

ALC Lecture

# 2



on models +

Paradigms

In logic 1 & 2  
shortness 1 time  
open, readable  
Where is theology going? -

discuss  
the  
Sunday's

# Lecture # 2

An announcement: What is theology today?  
Daniel Day Williams  
"What, Cont. Theologians are Thinking?"

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invariable pattern  
within those  
boundaries -  
or not to  
minister  
one for  
the other.

"the One and the Two, and the Four" Where is theology? -  
- take there is never  
Where? & theol. going?

A number of things didn't get said -

supplement titles

(1) Hartpa Exchange - or Appeal -  
"Hartpa Heresies" -

actions vs  
contemplation

- shows the turning about to which

o opened yesterday

"this worldly religion" or "transcendent religion"

(2) my remarks - a cont.  
enunciation of Martin Luther's  
The Freedom of a Christian

works like

Sola

Sola fide  
Sola scriptura  
Sola gratia  
Sola aene

## libertas Christiani

two things are said:

A X is a perfectful free lord over all,  
subject to none

A X is a perfectly dutiful servant of  
all, subject to all.

then, Luther adds -

"one thing is necessary."

there is a unum necessarium.

Singleness of heart - in a world of pluralism  
but necessary tension -

↳ autobiographies - Single Luther - singleness of heart  
- John Wesley - Luther - protect number "one"

Marcus Ephraim -

"Savant is one who takes things literally."

St. Francis - ~~Beel~~ "Take all that you have, &

Goal: To ~~find~~ maintain simplicity <sup>year to the</sup> amidst humans. <sub>the post.</sub>

huber - knowing where to stand.  
Low to stand.

of Aquinas - a Platonist

Thomas - Aristotelian

huber - an atomist - - under control of

things which are -

potential things

Goal: To avoid being done in.

to face the music.

to stand

"Don't just do something, stand there."

- one - the two

Cartesian - walking towards a way of seeing  
seeing this.

Now she knows

# Theology at the Cross Roads -

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## I J.E.D.P. -

Various Strata - Kinds of literature -

Not everything can be said in one form of literature -

e.g. Priestly materials reflect interest in matters of worship, ritual, liturgy, ritual cleanliness, + the like.

reflects different in the

At least two centuries - reflecting different interests

Green Killebrew stars

ritual purity  
→ material accounts

reflect distinct interests of the writer + situation

Deity is depicted differently

## II. So too - 4 gospels -

Matthew, Mark, Luke, + John

- not identical - not necessarily contradictory, although there are significant deviations.

Luke - stresses songs, women -

- different stresses -

- different interests -

Luke has songs + more reference to women

John, more metaphysical, more mystical.

- different language -

more fundamental.

The analogy we use to explain this - If 4 people witness an event, we can expect 4 different or distinct reports -

less elaborate, etc.

Why? - because ~~the~~ each of the four will see it uniquely.

So, it doesn't bother us much when we encounter differences.

or in his + her own context

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TWTH

Interpretation reflects setting - framework

historical framework  
cultural  
social  
religious

even the texts reflect contexts as well as content

# New - Paradigms of Salvation:

4 kinds, at least:

## Epistemological:

First: Gospel is a Power -  
An energy -  
in action force  
- a reality.

St. Paul's statement for Romans

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation - for everyone who believes, it has faith..."

~~What is~~

like St. Paul said, the Gospel is a power -  
- a reality  
- a living force -  
- a kind of stabilizing, entering, embellishing, powerful & effective energy

the Gospel is not a concept -  
or an idea - - a thought - -  
but a power - a life-giving force -  
- a reality - vital energy - a dynamism

When we talk about the Gospel, we may be doing theology -  
- but not always -

We may be talking -  
or praying, or

And we do talk -

We talk to others

We talk to ourselves

There, it is necessary to use words to talk -

But we only words

We also use analogies — concepts — conceptual tools

thought patterns — consistent thought patterns

e.g. — dogmatic systems

theologies —

+ we utilize models

JESP — models — cultural sensitivity to the  
Judicial Richness of the Gospel

— "While we were yet sinners, X died for us."

Scenario

misunderstand

missing the mark —  
→ harvesting everything we touch

great example now —

what people are like when  
they rode all day in a  
car —

JSP  
JSP

(Epistemological) Philosophical —

— In the beginning was the Word & the Word has

become flesh & dwell among us, full of grace & truth

— not just lack of knowledge — but disturbance

→ Josh Needleman — not even knows what the  
questions are —

Illusions //

Sociological

(this can't be used  
in judicial  
model)

— many statements about the daunting of the Kingdom

Come ye blessed  
of my father —  
For I was hungry & you gave me food  
I was thirsty & you gave me drink  
I was naked & you clothed me  
I was distressed & you comforted me

Martmann's role — that this reading of the gospel could

we be treated just as response — thankful for presence of

God — but that it was an articulate of the same.

Psychological:

"The secret is this: Christ in you, the hope of a  
glory to come."

Carl Jung —

momentary —

day by day since Jesus  
is with us

the problem is that within the limits of justice,  
we are trying to combine things  
whose coalition require more than justice

There is a unification - but not  
yet here, not quite now -

Doing hands -

Eliades Sauced + Preface

Welcoming Attitude toward World  
Saying yes

Conclusion:

From Distinct Contexts -

Always interrelated, why? - Because one is  
the same person interacts with  
all of them

But the contexts need not be joined  
together.

Perhaps they can be related to distinct  
stages of the life cycle | separated  
addressing ~  
(mistake: using the juridical modes  
in every stage -

Not collapsible - //

Not even a requirement that everyone find  
perfect harmony -  
- or perfect balance -

The body of  $X^0$  is large + resilient  
enough to contain all of these -  
- harmoniously

- but not when one of them  
is set at odds with another -

The problem:

We ~~try~~ try to harmonize at the  
level of practice

(when coherence, true harmony,  
requires more than practice

There is ambiguity - not here

not yet - Not quite now -

But at least we can say this -



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Two brief comments:

Trinity Leads  
Mircea Eliade

some day we have to make  
the choices.

Rel. persons want to say two things:

Unity - Unification -  
but always is seen 1  
century

The Vision - contrasting things coming simultaneous  
side by side

that Fourfoldness might one day  
yield to unity

The Vision:

Now - contrasting things come side by side  
- the truth comes via binomial cadences  
the reason is that there are  
simultaneous + co-extensive  
dimensions to the religious  
plane - but they can only  
be depicted one at a time.

But the vision is that one day  
Fourfoldness will yield to unification,  
& on that day  
God will be all in  
all!