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Articles on Fundamental Option

Bonagura, David, Jr. "The Fundamental Option: A Pernicious Choice." *The Catholic Thing* (blog) 27 July 2014.
<http://www.thecatholicthing.org/columns/2014/the-fundamental-option-a-pernicious-choice.html> (accessed July 28, 2014).

The article both caricatures and betrays a woefully inadequate grasp of fundamental option theory, but is useful for pointing out how this theory can be misunderstood and/or maligned.

Bonagura has an M.A. in theology from St. Joseph's University in Dunwoodie NY where he also serves as an adjunct professor of theology. More on Bonagura can be found at <http://www.cdu.edu/about/administration/faculty/137-david-bonagura>

Cooper, Eugene J. "The Notion of Sin in Light of the Theory of Fundamental Option." *Louvain Studies* 9 (1983): 363-383.

Fuchs, Josef, S.J. "Good acts and good persons." *The Tablet* 247 (6 November 1993): 1444-1445.

One of a series of articles from a variety of theologians commenting on *Veritatis Splendor*. Fuchs addresses primarily the question of a proper understanding of fundamental option theory.

Josef Fuchs, S.J. is Professor Emeritus of moral theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Gatti, Guido. "A proposito di opzione fondamentale." *Salesianum* 55 (1993): 499-555.

Discusses the fundamental option theory in terms of freedom and act of faith.

Häring, Bernard, C.Ss.R.. "Fundamental Option," Ch. 5 in Idem, *Free and Faithful in Christ: Moral Theology for Priests and Laity*. Volume 1. Slough: St. Paul Publications, 1978.

_____. "Sin in Post-Vatican II Theology." In *Personalist Morals: Essays in Honor of Professor Louis Janssens*, 87-107. Edited by Joseph A. Selling. Louvain: University Leuven Press, 1988.

Traces briefly the manualistic heritage, the development of the theology of sin in Vatican II (especially in *Gaudium et spes*), the theology of fundamental option, new developments and challenges posed to a theology of sin (e.g., from Marxism and liberation theology), then next Häring examines the 1983 Bishops' Synod on sin and the subsequent Apostolic Exhortation, **Reconcilatio et Paenitentia**, before concluding with a brief overview of shortcomings which need to be overcome in a renovated theology of sin.

Kelly, Kevin T. "The Changing Paradigms of Sin." *New Blackfriars* 70 (1989): 489-497.

Discusses various paradigms of sin such as "disobedience," "Person-injuring," "Heart Condition" [Fundamental Option], "Disease," "Systematic Dehumanization," "Historical-Cultural Realism," and "Anti-creational."

Kelly is a priest of the Liverpool Archdiocese and former lecturer in Christian ethics at Heythrop College.

Kopfensteiner, Thomas R. "The Theory of the Fundamental Option and Moral Action." In *Christian Ethics: An Introduction*, 123-134. Edited by Bernard Hoose. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1998.

McInerny, Ralph. "Fundamental Option." In *Persona Verità e Morale: Atti del Congresso Internazionale di Teologia Morale (Roma, 7-12 aprile 1986)*, 427-434. Roma: Città Nuova Editrice, 1987.

The Congress was sponsored jointly the John Paul II Pontifical Institute for the Study of Matrimony and the Family of the Lateran University (Msgr. Carlo Caffarra), and the Holy Cross (Santa Croce) Center in Rome of the University of Navarra (Opus Dei). McInerny is the Michael P. Grace Professor Medieval Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

O'Keefe, Mark. O.S.B. "Fundamental Option and the Three Ways." *Studies in Formative Spirituality* 13 (1992): 73-83.

Discusses the positive contribution the fundamental option theory can make to Christian living when presented in relationship to the Three Ways (purgative, illuminative, and unitive).

O'Keefe teaches moral theology at the St. Meinrad School of Theology.

Regan, Augustine, C.Ss.R. "Grappling with the Fundamental Option." *Studia Moralia* 27 (1989) 103-140.

L'idea di opzione fondamentale è esposta ad equivoci, come confermano recenti interventi del magistero. A tali equivoci è possibile rimediare lasciando cadere la visione fenomenologico-trascendentale di ispirazione idealista (Heidegger, Rahner) che spesso ne costituisce l'orizzonte di interpretazione, per assumere l'analisi tomista concernente il primo atto della volontà.

Roche, Joseph L., S.J. "'Veritatis Splendor' and Current Catholic Moral Education in the Philippines." *Landas* 8 (July 1994): 255-276.

Argues that the teaching of *Veritatis Splendor* on moral theories of fundamental option, intrinsic evil, and proportionalism should be used to "correct" deficiencies found in certain currents in Philippine Catholic moral education. The author, however, does not evaluate very well the nuanced position of moralists whose positions he and the Encyclical seem to attack. Roche is professor of dogmatic theology at the Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila.

Sarmiento, Augusto. "Elección fundamental y compromisos concretos." *Scripta Theologica*. 26 (1994): 179-197.

Books on Fundamental Option
