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CHRISTENDOM

## **Part 1: The Era of the Apostles**

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Two thousand years ago God started a revolt against the religion He started. So don't ever put it past God to cause a groundswell movement against churches and Christian institutions that bear His name.

~ *Erwin McManus*

Church history exposes repeatedly the gap between the ideal as exemplified in the teachings of Jesus and the way Christians have lived and actually behaved.

~ *Charles Kimball*

Christendom has rejected Christianity.

~ *David McCracken*

The Christian religion is not the answer. It is not even asking the right questions.

~ *Robert Bilmont*

The history of Christianity contains considerably more violence and destruction than that of most other major religions.

~ *Charles Kimball*

More people have been killed in the name of Jesus Christ than any other name in the history of the world.

~ *Gore Vidal*

Jesus has all but disappeared from Christianity.

~ *Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer*

Imagine no religion... it's easy if you try.

~ *John Lennon*

The Christian church has left a legacy, a world view, that fosters sexism, racism, the intolerance of difference, and the desecration of the natural environment. The Church, throughout much of its history, has demonstrated a disregard for human freedom and dignity. It has attempted to control, contain, and confine spirituality, the relationship between an individual and God. As a result, Christianity has helped to create a society in which people are alienated not only from each other but also from the divine.

~ *Helen Ellerbe*

When asked why he did not consider becoming a Christian, Gandhi answered that he loved Jesus and His teachings, but he could not identify with Christendom as a whole because it generally does not follow Jesus. He was right. Christians are among the only people in the world who do not see Jesus and his teachings as clearly non-violent.

~ *Dale W. Brown*

A glance at history, or at the pages of any newspaper, reveals that ideas which divide one group of human beings from another, only to unite them in slaughter, generally have their roots in religion.

~ *Sam Harris*

The history of religious institutions has been such an abysmal panorama of bigotry, persecution and cruelty that I can see why it could lead someone to wish to be rid of the whole business.

~ *Roy Clouser*

Western Christianity is no more than a religionizing of capitalist culture.

~ *Emile Durkheim [1858-1917]*

Jesus called his followers not to conform to the nominal church, but rather to be a truly Christian community distinct in its life and practice from the religious establishment.

~ *John Stott*

Follow me.

~ *Jesus*