

SOME ASPECTS OF REVELATION IN THE WRITINGS OF GEORGES FLOROVSKY

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Abstract

This paper will evaluate some aspects of understanding of Revelation according to the views of Archpriest Georges Florovsky. The article is divided into 3 sections. The first section will examine a brief overview of revelation for Florovsky. The second section will provide an information about how is related scripture and history with revelation. The third section will discuss about the interconnection between the Church, dogma and revelation. Due to Fr. Georges Florovsky has written a broad information about the revelation (which is impossible to examine in a fuller manner in such kind of article), we decide to provide only specific quotations of Archpriest which, in our point of view, are expressed in the best and most laconic way, his ideas about this event.

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1. Revelation

First and foremost, let's start to realize what was Revelation generally for Florovsky: "Revelation is a primordial fact, the initial gift of Christianity, of Christian life and faith."¹ According to Florovsky when we speak about Revelation, we have in mind the Word of God that has been heard by us – humans². Due to in revelation, the Word of God has such importance, it should come as no surprise that: "The source and the criterion of the Christian Truth is the Divine Revelation, in its twofold structure, in its two dispensations. The source of the Truth is the Word of God."³ Very

¹ Georges Florovsky, *The Work of the Holy Spirit in Revelation*. In *The Christian East*, Vol. XIII, 1932, No. 2, pp. 49-64, here p. 50.

² Georges Florovsky, *The Work of the Holy Spirit in Revelation*, p. 50.

³ Volume One in the Collected Works of Georges Florovsky, pp. 97-98, [Further quoted as Florovsky, CW- I].