



# A Call to Understanding: An Interfaith Appeal on a Topic That Has Caused Animosity between Christians and Jews

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Over the last four decades, there has been a revolution in relations between Christians and Jews. This change - dedicated to bringing an end to the teaching of contempt for Jews and Judaism - began with Protestant statements issued after the Holocaust, made giant strides at the Second Vatican Council in 1965, and has continued to develop until this day.

Notions that Jews were accursed by God because of their (alleged) guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus and that their covenant with God had been superseded by the Christian Church have been officially disavowed by many churches. A new willingness by many Christians and Jews to be mutually enriched by each other's traditions has replaced older habits of suspicion and avoidance. Those Jews and Christians who have entered into dialogue with one another have experienced deepened understandings of their own religious traditions as well as that of the other.

