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Legal aspects of New Religious Movements in the Czech Republic

Abstract

The main purpose of this master's thesis is a critical analysis of Czech legislation of New Religious Movements. This thesis should describe a legal relationship between New Religious Movements and Czech legal order. This thesis focuses on the topic while studying public and private law's aspects. It also focuses on sociological considerations.

New Religious Movements are a necessary part of a religious development of every society. There is a lot of different religious movements. Therefore, it is especially challenging to make legislation related to them. The legislator should consider religion a private part of everyone's life.

Act No. 3/2002 Coll., which is the most important piece of legislation for New Religious Movements, does not distinguish terminologically between New Religious Movements and the traditional churches. A long tradition in the Czech Republic and a lot of members have for example Seventh-day Adventist Church, Jehovah's Witnesses and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Being a member of a New Religious Movement can particularly affect man's life. Conflicts between New Religious Movements and the majority can develop because of situation of children growing up in a New Religious Movement's communities and their education.

Criminal Law protects the society against destructive cults. There were some criminal cases connected with New Religious Movements in the Czech Republic. In the Czech constitutional Law area, there is an important fact, that The Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Czech Republic says that the Czech Republic is a secular state that should guarantee religious freedom. There is not a lot of decisions of the Constitutional court of the Czech Republic related to New Religious Movements, but some of them are particularly important. One of them is the judgement Pl. ÚS 6/02 dated 27 November 2002.

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