

## Nature & Scripture.

1. Opposition - antithesis. Early view. Nominalistic

- a. God  $\leftrightarrow$  world; Nature & grace; Phil & theology.
- b. (Karl Barth; Anabaptists; Dispensationalism)

2. Double truth.

- a. ev. had to be accepted on authority
- b. more irrational the thing the more supernatural.
- c. extreme nominalism

3. Independent; dualism. (William of Auvergne).

3. Teleological

- a) Nature is preamble to grace or super-nature.
- b) Roman Catholic Church; Aquinas.
  - nature & super-nature are in teleological scheme; related to each other; supernatural is end of the lower. (completed).
  - nature is preliminary step to the higher.
- c) Person can fulfill life within telos (nature) but not full complete until he rises to supernatural.
- d) Natural theology is relatively independent; reason alone.
  - operates in own principles; reason.
  - can attain a certain knowledge of God by reason alone apart from anything else. Tells us that God is but no more.
  - for complete view must have supernatural; a step up the ladder.
  - nature is independent but is related to supernatural; this is teleological
  - revelation is not basic for reasoning.

4. Organic Connection of Nature & super-nature.

- a) No relatively connection between the two spheres.
- b) God revelation is basic for our knowledge.
- c) No neutral standpt. for Christians & non-Christians.
- d) not deny ev. in world & in man.
  - position sees every fact as witnessing to God's glory.
  - can't understand ev. in nat. unless we do it in