When Kolakowsky characterized the XVth. Century Reformation as a failure, he was clearly making reference to the implications of being eternally responsible a self-taught-person in religious matters. The papal bull Exsurge Domine in flames is no more than Luther demolishing ecclesiastical authority, and this forever. Scandalized by German priest’s ignorance and the state of misery of illiterate Germans in general, Luther had to rewrite authoritative books again: one catechism was not enough, but even a second one was badly needed. Kolakowsky was right. To be made eternally responsible for one soul’s blissfulness and fate is a heavy duty most people reject. Instead of reading The Book of Job by themselves valiantly, people prefer Beze’s commentaries on the particular. Luther, Calvin, Beze & Co. became the new pontifical religious authorities. A real failure.

As it had been said before, Erasmus is the symbol of common-sense theology in this iconographic corpus, but any chance for bridging The Mystery of the Crucified One is wisely denied

Humbly,

Your mean, base, useless servant,

il signore Pecorelli, tuttologo e pittore molto rumoroso.