

8 Themes of *Dabru Emet* (“Speak Truth”)

A document published in 2000, signed by 220 rabbis and Jewish intellectuals, responding to Catholic reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

1. Jews and Christians worship the same God. “We rejoice that, through Christianity, hundreds of millions of people have entered into relationship with the God of Israel.”
2. Jews and Christians seek authority from the same book: called Tanakh by Jews and Old Testament by Christians.
3. Jews and Christians both respect the claims of the Jews to Israel.
4. Jews and Christians accept the moral principles of Torah: namely the sanctity and dignity of every human being and this is the basis for a renewed relationship.
5. Nazism was not a Christian phenomenon, but could not have been carried out without Christian complicity. We do not blame Christians for the sins of their ancestors.
6. Humanly irreconcilable differences between Jews and Christians will not be settled until God redeems the entire world.
7. New relationships between Jews and Christians will not weaken Jewish practice.
8. Jews and Christians must work together for justice and peace.

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