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Statement by Andres Serrano

April 24, 1989

The images I make are somewhat ambiguous in that they do not offer any absolute answers or statements. The picture in question, "Piss Christ," is not meant to give offense although I leave its interpretation entirely up to the viewer. The title is descriptive and refers to my ongoing investigations of such bodily fluids as milk, blood and urine.

Over the years I have addressed religion regularly in my art work. Complex and unresolved feelings about my own Catholic upbringing inform this work which helps me to redefine and personalize my relationship with God. For me art is a moral and spiritual obligation that cuts across all manner of pretense and speaks directly to the soul. Although I am no longer a member of the Catholic Church I consider myself a Christian and I practice my faith through my work.