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Thursday

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Collection

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Existence + Aggr or variants  
The Mysticism of the Church of Unknowing  
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# Religion

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Facts / some & some → ? character of universe  
programs & decisions

Questions arising (some  
most fundamental out of T.M.)

① Inquire into possibility of fruitful inquiry

intellectually satisfying answers

Why are they possible in a world of reality

it works

but could a world unless universe

has an intelligent ground

= question about God

② Reflect on reflection

seeks virtually unconditioned  
a conditioned that happens through conditions  
a contingent object

but more radically reflection seeks formally

unconditioned - what has no

conditions whatever - Absolute

= question of God - Absolute intelligence

③ Deliberate about deliberation; or out  
Is it worth while to ask whether my, folks' best  
purpose & ideals are worth while

Does moral concern first come into existence  
to man's emergence

Or has the whole process of consciousness,  
from history & experience, its source

in a moral being, a person, a lover

Devotion of God to God's glory 1 Jo 4

Negative answers Langdon Gilkey Naming the Whirlwind

contingence - negation of intelligibility & reality

relativity - negation of significance, ~~relative value~~  
fragmentation, negation of absolute  
and veridical unconditional

absoluty - no ultimate values, sufficiency  
to anything

Question in terms of transcendental wholeness

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transcultural

it can be put in as many forms as cultural  
variations & aberrations

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variations & aberrations

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despite multiplicity always the same question

Self-transcendence

Man achieves authentically in self-tr

One can live in a world, have a horizon

① sensitivity - shared in higher animals

② animals in mental - man is a universe

asks questions

unify relate classify construct analyze generalize

→ world-view

③ 99 % reflection

beyond imagination  
idea hypothesis many systems

Is it so - not what appears, what I imagine

think what seems to me what I inclined

④ preparing only cognitive

deliberation evaluation decision

moral self-transcendence

principle of beneficence & beneficence

choosing what is worth while truly good

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Trans. Action = Openly for self-transcendence  
 Acts of = falling in love → being in love  
 Has antecedents cause conditions occasion  
 Once it occurs - as long as it lasts - first principles  
 From it proceed desire for joy sorrow  
 discernment of values decisions deeds

Love of intimacy - world of immediacy & CS  
 Love of world-kind - human welfare CS Th Int  
 mediated by meaning

Love of God | whole heart  
 God's love flooding our hearts  
 willing in death or life

Question of God → in love & in God  
 ultimate  
 Basis of all fulfillment - world mediated by meaning  
 ↓  
 immediacy to transcendent

joy ~~more~~ despite humiliation failure private pain  
 betrayal decision

peace that the world can give  
 Love of neighbor - → Kingdom of God on earth

vs trivialization (fun) harshness (power) despair (absence)

Relg Experience

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Being in love to God an experienced  
= being in love in unrestricted fashion  
whole heart soul mind strength  
with limits restrictions qualify generative

of questioning, with limits - capacity  
so being in love with limit - fulfillment.

Not product of our knowledge & choice

Disinfects character horizon in which K, r, e.

sets up new horizon - transvalue values  
exp. of love transform knowing

The with product of knowing choosing

it is conscious dynamic state of love for peace

manifested in acts of kindness forgiveness fidelity

gentleness self-control Gal 5, 22

The consciousness, with known

Consciousness just experience

Knowledge = E, U, J.

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Because conscious yet not known

= experience of mystery

Because in love - with attraction but fascination  
to it one belongs but one is present

Because unmeasured love - awe. respect to self

Also - mystical positions of the mandala - 4ly

Traces - grasped by ultimate concern

Ignorance - consolation not cause - is constant, not direct  
Reborn

Ms. direct world mediated by unaware

but also more simple meaning

eventually dropping all image & concepts

W. Schubert - Mysticism of the Christ of Unknown  
Desire

Consciousness on 4th level

- celebratory evaluation decision

- first principle on that level

- apex decision, where consciousness is conscious

~~Example~~

Theology in place of theory - sanctifying power  
Theology in place of utility - being a love  
vs acts  
of love vs action - in contrast

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Expressions of Religion

Spontaneous - unthought love for peace  
self of kindness gentleness fidelity  
gentleness self-control

Reflective - comes to mysterious persons & tremendous

varies enormously w/ stages of meaning

Early language - insight into possible presentations represented

"propagation" of experience

hieroglyphic

Gen. of movement - family (Shutokin) - place (Becht)

poor (Jacob) (Luban) - groups Israel  
justice

World religions Friedrich Heiler - Hest Religion 142-153  
Die Religion der Menschheit

have gifts a transcendent reality

Innocent - human hearts

Capricious beauty, truth, righteousness, goodness

have mercy, compassion

Passive experience - self-actualization process

" love of one's neighbor, even one's enemies

" love of God - so that bliss is knowledge of God  
union with him

focus from static dynamic state of being in love its recreation

but dualistic - unless in any of contradicted



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Rly Development Diocritical

Self-transcendence (perplexed) tension	self as transcending
	self as transcended

Authenticity = withdrawal from unauthenticity

Understand = " " " " " " understanding

Insight = " " " " " " oversight

Truth = " " " " " " unstable words

Moral dev. = repentance for sin

Rly gladius = escape from traps of objects

Transient reality - in love = in love to someone

Nothing - search of something - mystical sense

- mysticism → out of this world = Nothing

Transcendence oversimplified - God really irrelevant

Immanence oversimplified - God when present in all parts

God | transcendent

love → reinforced by erotic sexual orgastic

God love = demonic  
essential destruction

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Word

any expression of sig meaning or sig value  
interpretation artistic symbols ~~in~~ linguistic inco.

all words are employed  
language most precise & explicit - principal

By words sig entire world mediated by meaning  
essence it is ultimate meaning  
value  
in context of that world

sig understands itself, its role, its task

Prose word that God speaks to us  
not in world mediated by meaning  
but in immediacy of mystery, of love, etc.

Deliberately spoken word is historically conditioned  
it has to adapt to changes of place & time

But prose word - fulfillment of capacity for self-transcendence  
- tho it manifests itself historically  
is ever the same - transcultural

God gives all men self grace

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Must not conclude unless word is accidental  
Man & woman love each other yet do not avoid their love  
then not yet really in love  
not yet self-surrender & self-donation  
Word does not simply manifest *Korrespondenz*  
it completes it, adds interpersonal dimension  
Virgile or Bultmann

Amalgamated  
ordinary experience of night of love reveals as what is justified  
with religiously a vector an *unavoidable*  
a *fait accompli* case to a divided holiness  
of the *spirit* striving  
can become obvious enough to awaken  
att'n wonder inquiring  
need of accumulated wisdom of tradition  
word of fellowship of those that have gift  
word of gospel God has loved us first  
has shown it to us

Word is personal - cor ad cor  
powerful - preacher utters what is congruent to the gift  
ecclesial - gathers the scattered sheep  
historical - it has to find its place in context of  
world, mediated by language

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These word varies in stages of increasing

- CS
- CS + Tr
- BS + Tr
- CS + Tr + Tr
- CS + TL + Int

God of Abraham J  
of philosophy  
of theology

Must be capable of speaking all stages  
of preached to all nations

Must not be exclusive - with Jesus S/K

Faith

Knowledge born of the love

Reason - heart has reason

Reason - Ex Uter Jud

Reason - intellectual response to values  
Did not own hearts have win us with

Heart - Conscience → conscience Al Et Deic

Faith - ~~the bridge between love of God & gift of God's love~~

~~but reveals values~~  
~~particular of ordered~~

Faith - God's gift of his love

transcends transcendent values

own above vital social cultural personal

experienced fulfillment in love & peace of

capacities for deep transcendence

that capacity is via intelligibility  
truth  
virtue  
goodness, value

So, fulfillment reveals God  
as absolute intelligible truth

= Knowledge of God in our hearts - more fundamental  
than knowledge through our senses

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Faith - relative aspect as well as absolute

all other values in light of freedom of transcendental

in light - God is originating value

Universe is a historical value

humanity social with an all-encompassing freedom

man not a speck of mortality in an absurd world

but excellence of man is part of God

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God creates universe for his joy  
i.e. for our sake not for his

with faith, at eye of love, world is too evil for God to

exist  
Faith requires

that God grants man this freedom  
that he wills them to be persons at full autonomy  
that as he commands with blessing  
lord out of evil so he too can do so

Faith & progress a common root - self-transcending love

Faith among sup. surmounting sup. sacrificing love

that overcomes dualism - world - irrational

that disrupts society & corrupts cultures

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