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Rabbi Norman Lamm  
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Dear Norman:

During the last few years I have been tormented by this disease of "ecumenicalism." It is not nice to say it, at least not in writing, but I believe Pope John XXIII is more dangerous to us than Pius XII. To some crawling Jewish "leaders" any goy who is not an Eichmann, automatically becomes a saint. You can imagine how embarrassing it was for me to listen to Mowchowitz's Mai-Yofis remarks in tribute <sup>to</sup> John XXIII when he appeared on television, Sunday, April 11th with Father Flannery whose unfriendly attitude toward Jews was pointed out by Dr. Trude Rosmarin in her review of the latter's THE ANGUISH OF THE JEWS.

It was therefore very refreshing to reread your brilliant analysis of this "dialogue" obsession. I am grateful to you for unburdening me of a heavy heart. You expressed what I have felt for so long. In fact, I couldn't resist reading aloud some of the striking paragraphs to my secretary.

It is pathetic that "in 1967--Auschwitz-plus 26--" Jewish scholars and thinkers of your caliber should have to engage at all in a discussion against this "dialogue" calamity. What will future historians think of this generation? Never was there a time in our history when the most ignorant had the chutzpah to dare to represent the Jewish religion, and in open confrontation with Christian leaders. All this in order to make headlines!

In my opinion, this is the most serious problem we are facing.

It is interesting that these same Jewish clergymen who have broken down the Mechitzah in the Synagogue venture now to a more ambitious task: the removal of the Mechitzah between the victims of Auschwitz and those most responsible for it. This thing is too important to allow it to rest upon an article by you or Rabbi Soloveitchik. I believe an international Jewish congress should be convened on this matter where our most articulate people could be heard. It should be known to the world that none of these public relations establishments reflects in any way our thinking, about this or any other problem pertaining to Jewry. In the long run, intelligent Christians will understand who is who. It's about time that we take the offensive and expose these "defense" and "Rabbinical" organizations.

Again, my heartfelt appreciation for the service you have rendered and for clearing the polluted air in which we have been enveloped.

Affectionately yours,

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