

Christianity in Hitler's Ideology

How did Hitler's personal religious beliefs help shape the development of National Socialism? Through a close analysis of primary sources, Mikael Nilsson argues that Hitler's admiration of Jesus was central to both his public and private life, playing a key role throughout his entire political career. *Christianity in Hitler's Ideology* reexamines the roots of National Socialism, exploring how antisemitic forms of Christian nationalism de-Judaized Jesus and rendered him as an Aryan. In turn, the study analyzes how Hitler's religious and ideological teachers, especially *Völkisch*-Christian writers Houston Stewart Chamberlain and Dietrich Eckart, weaponized these ideas. Nilsson challenges the established understanding that Hitler only used religion as a tool of propaganda. Instead, he argues that religious faith and deeply held convictions were at the core of National Socialism, its racism, the Second World War, and the Holocaust.

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