

Russian Anti-Religious Books

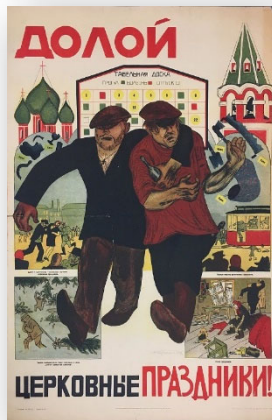
After the Revolution

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Eliminating competition from organized religion was a prime objective of the USSR in the aftermath of the 1917 Revolution. Bolshevik doctrine twisted Christianity itself into a form of idolatry.

Russian Orthodox Church property was nationalized, plundered, and desecrated. Clergy were dispatched to gulags or even murdered. Religious beliefs and believers were ridiculed.



Fervid anti-religious propaganda came to dominate Communist ideology and public discourse. The Soviet regime promoted teaching of atheism in schools and publication of atheist publications designed to stoke hostility against Christianity and Christians.

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