PERSON AS COEXISTENCE
An Approach to Leonardo Polo's Transcendental Anthropology

ABSTRACT

We find a solid and coherent proposal in Leonardo Polo’s thought, based on two inseparable pillars. These pillars are: a theory of knowledge that broadens human knowledge’s scope, and an anthropology that places the person at an ontological level that is distinct and superior to the rest of existing beings and, at the same time, distinct but dependent and destined to her Origin. These two crucial issues deserve to be studied together. This paper aims to clarify basic questions regarding Polian anthropology and the cognitive method stemming from its abandonment of the mental limit. In other words, it inquires into other cognitive approaches, beyond the rational process, the ‘mental presence’, as Polo refers to it.

Leonardo Polo characterizes personal being as co-existence with the being of the universe, with her own intimacy, with her own potencies, with others and with God. Polo describes the person as additionally. The author of this paper intends to describe each of the dimensions of personal human co-existence. In other words, she looks for ‘verbs’ that accompany Polo’s use of the adverb additionally, which he uses to characterize the person. At the same time, the author introduces Polo’s proposed expansion for gnoseology, while recovering and deepening the innate habits as a method for knowing being.

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