## Was Mother Teresa a Christian?

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When I was young, I remember hearing stories about a Roman Catholic nun named Mother Teresa (i.e. Agnes Bojaxhiu), and her work in helping the poor and needy. She was praised as a modern saint and example to the world. The image on this Time Magazine cover was common-place when I was little, along with quotations about how perfectly benevolent she was to everyone.

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"Mother Teresa, who dedicated her life to helping the poor and the outcast, was considered by many as a living saint. With her death Friday in Calcutta at 87, she now seems to be an ideal candidate to be declared a saint of the Roman Catholic Church."

-*USA Today*, "Mother Teresa Destined for Sainthood," Sept 7, 1997, retrieved June 24, 2013, [http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/mothert/mother10.htm]

But today, it is becoming more common knowledge that Agnes (aka Mother Teresa) was nothing more than a pagan occultist, even though many still revere her as some sort of "matron" saint, despite her heretical actions and beliefs. "There is only one God and He is God to all; therefore it is important that everyone is seen as <u>equal before God</u>. I've always said we should <u>help a Hindu become a better Hindu, a Muslim become a better Muslim, and a Catholic become a better Catholic</u>."

-Agnes Bojaxhiu, quoted by Jean M. Hiesberger, 52 Saints to Pray With, Paulist Press, 2010, p. 81-82, ISBN: 9780809146482

<u>Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers</u>: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

-2 Corinthians 6:14

Based on Scripture that so clearly states the direct opposite of her quote, we can only come to two conclusions: either Agnes did not study the Gospel doctrines, or she did study it and denied it anyway. Agnes's belief was that the god of the Hindus and the god of the Muslims and the god of the Catholics was all the same god, and then heretically applied the character of those false gods to the Christian God of the Bible.

"Some call Him Ishwar, some call Him Allah, some simply God, but we have to acknowledge that it is He who made us for greater things: to love and be loved. What matters is that we love. We cannot love without prayer, and so whatever religion we are, we must pray together."

-Agnes Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa), Everything Starts from Prayer, ReadHowYouWant.com, 2010, p. 4, ISBN: 9781458778956

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion [is] vain.

-James 1:26

Thou shalt have <u>no other gods</u> before me. -Exodus 20:3

Wherefore, my dearly beloved, <u>flee from idolatry</u>.
-1 Corinthians 10:14

Why would God have warned us to flee from idolatry if every religion on earth is acceptable to Him? Every religion on the planet (and that includes evolution) is involved in idolatry because they make up a false god to suit their personal preferences, and Agnes is no exception because she made up a false god that would accept any religious practice as truth.

Agnus has been seen partcipating in pagan practices. This image is her praying with the dalai lama at a buddist alter. This is a woman the Catholic church and news media calls a "saint" and blessed nun.

"<u>I love all religions</u>... If people become better Hindus, better Muslims, better Buddhists by our acts of love, then there is something else growing there."

-Agnus Bojaxhiu, quoted by Karl Keiper, *Wayseeker: Making Your Own Faith*, self published, 2009, p. 219, ISBN: 9780982470305

I can tell you what else is growing there: the doctrine of devils. Agnus didn't care about truth as much as she cared about "getting along" with everyone. We have been commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves (Lev 19:18, Mat 22:39), but that doesn't mean we give in to Satan so our neighbor will like us.



The book I just quoted is called "Making Your Own Faith," and that is an excellent summation of the new-age false doctrine. Everyone wants to make up a "god" that will love everything they do and say, and will automatically bring them to heaven because they're so awesome with all their spiritualism. In fact, right before Agnus's quotation above, the author quotes Scripture from a new-age version, but I will quote it from the King James Bible:

For of him, and through him, and to him, [are] all things: to whom [be] glory for ever. Amen.
-Romans 11:36

Of course this passage is the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ, but the author is teaching heresy by implying that pagan religions created by man are somehow part of the glory of God. That's absurd! The context of Romans 11 deals with Jew and Gentile both having equal part in the promises of Salvation and mercy of God, and that both Jew and Gentile will give glory to Jesus Christ in the end. (i.e. Even sinners will give glory to God because they're sinful lust will be more evidence of the truth of God's Word.) No where does this chapter imply, in any sense, that pagan religions are creations of the Christian God of the Bible, and no where does it even remotely imply that sinful pagan religions and practices will be forgiven without the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Whether you are a Hindu, a Moslem or a Christian, how you live your life is the proof that you are fully his or not. We must not condemn or judge or pass words that will hurt people. Maybe a person has never heard of Christianity. We do not know what way God is appearing to that soul and what way God is drawing that soul, and therefore who are we to condemn anybody? It matters to the individual what church he belongs to. If that individual thinks and believes that this is the only way to God for her or him, this is the way God comes into their life — his life. If he does not know any other way and if he has no doubt so that he does not need to search then this is his way to salvation. This is the way God comes into his life."

-Agnus Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa), *Life in the Spirit: Reflections, Meditations, and Prayers*, Harper & Row, 1983, p. 82, ISBN: 9780060660215

There is no way Agnus believed on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and because it's so polar opposite to what the Bible teaches, we'll need to break it down. First, "how you live your life" is not the determining factor in whether or not you are a child of God, and we can return right back to Romans 11 for that:

And if by grace, then [is <u>it] no more of works</u>: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if [it be] of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

-Romans 11:6

For <u>by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves</u>: [it is] the gift of God: -Ephesians 2:8

<u>Jesus saith</u> unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: <u>no man cometh unto the Father, but by me</u>. -John 14:6

Next, we are supposed to judge the fruit of another, and sharing God's Law with sinners (which is how they come to Christ to begin with, Gal 3:24) is automatically going to hurt people. Sharing the truth that we are guilty before a holy and righteous God is not something that people generally want to hear, but we are supposed to be the salt of the earth, which irritates wounds, and if you, as a Christian, are not irritating other people, then you're not doing your job.

(Read "Un-biblical Cop-Outs: Don't Judge Me!" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

-Matthew 5:13

Then, she says we're not here to condemn anyone, which I agree with because even Jesus Christ said he did not come to condemn the world, because they were already condemned by God's Word (John 3:17-18). However, Agnus is implying

that we cannot condemn unrighteousness and paganism, because it makes people feel bad, and that demonstrates clearly that she had some working understanding of the Gospel, but openly rejected parts she didn't like.

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes [shall be] they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

-Matthew 10:34-39

Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great [is] your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

-Matthew 5:11-12

Why would Jesus Christ tell us men were going to persecute us and revile us and lie about us? Why did he not tell us that if we were *REALLY*, *REALLY* nice to everybody, the whole world would love us and we would be honored by churches and news reporters everywhere? Angus's teachings is at odds with the teachings of Christ in almost every aspect.

And finally, if each individual is allowed believe whatever they want about God and God will accept them, as Agnus teaches, then why does God's Word tell us there's only one way?

For [there is] one God, and <u>one mediator between God and men</u>, the man Christ Jesus; -1 Timothy 2:5

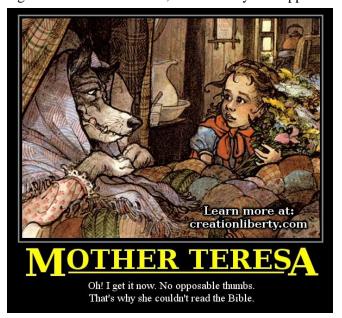
Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

-Matthew 7:13

Of course, it is to be expected that the Catholic church would give Agnes their so-called "sainthood" in 2010, since they are very accommodating to pagan religions, but what really blows my mind is the hypocrisy of other Catholic organizations. For example, onetruecatholic faith.com is a Catholic website that exposes heresies of the Catholic church. They know about and speak out against the heretical practices of Mother Teresa, condemn the Catholic church for their support of her, but at the same time still practice Catholicism. The problem is that the Vatican, and Roman pope, are the foundation of the Catholic church, and when organizations like onetruecatholic faith.com condemns the actions of the Catholic church as apostate, as they state on their website, the Catholic church automatically condemns them as apostate for opposing the ruling of the church because the pope is supposed to be infallible.

(See "Corruptions of Christianity: Catholicism," here at creationliberty.com for more details)

Agnes was no saint. In fact, the Bible says the opposite.



What then? are we better [than they]? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

-Romans 3:9-12

Most unbelievers like to argue with God's Word and say that Mother Teresa did a lot of good in feeding the hungry and clothing the poor, but that is good according to man's standards. Let's say Agnes took a poor family, gave them new clothes, fed them, helped the man start a farm to provide for his family continually, but left them to their pagan practices, whatever they may be, it would still mean that family would end up in hell for eternity, so what was the point? **If they do** 

not acknowledge they are guilty of God's Laws and repent to be saved, then nothing we do for them in this life will change everlasting suffering.

Mother Teresa's whole life was spent trying to reinforce the devil's lie that all worship the same "god" and that all are going to heaven. When the Bible uses the phrase "a wolf in sheep's clothing," it means that the wolf won't look like a wolf; she will look like a gentle, kind, white and fluffy old lady that can do no wrong, but inwardly, Agnus sought to teach the doctrine of devils.