

Catholicism: A New Synthesis

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Foreword by Cardinal John Wright

There are released in society today vivid intellectual and spiritual energies deriving from science and technology. These energies are providing the raw material for a new culture of all mankind. At present they are causing great loss of faith and crumbling within the City of God. Unless they can be synthesized anew with orthodox Christianity, this sad process will continue. Peaceful co-existence is impossible, and a separation of Christianity from this new culture made possible by science would be disastrous for both. Where there is no vision the people perish.

Without doubt, to offer a synthesis would be to fulfil a very urgent need. The author humbly presents this book as containing just such a synthesis.

The book firmly rejects any obscurantism on the right, or modernism on the left, and in many ways it is presented as a frank alternative to the thought of Teilhard de Chardin, whose philosophy and theology is considered, for all its splendour at times, to be unorthodox, because erroneous in itself.

The author's chapters on love were completed just before the publication of *Humanae Vitae* and have not been altered. The remarkable correlation of view must not be read apart from the total vision of creation in the book. Without such a vision *Humanae Vitae* itself cannot be well defended.

All thinking Catholics, especially those who are worried and hesitant about the uncertainty and modernism in their Church yet who are looking for a modern presentation of their faith which is orthodox and which is a *true* development of doctrine, are urged to read this book.

At the same time it should be of considerable interest to those non-Catholic Christians who are eagerly seeking for Unity, yet without compromise of the truth. The author is fully convinced that the full truth exists uniquely in Jesus Christ for all the peoples of this world.

Finally all men of goodwill, agnostics, humanists, and people indifferent to religion should find here a challenge to any prejudices they may have, conscious or unconscious, against Revealed Religion. They are asked to ponder seriously whether or not a *true* evolutionary and scientific vision of the world, based on the correct interpretation of *facts* must not lead them also to consider afresh the claims of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Christian faith which derives from Him.

"Father Edward Holloway has provided a summary of Catholic catechesis that reveals not only his pastoral zeal but his authentic theological skill ...

Young and old will welcome this book which may yet become a classic of theological clarity unusual in the writings on the faith in the English-speaking world"

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