

Questions for Fr. B. Lonergan, Myth and Theology Seminar 10/2/15

1. Is mythic consciousness a particular mode of consciousness or is it to be identified with undifferentiated consciousness? Can one operate without mythic consciousness?
2. Can we whose consciousness is differentiated ever move back into the experience of undifferentiated consciousness? of mythic consciousness? If not, do we suffer some "loss of wholeness"?
3. How does religious or sacred awareness (the experience of homo religiosus as Eliade presents it) relate to mythic consciousness? Can one have mythic consciousness which is not sacred?
4. In the primitive what is the relationship between and the distinction between mythic consciousness and common-sense consciousness?
5. Myth explains for the primitive why things are as they are; science for us is also explanatory. What is the difference between these two ways of explaining things?

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