Purifying Protestantism: Anti-Jewish Theology and the Holocaust

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Most German Protestant churches were silent in response to the persecution of the Jews in Nazi Germany. However, the German Christian movement enthusiastically supported the Nazis’ goals, attempting to eradicate “Jewish” elements from Protestant texts. I will discuss this movement and some of its precursors, looking at the ways in which German Protestant theological ideas were radicalized in the years leading up to the Holocaust.

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