FUNDAMENTAL OPTION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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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 misunderstand 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


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.


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

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.


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.


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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.

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.


Args 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.


Books on Fundamental Option

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