



Deep in History Conference Study Guide

Conference: 2003 Deep in History Conference

Speaker: Rev. Benedict Groeschel

Title: Authentic vs. Inauthentic Renewal

Length: 1 hour 14 mins

Study Questions:

Discuss Fr. Groeschel's definition of "devotion" to Jesus Christ. How does this compliment and/or differ from your understanding of Catholic devotion?

What point does Fr. Groeschel make about Orthodox and other ancient, Christian churches, such as Coptic or Armenian?

How did the Black Death in 1350 effect the Catholic Church?

How did William of Ockham's theory of arbitrariness effect the Reformation?

Why is Calvinism theologically closer to Catholicism than Lutheranism?

What point does Fr. Groeschel make about celibacy in the Middle Ages?

Who were some of the female reformers in the Middle Ages and how did these women go about reforming from within the Catholic Church? What quality united all reformers, Protestant and Catholic?

Why does Fr. Groeschel believe the Catholic Church today is in desperate need of renewal? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

Vocabulary

Catholic Charismatic Movement (Charismatic Renewal): A movement within the Catholic Church, in which worship is characterized by vibrant Masses, as well as prayer meetings featuring prophecy, healing and "praying in tongues." This movement is based on the belief that certain gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as the abilities to pray in tongues and to heal (which Christians generally believe existed in the early Church as described in the Bible) should still be practiced today.

Reform: To give new or better form to an existing reality while preserving its essentials.

Protestant Holiness Movement: A set of beliefs and

What needs to be done to effectively - authentically - reform our Catholic Church today, according to Fr. Groeschel?

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practices emerging from the Methodist Christian church in the mid 19th century, which is distinguished by its emphasis on John Wesley's doctrine of "Christian perfection" - the belief that it is possible to live free of voluntary sin.

Madam Adorno: Referring to St. Catherine of Genoa, Italian mystic and author, who died in 1510.

Evangelical: Of, relating to, or being in agreement with the Christian gospel especially as it is presented in the four Gospels.