

Rome's Dirty Sectarians at it again!



THE SOCIOPATHS OF THE HOLY SEE are at it again, doing all they can to protect us from the lies and falsehoods of other faiths. Pope Francis has recently said that the Buddhists of Buryatia, Eastern Siberia, and the Muslims of Chechnya in the North Caucasus, are the cruellest soldiers fielded in Ukraine by Vladimir Putin. Apparently, the Vatican thinks that ethnic Russians from the Empire's heartland are not given to rape, murder, and torture (well, not as much as those dastardly Buddhists and Muslims), because they are led by Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church. As far as the editors, speech writers, and intellectuals, hovering around the Pope in Rome are concerned, although the Eastern Orthodox churches' are in lamentable error, they're not nearly as wrong as

Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, and Jews, because the Orthodox, at least, swear allegiance to the divinity of Christ.

This has always been the steadfast position of the Roman Church. Some people have accused Pope Francis of “racism”, but this is to miss the point and mission of Roman Catholicism as the witness and bearer of the universal truth of the nature of God. Consequently, the creed, dogma, and axioms, of Catholicism are not to be contradicted or rivalled by other faiths who must be openly or surreptitiously traduced and reviled.

There is no room for compromise here, or for the ecumenism of the Anglican communion. The priests, bishops, and cardinals of Rome are used to playing nice, cups of tea in hand, in “inter-faith dialogue”, but don’t ever run away with the idea that they are open to compromise, because they’re not; the clerics of Rome, are the custodians of the only truth about ‘God and Man’ that matters.

It is, of course, true that the 1.2bn Roman Catholics in the world do not always toe the line spewing out of Rome. Contradictions and opposition amongst the faithful have always been legion and have been growing apace for some time. However, the gap between the hierarchy in the Vatican, and many parish priests in direct contact with their parishioners crowding into the churches and chapels for mass and confession, could not be greater. Yet, the hierarchy of bishops and cardinals, and the officials of the Vatican’s government, remain deaf to the clamour as they cling resolutely to reaction.

Throughout the nineteen thirties and forties of the last century, while the Second World War raged, the principal concern of the Vatican was to defend itself from communism. This meant that whenever a struggle emerged between left and right, whether in Portugal, Spain, Austria, or Germany, the priests, nuns, and hierarchy of the church, could with a few heroic exceptions, always be found at the side of fascist generals and dictators, clerical and otherwise.

In Spain, in Austria, in Croatia, in Slovakia the Church played a central role in lining up its enemies for the massacres and burial pits thought necessary for the preservation of the faith. The Roman Catholic priest, Father Josef Tiso, the leader of the fascist republic in Slovakia, even arranged a series of mass deportations of Jews to Poland so that they could be murdered by the Nazis. In Croatia, fascist leader, Ante Pavelic, led the puppet state that ordered the mass incarceration and killings of Orthodox Serbs, Jews, and Romani, under the noses of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII said not a word.

Of course, Pius is said to have done much to restrain the Nazis' murder of Jews, and the fascist's bloody rampage throughout Europe, on the 'quiet', "behind closed doors" so to speak. But the truth is the Pope and the Vatican was primarily concerned with the survival of Catholicism against both the Eastern Orthodox churches, and the Godless communists. Any crime was deemed legitimate in this struggle to preserve the true faith.

It is a strange irony that the sociopaths of the Vatican were rivalled by the sociopaths in the Kremlin. For Bolshevik leaders and militants, sociopathy was *de rigueur* – in fact it was party policy – all must be surrendered for the bright future, regardless of the cost in famines, deportations, and human lives. The Roman Catholic Church has always been led by men of a similar cast of mind and outlook.

So, Pope Francis's outspoken denunciation of the amorality of the Muslim and Buddhist soldiers of the Russian Federation is par for the course; it is to be expected, despite Francis's much vaunted modesty and reforming zeal. (He's abandoned his *Red Shoes*, after all.)

Indeed, the cultural prejudices and moral outlook of the Patriarch Kirill and Vladimir Putin, are evidently more congenial to the men in black who surround the Pope in Rome. *Motherhood, Family, and Nation*, are infinitely more acceptable than women's emancipation, gay rights, and the secular freethinking

canvassed by all and sundry within Western Europe. The Pope is, it must be acknowledged, the last elective monarch to survive from the medieval age – the man who stands *in the shoes of the fisherman* is never in any sense an ally or friend of democracy, bourgeois or otherwise. Consequently, the monsignors, grandees, and cardinals, of the Vatican are entirely at ease with the coteries of dictatorial fellas in the Kremlin. This is why earlier this year Francis opined that Russia’s redoubled invasion of Ukraine was “perhaps somehow provoked” by the West. These comments were in lockstep with Vladimir Putin’s explanation that NATO was “barking at the gates of Russia”.

Many on the ersatz left in Britain – those keen on “Stopping the War” and swearing blind that “the enemy is at home” – now find themselves, not merely ‘understanding’ Putin’s imperialism, but also agreeing with the Pope in Rome, that NATO “somehow provoked” Russia’s renewed invasion of Ukraine, because the West’s dogs of war are “barking at the gates of Russia”.

Indeed, the editorial of the latest *New Left Review* says that “Today, Kiev demands the full Ukrainianization of Crimea. Moscow wanted a treaty with NATO and has ended up in an all-consuming war.”

According to this account, Moscow has haplessly or accidentally “ended up” in the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Perhaps they also think that Vladimir Putin has “ended-up” believing that Ukraine is an integral part of Russia, and the Nazis and nationalists of Kyiv just need to be ousted and overthrown by the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

It is clear that the ‘socialists’ of *NLR*, and the ersatz left in general, prefer any allies other than NATO and the Western imperialists. This is why in recent years they have found themselves “ending up” with such strange bedfellows – people intrinsically opposed to democracy, free speech, and the secular values of free enquiry. This phoney left will stand with

anybody, anybody at all, against America, Britain, Australia, Canada, France, Japan, and Germany. These left-wing stalwarts always claim that their outlook is informed by the need to defend the “wretched of the earth” against the powers that be, without considering how the anti-[Western]imperialists, demagogues and authoritarians that abound in poorer countries, instinctively line up with the dictators in Moscow, and Beijing, and now with the Vatican’s men in black.

The *NLR* takes comfort from the line-up of those in the UN who abstain on Russia’s redoubled invasion of Ukraine:

Looking at the abstentions and no-votes on Ukraine at the UN this October, Brzezinski could have pointed out that Washington is precisely losing support in Eurasia – India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka as well as the Central Asian republics, China, Iran, Vietnam and Laos – and two-thirds of Africa, from Algeria, the Sudans and Ethiopia to the DCR, Uganda, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

This line-up of states cannot be said to be reassuring to anybody concerned with the health of democracy or the right of Ukraine to defend itself from Putin’s Russian Empire. The populists, authoritarians, and outright dictatorships, numbered in *New Left Review*’s line-up can be expected to endorse the world-view of rulers in Beijing and Moscow – it is in their political DNA to oppose the proliferation of democracy and good governance, in defence of their venerable ‘cultural traditions’ and local autonomy from the ‘degenerate’ values of the West: Women’s equality, the freedom of the individual to speak as they will, have sex with whomever might find them pleasing, and live more or less as they like, free from the diktats of church, mosque, and state.

There is no doubt at all that as the security services of the Ukrainian state hunt down those who have, and are still collaborating with the enemy – the friends of the Russian Federation in Ukraine – we will hear a great deal from the ersatz left about Kyiv's villainy, in repressing Russia's allies in Ukraine. The horror and violence of this repression, brought on by the invasion, and the murder, rape and torture carried out by the soldiers of the Russian Federation – Christians, Muslims, and Buddhists – will be pushed aside by the ersatz left, as they direct all their fire on Zelensky and his NATO allies.

What is at stake in this war, is the outright rejection of Russia's bid to extend its imperium across international borders. It's a pity that Pope Francis has been advised to line up with Putin and the 'usual suspects', but it makes it abundantly clear who sides with democracy and the freedom the individual, and who doesn't.