

Le Nouvel Esprit:
A Video Series on the Theology of
the Body

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Conclusions from TOB 3

- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil
 - Boundary between original innocence and original sin
 - Represents the covenant between man and God
 - Original innocence has reference to living out according to this covenant
 - Original sin refers to the covenant being broken
- Christ's reply of appealing to the beginning informs us that there is an essential continuity between original innocence and original sin

Historical Man

- The laws of knowing corresponds to the laws of being
- The emergence of sinfulness is linked to original innocence and man being made in the image and likeness of God
- Historical man, all of humanity after the sin of Adam and Eve, is rooted in this theological prehistory
- Sin must be explained by this prehistory and original innocence
- Historical man's loss of grace has reference to the grace of original innocence

The Perspective of Redemption

- Gen. 3:15 presents the theological perspective of redemption
- All historical man participates in this perspective
- The entirety of human history is one of both sinfulness and redemption
- Man as subject and cocreator of history is open to the mystery of redemption in Christ
- Rom. 8:23
- Redemption of the body guarantees the continuity and unity between man's fallen state and original innocence

Appeal to Experience

- Man's bodiliness is perceived by experience
- This means that experience is a legitimate means for theological interpretation
- Experience hence serves as an indispensable point of reference
- Rom. 8:23 motivation for this view:
 - Redemption of body spoken with language of revelation, and yet, this redemption is also an element of human existence and experience

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