PAPAL FALLIBILITY

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Pope Benedict XVI's quoting of a medieval text which basically states that Islam is a violent religion resulted in predictable – and violent – reactions in parts of the Muslim world. The irony is so glaring it is painful. But the same type of ironies can easily be found in Christianity. How much violence has not been committed to defend teachings that – in part – advices us to turn the other cheek? It is all too apparent that Christians, Muslims and Jews all believe in the same God. One can only wish He had been more consistent in advocating non-violence.

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