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I have read the excellent essay and read comments without really knowing what the 'correct' response is.

I still don't know. George Carlin's quote: ' It's a big club and you ain't in it', is certainly appropriate. My father hated the Catholic Church and all it stood for, and his opinions made a deep impression on me as a child and adolescent, and therefore as an adult. He condemned the anti-birth-control stance and accused the church of attempting to take over the world by sheer weight of numbers; he condemned the transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich, which the church condoned and participated in. As an adult I have discovered that the lies and hypocrisy of the church were far worse than anything my father had mentioned, and that the Catholic Church literally led the way in physical enslavement of Africans, led the way in conquest of land and theft of resources, and led the way in developing instruments of torture and repression. Last century ' good' Catholics aided, abetted and participated in numerous acts of mass murder and grand-scale theft, and many were more than very sympathetic towards fascism.

More recently came all the revelations of child abuse. The film ' Oranges and Sunshine' brought to public attention the abuse of 'motherless' English children, some of whom were shipped to slave labour camps operated by ' good' Catholics. More recently still there have been reports of endemic corruption in the Vatican's financial sector. So now the head of this despotic organisation, this global corporation of manipulators liars and criminals, says some aspects of the system it has promoted for centuries need attention. Yeah, right! The cynic in me asks why now? This sudden revelation of basic

truth known and covered-up for generations is now available for discussion, now that the church has been exposed as rotten to the core I smell a rat.

Goodness me. Next the church might start promoting the actual teachings of Jesus! And that simply would not do. The air is thick with neuro-linguistic programming while the real news remains unreported, even by less-disreputable of the media. . . . I think everything will continue to be 'safe' for global corporations (including the Catholic Church) for a while longer because the empty rhetoric of 'called again upon nations to narrow the wealth gap' still applies, and that means HE is not responsible and others are required to take action, not HIM.

Carlin summed it up long ago. Any system that imposes arbitrary rules about wearing hats or not wearing hats, covering hair or not covering hair is all bullshit. He said he was a good Catholic boy until he reached the age of reason, which for him was age six or seven