

Response to Father's Novel Contest, "Jesus Christ and the Agony of the Cross: God's Will or Man's Failure?"

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Dear Sir,

While visiting a friend, I was shown your advertisement in Le Monde, of February 11, 1972, concerning the contest organized by the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, requesting published writers wanting to participate in the contest to treat the subject: "Jesus Christ and the Agony of the Cross: God's Will or Man's Failure?"

I have a bookstore and am a writer, and by happy circumstance, I was just in the process of preparing an essay-novel" on the same subject, with the aid and light of a Jesuit Father: Mr. Abbey Georges Roger, Pastor of Aubrives.

I am 36 years old, so I am relatively young, and since my childhood, I have had a particularly painful life. In order to overcome the difficulties, I was obliged to ask myself many questions about life, good, evil, and it is "in" Christ that I found the meaning of life. By nature, I am very optimistic, nevertheless, I had to very often draw my strength "in" Christ.

Then I felt the need to communicate to others the result of my reflections and of my experiences, in all modesty, because I do not pretend to be a great thinker. But I have the certainty that I bring some certain spontaneity when I write since I respond to your call. A Christian can only be a Christian if he is a rugged defender of ecumenism.

In reading your advertisement, I was overjoyed to learn of the existence of your Association and its goal: Your contest is equally a good initiative which will only do good for "World 'Christianity" and I also make yourself known in a short time.

Waiting to receive your information packet and documents for writing,

Sincerely,

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