

**Osho:**

*Now the Catholic pope goes on teaching the Catholics that methods of birth control should not be used; they are against God. Strange, even the Holy Ghost must be using birth control methods, because Jesus says, "I am the only begotten son of God." What happens to God? Has he stopped creating sons, daughters? Either He has become a brahmacharya, a celibate, which is not very likely, or He is using birth control methods. But the pope goes on continually against birth control -- because it is against God: "God is sending people..."*

*This earth is already overloaded; it is already in such a situation that if we don't cut its population by half it is going to die. There will be no need for a third world war, just the population itself will be enough to kill everybody, to starve everybody. And God is continually sending people? He has no idea... at least send a small piece of land with each child, or try some new approach so there is nobody hungry.*

*But God goes on giving us stomachs and hunger, and no land -- and the old land is losing its fertility every day. And the Catholic pope goes on saying no birth control, no abortion. Why no abortion? -- because it is killing. But this is very strange, coming from a pope's mind, because these popes have been making all kinds of crusades in the past and killing thousands of people. That has been their whole business: burning people, burning women just because of a fictitious idea...*

*Anybody could write to the pope informing him, "In our village there is a woman who is a witch."*

*That was enough to start an enquiry; and there was a special court to enquire into whether the woman was a witch or not. They would torture the woman so much that she would find it easier to accept that she was a witch rather than being tortured continually. They would torture her till she accepted that she was a witch; and once she accepted that she was a witch, she had to be burned alive. Thousands of women they burned alive!*

*Now suddenly their interest is in non-violence: "abortion is violence." And the same pope's predecessors blessed Benito Mussolini in the second world war. That was not violence? The archbishop of Canterbury in England blessed the British forces -- and that was not violence? -- that was perfectly good? One wonders at what point abortion becomes violence.*

*But the Catholic pope is ready, just as the Mohammedan chief imam is ready, and the Hindu shankaracharya is ready to let the population grow, because numbers have a political significance. It is the politics of numbers -- how many Catholics are there. The pope is not interested in humanity, in the future, in a global suicide, no. His whole interest is in how many Catholics there are: the more Catholics, the more power he has. The shankaracharya is interested in more Hindus, so he has more power.*

*Everybody is interested in power.*

*In the name of God they are simply trying to become more and more powerful.*

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