

**“IS THERE HOPE? THE FASCINATION OF THE DISCOVERY”**

# 19. A newness beyond frameworks

“Let’s take a better look at this ‘fact’ that generates a new humanity. [...] What struck a spark in him [Azurmendi], [...] such that he became curious and wanted to discover anew what Christianity is, knocking down the wall built by his previous knowledge? What challenged his mindset, his stance? A ‘fact’ that he could not explain as a scholar and as a man, that he could not fit into the categories with which he had looked at reality until then, including Christianity. [...]

Not everything can be pigeonholed into our habitual concepts, the frameworks into which we usually slot the things that happen. [...] These ‘facts,’ we have often said, are ‘*people, or moments of people*’ that carry within them a newness, a profoundly desirable human truth, without compare, that seems impossible [...]. Those who come upon and let themselves be attracted by those facts, by those people, begin to experience the same newness in the way of living reality and are the first to discover ‘What a wonder to live like this!’”

(J. Carrón, *Is There Hope? The Fascination of the Discovery*, HAB, Tampa & Denver 2021, p. 69–71).

**Have you ever experienced an encounter “without compare, that seems impossible”?  
What effect has this encounter had on you (before any “but” and “if”)?**

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