

PEACE and salvation

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James Jordan — 05 Oct 2002, 20:09

Just a note from a theologian:

At 01:41 PM 10/5/2002, Roy wrote:

So, Herr Hitler and Mother Theresa were equal in God's eyes; what they did in their lives had no bearing on their eternal fate.

"Equal in God's eyes" is tricky, but I know what you mean. No. They start out the same: conceived in iniquity and born dead in trespasses and sins, and thus with an inbuilt tendency to rebel more and more against God. But their condition inherited from Adam is (more than) matched by the grace offered by God to those who turn to Him. And that's where the whole course of one's life comes in. Hitler did not turn, and got worse and worse. Mother T. did turn, and became a saint.

I don't want to get into another theological conflict; I cede you the high ground. But you can't tell me, so far as Wolfe's religious beliefs can be inferred from his work, that he believes the acts of an individual in life are not weighed in the final balance, regardless of technical conformity to Christian/Catholic dogma.

To be sure. But Wolfe would also allow for deathbed conversions. Not that this is probably going on in PEACE.

Patera Nutria