

HATE SPEECH DIRECTED AT IRWIN KULA

Rabbi Irwin Kula's article triggered a hate-filled reaction. Here is a sample. All comments appear in their original form.

"Your article is MOST curious. You, being a 'man of the cloth' of the Jewish religion (8th generation rabbi, no less), and having personally lost family members to the Holocaust, should, of ALL people, be expected to be at least a LITTLE empathetic towards the similar feelings of others."

"Instead of preaching down at others YOU 'think' are overreacting, since you DON'T understand the Roman Catholic community as much as you think you do, why don't you stick to promoting tolerance in a less INSULTING, DEROGATORY, and snotty little attitude that certainly does not fit your position, nor your heritage."

"Nothing of what you say, btw, justifies the ongoing racism against and persecution of Jews by Christians. NOTHING."

"The root of the problem is the trial of Jesus. Historically it did not happen. Jesus got a bit carried away at the Jewish temple. The Roman soldiers reacted in their moral fashion in dealing with agitators, they summarily crucified him. No questions asked and definitely no trial."

"I AM NOT GOING TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU UNTIL YOU DISCOVER SOMETHING ABOUT THE GAY PEOPLE PERSECUTED AND KILLED DURING THE HOLOCAUST. YOU WERE GIVEN AN EXTENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY."

"I'm a pagan. I have nothing to 'confess' about either. If I weren't Pagan, I wouldn't have been going up against serious odds to get Christians off Jewish kids all my life, and being thanked for it by occasional grudging not mentioning how 'unclean' I am supposed to be."

"Will the Anti-Defamation League step up to the moral plate when the Vatican goes on another one of it's rants about homosexuals or feminists?"

"The VATiCAN should be defrocked or Abolished or Not Recognised by the 'NEW-[Apocalyptic]United Nations'!"

"Jesus was Jewish, yes, but he was not the son of any god. He was apparently the illegitimate son (mamzer as per Professor Bruce Chilton) of Joseph and Mary. He trained under The Baptizer and made a good sermon although he was not literate. He got a bit carried away in the Jewish Temple, got arrested and summarily crucified by Roman troops who were ordered to deal with agitators quickly and without a trial."

"Believe it, Rabbi. Just scroll down. Catholics are not the best friends of Jews. Take it from an insider."

"According to Rabbi Irwin Kula Williamson is an 'an obscure, irrelevant, cranky old man' and he goes on to say 'with no power'...Well... Rabbi Irwin Kula please carefully note this fact: so was Hitler, backed by Pope Pious XII. And in this case – as with Hitler – It is the Pope himself who is giving this obscure, irrelevant, cranky old man all the power – and relevance – he needs. This is precisely the point. Rabbi Irwin Kula, regrettably, missed it completely."

"The German Shepard is rounding up his stray sheep, and with some urgency."

"this Pope's historic visit to Auschwitz in which he unambiguously recognized the evil perpetrated upon Jews in the Holocaust and in his way "repented" for any contribution distorted Church teachings made to create the ground for such evil to erupt.

"One visit to a camp is repentance for centuries of persecution (which directly led, aided or overlooked) by the Catholic Church? This one visit by one pope – without any distinct acknowledgment of what exactly he is repenting for –

or acknowledging any Nazi/catholic church collusion – this is what you call repentance?”

“Rabbi Kula misses the point. It is not the mere rantings of a single crackpot that are at concern here, but a pattern of dismissiveness by the current Pontiff, including his reintroduction of the Prayer to Convert the Jews into the Catholic Mass.

“Rabbi Kula seems to ignore the rising tide of anti-semitism and anti-Jewish violence in the United States, Europe, and Turkey. Reinstating a an avowed anti-semite into a position of significant authority in the Catholic Church sends a powerful message of disrespect, if not hatred to our people. Wake up Rabbi.”

“If I were Jewish this Pope would scare me out of my mind.”

“The new Pope is by far more sectarian than the previous. His own views on the Holocaust are hardly more encouraging than outright Holocaust deniers. His denial that Christian sectarianism was a major factor in the Holocaust makes it hard to believe that he takes the dangers of his increased sectarianism seriously.”

“This is time to be afraid, very very afraid.”