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Divine Hiddenness and Spiritual Sources of Economy

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DESCRIPTION

The problem of divine hiddenness has a long history. In the past, however, people have tried to deal with it differently than in nowadays. Some have proposed strengthening intellectual desires or referring to “the heart”. Others have emphasized the need to return to God’s law. All these attitudes can also be found in the Bible, where the problem of divine hiddenness is taken very seriously.

As Benedict XVI recalled, the economic crises of our times were rooted in spirituality. Contemporary solutions of the problem of divine hiddenness often lead to the promotion of hedonistic attitudes, what has an impact in the economic sphere. In my lecture I want to show that our approach to economic issues is strongly dependent on our approach to spiritual ones. The most important of our spiritual problems is, in my opinion, the problem of divine hiddenness. If we succeed in reviving intellectual desires, desires of “the heart”, and also in refreshing biblical way of thinking and returning to God’s law, then we will not let hedonism dominate in our economic relations.

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Seminar 2: Intellectual Desire as a Solution (Anselm of Canterbury)

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Seminar 4: Return to God’s Law as a Solution (Lamm)

Seminar 5: Spiritual Sources of Economy (Benedict XVI)

METHODOLOGY

Seminar discussion; commentary of texts

EVALUATION

Participation in discussion

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