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(Martin's rebelling and how his identity shaped)

According to Erickson the reason as to why Martin Luther became a critic of the church was the fact that he was one of the biggest church supporters with identity crisis. Erickson accurately categorically states that a young person has to deeply believe in something to become such an ardent critic. He further goes ahead to associate Martin Luther behavior to his upbringing. (Erickson p.)

During the time he was born people were very religious and were afraid of going to hell. Praying was a major activity which occupied a large part of the day. Disobedience to God, church and elders could have earned one punishment and other repercussions.

~~But in~~ "The Choir" accurately portrays ML as Martin Luther's father was a peasant and worked hard to become a capitalist with some

Erickson stake in mining. He worked hard to get his son educated. His son went to school and got educated and managed to get to a law school. However before completing his studies he was almost killed by lightning and this gave him a wakeup call. He decided to become a monk and joined a church by the name of Augustinian monastery. In the church he struggled with sexual guilty for having sexual thoughts. He found it difficult to fit in the choir a scenario Erickson described as identity crisis. Erickson describes this by saying that Martin Luther had left the secular world and even disappointing his father by quitting law schools and in the church, he found it difficult to fit.

Showing him to be a man deeply troubled by his identity crisis. and

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Erickson states that Martin Luther was not what he thought he was. His desire for Godly world had been miscalculated. Regardless of the challenges Martin continued staying in the church. He worked hard and became a doctor in theology and was made to be in charge of several monasteries. During his stay in the church, he developed a different mentality of spirituality. His view was going against that of the traditional beliefs of the medieval catholic. He had ~~an~~ issues with various practices such as the believe that sins were to be punished by the use of worldly actions. The repercussions of sin could be avoided if one did good deeds later or if they purchased some papers that were being sold in the church. *For example, E states " (etc)*

Martin Luther developed the notion that the bible was more important than the institution of church. This is when his rebellion to the church began, he delivered a 95 pages document to the Wittenburg Cathedral which contained there areas which he thought the church ought to have changed. *Talk about on critique*

In Ericson's view this was not a genuine rebellion. Erickson asserts that I Martin Luther wanted to genuinely reform the church his efforts could have been seen at a younger age. In his view Erickson believes that rebellion starts at youthful age and not at the age which Martin Luther started rebelling.

Erickson likens these events to the earlier life of Martin Luther; he observes that this behavior to rebel against the church was similar to the behavior in earlier life where he rebelled against his father. He suggested that martin Luther was never rebellious at all, but was just reactionary. Erickson does not view martin Luther as a person who reformed the church by the use of his theological position but rather as a person who convinced people as way of working out his identity crisis and his own demons.

Erickson further asserts that Martin Luther was pushed by ^{guilt} rather than passion. He ^{for example, E states that} describes him as a person who was in search for direction and in the process dragging along ^{"add"} other people. He likens this to a second birth. Erickson observes that the issue of identity crisis ^{direct} never comes to an end but rather when on crisis comes to an end another crisis resurfaces and ^{quotes} process starts all over again. ^{& support your point}

Erickson's: -

Some of Erickson's views are true regarding Martin Luther. The rebellion age is a consistency concept even in today's world. It is also good to note that had Martin Luther not rebelled ^{against} his father, ^{he} he could not have reached the levels he went to. This is consistent to Erickson's view to some extent; however, Erickson's argument might lead to someone thinking that had Martin Luther listened to his father and gone on with his law degree and later joined the church his journey could have been different. The urge to fight the bad vices in the church does not begin from his rebelling against his father but because he had the passion in him.

The view that Martin Luther was reactionary is also not true. There was no way for Martin Luther to start rebelling against church if he did not know about the church practices. It is almost impossible for one to challenge people who are authorities in a given subject without the same knowledge or some superior knowledge. Therefore, Martin Luther had to acquire the knowledge so as to determine what was right or wrong.

~ ML ^{Martin Luther's knowledge of the bible was limited to the teachings offered by perpetrators of bad practice, and it would have been impossible for him to truly learn in this way.} For a layman whose knowledge of the bible was limited to the teachings offered by the same people who are the ^{perpetrators} perpetrators of these bad practices. This could have been impossible. To keep on maintaining the status quo the bible was read selectively so as to justify the bad practices. It also took courage since some of the actions were obviously wrong and anybody could have

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questioned the authorities on the conformity to the bible but no one stood up to challenge the church leaders.

On the point on identity crisis, there are very many things that can explain the actions of martin Luther. At the age of 20, this is the age at which one starts making decisions regarding his career path.

The law degree was probably the choice of Martin Luther king. However as he grew Martin Luther discovered that his passion was somewhere else and took the best course of action. To say that martin Luther had identity crisis is like saying that all his followers among them great scholars had identity crisis. The later life of Martin Luther did not justify Erickson's claim that martin Luther king had identity crisis. He went on to do great things and there was no indication of identity crisis.

† However some things in Martin Luther's life did suggest some abnormal behavior which Erickson relied on to make his case on martin Luther's identity crisis. For instance he once fell the floor in the church saying "it wasn't me" during the reading of a scripture from the book of Mark 9:17 where a father offered his son to Jesus. This could be associated with naivety since such behavior was never witnessed in his later years.

Conclusion,