

(9) To conclude, Fr. Perego considers my position to be assai originale²⁹ and again ingegnosa, nuova et personale.³⁰

I think one should be more discriminating. No doubt, what I have to say is so new to Fr. Perego that he neither understands it nor even presents it accurately. At the same time, it is to be noted that a ~~similar~~ notion of consciousness, similar to my own,³¹ is incidentally introduced in a current article by Georges Van Riet, the well-known author of L'Épistémologie thomiste; and I should be astounded if any competent philosopher found his notion original or ingenious or new or personal. Indeed, I am not even the first theologian to have attempted to use the words, ~~a~~ subject, consciousness, correctly in discussing the consciousness of Christ; Fr. Joseph Ternus,³² at least, preceded me.

(9) Finally, Fr. Perego considers my view assai originale,²⁹
ingegnosa, nuova, personale.³⁰

I would note that Georges Van Riet, the well-known author of L'épistémologie thomiste, employs a similar notion of consciousness in a current article attacking M. Henry Duméry.³¹ I should be very much surprised if the readers of the article found that notion of consciousness either original or ingenious or new or personal. Indeed, if I may be permitted a ~~xxx~~ brief reflection, is it not lamentable that, what can be taken for granted in competent philosophic circles, not only is considered inadmissible ~~by xaxixaxaxingian~~ but not even is understood by a theologian that has undertaken to settle the exact nature of the consciousness of Christ?

Christ as Subject : A Reply

A few years ago I put together for my class some notes on the hypostatic union and on the consciousness of Christ.¹ Somehow they happen to have come to the attention of the Reverend A. Perego, and he has regaled the readers of Divinitas with an exposition and a criticism of my views.²

The exposition misrepresents my theological position, and it ignores the theological argument that I present at length against such a view of consciousness (conscientia-perceptio) as is held by Fr. Perego.