

The Early Heidegger and Medieval Philosophy: Phenomenology for the Godforsaken is a book by Sean J. McGrath, in which the author critiques secularization through examining the relationship between Martin Heidegger's thought and late medieval and early Protestant Christianity.

This is not a philosophical question, but a historical question. As such, it is best to advance with a sufficient amount of caution. Certitude is difficult to come by in historical explorations, though we can probably arrive at some fairly certain conclusions. I remember writing a text for a graduate course in which I suggested that Heidegger did not really understand Thomas Aquinas, only to be told, in a note from the professor, that, without any doubt, Heidegger both understood Aquinas better than I, and Heidegger knew Thomas Aquinas by heart. Before noting that ambiguity, it might help to point out some biographical elements. Born into a devout Catholic family in , Heidegger received his high school education, from , in a Jesuit secondary school Cf. *The Man and the Thinker*, ed. Precedent Publishing, , 4. A very Short Introduction Oxford: Oxford University Press, , 1. In , as a year-old, he entered the university of Freiburg to study theology, where he also appears to have taught a number of courses cf. Dreyfus and Mark A. Blackwell, , He started this program of theological studies after having been forced to leave his training to become a priest health problems , which he had started only 13 days earlier cf. John MacQuarrie, *Martin Heidegger* ; repr. John Knox Press, , 1. He quit left these studies in theology, once again for health problems, in after only 2 years of training , and turned towards the study of Philosophy. I would like to point out, at this point, that 2 years of theological training, in any university, is not nearly enough to allow us to say that he had an in-depth knowledge of the thought of any theologian, let alone the thought of Thomas Aquinas. Welte has documented how little the scholastic monopoly penetrated into this university. The larger sections of the work give extensive text passages from Aristotle, Thomas of Aquinas and Suarez, always at the end, and in addition the etymology for fundamental ontological concepts. Joan Stambaugh New York: It is in this way that he was introduced to the importance of Hegel and Schelling for theology Ibid. Some, implying that Heidegger had a very deep understanding of Aquinas, point to the fact that Heidegger was born Catholic, was educated as a Catholic, and remained a Catholic until , when he was 30 years old cf. The idea that is being presented here, is that Heidegger was immersed in Thomism from his youth. The atmosphere at Freiburg was anything but thomistic. Though it is not impossible, it does seem odd, however, to claim that Heidegger has properly understood Aquinas when those who influenced his understanding of Aquinas had not, themselves, understood Aquinas and were often in stark disagreement with Aquinas. *Phenomenology for the Godforsaken* Washington, D. It is certainly true that Aquinas was a scholastic, but, it is also true that many philosophers who disagreed fundamentally with Aquinas or who had either misunderstood or distorted Aquinas were also scholastics such as Duns Scotus, Occam, Suarez, etc. To say that Heidegger was well-trained in scholastic philosophy indeed, immersed in it cannot be used to imply that he had any knowledge of Thomas Aquinas. Secondly, as noted above, there was a strange absence, at the university of Freiburg, of true scholastic theology, so it is an overstatement to say that Heidegger was trained in scholastic theology. Thomas Aquinas , which Heidegger never came to know in any depth. Norris Clarke, *The One and the Many*: University of Notre Dame Press, , 9. Sapiientia Press, , 25fn Fordam University, , Irish Academic Press, , Helmuth Wetter Frankfurt am Main: This work is, as of yet, not translated into other languages. *World, Finitude, Solitude*, trans. Michael Heim Indianapolis, IN: Albert Hofstadter ; repr. He also mentions the *De Ente et Essentia* Ibid. Heidegger interacts with Aquinas in many other works and lectures. It would be interesting to see what he had to say at such an early stage in his training. His principle medieval sources are Augustine, Scotus, Eckhart, and Luther, all of whom stand in tension with, if not opposition to Aquinas on many points. *Interpreter of Medieval Thought*, doctoral dissertation Louvain, Belgium: Some think that there is only one answer to such a question: The reason this potestas supremas is based on three unfounded assumptions: *The Esoteric Gnosis of Martin Heidegger*, trans. What should, however, be overwhelmingly evident is that, secondly, whatever Heidegger had learned of Aquinas, his understanding of what he had learned was so flawed and erroneous as to make even a novice in

thomistic studies blush with shame. Bloomsbury, , Thus, did he know something of Aquinas? Was he even able to quote pithy lines from Aquinas—enough to amuse some friends at a dinner party? But, did he understand, and grasp, the actual meaning behind the words he was quoting? It would seem not. We must conclude, then, that if we wish to say that Heidegger had received a scholastic training, then we must qualify this statement by noting that he did not receive a thomistic training, in any meaningful sense of the term.

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The Early Heidegger and Medieval Philosophy is a major interpretive study of Heidegger's complex relationship to medieval philosophy. S. J. McGrath's contribution is historical and biographical as well as philosophical, examining how the enthusiastic defender of the Aristotelian-Scholastic tradition became the great destroyer of metaphysical theology.

Heidegger, Metaphysics and the Univocity of Being Published: This is the explicit thesis of the book, which is repeated in every chapter. It claims to be a radically new thesis. There is an Introduction, a conclusion and an appendix. This serves as background to the remaining chapters, which deal with Heidegger and Duns Scotus Thomas of Erfurt is not examined, and no mention is made of recent research such as S. McGrath, *The Early Heidegger and Medieval Philosophy*, univocity and phenomenology, univocity in *Being and Time* and related works from the s, univocity in the later Heidegger c. As noted in the introduction, the primary explicit thesis of the book is based on the view of Rudolf Allers that "Being is a univocal term" for Heidegger. The Appendix is concerned with "The Univocity of Being: It is the key to the thesis of the book. Further, the author seems to agree with Deleuze that "The central concern of the new onto-philosophy is the univocity of being" p. He argues that Heidegger and Deleuze both reject the medieval doctrine of analogy of being as representative of medieval ontotheology and assert the need to move beyond analogy at least in a strong medieval ontotheological sense and affirm univocity as a necessary condition for doing contemporary philosophy. Heidegger is seen to have fallen short of a complete reduction to univocity. Rather, one has a pure metaphysics of immanence that rejects concern with "God, the world and the self. The imputation of the Deleuzean doctrine of immanence to Heidegger in parts of the text is questionable. It was precisely the residue of Cartesian immanence theory in Husserl that Heidegger in *Being and Time* sought to overcome. How does the author relate univocity of being to the mature Heidegger. As such, all being is understood in terms of time. To that extent, being is univocally understood in terms of time and being itself is temporal" p. The concept of analogy of being is something associated only with medieval and Cartesian ontotheology. Chapter one begins with Aristotle on substance and ends with Scotus on univocity of being. Paronymy is seen as playing the central role in both metaphysics and theology. He sees Heidegger as holding that being is said in many ways. Further, "By contrast to Aristotle on substance, Heidegger conceives Dasein as the ultimate ontological center to which all other regions of being are related" p. Here one might ask: Is that not the question that inspired Heidegger throughout his ways of doing Philosophy? The second part of this chapter deals with medieval philosophy. The general characterization of medieval philosophy may not sit well with its modern interpreters: Faith grounded the intelligibility of the world" p. That is, there was no proper philosophy in the middle ages. Scotus is held to be less of a medieval thinker than Aquinas. Chapter two, "Heidegger, Scotus and Univocity," is divided into two sections. The first is titled "The Question of Being" and consists of a very general review of diverse themes: The author touches on the passage from the primacy of the theoretical attitude to that of practical concern with the unifying term, care. This in turn deals with the ecstases of time. What is at stake in my interpretation of Heidegger is the elaboration of a philosophy of immanence in Heideggerian terms. Chapter three is titled "Univocity and Phenomenological Philosophy. There follows a section on univocity from to , the connections between Husserl and Descartes, and a final summary on "Dasein, Univocity and the Question of Analogy. Thus, analogy leads to ontotheology" p. Is it not also privileged over other entities? Is it not the condition of analogy? Yes, states the author, it is, but "Its privilege may however be regarded as part of the vestiges of the tradition that Heidegger had not yet overcome in *Being and Time*" p. Yet, he concludes that for Heidegger being is primarily univocal. That is, analogy presupposes univocity. Following Scotus, analogy logically presupposes univocity. In this way, for Heidegger, the diverse regions of being find an ontological foundation. Thus, the temporality of Da-sein as the transcendental horizon of being is univocal. This remark is qualified on the next page: From a logical point of view analogy presupposes univocity. Chapter four is titled "Univocity and Fundamental Ontology. Heidegger is seen to reject Husserl as a representative of the ontology of presence. The last part returns to a summary of the phenomenology of Da-sein and then the teaching on univocity. The former is conventional Heidegger doctrine. The latter is a recapitulation on "Univocity and

Analogy. Those who read Heidegger in terms of analogy do not take account of "his temporal univocity of being. For example, in the late s animals and stones are in discrete analogy with the focal reference to Da-sein. Reference is made to the final question in Being and Time in regard to time and being. The conclusion is that "Time is a univocal concept for Heidegger and being, since it is understood in terms of time, is understood univocally" p. This reference to the final question in the last lines of Being and Time raises issues. It does not give sufficient notice to the fact that Heidegger is asking a question; he is not making an ontological assertion. Again, the text is truncated at this point. Heidegger did not think that the language of transcendental thinking was adequate to the question of Being as he posed it. The first section is a very cursory account of Heidegger and Mysticism. In regard to Eckhart, he repeats his view that the world of the medievals was essentially religious and adds: This is true only if one equates "philosophy proper" with atheism. Early Heidegger adopted a "methodological" atheism of modern science. He declined to be called an atheist. Are there no faith-commitments of one kind or another present in modernity? Various themes such as difference and aletheia, Socrates, the principle of sufficient reason and mysticism, the affinity between Eckhart and Heidegger, Being and Nothing, ontology and the reduction to a being, Da-sein and Being, are discussed. There is to be no God perspective: Emphasis is placed on Space-Time as the site for epochal change. That fundamental sense is meaningful presence or presencing. Ultimately, for Heidegger, the being of beings is the presence of that which is present. Chapter six is titled "Univocity and the Problem of History. Again, the "Scotist-Deleuze" notion of univocity is invoked. Heideggerian Ereignis seems to be treated as "an event. The author favors an advocacy of a relative a priori. He recognizes the primacy of poetry in Later Heidegger and acknowledges that Heidegger has moved beyond "Metaphysics. It is clear that the author speaks about salvaging what he can from the Heideggerian corpus. He will take what can be of use in constructing a radically immanentist philosophy which explicitly excludes the "divine," the self, and the world. I am willing to grant the author that concerns about univocity are germane to the period up to and including Being and Time. But even here I have questions. The question of univocity in early Heidegger is a very good one. It is the merit of the author to have seen this influence of Scotus on early Heidegger. Later Heidegger, however, is another matter.

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