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This is the first in a series of publications we are issuing to tackle the thorny subject of anti-Semitic propaganda, and to propose some rational responses to it.

"The Jews murdered Christ, the Son of God!"

This is a cry which is often heard from "religious" anti-Semites, more specifically from Christian fundamentalists of a particular hue. In his book *Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil*, Jewish scholar Hyam Maccoby traces the development of modern day anti-Semitism to the betrayal of Christ and his alleged judicial murder by the Jews. (1)

Did the Jews in fact murder Christ? And if so, should they be condemned for it?

There is no simple answer to these questions; before we can even begin to answer them though, there are a number of other questions we must answer.

Did Jesus Christ exist?

If he did exist, was he the Son of God?

Regardless of who Jesus was, were the Romans responsible?

And if the Jews did in fact murder Jesus, the Son of God, can an entire race or other group of people be held collectively responsible for the actions of one, several, or even several hundred of their own kind?

The primary evidence for the existence of Jesus Christ is the *New Testament* of the Christian *Bible*. Most Christians believe the *Bible* to be divinely inspired, that is, either to be written by God himself or by him through his prophets and chroniclers. However, for serious scholars there are problems with this interpretation. In particular, God is supposed to be omnipotent, omnipresent, all-seeing, all-wise. Theologians have demonstrated that the *Bible* is full of errors and inconsistencies, (2) so both the *Old Testament* and *New Testament* are clearly *not* the works of an all-wise, all-seeing being.

Like other works of religious propaganda, the *Bible* is self-serving, so before we invest it with a credibility it clearly does not deserve we should look for independent confirmation. In particular we should seek confirmation from non-Christian sources that such a person as Jesus existed.

According to philosopher Paul Kurtz, although there were some sixty historians and chroniclers of the contemporary Roman world, "[t]he nonbiblical evidence for Jesus is fairly uncertain." (3)

Jewish sources are hardly any more promising, the works of Flavius Josephus contain two passages which refer to Jesus, but neither of these impresses even Christian theologians. (4)

The *Bible* claims in many passages that Jesus performed miracles, but as Rabbi Cohen points out, "...it's not all that exclusive to be able to perform miracles..." (5) Indeed, miracle workers and Messiahs can be found in many of the world's religions.

Another thing which tends to indicate that, if Jesus existed, he was most definitely not the Son of God is the fact that in one of the Gospels, the young Jesus kills a boy! (6) Naturally, this is one of the Gospels that was omitted from the *Bible* proper! (7)

In any case, the authorships of the four accepted Gospels (*Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*) are by no means certain, and it is unlikely that any of them was written by eye witnesses. (8) Nor is anything known about the Gospels' authors; the *Gospel of Thomas*, which was omitted from the *Bible*, claimed that Jesus was born in a cave!

We will not bother here to discuss the supposed virgin birth of Jesus or any of the other myths, and interpretations which can be placed on this doubtful historical character. It will suffice to say that if Jesus did exist, then whoever he was, he was most certainly *not* the Son of God. It may be that Jesus is a composite based on several real and/or mythical characters. Whether or not this is true, the most that can be said of him is that he was at best an extraordinary man, a prophet perhaps, but flesh and blood like other men. And mortal.

This being the case, the murder of Jesus, appalling though it was, was no more wicked than the countless millions of murders that have for certain occurred before and since. The Jews do not have a monopoly of murderers, and, as certain Zionist organisations never tire of telling us, they have been persecuted, subjected to pogroms, and murdered far too often themselves, sometimes for no better reason than being Jewish.

Judas Iscariot is said to have betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. This may be true, but again, as Jesus was not the Son of God, this amounts to no more than an ordinary if unpleasant betrayal. People betray each other every day: husbands betray their wives, sons their fathers, men their countries, Gentiles and Jews their races. Treachery and pelf, like murder, are nothing new.

If Jesus did exist, then it is possible, indeed likely, that he was himself a Jew. And if he was indeed crucified, then it is likely that the Romans were at least as guilty of his

judicial murder as were the Jews. No one has ever suggested that the Romans should be condemned because they killed the Messiah. And in any case, who were the Jews? In other words, if we claim that the Jews killed Jesus, who do we mean, all the Jews alive at the time?

The idea that all Jews should be judged guilty or held accountable for the murder of one person is clearly nonsense. This particular piece of nonsense is that of collective responsibility. The same perverted logic is used today to condemn all Germans for the alleged crimes of the Nazis against the Jews, and indeed to condemn white people in general for holding blacks in bondage, even though no black man today has lived under slavery, which was abolished throughout the Western (white) world more than a century ago. (9)

When one adds to this the fact that many years have passed since these alleged crimes, half a century since the "Holocaust", over a hundred years since the abolition of slavery, and nearly two thousand years since the alleged judicial murder of Jesus by the Jews and/or the Romans, the whole concept of collective guilt (or racial guilt) is exposed for the nonsense it is.

Anti-Semites who hate the Jews (ie all Jews today) for killing Christ don't realise how absurd and perverted is their logic. Or perhaps they do. How many Englishmen hate the French because nine hundred and more years ago their ancestors invaded England? How many women hate their husbands because in 1910, Dr Crippen murdered his wife? Come to think of it, shouldn't women hate all doctors on account of this? Or all men?

If all this sounds absurd, that is because it is absurd! Collective guilt, racial guilt, inherited guilt, all these things are too absurd for words; everybody realises this. Unless the alleged culprits are the Jews! People who fail to realise this are either bigoted or blind. Often they are both.

There are though some fundamentalist "Christians" who justify their anti-Semitism by claiming that their anti-Semitic beliefs are based on faith. (10) Faith is something which no one can argue with; faith is that which enables us to believe something without proof, or indeed to believe something which we know cannot possibly be true. Countless millions of people all over the world believe all manner of religious nonsense on faith alone. Fine. But when they bring their faith out of their churches, temples or synagogues and employ it wilfully to justify their hatred of their fellow human beings, then it must be challenged.

Besides engendering hatred of the Jews today, there is another terrible effect of "classical" religious anti-Semitism. In some persons of Jewish origin it can cause paranoia, or even mental illness. This is no more pronounced than in the case of Gerry Gable, the self-styled leader of the "anti-fascist" movement in Britain. (11)

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In 1987, in an interview with the *Jewish Chronicle*, Mr Gable said that when he was ten years old, a teacher at his school told his class at Easter that the Jews had killed Jesus. (12) The young Gerry had to run home under a hail of stones, "one of which left a permanent scar". (13) On his brain, apparently, for when he left school, Gerry went on to become an active communist, and for the past thirty years he has been one of the prime movers behind the Marxist lie machine known as *Searchlight*. (14)

Gerry has since suffered many paranoid delusions about an all-encompassing and totally mythical Nazi conspiracy. In 1981 he became the victim of a group hallucination, that of the non-existent Nazi plot to bomb the Notting Hill Carnival. (15) A year earlier he had been exposed as an MI5 mole by a left wing magazine. (16) In 1986, he became convinced that a Conservative MP was trying to murder him. (17) Before and since then, he and his fellow conspirators, Jew and Gentile, have spread dozens of false rumours, and published hundreds of errors in his magazine *Searchlight*. He has also tried to have people dismissed by their employers merely because he finds their political views offensive. For example, in one issue of *Searchlight* he singled out Steven Brady, who at that time worked for Mercedes Benz in Milton Keynes, and suggested that his employers fire him. (18) He has baselessly accused Mr Brady, and indeed many others, of being involved with some sort of international terror network. (19)



Gerry Gable: Living Proof of the Evil Effects of Anti-Semitism

It is probably also true to say that Gerry has been wilfully inciting hatred against the Jewish people for the past thirty years by exploiting his Jewish origins to act out the role of the stereotype Jewish Bolshevik revolutionary. And it is highly improbable that Gerry would ever have turned out like this if that teacher had not made an anti-Semitic (or thoughtless) remark about the Jews killing Jesus. (20)

We have demonstrated then that the charge that the Jews killed the "Son of God" is undoubtedly false, and that even if it were true, it would be wrong to blame all Jews for the sins of a few. It is the massive fallacy of collective guilt that lies at the root of most anti-Semitism. Jewish apologists - like Gerry Gable - often try to make

out that all Jews are free from sin, that they have never caused anyone suffering anywhere at any time, and that any criticism of either the Jews or of the fascistic Israeli government is tantamount to anti-Semitism. The truth of course is that the Jews are no better and no worse than most other ethnic groups. The history of the Jews is replete with persecutions, senseless murders and genocides, often against helpless and totally innocent victims. But if the Jews are to be damned for the sins of *their* ancestors, so are we all.

Notes and References

(1) *Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil*, by Hyam Maccoby, published by Peter Halban, (1992).

(2) Carl Lofmark in *What is the Bible?*, [published by Rationalist Press Association, (1990)], points out that there are anomalies and inconsistencies in the *Bible* which demonstrate it to be totally worthless as an historical text. For example, there are two versions of the myth of Creation. There are many, many more anomalies in both the *Old* and *New Testaments*, for Christian Fundamentalists these are to be ignored or explained away.

(3) Page 113, *The Transcendental Temptation: A Critique of Religion and the Paranormal*, by Paul Kurtz, published by Prometheus Books, (1991).

(4) Page 112, (*ibid*).

(5) Page 15, *A Goy Pries Into The Talmud: The Six Million Reconsidered By The Light Of Four Small Candles*, by Alexander Baron in collaboration with Rabbi Cohen, published by InfoText Manuscripts, (1992).

(6) Kurtz, (*ibid*), page 115.

(7) At least thirty Gospels were known to have existed in the early Christian era. A council of bishops sitting in Rome c382CE decided which books were to go into the *Bible* and which were to be omitted. This was reaffirmed by the Council of Trent in 1545-7. These decisions were taken by vote, so as Professor Lofmark points out without a trace of sarcasm, in order to believe in the divine nature of the *Bible* you must believe that the bishops who were in the majority were divinely inspired while those who were in the minority were not!

(8) Kurtz, (*op cit*), page 115.

(9) Under white rule at least. Unfortunately, slavery still exists in some (non-white) countries, as do bonded labour, child prostitution and similar social evils.

(10) There are some white supremacist "Christians" mostly in the United States who believe not only that the Jews are the spawn of the Devil but that non-whites are sub human or beasts. "Mud people" is one of their favourite expressions.

(11) Mr Gable is the leader of the Zionist faction of the misnamed and totally undemocratic "anti-fascist" movement. Alienated (apostate) Jews are well represented in both the Zionist and anti-Zionist factions.

(12) *Relentless searchlight on hunting the hated*, by David Winner, published in the *Jewish Chronicle*, 23rd October, 1987. Photocopy supplied by the Jewish Chronicle Library.

(13) Ibid.

(14) According to the *Jewish Chronicle* article, *Searchlight* magazine developed from a news agency which was established in May 1964 with the express purpose of monitoring the extreme right. In reality, *Searchlight* has repeatedly spread base canards about the supposed resurgence of Nazism, smeared innocent people as fascists, racists and fellow travellers - Jews as well as Gentiles - and has been in the forefront of the movement to suppress free speech and other civil liberties, in this country and abroad.

(15) This was widely reported at the time. *Searchlight* fed the story in the first instance to the *Daily Mirror* newspaper, which ran it on the front page. * Obviously such a story should have been passed on to the police in the first instance. When we contacted the police we were told that there had been no evidence that there had ever been such a bomb plot. In reality it had existed only in the sick mind of Ray Hill, a one-time self-professed "Nazi", convicted thug, and embezzler, a man who, strangely, Gerry Gable speaks very highly of!

* *Carnival Race War Plot*, by Roger Todd, *Daily Mirror*, Tuesday July 21, 1981. This was the cover story. The story has also been covered by *Searchlight*, and a book and TV documentary, both called *The Other Face of Terror*. The hidden hand of Gerry Gable was behind all of these.

(16) *Destabilising the Decent People*, by Duncan Campbell, Bruce Page and Nick Anning, published in the *New Statesman*, 15th February 1980, pages 234-5.

(17) *Murder Conspiracy Against Searchlight*, was the cover story of *Searchlight*, issue 130, April 1986. Needless to say, no criminal charges were ever brought against anyone in connection with this non-existent murder plot.

(18) See *Round The Benz*, published in *Searchlight*, June 1987, issue 144, page 4.

Gerry's hatred of Steven Brady is as personal as it is political. Many years ago Gerry's wife, the former Sonia Hochfelder, joined the League of St. George, a right wing group of which Mr Brady was a leading member. * It is common knowledge that on at least one occasion she and Mr Brady ended up in bed together. Gerry can't stand the thought of his Jewish wife sleeping with a "Nazi". The reason Miss Hochfelder joined this group is unclear; the claim usually made in such cases is to infiltrate such groups to gather intelligence. However, this would not be the first time that a person of Jewish origin has joined a "Nazi" group out of some deep-seated and totally perverted sense of shame at her (or his) Jewishness. One can only feel pity for such sadly alienated people.

* In 1977, Miss Hochfelder's photograph appears on page 11 of issue 25 of *Searchlight*. She is named as a member of the National Front and a former member of the National Party.

(19) As stated, Mr Gable's smears have not been limited to "fascists" and their fellow travellers; he has on occasion attacked other Jews. Issue no 202 of *Searchlight* (April 1992) actually accused the Jewish-led Socialist Workers' Party of perpetuating its "own brand of antisemitism". The SWP had committed the cardinal sin of all leftists, it had dared to criticise the State of Israel.

Other unlikely victims of his smears have been the distinguished psychologist Professor Hans Eysenck, a (Gentile) refugee from Nazi Germany whose wife is Jewish, and a self-professed socialist and mature student, Larry O'Hara, who was branded an "errand boy" for a (so-called) fascist simply because he had been interviewing "fascists" in the course of researching his PhD.

(20) According to an article in the Jewish "events magazine", *New Moon*, May 1992, Gerry has *never* been a member of a synagogue, (page 19). It is, therefore, very strange why he thinks he is entitled to speak on behalf of the Jewish people in Britain, including the Orthodox community. It is even stranger why the Jewish community has let him get away with his nonsense for so long. It is even rumoured that, in the past, *Searchlight* magazine has been the recipient of Jewish largess. Hopefully, any Jewish person who has considered donating money to *Searchlight* prior to reading this essay will now think again.

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