



ANTI-SEMITISM IN SPAIN ALONG WITH ANTI-CATHOLICISM BECOMES A NEW WAY TO LIMIT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Madrid, March 14, 2010.- During the days 8, 9 and 10 of March, the trial against the Congregación del Olivo was held at the Provincial Courts of Alicante. The defense of its members was conducted by the respected lawyer of Alicante Manuel Perales Candela and by the president of the Centro Jurídico Tomás Moro, Javier M^a Pérez-Roldán y Suanzes-Carpegna.

The aforesaid Jewish denomination congregation has been judged, for illegal association accused of being a cult, and responsible for various crimes of fraud, misappropriation, child abandonment, and injuries. For these charges the 12 defendants were requested more than 200 years of prison, plus a substantial compensation over one million Euros.

The prosecution, completely misguided, was supported in various biased psychological reports with an evident anti-Judaism. In this way, the reports claimed that members of this congregation were “*more fanatical than the very Jews*”, branding all Jews as fanatics and trying to exclude this congregation of its integration in Judaism.

According to these reports the methods of control of the personality were based on the fulfillment of ancient Jewish customs and precepts. Thus, it was said that the inability to light a fire on Shabbat or following a kosher diet are practices that encourage social exclusion. Similarly, the reports label circumcision as a "*peculiar*" custom.

They label the group as a sect because their members argue that the Jewish people are the chosen people, or because they say that there is no salvation outside the Jewish religion.

According to the president of the Law Center, Javier M^a Pérez-Roldán y Suanzes-Carpegna, "*this criminal proceeding shows the misunderstanding on the part of the Public Prosecutor and the security forces of the Religious Fact. The psychologists criminalized the fact of reading certain passages of the Bible by the head of the Congregation. Moreover, in this particular case, they added some anti-Jewish commonplaces, which had already been condemned in a sentence of the Provincial Court of Barcelona as a crime for incitement to genocide. The most serious issue here is that the repressive apparatus of the State has begun with this small congregation, but if we do not defend the importance of the Religious Fact, any group with deep religious beliefs may end up being persecuted. In fact, one of the psychologists, Mr. Miguel Diez Jorro even suggested that the army is a cult. Another psychologist, Mr. José Carlos Mendoza Orts, did not hesitate to label all Jews as fanatics.*"

The aforementioned sentence of the Provincial Courts of Barcelona, in which several booksellers were condemned for spreading genocidal ideas, was passed on the 28th of September, 2009. Specifically, the sentence considered as a crime the publication and sale of books that, among other things, claimed that rabbis held "*aberrant interpretations of the Pentateuch*"; or that "*this is how Judaism has been able to support itself and become the best funded racist cult in the world, apart from the*

innate fanaticism of every Jew”; or “*about what Jews think about themselves: the chosen people*”; or “*that the Jews neither inspire by nor respect the Old Testament.*” These ideas are contained, almost literally, in the report signed by the two psychologists cited and Laura Fátima Asensi Pérez, Ana Llobell Perles and Angeles Tribaldos Rubio. In contrast, in the proceedings there was a sixth psychologist, José Crespo Rospir, who did not sign that anti-Jewish report.

The defense expert, the eminent psychologist Mr. Julio Bronchal Cambra, showed that the five psychologists cited above had manipulated data and ratings, falsifying their report to charge the members of the congregation.

Therefore, the Law Center Tomás Moro, is considering filing a lawsuit against the five psychologists cited, if finally, the Provincial Courts convicted the accused by their evil arts.

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