

d. It next infiltrates and gains control of key committees and policy making bodies. It is keen for establishing itself in the inner centers of the denomination and getting a few liberals in key positions..particularly those that relate to other ecclesiastical bodies.

e. It proposes, quickly, the agreement with the idea of living with dissent in the community, even though that dissent is in the area of doctrine, belief, or practice. This call for toleration is only for the toleration of liberalism although it may not be given that way when it first comes to light. One will discover that militant liberalism is never very fond of being tolerant to anything that does not support it.

f. It awaits the natural attrition of the more conservative element...some will die, some will tire of the struggle and go elsewhere, some will capitulate in love to save fighting!

g. and Finally, it will limit dissent that might disrupt the newly liberalized order.

Please note that I hate to make it sound like the intrusion of modern unbelief is some great conspiracy but this is the general pattern seen again and again...and not only in this age! We will talk of some policy correctives later.

### C. MODERN ECMUMENISM

Note that I am not equating modern ecumenism with the nature of Theological liberalism...but there is a powerful inter-connexion. We will try to be reasonably positive about the whole thing however.

#### 1. Definition:

The ecumenical movement for which the term modern ecumenism is expressive in these notes, is the thrust for bringing together into a single religious entity all the Christian churches (in the broad usage of the term). It is then thought that the resultant body may be blended with other religious institutions to make something of a federated religious blanket for the world. It is a big idea with enormous ramifications.

The term "ecumenical" has a sense of "worldwideness" and the idea of the movement is to have a world wide association with rather little regard for doctrinal standards or correct expressions of truth. The organization is the big thing. It is not a matter of increased charity or lack of censoriousness, it is a matter of union based