

testant South Africa should not be excluded.

Spectator

4.4 The financial aspect

Large sums of money are necessary for the purchase of original texts, for bursaries toward further study in South Africa and abroad and to be able to appoint full-time researchers.

However, the money required is not much when compared to the astronomic sums made available to often less important matters. We must have our priorities in the right order!

It is high time that we should prove that we are still children of the Reformation by, for a change, thinking and acting on a grand scale.

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**LEND WINGS TO CALVINISM!
CHE INTERNATIONAL ACTION**

There is growing realisation at the PU for CHE that it not only has a duty internally (towards its students and lecturers) or nationally, but that it also has a mission on the international level. This growing consciousness of a worldwide dedication to service has gained substance especially since the First International Conference of Institutions for Christian Higher Education (September, 1975, at Potchefstroom).

New stimulus was recently received at the Second International Conference at Calvin College, Grand Rapids in the USA. On this occasion sincere appreciation was expressed for the large financial contribution made by the PU towards the international action during the immediate past.

Great appreciation was expressed particularly for the unifying and direction-giving publications of the International Clearing House. In spite of political pressure from certain groups it was unanimously decided at the conference to request the PU to finance and administer the Clearing House for a further three to four years. (The Clearing House forms part of the activities of the – to you well-known – Institute for the Advancement of Calvinism.)

The PU for CHE perceives in this a very special opportunity to serve internationally in the sphere of Christian Higher Education, and – even though this is not the main purpose – also to present our own university and country to the outside world. Here we have the opportunity to lend wings to Calvinism emanating from Potchefstroom and South Africa, thus spreading it far beyond our country's borders.

The Council of the Potchefstroom University gave permission at a recent meeting to the IAC to collect money for a new fund

Introduction

The primary aim of this thesis is to identify the threat or threats confronting man.

In the second place it is necessary to define more closely what is meant by man in this context. Of course, in the sense of humanity, there is only one "man". However, for the purpose of the present task, it will decidedly have to be defined more accurately in terms of space and time. Consequently the analysis is mainly concerned with humanity in the second half of the twentieth century. Even with this limitation, it remains necessary to gradually add additional and relevant qualifications. Naturally this focus cannot be maintained in terms of watertight isolation. After all, it can be expected that the threats will not represent non-historical powers or phenomena without any past. Consequently, the threats peculiar to earlier eras cannot be placed beyond the scope of this discussion.

Primeval threat and the primeval hostile aggressor

The point of departure for this lecture is the thesis that threatened man is not only modern twentieth century man. Threatened man is a universal, phenomenon of all times. The threat became a reality the moment man fell prey to Satan's deception, couched as a promise that man would become as God. Powerless man would be empowered to do the impossible, viz. that which only the Almighty can. For that very reason he was subjected to the curse called over him and over creation. Following this, "the

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