

CHRISTIANITY DIED AT AUSCHWITZ DEATH CAMP

NEW YORK (WUP) -- Claire Hucher-Bishop, the noted Catholic scholar and a devoted disciple of the late French-Jewish author, Jules Isaac, has charged that "traditional Christianity died at Auschwitz Death camp."

In a scathing

exposition appearing in the April 1 issue of the Miami Jewish Floridian, Lady Hucher-Bishop, a former President of the International Conference of Christians and Jews, notes that "it has been said that 'Christianity died at Auschwitz.' I did."

she affirms: "the

Christianity we have known. Constantinian Christianity, seventeen hundred years old, the Christianity allied to power, rendering unto Caesar what is due to God, culminating in the only instance in history of genocide carried out as a concerted government policy, with the whole machinery of the state mobilized for the purpose and with the indifference of the institutional church to the fate of the Jews making it possible -- an indifference directly due to the traditional anti-Semitism propagated for centuries."

"Not only did traditional Christianity die at Auschwitz," the well-known Catholic exponent of truth and justice avers. "Western civilization died, too."

"Had the Christian church cried out forty years ago, denouncing in no uncertain terms the extermination of the Jews at Auschwitz and other death factories," she emphasizes, "the world would not be

what it is today. Had the Christian church taken an unequivocal stand against the Nazis, upholding the moral and spiritual values Hitler flaunted, it might have suffered severe persecution, but it would have saved the respect due those values, and thus it might have remained a beacon on earth, especially in the West."

"In capitulating to unspeakable evil through its indifference to the fate of the Jews, the church as an institution not only signed its own moral death warrant, but also unleashed in the world unrestrained reliance upon violence as a solution for all personal, interpersonal, national and international conflict," she charges. "In the most critical hour of its history the church betrayed its mission. Today, the whole world suffers the consequences."

Claire Hucher-Bishop concludes that



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"the very protean of anti-Semitism makes the fight against it a model for the worldwide fight against any minority hatred and oppression. Moreover, the attitude toward the Jewish question remains the barometer which

reveals the state of spiritual health of any human being, church or civilization...."

Lady Hucher-Bishop is the author of numerous books, among which is "How Catholics Look at Jews."



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