

# DENIS LEARY'S SICK IDEA OF HUMOR

Tonight, Comedy Central will air a special by Denis Leary, "Merry F#\$in' Christmas" (it first aired two nights ago and is scheduled to air again on Dec. 17). The show consists of several skits, a cartoon and musical performances.

There is a skit about lesbian nuns, and a song by "Our Lady of Perpetual Suffering Church Choir" about a hooker. But by far the most offensive part of the show is the monologue by Denis Leary on the origins of Christmas. Here is part of what he says:

"Merry Christmas. Tonight we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, whose mom, Mary, just happens to be a virgin—even after she apparently gave birth to Jesus. At least that is what the Catholic Church would have you believe.

"Tom Cruise is taking a lot of s— for belonging to a religion, Scientology, that believes aliens came to this planet 75 million years ago. That is nothing. I was raised Catholic. We believe Mary was a virgin and Jesus ended up walking on water, creating a bottomless jug of wine and rising from the dead. Oh, yeah, and Tom Cruise is crazy.

"Listen, Christmas is built on a line of bulls—. Do I believe there was a baby Jesus? You bet your ass I do. But I believe that nine months before he was born someone sure as s— banged the hell out of his mom."

Catholic League president Bill Donohue responded as follows:

"I am asking Catholic League members, and friends of the Catholic League, to e-mail Doug Herzog, the president of Comedy Central, requesting that he nix the Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> showing of this vile special, and any future showings that might be

planned. He can be contacted  
at [Doug.Herzog@comedycentral.com](mailto:Doug.Herzog@comedycentral.com).

“Hate speech dressed in humorous garb is still hate speech.  
Leary is obviously bedeviled by some disorder, but nothing  
excuses this crap.”