

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

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Consciousness of Body

- Man's consciousness of his body leads to the discover of his complexity as a body-soul unity
 - Original solitude is the ground for the subjective encounter of man's objective, metaphysical composition as both body and soul
 - God formed the dust and blew into the nostrils
- This awareness of the body led to man's self-knowledge of his uniqueness, and the understanding of his superiority over the rest of the visible world
- Man's vocation to till the earth leads to his perception of his superiority

Human Activity

- Man's superiority is revealed through his subjectivity
- Man is a subject by his self-determination, self-consciousness, and body
- The structure of the body permits man to perform genuine human activity
- Man has a fundamental perception of his body as manifesting, expressing, revealing his personhood through human activity

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

- Man is introduced to the new term “death”
 - No familiarity with death
 - God’s words imply that man is dependent for his existence, that he is susceptible to non-existence
- The Tree has its roots into humanity, a new dimension of original solitude
 - Death has a meaning to man in original solitude
 - Death is dependent upon man’s choice

Self-Determination

- Man is determined by the spiritual more than the visible, and once this becomes evident, the alternative between life and death appears
 - This alternative is unique to man, distinct from animalia
 - This alternative has eschatological meaning for the entirety of humanity and for man's body
 - This alternative enters into the definition of man and belongs to original solitude
- Self-determination means free will
 - Man has the ability to freely choose between life and death
- Self-determination is an element of man's subjectivity, that which constitutes him as a person

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