

FROM CHRISTENDOM TO APOSTOLIC MISSION

Session Seven

Chapter Five: The Key Task: Conversion of the Mind to a New Way of Seeing, Part II

The key task before us is to renew our minds (cf. Romans 12:2) so that we see with a Christian imaginative vision. This portion of the chapter addresses the vision which is currently prevalent in our culture.

Questions for Understanding

- At the hands of Enlightenment thinkers, Jewish and Catholic visions of heavenly perfection were transformed into what? How do you see that in the world around you? How does it affect our ministries (p. 76)
- What precarious position have the unfilled promises of Progressivism created in us? (p. 79)
- When we marginalize God, what is an unfortunate by-product? How do you see evidence of this theory in yourself or others? (p. 82)
- How has the Catholic Imaginative Vision of freedom become different in our current Imaginative Vision? (p. 85 - 86)

Questions for Discussion & Action

- What are some ways in which you and/or your institution as unknowingly adopted the prevailing modern way of seeing?
- How can you help others understand that they might be holding to the modern way of seeing instead of the Christian one?

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Conclusion: Readiness to Embrace the Times We are Given

Despite its influence, the prevailing vision is unsatisfying, precisely because it is inaccurate. We must have confidence in the Holy Spirit and His power to help ourselves and those around us embrace the true, Christian vision of reality.

Questions for Understanding

- Can you think of saints who lived in times of consumption and distraction but still heard the call of the Gospel and woke to a new vision of life?

Questions for Discussion & Action

- What concrete actions will you take to help those in your parish/school/family discern the movement of the Spirit in our time?
- How might you help them to engage in Bishop DeGrood's vision with joy, excitement and a sense of adventure?