

But an erroneous path may be inevitable if it is dictated by tragic necessity inherent in the nature of things. A line of conduct involving disastrous and sometimes fatal consequences may be morally binding. This is the Christian tragedy for which there is no solution within the categories of human thought and feeling' (p. 87).

I have dwelt on the dark side of this work precisely because the author's quality and knowledge make it a very attractive book. I have fears that some Catholics may let themselves be taken in by a series of formulae which have the appearance of being sympathetic and familiar, and strike a note which sounds friendly and yet uncompromising. Professor Zander has in fact conceded too much to ecumenism; from a desire to justify what willy-nilly results in compromise, he seems to us to have let go of what is essential in Orthodox intransigence. What the Catholic position on the subject is, can be adequately gathered from the numerous citations he has made from Catholic writers. Whatever Professor Zander may think of it, we shall not cease to pray and do all in our power that the position expressed in a text of Mgr Charrière (to which he gives a sense quite different from what the author intends, pp. 112—113) may by that steadfastness which is rooted in its truth, ever become more prevalent, better known and to a further extent acknowledged by all as 'catholic', that is to say 'universal'. HENRI DE RIEDMATTEN, O.P.

THE ANGLICAN DILEMMA. By the Right Hon. Sir Henry Slesser, P.C. (Hutchinson; 12s. 6d.)

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