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The Unforgiveable Eternal Sin

*"Truly I tell you,
people will be forgiven for their sins
and whatever blasphemies they utter;
but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
**can never have forgiveness,
but is guilty of an eternal sin.**"*
Mark 3:28-29 NRSV

Is there such thing as an eternal sin which can never be forgiven? Studying as a young theologian, I found this concept extraordinarily terrifying. How can there be a sin so foul even Christ can't forgive those who do it? Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit felt like the opposite of the dogma, "once saved always saved."

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Dante and Virgil in Hell, an 1850 public domain image via the Google Art Project and Wikimedia Commons.

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for every sin and blasphemy,
but blasphemy against the Spirit
will not be forgiven."*
Matthew 12:31 NRSV

Monstrous acts, like mass genocide or serial killings, don't cross this redemptive line. Even if you started a world war or devastated the earth's ecosystem, it is still forgivable. According to Jesus Christ, the ultimate deal breaker for God is blaspheming against the Holy Spirit.

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What does blasphemy against the Holy Spirit even mean? What if you didn't know it even was a sin, much less an unforgivable one? Can you commit the eternal sin *in ignorance*? Was this a divine case of *Ignorantia juris non excusat* (Latin for "ignorance of the law excuses not" and "ignorance of law excuses no one" respectively)?

This damning blasphemy is even worse than selling your soul to the devil. Many have declared their willingness to sell their immortal souls—some out of desperation, others out of greed, and often from longings or addictions. Evidently, a diabolical soul bargain is not the unforgivable sin.

"And everyone who speaks

*a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven;
but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
will not be forgiven."*
Luke 12:10 NRSV



The Trial And Degradation Of John Huss In 1415. From *The Book Of Martyrs* By John Foxe, Published C.1865.

So, what really is “blasphemy against the Spirit” and how does one commit it? Why is it so heinous that it is rendered unforgivable?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, while no sin is absolutely “unforgivable”, some sins represent a deliberate refusal to repent and accept the infinite mercy of God; a person committing such a sin refuses God's forgiveness, which can lead to self-condemnation to hell. In other words, never asking to be forgiven and accepting the mercy of God is the eternal sin.

John Calvin, the founder of the Reformed tradition of Christianity basically agrees with the above definition but expands on it as a self-aware willfulness to resist divine forgiveness. Is the refusal to ask forgiveness blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

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Joseph Smith, the founder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, wrote, “All sins shall be forgiven, except the sin against the Holy Ghost; for Jesus will save all except the sons of perdition. What must a man do to commit the unpardonable sin? He must receive the Holy Ghost, have the heavens opened unto him, and know God, and then sin against him. After a man has sinned against the Holy Ghost, there is no repentance for him.” Could abandoning your divine redemption be the unforgivable sin?

Many modern theologians teach this sin can *only* be committed by contemporaries of Jesus, those existing in His time who denied His miracles and attributed them to Satan. These same blasphemers demanded He be crucified. In this interpretation, one can never experience a moment of weakness leading to blaspheming against the Holy Spirit and remain unforgiven by God for all of eternity. Could the unforgivable sin only be committed by Christ's peers?



St. Peter Martyr Altarpiece [detail], Fra Angelico, 1428; Source: Wikimedia, PD-Old-100

The answers are found in the context of Jesus' reprimand. Christ uttered this warning just after he had been accused by some Pharisees of casting out demons by the power of Satan (Matthew 12:22-24). Jesus responded by pointing out that He cast out demons by the power of God's Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:25-28). This made the Pharisees guilty of giving credit to Satan for the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the blasphemy Jesus is talking about.

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The work of the Antichrist movement is to bear false witness of Christ's love as Satan's deceptions and to offer hatred and division as God's true will. *This* is true blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. One commits the unforgivable sin when one claims Christ's commandments to "love God with all our heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbor as yourself," represent Satan's liberal lures.

Part of the message of the Antichrist's false prophets teaches how God hates. Their commandment comes in the form of conspiracy theories leading one to hate their neighbor as they hate themselves. Whether it be hatred of women, gays, trans, Muslims, Jews, people of color, Democrats, Republicans, the rich, the poor or one's closeted sense of self—this is deception most foul. It is very real and very much tearing our world apart, but it is not the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit and it is forgivable.

What is unforgivable is claiming the light of the Creator is really darkness. Gaslighting humanity into believing the pure of heart are sinful and evil. Witnessing unconditional love and shaming it as satanic seduction.

Systematically training the masses to distrust the voice of their Higher Selves as the voice of the devil so paranoia will always guide them.

That is the Eternal Sin and it *is* unforgivable.



Pakistani children pray for 14-year-old Malala Yousufzai during a candlelight vigil in Karachi, Pakistan, Friday, Oct. 12, 2012.



An Ancient Medicine

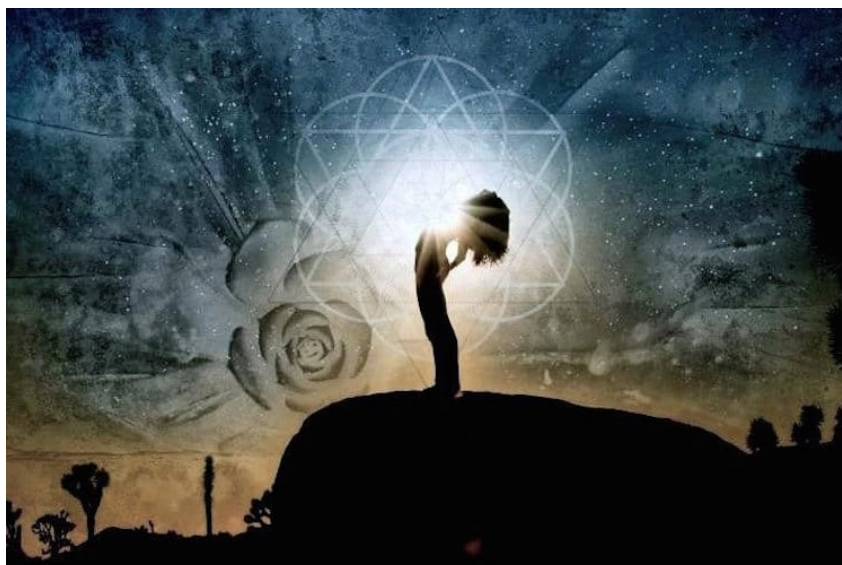
Ten years ago, Mark Windraven and the Black Snake Tribe began building a medicine wheel in Tampa Bay, following the instructions of the late shaman Sun Bear. Stones called to us from across the Turtle Nation and we completed the project early in 2011. It serves a hidden alcove in modern suburbia, keeping old traditions alive and empowering the new.



A Modern Outreach

Today, the Black Snake Tribe, united with the ICUU and [Windraven Ministries](#), is preparing the medicine wheel grounds to host a Zoom streaming service. We are soliciting donations to help with our video production budget and site cleanup. With your continued prayers, divine medicine and donations, we look to stream our first monthly services early next year.

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