

When did it go to the extreme?

Christian Nationalism: These Nazis are Crazy!

Germany and the mixture of Church and Governments

Intros:

- People need to stop using the bible to hide behind their own prejudice!!!
- Talked about Felix Mantz (martyr) and Michelle Servetus (heretic)
- Acceptable for certain people to kill others that are different

Are there benefits to these types of killings?

(Who to Who):

- Ideals of Rome
 - Cut the head off the rebellion and order remains the same
 - Violence will stop uprisings
 - Edward Gibbon
 - Believed christianity helped to dismantle the ideals of Rome

How do these walls get put up towards others?

(Who to Who):

- Nate: I think conversations on differences of faith fell apart once Christianity had political power... Originally it is supposed to be a religion for the poor and powerless, but when it has governmental power it has the opportunity to force spiritual agendas on other people. The fruits of that look like Felix Mantz and Michelle Servetus who were both killed for their beliefs and actions. They weren't harming anyone but just causing waves.
- If this is where we are coming from we should look at this concept when it is held close and expanded upon, we begin to turn away which turns into imprisonment which turns into execution.
- This way of dealing with opposition, combined with nationalism is a nasty recipe

- This has happened before, even though it should just be a nightmare.

How did Germany weaponize Christianity?

(Who to Who):

- Roman Catholic Church saw the rise of antisemitism and was against it
- - [Flash back to Replacement theology](#)
- the Institute for the Study and Eradication of Jewish Influence on German Religious Life.
 - Theological think tank that publish propaganda all specifically modified to support the NAZI efforts. (the aryan Jesus)
- The government fear mongered many of the churches and leaders.
 - Individuals would speak out against the nazi party but it was rare if a whole church opposed the party, because there was so much fear of arrest or any other form of backlash
- Nationalism and backlash from WW1 both play a reason to the support in the Nazi rise to power
 - After WW1 Germany had to: "to disarm, make ample territorial concessions, and pay reparations to certain countries that had formed the Entente powers." (Wikipedia: treaty of Versailles)
- Nazi party introduced something called "Positive Christianity"
 - Positive Christianity was spurned in Germany from a man named Alfred Rosenberg
 - Rosenberg was the Nazi party's leading ideologist and was close with Hitler
 - Because of the Russian revolution changing his family dynamic and living place, Rosenberg hated Communism and Jewish people.
 - "Rosenberg saw Positive Christianity as a way of purifying the German Nordic race and to harmonize the belief in Christ with "the laws of blood and soil"."
 - Rosenberg wanted to use old Nordic values while using the crucifixion as the main point.
 - He also wanted to throw away Catholicism and protestantism to make Positive Christianity the only mode of German Christianity in the Nazi party
 - Hitler never outright gave full support of positive christianity but gave Rosenberg his support behind closed doors
 - Crazy thing, when Rosenberg was arrested he denied knowing about the holocaust.

- This was an attempt to overcome the Protestant and Catholic divide by saying one confession of faith wasn't more important than another.
 - Problem with all this... they're still Nazis!!!!
 - This is obviously ludicrous as this does not entertain the effect on others of the confession. There should be no better or worse confessions of Christian faith, so long as it does not impede or oppress the lives of others.
- "Positive Christianity"
 - Hitler thought he was being a better Christian than the clergy

If Jesus were alive would he let Muhammad in? (open mind)

(Who to Who):

- The question becomes, is this what Jesus would have wanted?
- Macklemore: Wednesday morning
 - *"Open up the jails and the overcrowded cells
When we oppress anyone, we oppress ourselves
Greatest gift I ever learned is helpin' someone else
You build, believe and build 'cause you forget about yourself
Service, purpose, works if you work it
Love everyone regardless of the God they worship*
 -
 - This isn't the Apocalypse
We can't address the hate until we acknowledge it
If Jesus was alive, would he let Mohamed in?
This isn't nature, my daughter hugs strangers
We teach fear and preach hatred*
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 - Put up a fence, scared to meet our neighbors
Think that if we let them in, they'll take advantage of us later
There's so much anger and this world is ours, raise her"*
- We take down any wall of prejudice so we can be open to all

Themes We Are Tracking

(Who to Who):

- Replacement theology/taking the Judaism out of Christianity
- Division as a tool is inherently evil

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