

1,400 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY - an editorial: alexis dolgorukii © 1997

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Canterbury, England - The Archbishop of Canterbury appealed for reconciliation among Christian denominations at a service Monday marking the beginning of Christianity in England 1,000 years ago.

"There can be no doubt about the blessings which Christianity has brought" the Most Reverend George Carey told 2,000 worshipers including Prince Charles, heir to the British Throne.

I cannot refrain from remarking upon this news item: My primary reason? It is because it is absolutely clear that there is room for simply tremendous doubt as to the "blessings which Christianity has brought". I do not consider the burnings at Smithfield (among so very many others) to be a blessing, and that is only one example of the intrinsically negative nature of Christianity.

"There can be no doubt about the blessings which Christianity has brought": The Archbishop is not alone in using this phrase. It has been repeated and repeated over the Centuries, and the fact is that it is entirely untrue! There is a technique called "The Big Lie", and it simply means to say that if one repeats a lie often enough and forcefully enough people begin to accept it without question. Now it is presently common usage to impute this technique to Dr. Josef Goebbels, Nazi Germany's Minister of Propaganda, and it is quite true that he used both the expression and the technique. But, Joseph Goebbels was trained by the Jesuits, and the technique was Christianity's. It worked (temporarily) for the Nazis, and it has worked for over a millennium for the Christians.

I would like to have "the undoubted blessings brought by Christianity" demonstrated to me. As for myself, as an historian I can find nothing at all that Christianity has done to make life on this planet better for the greatest mass of people.

Christians have always babbled blithely about "love and peace" but I see absolutely no historical indication that they have produced anything but hatred and war! Christians also babble on about "Christian Charity", but that too is a lie. Charity existed long before Christianity and Christian Charity (such as it is) has always come with chains of adamant fastened to it. "Christian Charity" is best exemplified by "The Salvation Army", a militant Christian Organization that feeds the hungry but insists that they be evangelized along with dinner!

What has Christianity given humanity? Well, there's the Inquisition, which murdered more people than the Nazi death camps. There are the various Crusades, which murdered millions in the name of the "Prince of Peace". There are the religious Wars of the Reformation which killed untold millions of people in Europe. There are the Nazis themselves, who never would have been able to preach their doctrine of racial hatred, had that hatred not been fostered by a millennium of anti-Jewish preachments from the pulpits of Christian Churches. Lastly, and far more insidiously there's the unending grinding oppression administered by Christianity and its minions on all the people over whom they held sway. What else has it given us? Well with its totally insane views on sexuality and sin, Christianity has given the human race guilt and psychosis to an absolutely astonishing degree.

"Nevertheless, it is a history which is littered with tragedy and division, the results of which remain with us today".

The Arch-Bishop himself admits this in his remarks, but what he doesn't admit is that the "tragedy and division" to which he refers is intrinsic to Christianity. It exists because of Christianity rather than in spite of it! The continual bloodshed in Northern Ireland is primarily a function of religious animosity and intrinsic Christian hatred; it is also but only secondarily a function of malignant Nationalism which is also a by-product of religion.

I find it terribly tragic and sad that such an enormous number of human beings have been totally taken in by the "Big Lie" which is Christianity, for you all know as well as I that the Arch-Bishop's audience all shook their heads in knowing agreement when he expanded the lie by saying: "There can be no doubt about the blessings which Christianity has brought". Well he's wrong! Christianity is, and always was a terrible imposition on humankind. It is, and always has been a curse not a blessing.