

## CHRISTOMATRIC: DOCTRINE AND DIALOGUE IN PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN AN AGE OF SPIRITUALITIES

In the contemporary fields of interreligious dialogue and mission, the question of proclamation of Jesus Christ is no longer about evangelization and/or new-evangelization. Rather, it seems to revolve around: how do we proclaim the equality of other religions with and in Christianity?

Thinkers like David Strauss or John Hick have facilitated this transition by trying to perforate the concept of Christian uniqueness or highlight doubts over its supposed authentic greatness.

The doctrinal and the dialogic systems have been the vessels of proclamation in Christianity. However, an impression of incompatibility and incongruity seems already established among both.

This paper critically addresses the efforts of both systems in contending the challenges of proclamation, and their seeming divergence.

In our age of spiritualities, clarity becomes necessary in Christianity over who is proclaimed and what is proclaimed about him. Can the average Christian be faithful to the 'unique' Christ among other options? Does our missionary mandate still maintain that the Church is the ordinary means of salvation and that she alone possesses the fullness of the means of salvation (JP, *Redemptoris Missio*)?

The challenges of contextualization, authoritarianism, humanity-divinity in the doctrinal system, and those of paradox, change and unification in the dialogic system, these systems, though authentic, seem ineffective against the concerns above. Hence, Christomatic is presented as a model of concession to Jesus Christ, applied from doctrinal and dialogic systems.

