

Selected quotations:

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of Christianity*

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No single religious experience, no single understanding and expression of faith in the course of history can exhaust the fullness of God’s mystery. (14)

“Jung compared the human lifetime to the course of a day ... The morning of life is youth & early adulthood ... Then comes the noonday crisis ... a time of fatigue; of sleepiness also a chance to address a part of our being that we have ... neglected But the afternoon of life—mature age & old age—has a different & more important task than the morning of life—a spiritual journey, a descent into the depths. The afternoon of life is a *kairos* ... a time to complete the lifelong process of maturing.” (31)

“To answer the question of whether or not they believe in “God, many people today feel the need to add a “but”; I also answer that question by saying, “I do—but perhaps not in the God you have in mind.” (7)

The crisis of contemporary Christianity is not just about Church structures but about faith itself...The Church & its theology have a hermeneutical mission: it is charged with the task of reinterpreting the message entrusted to it so that its meaning is not distorted by the changing cultural & social context.(68)

“If we are seeking some measure of the authenticity of faith, let us not look for it in what people profess in words but in the degree to which faith has penetrated and changed their existence, their hearts. Let us look for it in the way they understand themselves, in their lived relationship with the world, with nature and people, with life and death. Belief in the creator is not affirmed by what one thinks about the origin of the world but by how one treats nature; belief in a common Father is affirmed by accepting other people as brothers and sisters; belief in eternal life is affirmed by how one accepts one’s own finiteness.” (15)

I believe in a God who is the depth of all reality, of all creation, who encompasses it and at the same time infinitely transcends it ... (16)