

## «Theology of liberation» ant its conception of World history

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*The article analyses historiography characteristics of liberationists' papers. «Theology of liberation» was shaped in 1970s and influenced by Marxism; its choice for the poor is caused by «social» reading of the Gospel. Theological speculations are based on «history». Historical Christ becomes a political figure and is contrasted to Western Christianity's notion. Liberationists deliberately ideologize history, declaring the principle of impartiality to be bourgeois and thus untenable.*

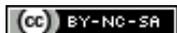
*«Theology of liberation» favorably adapted an old idea of a special role of Latin America in the world history and transformed it into distinctive «Latin American socialism», that however differs from indigenismo. Dialogue with other non-Christian religions is popular. Latin America is the only Christian group of the so-called «Third World» nations, and this fact provides its special mission of mediation between Western theological tradition and most part of the non-Christian «Third World».*

*The author demonstrates historiographic terms are critically evaluated in liberationists' language, especially those related to Spanish intrusion to Latin America after Columbus's expedition. Such notions as political regime, liberty, development are also getting new connotations. Some theologians attempt to revise M. Luther's view on the Peasants' War, they emphasize the moderate attitude of U. Zwingli. The article names various pacific measures proposed for history teaching.*

*Deep impact of liberationist ideas on historical studies is guaranteed by mutual support among the liberationists, lack of criticism of both opponents and false teachings, furthermore, there are no efforts to have any hierarchy in the movement.*

*The author contrasts «theology of liberation» and neoliberal capitalism concluding that their discussion turns*

*into the battle of ideological antagonists.*



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