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the Som (Heb 1, 1.2). His communication is twofold: it is by linguistic meaning and by incarnate meaning. By linguistic meaning hef rebuked sinners, announced redemption, provided for the forgiveness of sin, established the bond of the eucharist, promised the gift of the Spirit, and set before men the destiny of eternal life. But such linguistic meaning was endlessly reinforced by the incarnate meaning to be contemplated in the life, in the ministry, and in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ.

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Communication is immediate or mediated, and mediated communication is spontaneous or institutionalized. Christ's communication was immediate to those with whom he lived, to whom he spoke, who witnessed his manner and his deeds, to whom he revealed himself after his resurrection. To all others his communication is mediated. It is mediated spontaneously by all Christians that by their words and by the example of their lives hand on to others what is theirs in Christ Jesus. All have the role of being personal mediators between Christ and those with whom they live. All have the duty of loving their meighbor, even the least of these my little ones, as they love Christ himself. But besides this spontaneous mediation, which is the living substance of Christianity, there also is an institutionalized mediation. Spontaneous by the least of these my little ones and again Whoever mediation is represented, by the child in the verse, receives this child in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me receives the one that sent But institutionalized or task. ediction is connected with the fulfilment of an office address to the seventy-two-disciples in

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receives me, receives the one that sent me" (Lk 9, 48). But institutionalized mediation is connected with the performance of a task or office. So Jesus is said to have told the seventy-two disciples: "Whoever listens to you, listens to me; whoever rejects you, rejects me. And whoever rejects me, rejects the one who first Easter Sunday sent me" (Lk 10, 16). Again, when late on the taster Jesus appeared to his disciples, he said according to John: "As the Father sent me, I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive any man's sins, they stand forgiven; if you pronounce them unforgiven, unforgiven they remain" (Jo 20,22 f.).

Institutionalized personal mediation gradually developed in the Church. Let us sketch various components in the process under successive headings, namely, (1) the Twelve, (2) the Seventy-two, (3) the Seven, (4) apostles not of the twelve, (5) their helpers and deputies, (6) bis hops and deacons, and (7) presbyters. First, then, there were the twelve, chosen by our Lord himself (Mk 3, 13-19; Lk 6, 12-16; Jo 6, 70 \ddagger) to be his companions, sent by him to preach the kingdom, to heal the sick, to cure lepers, and cast out devils (Mt 10, 7 f.; Lk 9, 1.2; Mk 3, 14 f.) and, after the resurrection, given the mission to preach Christ to the ends of the earth (Mt 28, 18-20; Mk 16, 15-18); Lk 24, 45-49; Act 1, 8). After our Lord's ascension they assembled in prayerful preparation for the coming gift of the Spirit and, during this time, chose Matthias to take the place of Judias, so that there should still be twelve who had been with Jesus from the days of the Baptist and had witnessed his resurrection (Act 1, 21 ff.). After the coming of the Spirit, there occurred the gift of tongues and there followed three thousand converts (Act 2, 8; 2, 41). After the cure of the cripple (Act 3, 1-26), the number was met Act raised to five thousand. Then, printer beran

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raised to five thousand (Act 4, 4). Their unity of heart and soulwent so far that they sold their fields and houses and placed the proceeds at the feet of the apostles (Act 4, 32 ff.), while the apostles themselves, and especially Peter, maintained their prestige by the performance of miracle on miracle (Act 5, 12-16). But the public authorities grew uneasy; they interrogated Feter and John and then dismissed them with an order to cease preachging (Act 4, 5-22). When they did not obey, they arrested the apostles, them once more, had them scourged, and repeated the order; but the apostles countinued to teach both in the temple and in private homesx (Act 5, 17-42).

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The next event in Acts is the election of the Seven. But first should be mentioned the Seventy-two that our Lord sle selected and sent two by two to all the towns and places (Lk 10, 1). that he was to visit, They were to preach the kingdom and to cure the sick (Lk 10, 9.10); they cast out devils in the name of the Lord (Lk 10, 17), and were immune to the powers of evil (Lk 10, 19). Of the seventy-two there is no further record in the New Testament, so their mission seems to have been not an office but just a task.

The occasion for the election of them seven Seven was the complaint of the Greek converts against the Hebrew converts that their widows were not treated fairly. The apostles felt that their task was not to serve table but to pray and preach, so seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom, were chosen, presented to the apostles, and received imposition the laying on of hands. Five of the seven are not mentioned again, but the rest of chapter six and all of seven

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are devoted to Stephen's sanctity, wonder-working, and exposition of the faith, and martyrdom. Chapter eight mentions the general persecution that ensued and the dispersion of the Christians throughout Judaea and Samaria (Act 8, 1-3), but goe goes on to tell of 2 another of the seven, Philip, that went to a town of Samaria, converted and baptized now is the time to a town of Samaria, exprcized devils, cured paralytics and cripples, won over the people from Sigon the magus, taught them about the Kingdom and baptized them, and had Peter and John come from Jerusalem to confer on them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Later the same Philip expounded Isaias on the Suffering a Servant to an Ethiopian eunuch, baptized him, and nammanhinadminonGaasaamaa then pre-ached the gospel in the towns from Azotus to Caesareax (Act 8, 26-40). Years later. he was visited there by St Paul now is the time for all when he had four virgin daughters that prophecied, he was visited there by St. Paul (Act 21, 8).

Commonly in Luke and once in Matthew the Twelve are named the apostles or the apostles. But there is at least one, not of the twelve, that also was an apostle now is the time named apostles or the apostles. But the office of apostle was not restricted to the twelve, and of this the most notable example was St. Faul. Writing to the Galatians, he styled himself an ".. an apostle, not by human appointment or human commission, but by commission from Jeaus Christ and God the Father...." (Gal 1, 1). Writing to the **Eudentione** Corinthians, he exclaimed: ".. Am I not an apostle? Have I not seem the Lord? If others do not accept me as an apostle, you at least are bound to do so, for you are yourselves the very seal of my apostolate, in the Lord" (1 Cor 9, 1.2). Speaking before King Agrippa in

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Caesarea, according to Acts (26, 15-18), he recounted the words the Lord pronounced to him on the way to Damascus: "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But now, rise to your feet and stand upright. I have appeared to you for a purpose: to appoint you my servant and witness, to testify both to what you shall yet have seen and what you will see of me. I will rescue you from this people and from the Gentiles to whom I am sending you. I send you to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, from the dominion of Satan to God, so that, by trust in me, they may obtain forgiveness of sins, and a place with those whom God has made his own." Hemmannhaldmannanthalana

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Besides immediate knowledge of the risen Christ and appointment by him to a mission, Paul noted other marks of the genuine apostle, virtue, power, and authority. So he wrote the rebellious Corinthians: "The marks of a true apostle were there, in the work which I did among you, which called for much constant fortitude, and was attended by signs, marvels, and miracles" (2 Cor 12, 12). Similarly, to the Romans: "I will venture to speak of those things alone in which I have been Christ's instrument to bring the Gentiles to into his allegiance, by word and deed, by the force of miraculous signs and by the pw power of the Holy Spirit" (Rom 15, 18 f.). Finally, his conviction of his own authority was manifest in his rebudke to inspired troublemakers at Corinth: "Did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the ol only people to whom it came? If anyone claims to be inspired or a prophet, let him recognize that what I write has the Lord's authority. If he does not recognize this, he himself should not be recognized" (1 Cor 14, 36-38).

Paul's miraclest in Acts: Paphos (13, 11), Lycaonia (14, 10), Philippi (16, 18), Ephesus (19, 11 f.), Troas (20, 7 ff.), at sea (27, 21), at Malta (28, 3.8).

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Besides the apostles not of the twelve, there were their the earlier helpers and deputies. Besides Barnabas and Silvanus, the little known Erastus (Act 20, 4) and Epsphroditus (Phil 2, 25-30), and many others (Act 20, 4; there were the mainsed younger, constant, and beloved Timothy and Titus. Of Timothy the Romans learn that he is Paul's companion in labor (Rom 16, 21); the Corinthians are told that he does the work of the Lord as does Paul himself (1 Cor 16, 10). His name appears in the inscriptions of them the the second letter to the Corinthians, in the letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon, and in the first and second letters to the Thessalonians. He was sent by Paul on various missions: from Ephesus to Macedonia (Act 19, 22), to Corinth (1 Cor 4, 17), from Athens to Thessaloika (1 Th 3, 2); Paul once hoped to the author of send him to Philippi; and in the first of the pastorals instructed him on the appointment of bishops and deacons

(1 Tim 3, 1-13) and later on the treatment to be accorded to pendeman presbyters (1 Tim 5, 17-22).

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Dur9ing Vatican II in Rome I had dinner one might with a former student at the Gregorian, Mike Novak, and explained to long-delayed him that, in my opinion, what was going on was a transition from classificiat to modern culture. Apparently I got across the point that modern culture was historically minded, but in his book

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In certain fundamental respects the Jesuit today is not to differ from the Jesuits of four hundred years ago. If he is to be authentically human, he must be a man of God and so a man of prayer, a man of self-denial, and a man of work. If he is to be sent, so to communicate Christ that to reject him will be to reject Christ, then he must put on Christ; and he must repent his every short-coming that has turned people away from Christ.

It remains that the tasks of today are very different from the tasks of four hundred years ago and, indeed, there is no little obscurity about what the tasks of today really are.

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The principal function of priests, bishops, popes is to lead and teach the people of God in such a manner that to accept them is to accept Christ and to reject them is to reject Christ. The principal function of the Society of Jesus, in its original conception, was to mest crises. There exists a crisis of the first magnitude today. For all leadership and all teaching occurs within social structures and through cultural channels. In the measure that one insists on leading and teaching within structures that no longer function is and through these channels that no longer exist, leadership and teaching cease to exist. The sheep are without shepherds; they are discrientated, bewildered, lost. Indeed, what is true of the sheep, can be true of the shepherds as well; they too can be discrientated, bewildered, lost.

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The first and fundamental tasks today are, first, to understand the changes that have taken place and, secondly, to determine what has to be done about them. I shall list three to basic changes, modernity, to secularism, and to technocracy, and comment briefly on each.

By modernity I mean the fruit of **smpinimum** modern languages and literatures as opposed to the Renaissance ideal of speaking latin, writing Greek, and reading Hebrew, empirical science as opposed Aristotle's <u>Posterior Analytics</u>, the new conceptions of philology, hermeneutics, and history introduced Friedrich Wolf, <u>August Bookks</u>, Friedrich Scheiermacher, August **posts** Boeckh, and leopold von Rauke in the early nineteenth century, the transcendental turn in philosophy, cultural pluralism as partly and partly imposed opposed to a fictitious uniformity, and on-going change and feed-back as opposed to fimms a partly fictightious and partly

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These comparisons, recalling great moments in the Christian past, reveal the momentousness of our own times and of the changes going forward. They direct attention to the level of thought necessary for an understanding and proper appreciation of contemporary issues, for such understanding and appreciation calls for nothing less that than a knowledge of different cultures, an analysis of **lifter** their differences, and a grasp of anthropological invariants. Finally, they bring to light the nature of revelation: for revelation is the divine entering into human culture and transforming it through linguistic and incarnate meaning.

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Not a little is said about the Catholic ghetto, but not all of it, in my opinion, is exact or discriminating. Catholic In the past thousand years the Shristian world became feudal structures. deeply involved in Roman law, Aristotelian philosophy, Remaissance art and literature, monarchical governments. ceople that exist to did so because the word of God is addressed to the people both that exist in the language they unierstand It did so because the word of God is addressed by people that exist to other people that exist within existing social structures and through existing cultural channels. Now what constitutes the ghetto is not what was done in the past but its undue survival into the present. What constitutes the ghetto is the survival of classicist uniformity in a pluralist age, for that means that now we preach to the people hat no longer exist in a menner that no longer is understood.

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On the analysis presented in <u>Insight</u> (chapters 7, 18, and 20) what is going forward at any time is a compound of progress, decline, and redemption. Progress results from human authenticity, from attentiveness, intelligence, reasonableness, and responsibility. Decline results from thuman it unauthenticity, from inattention, misunderstanding, stupidity; unreasonableness, and or irresponsibility. Redemption, finally, issue is the fruit of self-sacrificing love that prefers to suffer the absurdities of decline rather than allow them to become self-perpetuating premissies or principles of ever further absurdities.

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Contemporary progress in the Church and in the Society of Jesus consists in a belated transition from classicist to modern culture, from the <u>semper idem</u> of Cardinal Ottaviani to modern languages, modern literatiures, modern mathematics, empirical science, historical minded mess, existential subjectivity. cultural. This transition basically is entities. It involves a re-thinking of # theology, philosophy, education, human relations. It will produce differences comparable to those that resulted from the movement from Christian origins in Palestine to Christian achievement in the Greco-Roman world, or from that to medieval achievement, or from that to the church of the Remaissance and the Counter-Reformation.

dangers. Not everyone knows the past, its strong points and its weaknesses, what changes are to be pressed, which ones are to be avoided. Not everyone is aware of the need for such knowledge. If one understands why things are as they are

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The Jesuit today must resemble the Jesuits of four hundred and therefore years ago by being authentically human, men of God, men of prayer, and men of work. men of self-denial, Their motto still will be, <u>Ad maiorem Dei</u> <u>gloriam</u>, where one understands with St. Thomas that man is and God's glory, that God wills his glory not for his own sake but For for ours (<u>Sum. theol</u>., II-II, q. 132, a. 1 ad lm.). For the however, rest, in their education and training, in the proximate goals at for which they labor, in the collaborators they see k, in the methods and techniques they employ, the differences will be startling.

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Their culture was classical and as I have written elsewhere ".. sh classical culture has passed away. By and large, its canons of art, its literary forms, its rules of correct speench, its norms of interpretation, its ways of thought, its manner in philosophy, its notion of science, its concept of law, its moral standards, its method of education, are no longer accepted. What breathed life and form into the civilization of Greece and Rome, what was born again in a European Remaissance, what provided the chrysalis whence issued modern languages and literatures, modern mathematics and science, modern philosophy and history, held its own right into the twentieth century; but today, nearly everywhere, it is dead and almost forgotten" (Collection, p. 258 f.).

In their day society was religious, Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist. But Prof. Marty has argued secularized that between 1840 and 1870 Western society became socularist in one of three styles: in the style of continental Europe that considered religion evil and was determined to extirpate it; in the British style that came to the conclusion that religion

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Their economy was of farmers and craftsmen, of merchants and bankers, of slow transportation and communications, of little luxury and mush hardship. Ours is marked by industrialization industrialization, urbanization, automation, a population explosion, rapid travel, instant communication, perpetually available entertainment, and widespread a ffluence. Its tendency is to technocracy, to the rule of technique. The techniques are the most efficient ways of making it, selling it, saying it, doing it. They are worked out by the teams that gather the information, construct the models, forecast consequences, and conclude to the optimum procedure. The role of old-style decision-makers, managers, politicians, presidents is reduced to accepting the most efficient way of doing it or alternatively Finally, the getting along without any policy at all. The lives of individuals have to fit into the slots of work and leisure determined by the on-going technocratic process. See Jacques Ellul, The Technological Society, New York (Knopf) 1964, "1967.

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Their economy was of farmers and craftsmen, of merchants and bankers. Ours is marked by industrialism, urbanization, automation, and a population explosion. Its tendency is to technocacry, to the rule of technique, where the techniques are settled by the teams that gather the information, construct the models, forecast consequences, and work out the best way of making it, selling it, doing it, where the role of old-style decision-makers, managers, politicians, presidents is reduced to accepting the technically most efficient way or being left with the alternative of deciding on nothing at all,

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A third element in modernity is philosophic. And an When a transformed theology was added to a new notion of science and to new types of human studies, Scholasticism quietly collapsed. There i has not yet been developed an adda adequate and generally accepted replacement. Until there is, we can expect a theological pluralism much more radical than the old-style diversity of Thomists, Scotists, Suarezians, and so one. Such pluralism is the first item on the agenda of the recently formed International Theological Commission.

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Besides modernity, there is secularism. The term is employed in a variety of meanings. I shall follow Martin Marty who wrote on the M Modern Schism, which he placed in the years ifrom 1840 to 1870, described as a breaking up of socio-cultural groups into opposed camps, and distinguished three types of opposition. In continental Europe, religion was pronounced an evil thing, and the secularist aim was to extirpate it. In Great Britain, by secularists religion was regarded as a private affair of no importance. In the United States, religious leaders tended to bring religion into harmony with the spirit of the times.

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A third feature of contemporary society is a built-in ignoring of human nature. What man today knows, what he can do, is the fruit of millenia i of development now is thetime do, is the gradually accumulated resultant of millenia of development. To remedy defects, to bring about improvements, is the contribution each successive generation has to make to human progress. **Hen suppa semimation int** now is the time for all human progress. But remedying defects and making improvements presupposes substantive tradition now is the time for all good presupposes the acceptance of the substance of tradition,. To suppose that that acceptance can have any basis except belief and obedience is sheer idiocy.

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mere means, the less it man attends to values, then the greater the alienation it produces. It is regarded as just the establishment, and it is hated.

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If I am correct in assuming that the Jesuits of the twentieth century, like those of the sixteenth, exist to meet crises, then they have to accept modernity and to work Out strategies for dealing with the unbelief of secularists and the technocracy of a society that agrees only about efficiency. How such strategies are to be worked out is, of course, an enormous question. But I must be content to offer no more than the briefest suggestions. First, any such strategy is not a conclusion from premisses but a creative project that i understands a situation and grasps what can be done about it. Secondly, it is not some simple project set forth once and for all but, on the contrary, it is an on going, continuously reviewed project new is the time on-going were project continuously revised in the light of the feed-back from its implementation. Thirdly, it is not some single, on-going project but a set of them, constantly reported to some central clearing-house that has the function of informing all inquirers on what has been tried and what have been the results so that blind experimentation is eliginated.

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A third feature of mar contemporary society is its self-destructivness. There is a rationalist individualism that rejects tradition as something unworthy of a human being. Not merely adults but students even school-children are to keerpt accept what they & see to be true and they are to ask for pro ofs when offered what does not appear true to them. But, apart from such subjects as mathematics with no content of most eveb empirical fact, winety-sight empresatiof what we genius knows is not immanently generated knowledge but depends on beliefs. depends upon belief, To fancy that the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of the past can be transmitted to the rising generation bgamen when belief is excluded, appea in my opinion is nonsense. On the other hand, not to transmit the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of the past is to restore aprimitve happened incapable a primitive barbarism quite when anompoble of meeting the elementary needs of the earth's present population.

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Besides the natural sciences, there are the human sciences. Among their practitioners there is, if not a majority, a very solid core that insist that the human sciences proceed hymman in accord with the methods of the natural sciences. The resultant apprehension of man, if not mechanistic, is theriomorphic. Now this view of man as a machine or as an animal is not confined to some rarefied academic realm. It is applied. Its application removes the foundations of human morality, but it guides the advertisers that keep the sales charts mounting, and the voters that discover the and activists man they most admire, the political strategists that we want their views to prevail.

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Such a transition is not without its difficulties and its dangers. There are not too many that understand what classicist culture was and what it implied, what were its strong points and what its weaknesses, what should be retained and what must be dropped. There very easily can be very many that fancy that what they fail to understand is just meaningless, but **weakness** such lack of understanding is a principle only of bad judgement and misguided action.

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