

THE REVELATION IN THE THOUGHT OF RICHARD SWINBURNE

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Abstract

According to Richard Swinburne revelation is available due to God became incarnate and in some degree made manifest on Earth and through that incarnate life various propositional truths were announced. The propositional truths are concerned with informations about what kind of life someone ought to live in order to achieve moral progression. Such views of revelation is closely connected with salvation: it provides its recipients with guidance how to live their life on Earth. Secondly, he points that any revelation of atonement must have enough connection with the century and culture in which it took place for the report of it to be comprehensible. However the main problem in his dealing with revelation is not connecting with revelatory experience especially with the event and with eschatological meaning of revelation (apocalypsis, uncovering) as Jean-Luc Marion pointed out. Nevertheless Swinburne is stimulative in prolonging theological, cultural and historical approach to Revelation.

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Richard Swinburne is one of influential philosophers who has been engaged in topic of revelation in his works namely in his book: *Revelation. From metaphor to analogy*¹, and two articles about Revelation: "Revelation in Our Knowledge of God"² and "Revelation of God" in *The Oxford Handbook of Divine Revelation*³.

According to Richard Swinburne, God reveals himself by his acts in creation and in human history and reveals certain propo-

¹ Richard Swinburne, *Revelation. From metaphor to analogy*, Second edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2008.

² Richard Swinburne, *Revelation in Our Knowledge of God. Essays on Natural and Philosophical Theology*. Edited by Kelly James Clark, Springer, Netherlands, 1992.

³ Richard Swinburne, *God and Revelation in The Oxford Handbook of Divine Revelation*, edited by Balazs M. Mezei, Francesca Aran Murphy and Kenneth Oakes, Oxford, 2021, pp. 338-354.