

Abstract

Ethics is one of the key topics in Comenius's works. However, it is paid little attention these days. The aim of the diploma thesis **“The Concept of Virtues in the Work of John Amos Comenius”** is to establish a clear structure of Comenius's ethics and to systematically describe his concept and understanding of each virtue. The thesis outlines the grounds for Comenius's ethical thinking and gives reasons for its necessity. The work describes the goal that moral behaviour of individuals and society should lead to, and explains the necessary prerequisites for moral behaviour, especially prudence. It focuses on the term “virtue” according to the concept of Comenius. Close attention is paid to detailed characteristics of particular virtues to be found in chosen prime works. Sixteen virtues in total are divided into two categories – the category “ethics” is a set of virtues that an individual maintains to himself while the category “symbiotics” covers a set of virtues maintained in relationships with other people. The thesis deals with the expressions of virtues, their purpose, ideal of human behaviour, specific advice on how to act, and often with description of the corresponding vices.

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