

of S. R. The kn. such a person might derive from nat. rev. by his unaided, unenlightened reason. This would help to answer the ? how far such a mind might go in its religious reflection. What God concepts would it produce?

i. Such a theology would not be true, transcendent at certain points in many elements of truth. But unaided unenlightened reason is perverted & always distorts the rev. data wh. comes to it. This condition varies, but is always present. We must bear in mind the close connection between reason & will.

ii. Nat. theology wh. would be the product of this reason could never be the theology of Christian systematic.

Xian systematic can learn a great deal from this realm. It would be a fallacy to think Xian thlogy is a superstructure of S. R. upon the foundation of unenlightened reason.

b. Xian thlogy is under obligation to delineate & systematize the kn. of God & His relation in men derived from nat. rev. It would violate the implications of the theistic interpretation of reality to refuse to do so.

How would this be conducted?

i. The nat. theol. incorporated into S.T. would be the fruit of reasoned inquiry enlightened by special redemptive rev. As Reason, however, systematizes, & presents the data of rev. derived from nature & the works of certain creation & providence, it is only from the light of Scripture that the true import of nat. rev. data is to be perceived. God has in Scripture interpreted for us the significance of this nat. rev. wh. is given to us. Also Scrip. corrects the misapprehension wh. our distorted mind puts upon this nat. data.

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(unaided) ii. The nat. theol. in Xian thlogy incorporated into its systematic construction is n/1 simply the kn. of God derived from nat. rev. Nat. theol. may not import the special data S. R. into nat. theol. Light shed in the mind does not bring anything into the data of gen. rev. which was not there to begin with.

iii. S.T., observing the limits of nat. theol., would not be justified in making nat. theol. the first locus in its systematic construction. Because S.T. is the