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This book dates back to a guest lecturership at the University of Bochum (Germany) in 1982. It develops a multifaceted model of the dynamics which underlie the escalating discrepancies between economic centres and economic backwaters in the global economy. The model integrates structural factors with differences in collective consciousness. It also reflects on the relation between religious conviction and interest-induced ideology. It then proposes a theological approach that would be capable of addressing such a multi-faceted phenomenon in a holistic way. God is the power (source) but also the meaning (destiny) of reality. To find solutions, confrontations with other convictions are inescapable. This insight is spelt out in terms of modernity and traditionalism, dominance and dependence, collective interests and ideology. The book closes with a strategy of structural change.