

Was Jesus A False Prophet?

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Special Edition

We all know that Jesus taught: "The one who takes the sword will perish by the sword." And the 5th Commandment "You shall not kill" held true for Him without exception.

Jesus Must have Opposed God ...

So this means that Jesus must have opposed the God of the Old Testament, which teaches something entirely different. There are countless examples of this, for instance, God supposedly said to Moses: "*Take all the chiefs of the people and impale them in the sun before the Lord... that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel.*" Num. 25:4 Apparently, God didn't want to refrain from killing.

Therefore wars are also in the will of God. Just think of the mission Moses conveyed from God to the people of Israel to execute vengeance on the Midianites. "*... they took all their cattle, their flocks, and all their goods as booty. All their towns where they had settled...they burned...*" But it seems that was not enough for Moses: "*Have you allowed all the women to live? ... Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known a man by sleeping with him...*" Num. 31:1

The Holy Word of God

Until the present day, the Roman-Catholic Church requires that all this be accepted as the word of God. You can

read it in their catechism. And no matter how diversified the denominations and independent churches may be in our nation, no matter how they may choose to interpret the Christian teaching, the one thing they all have in common is the Bible, "the Holy Word of God." Every child is taught in Sunday School that the Bible is the "Holy Word of God"; that every word is the pure, unadulterated, direct word of God given to His human children to be obeyed and followed.

Jesus Must Have Been Mistaken ...

Jesus of Nazareth must have been mistaken: He was a pacifist and taught that we should love our enemies. The God of the Bible taught that we should kill our enemies. Jesus brought peace – the God of the Bible

enforced peace in a completely different way. The person who refers himself to this God, replaces Jesus of Nazareth with the divine providence of a vengeful God.

A Dangerous Catholic

Sixty years ago, Hitler referred to his own providence over and over again. He talked about "Valor on the front" and was convinced that "Providence will award the prize of victory in this battle." He called for the fulfillment of duty, so that "Fate is fulfilled as providence determined it." Confidently he said: "If providence keeps me alive, my fame will one day consist of the great works of peace that I plan to accomplish."

For What Purpose, Jesus of Nazareth?

Wasn't Jesus of Nazareth foreseen at all by God? Didn't

He have the true divine providence referred to here?

The question of whether Jesus was a false prophet logically arises when listening to President Bush's speeches. He tells his nation: "God has called us to defend our country and to lead the world to peace." He does this through war, as the God of the Old Testament recommended. Then Jesus of Nazareth must have been a false prophet, despite Bush's claim that Jesus "changed my heart." President Bush says: "I will take the opportunity to accomplish great things ... There is nothing greater than to attain world peace." He enforces peace, as God supposedly once ordered Moses to do.

For what purpose then, Jesus of Nazareth?

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Aggression as an Inherited Burden

What kind of moral and mental conditions does mankind live under that makes it fall so low? Its leaders are the spawn of its time and its present is the product of its past. And all of us are in some way or other contributors to this. By way of our large and small private wars – which we lead against each other in our sensations, thoughts and machinations, and which, with six billion inhabitants on the Earth, represents a colossal potential of aggression – we make it possible for conflicts on a worldwide scale and their unleashing in warfare.

Over the course of human history, the individual lust to fight comes together over and over again into collective programs of action. An alarming example of this is found in bloody parts of the Old Testament where genocide and the most bestial kind of violence against individuals is presented as the will of God. By playing down these Old Testament text passages as "historical, cultural heritage," we should not deceive ourselves into overlooking the fact that they continue to influence us as an inherited burden of aggression.

Although the Roman Catholic Pope and his Cardinals

called for peace, they were quick to say, "... but we are not pacifists!" What a mockery of Jesus of Nazareth! His instruction, "The one who takes the sword will perish by the sword" apparently is meaningless to them. But who is stronger? The radical pacifist from Nazareth or the churches that have cheapened His teaching? They were the weak that wanted to spread their faith with fire and sword. And today, having originated religious fundamentalism, they now reproach the American President for embellishing the weakness of his arguments with religion.