The White Rose Resistance Movement and the Analysis of Their Leaflets

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Abstract

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The story of the White Rose resistance movement is not generally known in the narrative of Nazi Germany, it falls within the many other resistance movements that appeared to be more effective than the White Rose. Yet, many scholars overlook that the leaflets the White Rose wrote played a role in the resistance to the Nazi government. My paper addresses the White Rose resistance movement during the Third Reich and how their resistance was exemplified in their leaflets through their discussion about belief in God and hope for a better Germany. In my paper I will do a literary analysis of the six White Rose leaflets to highlight Christian religious themes. I will examine how the religious language in the leaflets articulates the political goals of the White Rose movement and creates a call to action for Germans. Closely examining the leaflets and understanding the members of the White Rose that wrote them sheds new light on the rarely acknowledged works of the White Rose resistance movement.

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