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A pernicious attempt to connect Hinduism with Nazism.

Audrey (@audreyTruschke) claims Indic philosophy inspired Nazism & Nazism inspired Hindu revivalism.

She comes from a long line of protestant Indologists making such connections

But is it really so?

[Myth breaking THREAD]

[@AudreyTruschke](#) Audrey insists Nazi "Hakenkreuz" is nothing but "German translation" of Swastika.

She even goes on to say the Nazi translation did not erase "the basic meaning and history" of swastika.

Is this really so?

This thread EXPOSES closely guarded academic secrets about this topic

[@AudreyTruschke](#) As I have mentioned elsewhere, Hitler never used the word Swastika himself. He used the word Hakenkreuz.

This claim is FALSE.

Germans did not use "Hakenkreuz" for Swastika. They used it for Christian hooked cross.

Hakenkreuz is literal German translation of "hooked cross"

[@AudreyTruschke](#) But what is Hakenkreuz/ Hooked cross? What did Nazis understand by it?

What were they so enamored by this symbol? Did they see the symbol as mere translation of Indic symbol Swastika?

Did they see the Hakenkreuz as an ancient Indian symbol? Did they borrow this Indian symbol?

Only the contemporary Nazi literature can tell us what the Nazis actually thought about Swastika.

I begin by considering the views of Erich Koch. Koch was a top officer of Nazi Germany. He organised Nazi concentration camps. He was sentenced to life imprisonment after the war.

However, Erich Koch was not just a Nazi who gassed people to death in concentration camps.

He was a president of German protestant Church Synod. He was a scholar of Bible and would recite the entire New Testament orally.

As such, his views about Hakenkreuz are very revealing

"Truly, Christ has returned. The second coming of Christ has happened.

Christ has now come in the form of Hitler. He has come to exterminate the Marxists and the irreligious. He now comes not with a cross but with the hooked cross (Haken Kreuz)"

- Erich Koch.

Koch was a brutal, ruthless Nazi of the first order. He personified Nazi barbarity by playing a leading role in the murder of thousands of Jews and their deportation to camps.

Yet, even in his post war testimony, he insisted that he was doing nothing but the work of Christ!

Koch was not alone.

Even Joseph Goebbels, one of Hitler's closest acolytes, held similar eschatological Christian views about "hooked cross".

He saw Nazism as an apocalyptic movement that personifies Christ's mission of destroying Anti-Christian Jewish and Marxist forces.

At the end of his autobiographical diary named Michael, Joseph Goebbels declares-

"The war we are now waging today is a struggle between Jesus Christ and Marx"

Hans Schemm was an educator and a top minister of Nazi Germany.

He famously declared -"Our religion is Christ, our politics is motherland".

Explaining the meaning of Nazi Hakenkreuz, he also alluded to Hitler as a personification of Christ.

"In its first appearance, the cross used to be straight because Christ had come with love.

Now, the day of judgement has arrived. The cross is hooked (referring to Hakenkreuz) because Christ has come with wrath. Redeem yourself"

- Hans Schemm

Christian eschatology was at the core of Nazi ideology since inception.

When Nazi party was founded, Hitler announced 25-point Program.

Point 24 says Nazi Party advocates "positive Christianity".

It "combats Jewish spirit within & around us"

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It is clear that Hakenkreuz of Nazis had absolutely nothing to Swastika of Hindus.

Nazi Hakenkreuz had a Christian eschatological concept of second coming of the Christ with the hooked cross.

Why then has the Nazi hooked cross been dissociated from its Christian background?

Why has Nazi Hooked Cross been dissociated with its Christian roots & identified with Hindu swastika?

There is absolutely NO EVIDENCE that Nazis borrowed this symbol from India.

In fact, hooked cross has always been one of Church motifs.

There is Hooked Cross motif in Vatican

After Nazis lost the war & were disgraced when their crimes were out for the world to see, any association with Nazis was deemed unpopular.

Christian apologists spilled a lot of ink to

- 1) Dissociate Nazism from Christianity.
- 2) Dissociate Hooked Cross with Christian cross

Hitler's autobiography Mein Kampf was translated into English by Christian pastor James Murphy.

He translated "Hooked Cross" as "Swastika" which was a visually similar but completely unrelated symbol. "Swastika" coming from "Swasti" (well being) was infact truly opposite to it

With this intentionally flawed translation, he wanted to kill two birds in one shot.

- 1) Dissociate Nazis with Christianity.

2) Associate Nazis with Hinduism.

This was later followed by all other translators.