

Argument of the Symposium

Teilhard today – What response to globalization?

In the present time of crisis and cultural metamorphosis, we experience painfully at times the complex entanglement of the world. People's 'socialization', that Teilhard called the 'socialization of compression', is unavoidable. Given this situation, our personal responsibility is involved: each one of our actions, however personal, helps humanity grow or contributes to its downfall. If man really is the "arrow of evolution", he can –and he must- work to help individual and collective conscience emerge.

This is where Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin comes in, he whose thinking still deserves to be studied, fathomed, spread, more than fifty years after he died. In his vision, so original today still, there is no conflict between man and God: man has the opportunity to fully flourish on Earth and to welcome deep inside himself his relation with God.

Thus, Teilhard's thought reveals itself increasingly relevant in the debate which aims to draw a new way of living together, leading to an upward convergence.

How can we proceed with a renewed evangelization, following the footsteps of Father Teilhard de Chardin, in a language that reflects the concerns of our time, and that can be received by today's men and women?

The programme of November 9th and 10th, with the variety of its speakers, will enable us to study some aspects of these key issues, in the prestigious Gregorian Pontifical University. It will seek to highlight the influence of Father Teilhard de Chardin's intuitions, through the action of Father Henri de Lubac particularly, on the conclusions of the Council Vatican II'.