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Breve descripción de la titulación

Each and every generation is faced with the challenge of how to lead a meaningful life. The Christian proposal of a good and happy life has been shaped and articulated by the vivid collaboration of philosophy and theology throughout the centuries. In the contemporary context there is a need as ever to rethink the elements and the existential consequences of the Christian proposal from its very centre: Jesus Christ. The following complex reflection on personal re-creation is carried out by professors of international recognition in seven steps symbolizing the seven days of creation. In the light of the most dramatic experience of the 20th century, the Great War and the Holocaust, that by itself requires a radical revision of Western culture we ask ourselves whether and how philosophy can contribute to rethinking the fundamentals of a meaningful life. Secondly we recognize that a meaningful life is a beautiful one, i.e. it is not only highly attractive but also points beyond itself. How can ordinary life attain such relevance such radiant transcendence? Thirdly, a meaningful life is a good life led by good people. Can you be good without responding to the divine goodness as it is present in the world? Fourthly, a good life can only be lived within a community with supportive traditions in which relations are shaped in a certain way starting by the most intimate relations that inform the way of relating to those living on the limits of our horizons as strangers (Good Samaritan). Fifthly, we want to analyze the conscious constitution of the ultimate reason of everything that there is both, through faith and reason. Along the lines of Saint John Paul II we identify the meaning of life as self-gift. Sixthly, we recognize that self-gift presupposes a specific experience and understanding of freedom. Finally, a meaningful life is certainly a happy life. But what does happiness mean in times of hardship for fragile human beings that fail, err and sin? Thus, the last reflection on meaningful life has to deal with the ultimate hope.



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