Dear editors and reviewer/s,

First of all, I wish to thank you for your careful reading of my paper, and for the useful comments you have offered. In light of your suggestions, I have carried out a major revision of my work, and as a result of this revision I am convinced that the reworked paper is a more comprehensive and mature piece than the previous version.

Below I outline the ways in which I addressed the reviewer's recommendations:

The most significant modification was shifting the focus of the paper from a chronological-biographical examination of Gauthier's sojourn in Israel to a theological examination of his contribution to Vatican II and the later development of Latin American liberation theology. For that purpose, I added an extensive introduction (pages 1-5), as well as several mentions of Gauthier's theology as presented at the Council and in the framework of its dialogue with the Catholic word in general (pages 8, 10, 13, 20, 24, and 25).

On pages 6-7, 13, and 24 I refined the historical and sociopolitical context of Nazareth and Israel in which Gauthier lived and worked.

On pages 12 and 16 I expanded my interpretations of Gauthier's Biblical exegesis.

As suggested by the reviewer, at the end of the paper (page 24) I offer several reasons for the radical change in Gauthier's attitude toward Israel.

Finally, I have also revised the conclusion, positioning Gauthier's theology again in the broader context of his influence on Vatican II, and expanding on the way in which he influenced liberation theology. I end the paper with a clear statement regarding the paper’s contribution to the study of political theology and the discipline of interreligious studies.

I hope you will agree that these revisions improved the paper significantly. Many thanks once again for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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