

THEOLOGY OF HOPE

Men. Jurgen Moltmann (Reformed). Wolfhart Pannenberg (Lutheran).
Johannes Metz (RC). In US, 2 Lutherans, Carl Braaten, Robert
Jenson.

Characteristics. Activistic ethic. Futuristic theol. World theol.

Background. Astounding strides of science. Economic recovery of Europe.
Failure of Bultmann to speak to modern man. Shift from
individual to societal emphasis. So in church also.

Ernst Bloch. Philosophical basis. "Ontology of being-that-is-not-yet."
=Life finds its fundamental meaning in the future. Don't project
lessons of past into future, but reverse projection of future into
present is what is needed. All questions of man are answerable
in and by the future. Xn says so too but based on faith. In theod
of hope, hope is the sole basis. X1007 p6

Jurgen Moltmann. Crossed paths with Bloch at Tubingen in 60;s. Made
eschatology key to understanding all theology. Yahweh is God of nomadic
tribes of Is going thru Sinai, leading people into the future. Exodus-
Sinai exp is pattern for all of God's leading. Res of X impt not as
hist. event but as beg of general res. Whether it was historical is not
a ques for his system. From vantage point of future res of X can be
legitimatized. Incarnation is not God's assuming one particular
human nature but God participation, sharing, in rejection, suffering, humiliatn.
Optimistic humanism.

Ch must confront soc directly, not thru medium of converted individual.
Ch is free and exerts that freedom thru putting self on side of oppressed
in world. Similar to Marx, but tries to disassociate self from Marx.
^{salvation}
~~Society~~ is movement toward economic equalization. May need to use violence.
Jesus can be called God bcd He embodies the future. Economic trinity, not
ontological. Never comes out for existence of God tho speaks of Trinity.
"The story of God then is the story of the history of man."

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Isa 61:1 poor ¹³ ₁₇ ahnav. humble⁵; lowly², meek, 13; poor, 1 (Job 24:4).
Isa 11:4; 29:19; 32:7 commonly with added notion of lowly, pious, modest
mind which prefers to bear injuries ~~th~~ rather than return them. Jn Bapt learned
that release to captives was spiritual, not physical, Lk 7:19.
Bonino, p. 32 for def of knowledge of God. p. 95 against individual sin. p. 122
for revolution.