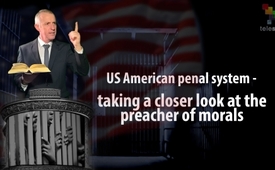
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US penal system - taking a closer look at the preacher of morals

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