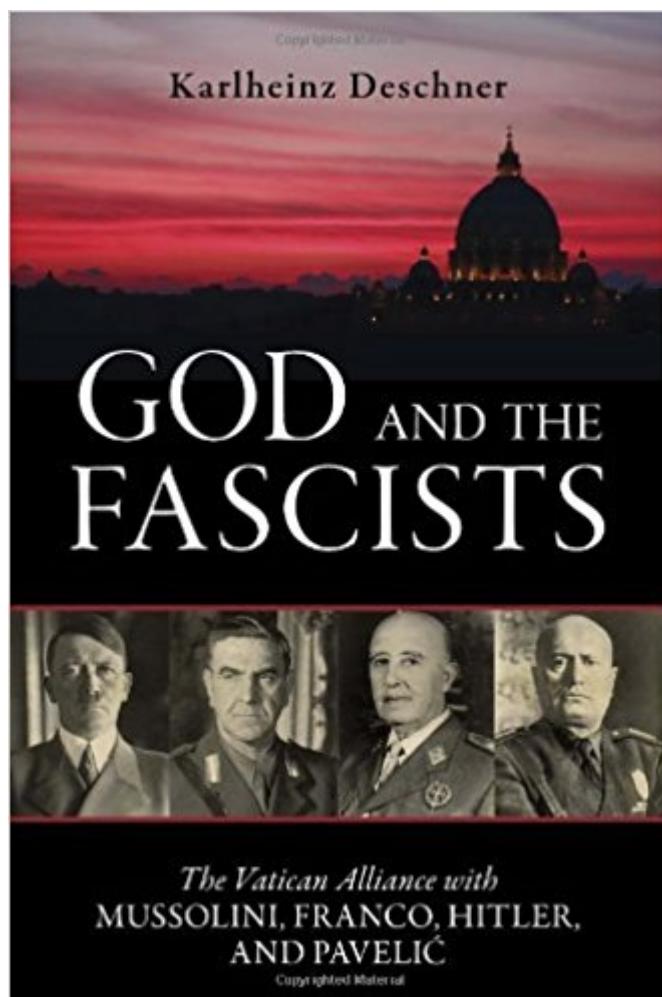


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# God And The Fascists: The Vatican Alliance With Mussolini, Franco, Hitler, And Pavelic



## Synopsis

Now available in English for the first time, a controversial work that indicts the Vatican for its actions before and during World War II. In the decade preceding the outbreak of World War II, the Vatican made a devil's bargain with fascist leaders. Anticipating that their regimes would eliminate a common enemy--namely Marxist-Leninist communism--two popes essentially collaborated with Hitler, Mussolini, and the fascist dictators in Spain (Franco) and Croatia (Pavelić). This is the damning indictment of this well-researched polemic, which for almost five decades in Germany has sparked controversy, outrage, and furious debate. Now it is available in English for the first time. Many will dismiss Deschner--who himself was raised and educated in a pious Catholic tradition--as someone who is obsessed with exposing the failings of the church of his upbringing. But he has marshaled so many facts and presented them with such painstaking care that his accusations cannot easily be ignored. The sheer weight of the evidence that he has brought together in this book raises a host of questions about a powerful institution that continues to exercise political influence to this day.

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With this book, Deschner is breaking a taboo in German postwar historiography. In his thrillingly written work, he was the first renowned author to document the close collaboration between the Catholic Church and the Fascists, which, in the Balkans for instance, led to probably the best-concealed mass crimes of modern times. It remains the imperishable merit of Deschner to

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Book is the result of extensive research. I hope the translation from the German is accurate...

An astounding report! I've done a lot of reading on this period of history and can confirm much of what Deschner reports. Still, it was eye opening for me since he pulled together many points I already knew but hadn't put together. I know what he reports is hard to believe but he is confirmed by other respected authors and theologians. Hans Kung thinks well of him. And, Deschner was sued in Germany by the church for what we would call libel - and he was vindicated by the court. But, I ask why is this the only work of his translated into English?!? Is our reading material being censored?

Thought provoking account.

Excellent, No Problem, So Satisfied, Good Luck to the seller

the book was not well edited but disclosed facts apparently not in question and unfamiliar to those connected to the Catholic church

This book was written before the opening of the Vatican secret archives. It's based mostly on news articles and pastoral letters from the early 1930's to the end of WWII. There are some minor errors in the translation from the original German but otherwise an eye-opener and easy read.

Excellent and brave book on the reality of the Catholic Church's essential support for fascism.

Deschner's book is meant for anyone who seeks to understand Christianity and the Church. In this crisply written and passionately argued book, one finds data and evidence that answers questions like: What was the Church's role in the rise, sustenance and end of Fascism in Europe? Did the church provide more than just moral encouragement? How was the church's role during the war justified by its own officials? Was there really an anti-fascistic resistance as now claimed by church officials? What happened after the war to key church officials and executives who collaborated with the fascists? To this day, Germany and Italy (and therefore the world) stand by and honor the agreements Hitler and Mussolini made with the Vatican. Thus, to this day the Vatican receives funds collected by the German state from tax payers- part of a deal that Hitler created with Pope Pius. The Vatican is a sovereign state today because of Mussolini, and Mussolini also created the powerful, cash rich Vatican bank.

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