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C: The great task facing the theologian today is to appropriate an adequate anthropology... Most forms of atheism arise from an affirmation of man and a denial of God only as a consequence. C: Even at the council it was obvious that the church 9s Western... The human vitality of the third world must begin to have its counterpart in the world of religion.

D: The great danger as I see it is that the religious experience would become a purely personal thing -- a matter of the personal conversion of a certain number of individuals, no longer a collective reality, no longer a popular or mass reality.

D: Faith and Demythologizing. The Problem with rvelation is not, in the first place, to know if it is a question of knowledge of the mysteries of God through revelation; but it is primarily concerned with the prior problem of knowing whether human intelligence is capable of understanding something of the metaphysical and transcendent world.

D: At the very moment when we in the Western world are inclined to separate W₀stern culture from Christianity, we are aware that the main problem with other world cultures -- and here I am thinking of China, of India, and of the Arab world -- is that of incarnating Christianity in the culture.

Si: What is called for today is a new 'natural theology,' one that p54 can show that speaking about God is possible not only from revelation, but that it is already rooted in our secular human life itself. If this is not possible, then I fear we have a permanent split between the secularized world and religion, **x** and religion will be swept away as no longer relevant. Si: In the former world view man's oblixgation to the past was primary: tradition was always the norm. Now the situation is

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reversed and the future has become the norm, the futumre which man himself makes.

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Si: A material repetition of **km** the past will necessarily be nonsense for the men of today... Every dogma stands open to the future; it is a close-up of a movement which is continuing and within which it functions.

Si: Should the church coalesce with the world, losing itself in an intensified effort for the benefit of humanity?... Or can the Church only exercise a prophetic function in the world by maintaining her own way of life as a community of faith?

10 So: The Christian world of today is split between menwho concentrate too exclusively on doctrine and doctrinal issues, and others whmo

- p108 react by opting for action... I think we would get much further if in place of doctrine we would emphasize the message -- the Good News.
- So: The whole of Christology has been in an impasse for centuries pl26 now... Have we introduced a presupposition somewhere which makes the struggle impassible insoluble? The insolubility is not -as I formerly thought -- inherent to the mystery, but rather part of our formulation of the mystery.

So: Churke Life: The problem, it seems to me, is that many structures pl33 and relationships, which one can only call medieval or feudal, continue to operate under the guise of pastoral ministry... What is really painful though is that what one callus 'Rome' seems to have learned so little thus far.

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RM: The question whether we really live cjristianity or only speak cleverly about it, seems to me to be reall7 the ultimate question.

One of the greatest embarrassments of the believer and the Chruch today is.. how to give an answer to the world when this 'world' no longer seems to have any questions about the church and the faith she offers.

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The church's kerygma must emphasize more strongly the apologia ad intra. Preaching should not try to reserve the difficulties of faith to those that stand afar

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In the coming decades, genuinely unchristian heresies will **EXIMP** spliting up in the Church, whose adjectents do not want to leave the church, and yet against which the Church must have the courage to pronounce a completely old-fashioned and unambiguous 'No'.

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