The year 2017 marks the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation was a momentous era in European history, with far reaching consequences across the globe. It gave birth to the Protestant denominations, but it hardly left the Catholic Church unchanged. Some ongoing reforms gained new urgency, while others were discarded as new priorities emerged. As part of its own effort at renewal, the Catholic Church embraced new initiatives and orders, such as the Jesuits. Carlos Eire of Yale University offers insights into interpretations of direct, emotive experiences of God within the context of this 16th century schism in Christendom.