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Publications

Byrne, Patrick H. "City as Human Good and Epiphany." *International Journal of Public Theology*, 17/3 (September 2023): 393-415. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15697320-20230096>.

In response to rising awareness of environmental and climate change crises, some theologians have examined more deeply the ways in which God's presence is revealed through the natural world. While such explorations are important and necessary, they need to be balanced by complementary reflections on God's presence in human activities as well. Cities have posed a special problem for such reflections. Cities are commonly regarded as sources of the corruption of human beings and the natural environment alike. While the problems posed by cities cannot be denied, this one-sided view obscures the special ways in which God's presence is also manifested in urban life. This article draws upon the work of Jane Jacobs, Bernard Lonergan, M. Shawn Copeland and Gregory Boyle to draw attention to these manifestations.

Kendall Sanders, Jennifer. "The Cross and/as Civil Resistance." *Theological Studies*, 84/3 (August 2023): 453-475. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00405639231187898>.

We need a nonviolent soteriology that honors scriptural and theological traditions about enemy-love, suffering, sacrifice, and satisfaction *and* refuses to further harm victims of violence and oppression. Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolence and Bernard Lonergan's way of understanding Christ's satisfaction by analogy with the sacrament of reconciliation disclose one way suffering can be redemptive: When nonviolent activists "present their very bodies," they expose the violence latent in unjust situations. Similarly, when Christ presents his body, he exposes the violence at the heart of sin. Like Christ, activists "become sin" (1 Cor 5:21)—not because they take responsibility for the sin, but because sin becomes visible in the wounds it leaves on innocent bodies. Once visible, healing can begin. Further, both men argue for a proper unfolding of the extension of love to enemies, lest victims be further harmed and injustice ignored.

Garstecki, Mateusz. "Bernard Lonergan and Avery Dulles on the Development of Doctrine." *Focus*, 4/1 (2023): 61-70. <https://doi.org/10.26593/focus.v4i1.6471>.

The purpose of this paper will be to compare the sense of the development of doctrine based on Bernard Lonergan and Avery Dulles. An explanation of the thought of Frederick Crowe, SJ, and William Loewe will represent an application for the Lonergan position. Notably, the thought of Crowe will be explored from his *Theology of the Christian Word*, and the idea of Loewe will be explained from his essay, "Jesus the Savior: Soteriology and the Stages of Meaning." The thought of Avery Dulles will be analyzed based on his work, *Craft of Theology: From Symbol to System*.

Scordino, Anthony J. "John Henry Newman: Bernard Lonergan's 'Fundamental Mentor and Guide'." *The Heythrop Journal*, 64/5 (September 2023): 669-94. <https://doi.org/10.1111/heyj.14242>.

Reason has reasons of which 'reason' knows nothing. It was this essential insight, along with the methodological prioritisation of a phenomenology of cognition and the recognition of the epistemological distinctiveness of judgment, that a young Bernard Lonergan gleaned from his study of John Henry Newman's *Grammar of Assent*. Given that the 'later,' post-Insight (1953) Lonergan enacted a more explicit transposition of his thought into a hermeneutical and existential framework, one might be tempted to assume that this coincided with a drift away from his tutelage under the

nineteenth-century Englishman. Indeed, an examination of the secondary literature detailing their relationship would suggest as much. Yet, in the hope of contributing to the regrettably sparse Newman-Lonergan scholarship and proposing a modest recalibration therein, I argue that the more existential, hermeneutical, and committed to the philosophical turn to concrete socio- historical subjectivity Lonergan grew, the more fruit his early Newmanian formation bore. By analysing Newman's proto- Lonerganian anticipations in the areas of self-appropriation, conversion, the relationship of subjectivity to objectivity, and the hermeneutical nature of consciousness, I will contend that Newman— a presciently continental mind writing as one untimely born into an analytical milieu— was the wellspring from which Lonergan never ceased to draw.

Umbrello, Steven. "From Subjectivity to Objectivity: Bernard Lonergan's Philosophy as a Grounding for Value Sensitive Design." *Scienza e Filosofia*, 26 (2023): 36-44.

This article explores the potential of Bernard Lonergan's philosophy of subjectivity as objectivity as a grounding for value sensitive design (VSD) and the design turn in applied ethics. The rapid pace of scientific and technological advancement has created a gap between technical abilities and our moral assessments of those abilities, calling for a reflection on the philosophical tools we have for applying ethics. In particular, applied ethics often presents interconnected problems that require a more general framework for ethical reflection. Lonergan's philosophy, which emphasizes the importance of self-understanding and self-transcendence in achieving objectivity, can provide a valuable perspective on VSD and the design turn in applied ethics. The article examines how Lonergan's philosophy can be applied to VSD and the design turn, and how scientific knowledge can be integrated into an ethics of science without reducing it to an external reflection. By adopting Lonergan's perspective, we can address the ethical challenges arising from scientific and technological advancements while promoting a more holistic approach to applied ethics.

Reviews

Doran, Robert M. *The Trinity in History: A Theology of Divine Missions*. Vol 3, *Redeeming History*. Edited by Joseph Ogbonnaya. "Marquette Studies in Theology," no. 93. Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press, 2022.

Gordon Rixon. *Theological Studies*, 84/3 (September 2023): 530-31.

Noteworthy Publications

Greenaway, James. "Eric Voegelin's Philosophy of History: Universal Humanity and the Tension of Historical Consciousness." *Science et Esprit*, 75/3 (September 2023): 319-35.

La philosophie de l'histoire d'Eric Voegelin est à la fois intellectuellement éclairante et évocatrice. Elle est également volumineuse. Par conséquent, cet essai discute sélectivement certains des principaux thèmes de sa pensée mature. Il commence par une exploration de ce que Voegelin a trouvé être des modèles significatifs dans l'histoire. Ensuite, il élucide le lien entre sa découverte de tels modèles et la théorie sous-jacente de la conscience qu'il a développée plus tôt, mais qui a agi comme un catalyseur pour sa pensée ultérieure. Le souci de Voegelin de rendre compte de l'émergence de la conscience historique était un élément clé de sa philosophie de l'histoire, et est discuté ici. Enfin, l'essai se termine par une brève méditation sur la signification de son symbole, « l'humanité universelle ».

Okey, Stephen. "Reconsidering David Tracy's Public Theology in a Digital Age." *International Journal of Public Theology*, 17/3 (September 2023): 321-45. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15697320-20230093>.

While public theology initially developed amid concerns about secularization, its continued flourishing requires attention to the digital. Shaped especially by mediatization, digital intimacy, and accessibility issues, the digital sphere impacts both the idea of 'public-ness' and the practice of theology. Building on the work of David Tracy, this article offers four possible approaches in

light of his methodological connection between publics and theological subdisciplines: the digital is only an extension of existing forms of mediation, the digital is a feature of society and practical theology, the digital is a new public and needs a new subdiscipline, or the digital is a new context for the various publics and thus requires a contextual theology.

Parkinson, Daniel. "The Implicit Trinity: Beauty and the Trinity in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas." *The Thomist: A Speculative Quarterly Review*, 87/3 (July 2023): 415-49. <https://doi.org/10.1353/tho.2023.a900226>.

People

Dear LRI supporters and friends,

Due to changes brought about by the recent federation of Regis College and St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, Dr. Jonathan Bernier will no longer serve as Director of the LRI as of August 31, 2023. We wish Dr. Bernier all the best as he continues his teaching responsibilities at Regis College.

We are grateful to Dr. Bernier and previous chair, Prof. Reid Locklin, for shepherding the LRI in its visioning process over the past few years. This renewed vision for the LRI is the blueprint for exciting and promising developments in the future.

In the interim, temporary oversight of the LRI will be undertaken by the Board. Any questions or queries can be addressed to me at darren.dias@utoronto.ca.

Sincerely,

Prof. Darren Dias, OP

Chair, Lonergan Research Institute Board of Directors

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