

COMMENTS ON THE FINAL DRAFTS FROM DURHAM

The Co-Chairmen invited members to submit comments on the Final Drafts to the Secretaries. Before leaving Durham the following were submitted:

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGEARCIC-II 30/1 (84) Introduction

p.3. para. 6 "modern man's search" or "the modern search"

p.2. para. 4 "view of man" - "of humanity/humankind" or recast sentence to use word "anthropology".

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p.1. para. 1 "his life"- "the divine life"

para. 3 "God in man"

"fallen man"- "fallen humanity"

ARCIC-II 30/1 (84)Two Notes on Paragraph 6

Note 1 Is there a logical flow? "...the questions of justification and grace.... raise issues....of modern man's search for meaning and happiness." Is 'raise' the right verb - this suggests cause. It could be convincingly argued that the issues the questions of justification and grace raise are the permanent ones of sin and forgiveness. The questions may "touch", "evolve" or "are associated with". The sentence could read: "However we believe that the questions of justification and grace, when studied seriously, are considered in a wider context that their original and immediate concerns raise issues of contemporary relevance and/or importance".

Note 2 "...human need for some kind of validation...." This attempt to identify and describe the inner aspirations of our contemporaries may be doubtful and is debateable. This comment is related to use of words "justify one's existence" - is this phrse in common use - or was it once? Justify may mean to demonstrate an action to be good or to demonstrate the need for the existence of an action or institution. The first meaning has a moral connotation which is absent from the second. The difference in the meaning is in kind - not simply in degree. The use of the one English word for both concepts may be fortuitous.

Perhaps add to 30/2 (84) p.2. para 5: The Church always lives in a tension between the holiness of the one body of Christ indwelt by the Spirit and the sin and failure in individual members or groups.

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Memo on Faith

This account seems to exclude the possibility of the dead faith of which James speaks. He uses the same word of a faith without works. This is not a point of substance but it might be questioned.

B.S.

No doubt this note will stimulate other members to put their reflections on paper for the Sub-Commission via the Secretaries.

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