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The Circle of Analogy: Metaphysics, Christology, Anthropology¹

Abstract

In the twentieth century it could be said that Catholic thought about analogy shifted from a more metaphysical to a more linguistic frame of reference. This article, however, seeks to show how thought about being and language inevitably leads from a merely predicamental analogy to a genuinely metaphysical analogy; and, secondly, how the metaphysical analogy, the so-called analogia entis, is transformed in light of revelation—so much so as to become katalogy. What is presented here as the “circle of analogy” thus involves both an analogical ascent to the Logos and a katalogical descent with the Logos as the circular movement of thought and being.

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