

## Did the Churches Resist or Collaborate with the Nazi Regime?

**J.Noakes in "Nazism: A History in Documents" argues that...**

*"The Churches were the only institution which both had an alternative ideology to the regime and that were allowed to continue to exist. This made them a major obstacle to the Nazi's attempt to gain total control over German life."*

**R.Geary in "Hitler and Nazism" states that...**

*"A similar mix to that of the Army of self-interest, agreement with certain aspects of Nazi policy and yet principled opposition existed within the Churches."*

**JRC Wright in "Hitler and the Churches"...**

**praises the Churches for providing opposition to Hitler, more than most organisations in Germany but says that...**

*"they did this largely out of self-defence rather than wider political opposition to the Nazis."*