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FRAGMENTS TOWARD A
SEVENTH CHAPTER OF
DE DEO TRINO: PARS SYSTEMATICA

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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION
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AMONG THE MORE interesting items found among Bernard Lonergan's archival papers is a set of fragments that belong to what was probably a series of attempts to write a seventh chapter of *De Deo Trino: Pars Systematica*.² The chapter was entitled "De Nexu Mysteriorum" ("The Connection of the Mysteries"). All of the fragments can be found on the website www.bernardlonergan.com, the site for the Lonergan Archive. Most of them belong to item 78800DTL060, with several others being rejected pages that now serve as the reverse of other pages on which Lonergan wrote something he intended to preserve.

The most secure fragments consist of a two-page outline of the chapter, where it is clear the chapter was to be divided into three sections, and a sequence of pages that match perfectly the third of these sections. The present edition will present these parts first, divided by an incomplete set of remarks opening the entire work.

It would seem that Lonergan is attempting in these pages to construct an analogy of "word": the word of the gospel, the incarnate Word, and the eternal Word, and that he is doing so in order to make the material in chapters 2 through 5 of *De Deo Trino* more concrete, more connected to the

¹The material in this contribution was translated by Michael G. Shields and edited with an introduction and comments by Robert M. Doran.

²Bernard Lonergan, *De Deo Trino: Pars systematica* (Rome: Gregorian University Press, 1964). This is a revised version of what appeared from the same press in 1957 and 1959 as *Divinarum personarum conceptio analogica*. The Collected Works edition is *The Triune God: Systematics*, trans. Michael G. Shields, ed. Robert M. Doran and H. Daniel Monsour (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2007).

biblical bases (especially as found in the fourth Gospel), and more relevant to the spiritual lives of believers. The pages that constitute part 3, "The Eternal Word," may have an enduring value as part of Lonergan's systematics of the Trinity. They constitute a new expression of that theology.

These three relatively secure portions of the fragments are reproduced in translation here.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS ON THE FIRST PORTION

These two pages are headed "De Deo Trino II Index (p. 302 ad p. 241)." This refers to page numbers in *Divinarum Personarum*, where the index (Synopsis) begins on page 298 and continues to page 303; on page 302 we find that appendix 1 begins at 241; thus Lonergan meant to insert this outline as "index" items at this point. The outline provides an overview of the intended chapter. Lonergan added by hand the page numbers of the chapter in his typescript. These are included here. Most of the pages in the fragments, however, do not correspond to the page numbers in this outline, which is one of the reasons for presuming the work went through more than one draft. But the pages of the third section, "The Eternal Word," match perfectly the numbers inserted in the outline.

THE OUTLINE

CHAPTER SEVEN: THE CONNECTION OF THE MYSTERIES

I The word of the gospel

1. Its principal use in the New Testament. (8)
2. Human evil resists the word of the gospel. (10)
3. Further remarks on the world and darkness. (14)
4. The word of the gospel is spoken in accord with truth and heard in accord with holiness as ordered toward eternal life. (15)
5. It is denied in accord with falsity and rejected in accord with impiety as ordered toward damnation. (16)
6. It is spoken to us by God the Father through his Son. (16)

7. The Son speaks the Father's word to us in accordance with his knowledge. (17)
8. The word of the Father and the Son is heard in the Holy Spirit. (18)
9. Conclusion of the first part. (20)

*II The word of the gospel, the incarnate Word, and the creative
Word according to John (21)*

1. The word λόγος. (22)
2. The prologue, John 1:1-18. (24)
3. Literary-historical comparisons. (26)
4. Twofold status of the word of the gospel. (32)
5. The gospel word bearing fruit interiorly is existential and interpersonal truth. (34)
6. "To be in," "to remain in." (36)
7. "And dwelt among us." (39)
8. The word as the Father's judgment. (42)
9. The word of life. (46)
10. The word of love. (47)
11. The glory of the Onlybegotten. (49)
12. The creative word. (51)
13. Conclusion of the second part. (53)

III The eternal Word

1. The inner word and the uttered word. (54)
2. The word spoken proleptically. (56)
3. The procession of the Holy Spirit. (57)
4. Divine speaking. (63)
5. Eternal Word. (66)
6. Analogy of the connection. (68)