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Symbol and Analogy: Ascent of Heart and Mind to God

Heuristic structure:

in natural sciences: mathematics, periodic table, evolutionary tree
in human sciences: operations of the subject, differentiations,
specializations (Aquinas Today, Journal of Religion, April 1975)

two functions

a) what is the question

b) how do the answers fit together

Levels of operations

unconscious

sensitive: sensation memory anticipation image percept affect conat

intellectual: inquiry insight concept hypothesis theory system

rational: reflection, marshalling and weighing evidence, & judgement

free and responsible: deliberation evaluation decision

Operators

preconscious: Freud censor, Jung archetypes, Binswanger dreams morn
image that yields insight, datum that refutes judgement,
memory that gives pause to decision

inquiry

reflection

deliberation

Undifferentiated consciousness

all levels cooperate harmoniously, each invoked when relevant,

distinctions vague, expressed symbolically (heart & head)

poetry oratory narrative; practical arts (over nature, over man)

true and good not clearly distinguished: Hebrew truth is ~~fideltty~~

telling the truth, keeping yo r promises, being reliable

causal and good not clearly distinguished: magic

S J Tambiah: "Form and Meaning of Magical Acts" in "Modes of
Thought edited by Faber and Faber, London 1973

Religiously differentiated consciousness

Eliade, Shamanism, Archaic Techniques of Ecstasy (central Asian plat

William Johnson, The Mysticism of the Cloud of Unknowing

The Still Point -- Christian Zen

Silent Music NY H&R 1974

stepping beyond limitations of consciousness as linguistically

developed: apophatic theologies

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Philosophically differentiated consciousness

protreptic: Plato's dialogues

philosophic system: Aristotle

Socrates quest~~xxx~~ for definitions: Nicomachean Ethics

Posterior Anal: priora quoad se, ~~pr~~piora quoad nos

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Distinction and unification of the sciences

- 1 Propyry's tree: dichotomy (Hierarchy)
immaterial (infinite, finite)
material and not alive; alive and not sentient; sentient & not int
- x 3 Transmission of predicates from more to less general
- 2 Seriation of predicates of any genus, species (syllogism)
Metaphysics the most x x general science

Classicist deformation (Voegelin on Cicero, Ecumenic Age)

not systematic thinking

but reading of systematic thinkers, use of them when convenient
absorption and watering down of philosophies by litterateurs
classical education

Philosophically differentiated consc. extended theologically

Aquinas: adoption and adaptation of Ar categories and system

Abaelard, Gilbert de la Porrée, Lombard, Commen on L, QQ

empirical problem of reconciling contrary sources, texts (logically)
generated problem of coherence of solutions, need of system of terms

Scientifically differentiated consciousness

Medieval empiricism

Galilei: mathematization of nature (E A Burtt)

Francis Bacon: New organon; practical results

Royal Society: no questions not resolvable by obs experiment

Against Aristotle: subordination of basic sc concepts to metaphys

hence whole system of a priori block to empirical work

freedom to generate own basic concepts from verified empir corr

Against metaphysics: empiricists (Hume), critical idealist (Kant)

Against philosophy: positivist: valid human knowledge is scientific

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Hermeneutically differentiated consciousness (human studies)

linguist, literary history & criticism, human studies
chaps 7 8 9 of Method in Theology, chap 17 of Insight
German Historical School of early 19th

Friedrich Wolf, Schleiermacher Boeckh von Ranke Grimm de Savigny
interpretative reconstruction of the constructions of mankind

Phenomenologies (Hermeneutical anthropology)

transcendental: noesis & noema, correlative, both together, neither
alone; epokhe (the real world is the world mediated by meaning)
ontological: meaning as constitutive of human reality of men qua
not in coma, not in dreamless sleep
man as symbolic animal, as historical being
hermeneutical: interpretation of signs and symbols of all kinds
in all their combinations and constructions

The Second Enlightenment (in the air since Hegel)

The first: dissolution of remnants of feudalism

~~the~~ opposition to revealed religion (Natural, agnos, atheism)
ride on wings of Newtonian science

stages in breakdown of enlightenment conception of science

non-Euclidean geometry

non-Newtonian physics

Heisenberg's indeterminacy (vs Laplace, determinism)

Darwin from chance to schedules of probability

Thomas Kuhn: proposals of scientific revolutions not demonstrated
nor demonstrable (Latmos and Musgrave)

natural laws not necessary but verified probabilities

emergence of hermeneutically diff consc, hermeneutical phenomenology

not a return to Aristotle

necessary truth, permanent system, ~~phil~~ metaphys dominates sciences

sciences are systems of the move: logic temp cross-section

basic structure is not logic but more inclusive method

The Question of God

Thomism too deeply involved in Aristotelian viewpoint

natural ~~and~~ science and human studies limited to study of finite

hermeneutical anthropology includes ontology but only of man

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To begin a few words on the authors we shall be reading and, I hope, discussing:

David Tracy: 27 Jan; 10 Feb; 24 Feb; 23 Mar

Catholic priest, diocese of Bridgeport, Lic & Doc Theol Greg 60-66
taught at Cath Univ for a few years; Chicago Div., ass^{oc} prof, fac
representative;

Blessed Rage: non sectarian classes, attempting seriously to
understand and deal with problems; very wide reading and references;

John E Smith: Clark Prof Phil at Yale; elderly; formerly Barnard &
Vassar; many books; visiting prof and lecturer in US England Germ Jap
Analogy of Experience: the issue in its concrete setting;
five chapters Jan 27 and Feb 3

David Burrell: CSR Lic theol Greg; doc Phil Yale; assoc prof phil
at Notre Dame, dean of theol at Notre Dame (since Burschell provost)

Exercises in Religious Understanding: 3 Feb; 2 Mar

Analogy and Philosophical Language: 30 March; 6 April

editor of Verbum: Word and Idea, 20 April

concern: religious experience; problem of analogy in linguistic context

R A Johnston: Harvard dissertation; teaching at Wellesley
very exact study of Marburg NeoKantian, (Natorp rather than Rickert)

Paul Ricoeur: Paris and Chicago; works with Norman Perrin & Tracy
(phil, scripture, theologian)

Semeia (Scholar's Press) 24 Feb

La métaphore vive 13 April

Antoine Vergote, prof religious psychology, Louvain
otherbooks from Dessart Bruxelles

E Voegelin (w Alfred Schutz, left Germany in '30's, Order & History)
relationship between symbols of different cultures 16 March

H G Gadamer, emritus Heidelberg, Lawrence will tell you all about him
visiting prof here this term in philosophy 16 March /of interpretat
Wahrheit und Methode, busy w since 1960; tradition condition possib
agst method as surefire technique; not against ongoing intelligence

Schubert Ogden: process phil; SMU (Perkins) & Chicago 23 March

Bernie Tyrrell PhD Fordham, prof Gonzaga, (Christotherapy, Cath bk mon
dissertation