

# Newsociety Thinking – III

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These “Comments” having declared (395) that the Newsociety’s First Assistant lacks doctrine, and (396) that this lack of doctrine is a problem as broad as broad can be, namely the whole of modernity against the whole of Truth, it remains now to show how this universal problem manifests itself in a series of particular errors in the interview that Fr Pfluger gave in Germany towards the end of last year. For brevity we will have to make use of the summary of his thinking (not essentially unfair) given here two weeks ago. Propositions from it are in italics:–

*The Catholic Church is much broader than just the Traditional movement.*

Yes, but the Traditional movement’s **doctrine** is no more nor less broad than the Catholic Church’s doctrine, being identical with it, and that doctrine is the heart and soul of the Traditional movement.

*We will never make Tradition attractive or convincing if we remain stuck in the 1950’s or 1970’s.*

To think of making Tradition “attractive or convincing” is too human a way of conceiving it. Catholic Tradition comes from **God**, and it has a divine power to convince and attract, so long as it is presented faithfully, without human change or alteration.

*Tradition cannot be confined within the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Church condemnations of liberalism.*

True, but the Gospel could not then be defended without those **doctrinal** condemnations, and since the 21<sup>st</sup> century is more liberal than ever, Tradition cannot be maintained without them

today.

*Our time is different, we cannot stand still, much that is modern is not immoral.*

Our time is not so very different. It is more liberal than ever (e.g. homosexual "marriages"), so it may not all be immoral, but Catholic **doctrine** is absolutely needed to sift moral from immoral.

*So we must re-position ourselves, which is a practical problem and not a question of Faith.*

Any re-positioning that the Church ever does must always be judged in the light of the **Faith**. The XSPX's re-positioning since 2012 is clearly leaving behind the Archbishop's fight for the Faith.

*The "Resistance" movement has fabricated its own "faith" by which to condemn the Newsociety.*

Whatever the human failings of the "Resistance," it has, just like the Traditional movement in the 1970's, arisen spontaneously all over the world in reaction against the Newsociety's betrayal. The reaction may seem disjointed, but it is held together by the identical **Faith** held by Resistantists.

*SSPX HQ never betrayed Tradition in 2012 because its actions were attacked from both sides.*

So the Truth is always in the middle, to be measured by human reactions? That is human politics, inadequate to judge of divine **Truth**, absolutely inadequate to solve today's crisis of the Church.

*The official Newsociety texts of 2012 were not dogmatic.*

But the most official XSPX document of all in 2012 was the General Chapter's six conditions for any future "agreement" with Rome, i.e. the six gravely inadequate conditions for

submitting the defence of the **Faith** to its deadly Conciliar enemies. Is the whole **Faith** not dogmatic?

*Rome was much less aggressive in 2012 to the XSPX than it was in 2006.*

Because from 2006, and before, Rome could see the SSPX steadily turning into a paper tiger.

*The Newsociety follows the Spirit and draws on Tradition.*

The neo-protestant Charismatics “follow the Spirit.” The Indulterers “draw on Tradition.”

It should be clear by now that Fr Pfluger wants to leave behind the doctrinal anti-liberal Society of Archbishop Lefebvre, and to reshape it into a Newsociety that will harmonize with the Newchurch of Vatican II. Nor is it enough to say that no decisive step has yet been taken by the XSPX towards Rome, because unless there is a firm resistance, and soon, from within the Newsociety, its leaders are taking it, slowly but surely, into the arms of Conciliar Rome. Is that what Catholics want?

Kyrie eleison.