

Review of Propositional and non-propositional revelation in Christian Theology

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Abstract

The phenomenon of *revelation* and its explanation is one of the most important topics in the field of divine religions. The mysterious and supernatural nature of this phenomenon has led religious scholars to various approaches. In Christian theology, there are two general approaches for explaining revelation: i.e. propositional and non-propositional. According to the first approach, the revelation includes set of consciousness which manifest itself in the form of terms and propositions; while in the second approach, revelation is only a disclosure and not a kind of proposition. This paper is going to investigate, analyze and criticize both approaches in order to determine their defects and deficiencies. In both approaches, The reduction of *revelation* to the status of mere proposition in the propositional approach, (disregarding the principles of anthropology and ontology), and reduction of *revelation* to the low level of human experience in non-propositional approach (and neglecting linguistics in the realm of the religion language), are among the most important defects of Christian theology in explaining the phenomenon of *revelation*.

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