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FDT3000 Reason, Faith and Revelation

Friday 3 June 2005

18.00 – 20.00

To answer TWO QUESTIONS.

1. There was a time when reason and faith were declared enemies. What is the approach of theology today in this regard?
2. God's revelation to humanity is a historical fact for those who have "eyes to see". Write an essay on the issues involved in the acceptance and transmission of this revelation on the part of the believing community.
3. The Constitution of the Second Vatican Council 'Dei Verbum' on divine revelation surely marks a shift in the theology of revelation. Outline some insights in this shift in the understanding of revelation.
4. In his book 'Models of Revelation', Avery Dulles writes in terms of models or types "to sharpen the issues between different tendencies in the theology of revelation". The five types he outlines are : revelation as doctrine, as history, as inner experience, as dialectical presence, and as new awareness. Comment on any two of these types.
5. How is it that we believe that foundational revelation has "come to a close" and at the same time we believe also in a God who is still revealing himself?