

Replies to R. P. Calvez' Three Questions (May 21, 1975).

1. Preliminary hints on the necessary preconditions for effective work by Jesuits in the context of the emerging cultures.

I should say that the necessary preconditions lie in an understanding of human historical process, of its unfolding at the present time, of the strategy to be adopted by men of faith in dealing with it, and of the multiform tactics to be deployed in adjusting to the diversity of cultures and classes.

Fas est et ab hoste doceri. Liberalism has been a dominant influence in the West. Marxism is a dominant influence in vast areas and steadily encroaching on the rest of this planet. Both are attempts to exploit the dynamics of history. Unless apostles of the faith learn to operate effectively on the modern terrain and with modern weapons, the most they legitimately may hope for is the diaspora predicted by Karl Rahner.

2. Reactions to the Seven Reports (CPCG RI #4 A-H).

I find that the reports justify the transposition of the issue from a doctrine, atheism, to a state of mind and heart, unbelief. In the modern world operating on the doctrinal level is like pouring water on the desert sands: results are doubtful, at best meagre. On the other hand, professionals and amateurs everywhere are endeavoring to mold minds and hearts. But success, and especially enduring success, in the midst of such intense competition is a matter of applying one's resources at the strategically and tactically significant points.

3. A Few Names of Canadian Jesuits of Notable Awareness and Sensitivity.

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