent post, Simon.

#22.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:55 AM EST

1 vote

simon cyrene cross-1080237

He saved over 800,000 Jews? I do not understand how people can believe this is a failure. Islam supported the Holocaust. Catholic Priests were exterminated 1000 percent over any other Christian religion because they refuted Hitler. Yes, many Protestant Pastors were killed; however, the head of the Lutheran Church wasn't there saving 800,000 Jews. The head of the Baptist Church wasn't there saving 800,000 Jews.

It is documented that the Pope spent 4 million dollars sheltering and hiding just one group of children from the Nazis.

People within the Catholic Faith fails. We sin; however, can we stick to facts and not personal hatred or made up myths.

#22.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:59 AM EST

Snidley

Simon,

Just when I thought you had it all together, you lost me. I agree your facts are good, in general. But there is a difference between other Christian denominations and the Roman Catholic Church that you are missing. Protestants, in general, don't have a "pope". The emphasis is on a personal relationship with Christ - not on listening to somebody else who says they have it.

Don't drag down other denominations in defense of the Pope. There is no "head of the Lutheran Church". But if you look into the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, you'll find a Lutheran who ultimately sacrificed his life in defiance of the Nazis.

In general, those who attack the Catholic Church here are non-Christians to start with. Their mission is not one of faith, but one of destroying the faith. They're the ones you need to focus on - not your

Christian brothers and sisters.

#22.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:11 AM EST

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Snidley,

You do not understand Christianity or Catholicism. First Catholic's have a personal relationship with Christ. It far exceeds that of any other religion. We follow his teachings and during the sacrament of the Eucharist he enters our body and restores our soul. I am a former Protestant. The personal relationship you speak of is not near the impact of the Eucharistic Sacrament. (Note that this sacrament is clearly outlined in the Bible from Genesis to the Gospels. For example the referral from Melzadiek.) Having a Pope is also very clear throughout the Bible. To refute the Pope is to refute the Bible.

Your personal relationship was defined by Martin Luther when he read Romans 1:17 backwards. Look it up you can read this in his own handwriting. Your whole faith is based upon reading the bible backwards. Doesn't that seem like a devilish trick.

Luther became a preist when he was in the woods and feared a thunderstorm. He professed to St Anne that if he lived he would become a Priest. He was never religious prior to this time. In fact his father is quoted as stating that the devil must have had something to do with him becoming a preist.

Did you know this personal relationship was based upon Luther, and later Calvin's, fear of the confessional. Neither one ever understood the Catholic Faith.

Did you know that Luther rejected the Deutocanonicals because he was losing a debate to Eck in Lepzig. Luther's refutation of the DC's has been proven wrong by the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Luther and Calvin were not righteous men. Calvin exterminated 10% of the people in Geneva. He is reported to have strapped a book to the face of one of his friends; while, his friend was being burned alive by his orders. Luther supported the murder of 40,000 peasants just so that the German Princes would support him. The Inquisition that lasted 500 years only killed 5,000 people. The vast majority by the King and Queen of Spain. That the Pope issued a papal bull against that Inquisition.

Did you know that Luther visited Rome on more then one occasion and never once did her refute the concept of indulgences. That is until he wanted to change the faith. Note the indulgence were not for debauchery. They were to build a Church.

Lastly, no where in the Bible does it state that the Bible is the only source of God's teachings. Sola Scriptura is nonsense and is refuted by Christ. It is really nonsensical when one understand the Catholic faith defined the Bible. We defined the Bible that you now state refutes us. That is just crazy.

I know Protestant belief more then most of them do. It is a fabrication by man so they can do as they please. Bless them as they are trying; however, all the facts are there. If one truly loves God read the early Church Fathers that were taught by the Apostles. Read the Didache written by the Apostles. The first Christian document. It is not in the Bible; however, how can one not look at a book written by the Apostles.

I do not attack the Protestan faiths I am using a measuring stick. People can attack the Catholic Faith; however, it is normally from glass houses.

There is very clearly a hiearchy in almost all Protestant religions. To state otherwise is a falsehood. I was a Protestant. You can not fool me with such statements. There is a head of Baptist faith. (Of course there are multiple Baptist faiths; however, each has its own leader. There is a leadership to the Lutheran Church etc. You are attemptping to twist a Protestant cliche to ignore facts. There are leadership positions in each faith and they did not denounce Hitler at any level compared to the Pope.

#22.7 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:54 AM EST

simon cyrene cross-1080237

My last post may appear harsh with Protestants. Everyone needs to reflect on their owns actions. Take the sty out of their own eye. I agree Catholics and Protestants need to stand together. Unfortunately Protestant are losing their moral compass and becoming more and more moral relativist. Not all; but, many. Just as the Catholic faith has way too many cafeteria Catholics. The Pope is holding to the original teachings. Catholic's are refuting this teaching and refuting Christ. Man's pride exceeds his wisdom.

#22.8 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:08 AM EST

Tim-1399242

You are so funny! I love your jokes!

#22.9 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:31 AM EST

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Tim,

Get in the game and bring up some points. Post a fact. You know they come from historians, scientist, archeologist. You might try reading a book some time. Katie Curric is not a good place to base your thoughts on.

You won't post though. We both know it. You know you haven't read anything and I will make you look foolish. Just keep posting your little jibes. In your heart you know you have nothing constructive to post because you haven't read anything. Don't you think America deserves an educated population. The Founding Fathers believed it was crucial.

#22.10 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:36 AM EST

REPLY 

Neil-798344

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#23 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:34 AM EST

REPLY  1 vote

Peter-741281

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Gee, if this is how the world is supposed to work could you please ask your vatican to get their noses out of our United States Government and leave our Supreme Court decisions alone and stop protesting equal rights for people because of their sexuality?

#23.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:24 AM EST

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Neil-798344

I agree.

Let's have the Church do religious stuff and the secular do the secular stuff. I dislike the Church trying to push their agenda on the rest of society; but I also dislike the politicians messing with religious things...like Christmas.

BTW, Merry Christmas to everyone on Newsvine.

#23.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:46 AM EST

michele-574435

Peter...you are officically my favorite person on Newsvine!

#23.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:13 PM EST

REPLY 

Chris A.-327427

In October 1941, the Assistant Chief of the U.S. delegation to the Vatican, Harold Tittman, asked the Pope to condemn the atrocities. The response came that the Holy See wanted to remain "neutral," and that condemning the atrocities would have a negative influence on Catholics in German-held lands - Perl, William, The Holocaust Conspiracy

The above is just one of many citations showing that Pope Pius was not so holy. The Roman Catholic church has become more irrelevant as time goes on. It has showed over the years that it is willing to commit horrible crimes against humanity; rape, murder, child molestation. It really is more of a cult than a religion. If you compare what makes a cult a cult, it is very easily applied to the Roman Catholic Church.

#24 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:36 AM EST

REPLY 2 votes

simon cyrene cross-1080237

More nonsense from bigots.

But Pope Pius XII was not completely silent either, especially in his Christmas messages. His 1941 and 1942 Christmas messages were both translated and published in **The New York Times** (Dec. 25, 1941, p. 20 & Dec. 25, 1942, p. 10). To prevent retaliation, he did not refer to Nazism by name, but people of that era still understood him, including the Nazis. According to **The New York Times** editorial on December 25, 1941 (Late Day edition, p. 24):

The voice of Pius XII is a lonely voice in the silence and darkness enveloping Europe this Christmas... he is about the only ruler left on the Continent of Europe who dares to raise his voice at all... the Pope put himself squarely against Hitlerism... he left no doubt that the Nazi aims are also irreconcilable with his own conception of a Christian peace.

#24.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:40 AM EST

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Peter-741281

Your right "His Holiness" was not so silent at all... There are thousands of articles and proof available addressing the popes active role in assisting Nazi's to escape persecution after the war. Pacts made between the Vatican and Nazi Germany etc... Why do you deny? It's no "Holy mystery" that the catholic church assisted the Nazis.

Hitler's involvement with the Church:

- a) Hitler was baptized as Roman Catholic during infancy in Austria.
- b) As Hitler approached boyhood he attended a monastery school. (On his way to school young Adolf daily observed a stone arch which was carved with the monastery's coat of arms bearing a swastika.)
- c) Hitler was a communicant and an altar boy in the Catholic Church.
- d) As a young man he was confirmed as a "soldier of Christ." His most ardent goal at the time was to become a priest. Hitler writes of his love for the church and clergy: "I had excellent opportunity to intoxicate myself with the solemn splendor of the brilliant church festivals. As was only natural, the abbot seemed to me, as the village priest had once seemed to my father, the highest and most desirable ideal." -Adolf Hitler (Mein Kampf)
- e) Hitler was NEVER excommunicated nor condemned by his church. Matter of fact the Church felt he was JUST and "avenging for God" in attacking the Jews for they deemed the Semites the killers of Jesus.
- f) Hitler, Franco and Mussolini were given VETO power over whom the pope could appoint as a bishop in Germany, Spain and Italy. In turn they surtaxed the Catholics and gave the money to the Vatican. Hitler wrote a speech in which he talks about this alliance, this is an excerpt: "The fact that the Vatican is concluding a treaty with the new Germany means the acknowledgement of the National Socialist state by the Catholic Church. This treaty shows the whole world clearly and unequivocally that the assertion that National Socialism [Nazism] is hostile to religion is a lie." Adolf Hitler, 22 July 1933, writing to the Nazi Party
- g) Hitler worked CLOSELY with Pope Pius in converting Germanic society and supporting the church. The Church absorbed Nazi ideals and preached them as part of their sermons in turn Hitler placed Catholic teachings in public education. This photo depicts Hitler with Archbishop Cesare Orsenigo, the papal nuncio in Berlin. It was taken On April 20, 1939, when Orsenigo celebrated Hitler's birthday. The celebrations were initiated by Pacelli (Pope Pius XII) and became a tradition.

Each April 20, Cardinal Bertram of Berlin was to send "warmest congratulations to the Fuhrer in the name of the bishops and the dioceses in Germany with "fervent prayers which the Catholics of

Germany are sending to heaven on their altars." (If you would like to know more about the secret dealings of Hitler and the Pope I recommend you get a book titled: Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII, by John Cornwell)

h) Due to Hitler's involvement with the Church he began enacting doctrines of the Church as law. He outlawed all abortion, waged a death war on all homosexuals, and demanded corporal punishment in schools and home. Many times Hitler addressed the church and promised that Germany would implement its teachings: "The National Socialist State professes its allegiance to positive Christianity. It will be its honest endeavor to protect both the great Christian Confessions in their rights, to secure them from interference with their doctrines (Lehren), and in their duties to constitute a harmony with the views and the exigencies of the State of today." -Adolf Hitler, on 26 June 1934, to Catholic bishops to assure them that he would take action against the new pagan propaganda "Providence has caused me to be Catholic, and I know therefore how to handle this Church." -Adolf Hitler, reportedly to have said in Berlin in 1936 on the enmity of the Catholic Church to National Socialism

#24.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 9:31 AM EST

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simon cyrene cross-1080237

More nonsense. I have already posted refutations of this junk. I will note that it was the Muslims that supported Nazis leaving the country not the Pope. Historical fact that you can research.

You are very clever in ignoring timelines. For example the Concordant and its abuse by the Germans.

Your post about him being Catholic is a joke. Post one reputable historian that supports the contention. You can not find one. Almost all of the leading figures of Nazism were occultist. Hence the arch story.

If you read anything you know this to be true. Why do you make up such nonsense. Is your hatred so strong you ignored the truth.

#24.3 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:42 AM EST

simon cyrene cross-1080237

Re-post from a jewish writer.

"Was Pope Pius XII secretly in league with Adolf Hitler?"

No, says **Rabbi David G. Dalin**—but there was a cleric in league with Hitler: the grand mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-Husseini. As Pope Pius XII worked to save Jews from the Nazis, the grand mufti became Hitler's staunch ally and a promoter of the Holocaust, with a legacy that feeds radical Islam today.

In this shocking and thoroughly documented book, Rabbi Dalin explodes the myth of Hitler's pope and condemns the myth-makers for not only rewriting history, but for denying the testimony of Holocaust survivors, hijacking the Holocaust for unseemly political ends, and ignoring the real threat to the **Jewish people**.

In *The Myth of Hitler's Pope*, you'll learn:

The true history of Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust—how the Catholic Church did more than any other religious body to save Jewish lives

The real history of the Church and the Nazis—including the Nazi plan to kidnap the pope

The real agenda of the myth-makers: hijacking the Holocaust to attack the very idea of the papacy—especially the papacy of the late Pope John Paul II—as well as Christianity and traditional religion as a whole

Hitler's cleric—Hajj Amin al-Husseini, who advised and assisted the Nazis in carrying out Hitler's Final Solution

How Pope Pius XII rescued Jews—and deserves to be called a "righteous gentile"—while the grand mufti of Jerusalem called for their extermination

Full of shocking and irrefutable detail, *The Myth of Hitler's Pope* is sure to generate controversy, and more important, to set the record straight. If you want the truth about Pope Pius XII, about the Catholic Church, the Jews, and the Holocaust, and about how the myth of Hitler's pope plays into the culture wars of our own time—and how the fact of Hitler's mufti is a vital source of radical Islam today—you must begin here..

#24.4 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:44 AM EST

Peter-741281

Ok here we go... lets see how many references you can supply to support your argument versus one Rabbi paid by the church...

<http://www.nobeliefs.com/hitler.htm>

<http://www.humanismbyjoe.com/hitler.htm>

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20090317192745AApplkg>

http://www.germanculture.com.ua/library/facts/bl_religion.htm

<http://www.abelard.org/hitler/hitler.php>

http://www.concordatwatch.eu/showkb.php?org_id=858&kb_header_id=752&kb_id=1212

<http://bentcorner.com/2009/04/why-didnt-the-catholic-church-ever-excommunicate-hitler/>

http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=show_mesg&forum=214&topic_id=223716&mesg_id=223733

I am sure you deny the truth behind all catholic atrocities and can find a spin on any catholic atrocity to attribute actions to another "god concept" such as muslim, hindu or jewish...

Catholic assistance - genocide in Rwanda

<http://www.racematters.org/warcrimesinrwanda.htm>

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1P2-15993667.html>

<http://www.globalpolicy.org/international-justice/international-criminal-tribunals-and-special-courts/international-criminal-tribunal-for-rwanda.html>

Catholic atrocities in the Balkans...

http://www.fantompowa.net/Flame/the_vatican.htm

#24.5 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 11:22 AM EST

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Kim-Ha Albert

It comes as no surprise that the Vatican, now under the ex-Nazi "Hitler Jugend" Pope Benedict XVI, (born Joseph Alois Ratzinger in Bavaria) would support the beatification of the late Pope Pius XII, who signed the *Reichskonkordat* on 20 July 1933 and was protected by HSSuPF SS-Gruppenführer **Karl Friedrich Otto Wolff**

#24.6 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:55 PM EST

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SuperSerial

BiloxiPat- How about a job proofreading for MSNBC, and/or MSN? Personally, I only remember two Popes name John Paul. In the words of Phil Ochs, "Here's to the schools of Mississippi."

And as far as genocides go, how about that performed against the Christian Cathars/Gnostics in the name of the "Holy Mother Church", or those done against Jews, Moslems, and other Christians by the Crusaders?

#25 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 8:42 AM EST

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simon cyrene cross-1080237

What? All of the Middle East was Christian. The Muslims from 600 till 1094 conquered, exterminated and forcibly converted Christians. The Crusades were a response to Muslim aggression. In fact the Muslims were the preminent power of the time. Read a book.

#25.1 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 10:11 AM EST

Kim-Ha Albert

It's a "downturn economy", no proofreader, spent all the money on AIG. This is your "change".

#25.2 - Wed Dec 23, 2009 12:57 PM EST

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




























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