

STOP THE POPE



FROM PUBLISHING WORLDWIDE A DOCUMENT ON JESUS' NONVIOLENCE AS A "POLITICAL METHOD BASED ON THE PRIMACY OF LAW"

A Papal Document on Gospel Nonviolence, written by a man who is a life-long just warist and who proclaims as the Gospel, the Good News, "No Justice, No Peace," is problematic, if not suspect.

*A presentation of Gospel Nonviolence from the Pope, which presents
A Gospel Nonviolence that is shallow and easily dismissible,
A Gospel Nonviolence defined by something other than the Person, words and deeds of Jesus,
A Gospel Nonviolence not irrevocably wedded to God's absolute will as revealed by Jesus,
A Gospel Nonviolence that is governmental-political, tactical-strategic,
Gospel Nonviolence with a loophole that violence can easily be driven through,
A Gospel Nonviolence addressed not to those who believe in Jesus as their Lord, God and Savior,
Way, Truth and Life but to people who believe Jesus is just another guy,
would be a destructively confusing document.*

It would lend the culturally nurtured spiritual and moral authority of a celebrity Christian personage and office to untruth masquerading as the Gospel truth. It would be a document befogging and muddling the truth of Jesus' teaching in the Gospels of Nonviolent Love of friends and enemies for a long, long time into the future.

Such a Papal Document would be as effective in countering the evils of violence and war in the world as the 1993 PASTORAL LETTER ON WAR AND PEACE by the National Conference of

Catholic Bishops was effective in countering violence and war by and in the United States. That is, its effectiveness would be zero. Saying nothing about Gospel Nonviolence is infinitely better than saying something about it, if what is said is duplicitous because of the use of the insidious rhetoric and logic of half-truths. Nonviolence practiced and preached between Mafia organizations because it preserves their violently procured *status quo* is not Gospel Nonviolence. Nonviolence used by people, institutions and people who run institutions, whose pre-selected default position is violence, is not Gospel Nonviolence. It is situational, utilitarian nonviolence, if the word “nonviolence” can be rationally employed at all for such people, institutions and people who run institutions.

If a Pope and/or a Bishop cannot say what Jesus said about violence and about His Way of Nonviolent Love of friends and enemies as Jesus proclaims it by word and deed in the Gospels, they should not be a Pope or a Bishop. Half-truths are complete falsehoods and have nothing of the power and wisdom of God in them with which to overcome evil and renew the face of the earth. Half-truths about Jesus’ teaching of nonviolence do have the power and wisdom of the world in them to convince people that they know what in fact they do not know, and thereby make it easy for them to reject or ignore His teaching, or worse, believe they are adhering to the Nonviolence of Jesus when they are only adhering to a humanly manufactured nonviolence under the auspices of Jesus’ name—a nonviolence not built on the rock of total faith in Jesus and His Way, but rather a nonviolence built on the sands of half-truth. Half-truth in this matter can neither liberate nor save, but can only continue to imprison humanity in the very evils Jesus came to conquer. Half-truths about Jesus’ teaching serve only the Masters of the status quo because half-truth are half-lies and half-lies are full lies—and lies have a father and it is not the Father of Jesus Christ (cf. JN 8:44).

If this Pope’s past writings on this subject are precursors of what he is about to write on the Nonviolence of Jesus for his 2017 WORLD PEACE DAY MESSAGE, he should be unequivocally told to, “STOP!”

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