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*In order to appreciate the total contemporary Catholic Systematic Theology it is necessary to read Volume One, Volume Two, parts 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5, and Volume Three. Part 5 and Volume 3 are in publication.*

The concept of revelation is a fundamental one in every religion that in any way traces its origin to God or a divinity. Revelation is a divine communication to human beings. This broad description allows the phenomenologist of religion to include very different manners and degrees of revelation. In fact, the most diverse experiences, ranging from an obscure clue given by a supernatural power to the self-communication of a personal God, are possible from the standpoints of psychology, religious philosophy, and theology. In general, religious phenomenologists use five different criteria characteristics or factors of revelation: God, spirits, ancestors, power mana , forces. In every case the source of revelation is something supernatural or numinous. Effect and consequence for the recipient: It is to be noted that the historians of religion derived the concept of revelation from the Judeo-Christian religion where it received its theological elaboration and then in the course of research into the history of religions was transferred in a broad and analogous sense to other religions. The answer to the question whether one may speak of revelation in the proper sense in animistic, polytheistic, and polydemonistic religions will depend on the understanding of religion maintained by a given Christian scholar. It is certain that revelation must be clearly distinguished from magic, since magical practices aim at power over and disposal of the divine, while revelation means in principle a free announcement by the divinity. This announcement even goes beyond hierophanies and epiphanies and involves the manifestation of something holy or the rendering apprehensible of a divine depth, inasmuch as it always clearly includes the distinction between revealing subject and revealed object, between self-revealing God and mystery made known. In any case, this fuller meaning is regularly intended by the Latin *revelatio* and the Greek *apokalupsis*. Whether *gnosis* and mysticism are to be regarded as forms of revelation or, on the contrary, as the opposite of revelation depends essentially on the role assigned to divine grace as help from and self-communication of God in these manifestations of religious life. Whenever ultimate knowledge and the vision of supreme wisdom are regarded not as the fruit of human effort alone but as a gift from God, then, as in the experience of a profound union with God that cannot be acquired by force or produced by the human being but can only be received as a gift, a self-communication of a personal God comes into play and the concept of revelation is correctly applied. Natural Revelations It may therefore seem at first sight contradictory to speak of "natural revelation," since the knowledge of God derived from nature seems to involve no personal, here-and-now turning of God to human beings but to result rather from the intellectual efforts of the latter. The objection overlooks the fact that religio-philosophical statements about God can never take the form of knowledge gained by the natural sciences, which turn the object of their investigations into an object of human experience and human categories of thought. God cannot be fully grasped by human thought or defined or adequately described in concepts derived from experience of the spatiotemporal world. This fact is reflected in "negative theology," which regards it as possible to say unreservedly of God only what he is not. Positive statements about him always fall short and are compatible with his absolute transcendence, his wholly-otherness *totaliter aliter* and ever-greatness *semper maior* , only insofar as they are made with a realization of the analogous structure of human language. In this context "analogy" does not mean mathematical similarity; it refers rather to a fundamental relation of similarity-dissimilarity, due to which every positive assertion of a formal perfection in God being, goodness, justice, etc. That is, it must be purified of the experienced finiteness that attaches to these concepts in the spatio-temporal world, and then applied to the transcendent God in a nonmaterial sense and in the highest possible degree of perfection. It is clear that in this three-step operationâ€”assertion, negation, and reassertion in the mode of supereminenceâ€”negation

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plays the decisive role. To make the point more simply: God is a hidden God *Deus absconditus*. Only if he discloses himself and only to the extent that he makes himself known can he be known by human beings. This is the basic idea behind the concept of "natural revelation," which is proposed at various points in the Western tradition of philosophical theology. The Bible In his Letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul vividly states the possibility not the actuality of a natural knowledge of God: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened" Rom. The most important statement here is "God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world, the invisible being of God has been known by reason. The apostle Paul was evidently referring to a passage in the Wisdom of Solomon , which was probably a Jewish composition written in Egypt in the first century bce. Rejecting Egyptian polytheism, the author says: If through delight in the beauty of these things men assumed them to be gods, let them know how much better than these is their Lord, for the author of beauty created them. And if men were amazed at their power and working, let them perceive from them how much more powerful is he who formed them. For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their creator" Wis. In this passage myths about the origin of the world and philosophical explanations of the world as emerging from primal matter water, air, etc. Philosophy of Plato The very wording of the passage from the Wisdom of Solomon betrays the philosophical influence of Plato, who speaks in his dialogue the Symposium of the ascent of the soul, via the various degrees of bodily and intellectual beauty, to the primordially beautiful, that is, the idea of Beauty as such. Such is the case in the Lysis, where is found the concept of the Primordially Lovable *philon* , and especially in the Republic , where Plato describes the function of the idea of the Good as such, which is the cause of being and knowledge in everything else that is. In conceiving the world as having its ground in the ideas, Plato provides the philosophical presupposition for understanding everything finite as conditioned and as sustained in being by the idea of God. The world is not intelligible in itself either ontically or noetically, either in its being or in its knowableness. It is for this reason that in the passage from Romans Paul says human beings should have advanced from knowledge of God to acknowledgment of him and the payment to him of honor and gratitude. Even natural revelation implies and calls for existential consequences such as reverence and obedience. Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas In the Constitution on Faith of the First Vatican Council , on the other hand, the Catholic church insisted on the possibility and point of natural revelation: The passage goes beyond what is said in Romans and speaks of God as not only the ground but also the destination of creation. It is clear from this, as it is from the expression "the natural light of human reason," that the council fathers were here following the teaching of Thomas Aquinas. In his five "ways" of obtaining knowledge of God *Summa theologiae* 1. The background of this link in the history of ideas must be briefly sketched. Aristotle had accepted several points made by Plato: In the framework of his own theory of potency and act, Aristotle then elaborated his doctrine of God as the First Unmoved Mover to *proton kinoun akineton auto* , who as self-sufficient intellectual reality *actus purus* is not dependent on anything outside of himself, while at the same time all other intellectual and corporeal beings have their ground in him. God is the origin and source of the world and at the same time its ultimate end, since all things strive toward him and he moves them as "that which is loved," that is, as a supreme value that draws them *Metaphysics A, 6*. All these "movements" of which Aristotle speaks are not to be interpreted in mechanistic terms but intellectually or metaphysically: They are a striving for form or fulfillment in reality or value. Thomas Aquinas reduces these arguments of Plato and Aristotle to concise systematic form. The first three ways take as their starting point certain facts of experience: These three ways conclude to a First Cause that "moves" everything in the Aristotelian sense of the word "move" , is the ground of all further causal series, and has the ground of its own

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being within itself, or, in other words, exists necessarily and eternally. The inevitability of this conclusion is underscored by the consideration that an infinite regress does not offer an alternative solution and that one must abandon the endless series of causes and conditions *ab alio* and accept a First that is of a different kind as if anything at all is to be explained. The idea that an infinite regress is impossible bears the clear mark of Platonic thinking, according to which something finite and conditioned is explicable only in terms of something infinite and unconditioned *anupotheton*. Platonism thus conceived is indispensable for the philosophy of religion. The ground of every goodness is located in the supreme Good as such in Platonic terms: The fifth way concludes from the order found in the world to an orderer who possesses intellectual knowledge and who is all-powerful and so infinitely good that he can bring good even out of evil. The Aristotelian idea of God as end destination of the cosmos merges here with the Platonic idea that evil in all its forms is simply a lack of goodness. If now is added the assertion that these insights for these are not empirical proofs as this term is used in the natural sciences are acquired by "the light of reason," the place of this entire body of considerations in the history of ideas becomes clear once again. Just as in the material world the sun gives light and makes things knowable, so the idea of the good gives things being and the power to know analogy with the sun in the Republic "â€” Augustine therefore says that in every act by which one knows the truth one is illumined by the eternal Truth, and Thomas teaches that human reason participates in "the divine light" *Summa theologiae* 2. The circle is now closed. This appraisal of the situation is fully in accord with that of Thomas Aquinas *Summa theologiae* 1. One is thus brought to a consideration of "supernatural revelation," which will here be called "biblical revelation. His criticism of the proofs for the existence of God is based on the principle that knowledge is valid only within the realm of sense experience and that there is no correspondence between thought and the truth as it exists in itself. Old Testament and Judaism Jewish theology regards it as inconceivable that human beings should know God by their own powers and apart from God making himself known, that is, revealing himself, to them. Like the rest of the Near East, Israel had certain techniques for penetrating the mysteries of God, such as soothsaying, the interpreting of omens and dreams, and the casting of lots. The Old Testament accepted some of these techniques Dt.

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