

# The Theology of Original Sin

## I - Introduction

The Drama of mankind - Theologically  
Total background for all subsequent Redemptive  
Theology - the New Dispensation, Coming of Christ, the Church,  
the Sacraments - the Economy of Salvation - St. Paul's Mystery.

Aug. 1 day on  
April - 11. d  
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Story told in two words - Elevation + Fall. Can't  
understand one w/o the other. De lapsu Homini  
is the technical title for O.S. - But unintelligible unless  
we know what he fell from.

### Order of Treatment.

- A. Original State of Man - Elev. to Angel. Order
- B. Fall of Man - loss of angel + angel endowments.
- C. Theological Nature of O. S.
- D. Modern Reaction to the Doctrine of O. S.

## II. Original State of Man - Elev. to Angel Order

Dist. 3 kinds of endowments - all more or less affected by Fall

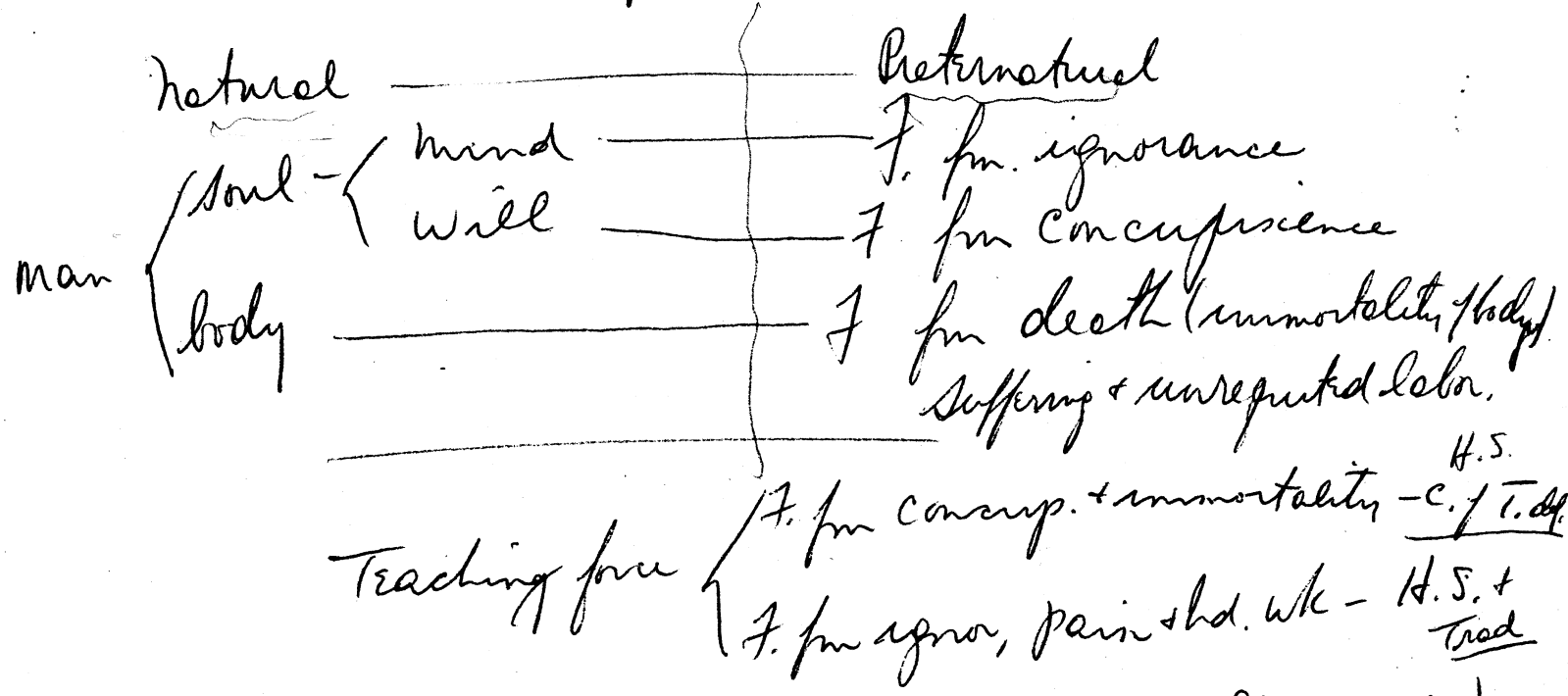
A - Natural - what constitutes man as man (essence)

Man { soul { mind  
          { body { will

(man as considered by  
philosophers)

Man, de facto, was never in a purely natural order but  
could have been.

B. Preternatural (relative sense) beyond man's nature  
freedom from some natural consequences of man's nature.



- f. fm. Concup. - (Integrity - all in order)  
p. 140 - St. Paul. - peaceful subj. of phy. nat. in man to his sp. nat.
- A. Concup. is natural - St. Paul 151 - Appetites
- B. Adam didnt sin by sensuality - no inordinate passion
- C. Passion in se not bad - only inordinate is bad.
- D. Gift - fm H.S. - Naked but not ashamed  
fm C. of T. - Concup not sin but inclines to sin
- f. fm. death - Threat before <sup>shd die the death</sup> & punishment after <sup>death</sup> man would have passed fm ~~earth to~~ earth to hvn.
- f. fm. ignorance - H.S.   
 { named animals knew marriage  
 inf. kind of nat. + sp. truths for <sup>1st</sup> man.
- f. fm. suffering + labor - St. Aug. 193 - Paradise a temple of Golden Age of folklore.

Spitualization of the corporeal

immortality of soul natural -

c. - Supernatural - above rights, powers + needs of any nature,  
 even Angelic  
 what belongs strictly to God alone.

Participated = to live + Act on plane proper to God:

1. Indicated vaguely in O.T. - image + likeness of God.
2. Revealed directly in N.T. - A restores what Adam lost.  
 New life + more abundantly

Man in the div. Nature → B.V.

Relate to H.T. - Mensch - Facets face - Kwaakun

Significance of Man lifted to spnl order.

1. attains new + higher (div.) Value.
2. pow to act on higher level → B.V.
3. New creature - Vine + Branches - Head + members -  
 new + common life.

Sanctification  
 +  
 deflection of  
 the spirit

E.g. mortal sin

Compare nat. + spnl orders {  
 princ. of life -  
 princ. of Act -  
 concurrence of 1<sup>st</sup> cause - sp.  
 goal -

Sanct. gr. - essential + princ. element in Adam's orig. justice  
 C. of V - 205

III - Fall of Man (woman) -  
 with all his gifts - man still free to glorify or dishonour God.  
 - like Angels.

A - Biblical Acc't -

1. The command of God. - Clear + decisive  
Matter may seem trivial - but obd. imp.
2. The first sin - psychology of tempt.
3. Consequences of 1<sup>st</sup> sin - loss of integrity.

Punishments in turn  
 Antitheses - Adam - Xt; Eve - Mary; Tree - cross. p 214  
 Innocent. conc. Statute

B - Teaching of Church

1. Biblical Commission Decrees - certain historical facts.
2. C. of T. Decrees defined - 217 read + explain

IV. The Theological nature of Original sin

Facts clear - as in Trinity - The how constitutes the mystery.

O.S. in Adam - personal  
 in us - sin of nature - state of sin, not act of sin inherited.

1. Fact - Clear from H.S. + Trad - which established facts in  
 Whole O.T. looking for Redeemer - being p.o.s. St. Paul - J. 224 Theol.

2. Nature of O.S. -

a real sin - we bear guilt + punishment. - in everyone +  
 we inherit infected nature - ~~but~~ proper to each c. of T.  
 Really taken away in Baptism. - voluntary in Adam - solidarity in Adam - Xt.

Mystery is one of solidarity - so treated in St. Thos.  
Hard to understand this in bkgd of individualism -

Sin comes by generation - as grace wld be come.  
The transmission of body - linked to Adam - <sup>(not concup.)</sup> soul infected. 230-1

Only diff - we cannot escape oneness in Adam's sin  
but we must elect oneness in salvation of St. Pet.

I - ~~Modern~~ Modern Reaction to Doctrine of O.S. - 3 pos.

A - Some deny its Reality - with more or less <sup>vehemence</sup> <sup>Smith</sup> <sup>Card Newman</sup> <sup>reason shows</sup> <sup>mediocr</sup>  
as Pascal says - incomprehensible as this myst. is  
deny it + many other things, incl. man, become more inc. p.

B - Some distort the terms of the Mystery - misunderstanding  
re: nature + destiny of man.

1. Religionism (naturalism) - denial of spirit  
Adam - bad ex = x to good ex. - no grace involved  
man gets to him on his own powers.

all the help of the spirit order superfluous -  
only self-made man.

Rousseau - theory of natural goodness - naturalized lty

New Paganism today - superman - popular today - no God.  
self-sufficient people - no prayer - millions here

Secularism World becomes anthropocentric - God's law out  
God out of human life

False  
optimism

2. Protestantism - distrusts nature of man + grace of God.

Luther - his life <sup>Calvin</sup> <sup>predic.</sup> Jansen  
Orig. State of Adam natural to man - now lost -  
<sub>essentially corrupt.</sub>

Concept of sin - ev'g bad - only /th saved -

Hobbes + Luther - Only Society - gr Levolution - can  
<sub>socialism + totalitarianism</sub> <sub>keep man in peace</sub>

Diff. of Puritanism on Americans - body bad. <sup>Sy</sup>  
<sub>respectability - eternal morality</sub>  
<sub>driving all bad inside</sub>

Frustrated Man of Today - throwback  
Nebuke vs false optimism

3. Cath. Position - middle path - betw <sup>false optimism</sup> <sub>black pessimism</sub>

Man can do grt evil + grt good.

1. Man has all he needs as man - Nat. endowments.  
<sub>∴ not pessimistic</sub>
2. Man stripped of ptial + spire - still needs gr. for hon.  
<sub>∴ not over optimistic.</sub>

Some grounds for both optm. + pess. - double cross  
<sub>X + Adam</sub>

St. Paul - 249-50 Turn to Xt.

3. We have what was essential in Adam's  
elev - and will have more after Resurr.

BVM - can avoid the Sin

False  
Pessimism