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MRT2660 Spiritual Life

Fri 27 Jan 2006

11.45 – 12.45

Answer THREE questions:

1. *Life with Christ in the Spirit* is the main concern of Christian Spirituality. What are the main elements of the spiritual life?
2. A spirituality is the expression of a dialectical personal growth from the inauthentic to the authentic. Explain.
3. Richard J. Hauser says that “spirituality is our effort with grace to become what we have been created by the Lord to be”. Explain this with reference to the scriptural model of the person.
4. Karl Rahner states that “all our encounters with the absolute mystery come precisely in and through finite reality”. How are we to understand this dialectical tension as a basis for our spiritual life today?
5. The study of the spiritual experience needs to consider the concrete human person, in so far as s/he constitutes a whole. Explain briefly this in relation to the axiom “Grace presupposes and perfects nature”.
6. The Christian life is understood by some as the passage from slavery into the desert and beyond to the promised land. Elaborate on this in relation to the “journey” way of understanding our Christian life.