

„Anatomy of Guilt and Divine Amnesty“

About division, experience, processing and overcoming of guilt

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Abstract

This work examines from various points of view the role of guilt within the history of humankind and a man, shows the traps and obstacles during its processing as well as the destructive consequences of the unprocessed guilt in life of every culpable human being and his/her relations with other people and the God. The first part is focused on its possible understanding and division within the framework of a certain philosophical thinking, first of all in the horizontal level of human relations. After the rational reflection of the subject of guilt and its systematical division within the philosophical thoughts follows up the vertical view of the faith upon the guilt as a sin in contributions of catholic theologians and the tradition of Magisterium in the following chapter. The third section, using a method of biblical exegesis, shows its effect and chances to overcome it with a help of God within the life stories of selected biblical characters of The Old and The New Testament. The last part of the work pays attention to the paradox of a „felix culpa“ and the chances, that are offered to the culprits in the specific environment of a prison. The obtained knowledge is being confronted with the personal life experience of the author, who is dealing with his own guilt and a fatal failure while currently serving his prison sentence.

Key words

Guilt, sin, obstinacy, remorse, conversion, remission, reconciliation, grace of God, mercy.