

BAD RELIGION

Inferior Theodicy:

Ascribing evil to God, slander of God, belief in bad Scriptures that slander God.

Autosoterism (Self-salvation):

Legalism, works religion, commandment-keeping merit.

Idolatry:

Acceptance of the infallibility of anything but God, whether it be the Pope, the Church, a Creed, a Council, the Bible, Science, etc.

Fundamentalism:

Biblical inerrancy, biblical literalism, provincialism, intolerance, belief in ignorant suppositions, irrational faith such as snake handling, faith healing, a six-day Creation week.

Anti-intellectualism:

Repression of the mind, anti-scholarly bias, censorship, veneration of the King James Bible.

Superstition:

Fear of demons and witches, belief in folklore, astrology, or divination.

Determinism:

Morbid fatalism, predestination, submission to evil conditions as "God's will."

Negativism:

Sour pessimism, repressive taboo fears, emphasis on prohibitions.

Adventism:

Pessimistic human destiny, date-setting doomsday mongering.

Monasticism:

Otherworldly emphasis, reclusive fruitlessness, good for nothing idealism.

Bigotry:

Exclusivism, racism, "respect of persons," sectarianism, divisions in the Body of Christ, self-righteous disdain for lower classes and other worship styles.

Militancy:

Aggressive holy war, crusades (except for defense or liberation), forcible conversion of heathen, persecution of heretics, capital punishment for minor crimes.

Ceremonialism:

Ritualism, sacramentalism, faith in magical formulæ.

Emotionalism:

Feel-good opiate religion, charismatic frenzy.

Priestcraft:

Exaltation of the clergy, a double standard of morality between clergy and laity.

Authoritarianism:

Pastor over people, male over female, church over state.

Opulence:

Lavish church edifices, high-paid clergy, simony, fleecing the people.

Hypocrisy:

Sunday religion, giving lip-service to essential doctrines.

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