

DIALECTIC IN THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

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September 7: Introduction, Schedule of Readings and Assignments.

September 14: Jewish Christianity and Gnosticism.

Readings from Lonergan's Way to Nicea (Philadelphia, Westminster)

- (a) Christ as Angel, pp. 18-22
- (b) Other OT themos, pp. 25-27
- (c) Gnostic doctrine, pp. 28-32
- (d) Gnostic exegesis, Marcionites, etc., pp. 32-39.

September 21: Adoptionists, Patripassians, Sabellians, Subordinationism, Tertullian, etc.

Readings from "Way"

- (a) Adoptionists, Patripassians, Sabellians, pp. 36-39
- (b) Subordinationism, pp. 40-42
- (c) Tertullian, pp. 43-47
- (d) The idea of dialectic, pp. 47-50
- (e) Hippolytus, Novatian, Dionysius, "substantia," pp. 50-53.

September 28: Origen and Arianism

Readings from "Way"

- (a) Origen's doctrine, pp. 57-59
- (b) Origen and the ongoing dialectic, pp. 59-67
- (c) Arianism, Lucian, Arius, Eusebius of Nicomedia, pp. 68-74.
- (d) Eusebius of Caesarea, Acacius, Marcellus, Photinus, pp. 74-78
- (e) Dissenting creeds and councils, pp. 78-87.

October 5: Homoousion, Ante-Nicene movement

Readings from "Way"

- (a) Homoousion: its meaning, pp. 88-93
- (b) Homoousion: usage, pp. 93-96
- (c) Homoousion: gradual clarification, pp. 96-104
- (d) Structure of Ante-Nicene Movement, pp. 105-110

N. B. The Sixth meeting will be hold (same place, same time) not on Thursday Oct. 12 but on Tuesday Oct. 10.

October 10: Structure of Ante-Nicene Movement, con'd.

Readings from "Way"

- (a) The Hermeneutical Problem, pp. 110-113
- (b) The Problem of Naive Realism, pp. 115-118
- (c) The Development of the Concept of God,
  - (1) Other opinions, Irenaeus, pp. 118-122
  - (2) Clement of Alexandria, Origen, pp. 122-127
- (d) The Development of Trinitarian Doctrine,
  - (1) Nicea and ontology, pp. 127-133
  - (2) Review of the movement as dialectical, pp. 133-137

October 19: "Theology and Praxis," by Lonergan, Proceedings 1977, Catholic Theological Society of America, pp. 1-16.

"Response to the foregoing," by Lamb, ibid., pp. 22-30.

- (a) Praxis, Welte's question, pp. 1-5
- (b) Voegelin's alternative, pp. 6-10
- (c) Theology as Praxis, pp. 10-16
- (d) Lamb, on enlightenment, pp. 22-28
- (e) Lamb, on salvation and liberation, pp. 28-30

October 26: "Aquinas Today: Tradition and Innovation," The Journal of Religion, April 1975 (55, 2) pp. 165-180

- (a) Recent change, p. 165 f.
- (b) Specialization, pp. 166-169
- (c) Aristotle Today: Science and Scholarship, pp. 169-172
- (d) Aristotle Today, Philosophy, pp. 173-175
- (e) Aristotle in Aquinas, pp. 175-178
- (f) Aquinas Today, 178-180

November 2: "Christology Today: Methodical Reflections,"

Le Christ hier, aujourd'hui et demain, Québec: Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 1976. pp. 1-5.

- (a) Introductory, pp. 1-5 f.
- (b) The First Prolegomenon: Psychology, pp. 17 f.
- (c) The Second Prolegomenon: Philosophy, pp. 48-50
- (d) The Third Prolegomenon: History, pp. 50-52

November 9: "Christology Today. .", cont'd.

(e) Christology: A Religious question, pp. 52-55

(f) Christology: The Theological question, pp. 55-59

November 16: "Christology Today...", cont'd.

(g) The Meaning of Chalcedon, 59 f.

(h) Person today, pp. 61-65

November 30 and December 7:

Students present topics they propose to treat in term papers.

Review of the previous sessions.

Question periods.

Comments on proposed topics.