

Understanding and Believing

A Comparative View of Theological Scriptural Hermeneutics

Theologians are increasingly according due weight to the insight that an understanding of the divine message in the three monotheistic religions requires a genealogical approach that entails deciphering the interactions between intellectual history and discourse in the scriptures. Alongside a traditional theological approach proceeding on the basis of comparing and contrasting monotheistic beliefs, a comparative hermeneutic methodology drawing on semiotics and textual analysis has emerged as promising. Nevertheless, all methods that have impacted discourse in the field thus far primarily indicate that all comparative approaches essentially appear to posit dogmatic definitions, such as that of the Trinity or of the attributes of God, as relative.

How, then, in light of these considerations, might a comparative theological hermeneutics of the divine message look today? To what extent can methodological and epistemological diversity within a religious denomination or theological tradition contribute to an interreligious discourse on an academic level, conducted, as is its due, in the service of the ethical and spiritual essence of the divine word, which all religions have long proclaimed and laboriously uncovered in their scriptures?

This conference provides the framework for specialist academic discussion of theological and epistemological questions relating to the process of understanding divine discourse in the three monotheistic religions and the associated ethical, moral and social implications. An exploration of the qirā'āt will proceed on the basis of an Islamic perspective on selected passages or terms.

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Participation is free of charge.
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Wednesday June 20, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Welcome and introduction

Prof. Mohammed Nekroumi
Prof. Lutz Edzard
Prof. Reza Hajatpour

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In the Beginning was Reason

Chair: Farid Suleiman
Jürgen van Oorschot: **Die Kunst des Verstehens – Anmerkungen aus dem Blickwinkel der alttestamentlichen Wissenschaft**
Dagmar Börner-Klein: **Biblische Hermeneutik – eine judaistische Perspektive**

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Coffee break

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Power of Wording

Chair: Mohammed Nekroumi
Salwa El-Awa: **Discourse markers as indicators of text structure in the Qur'an**
Lutz Edzard: **Versuch einer Typologie der Qira'āt**
Salah Fakhry: **Die Grenzen der Grammatiker – der Streit um die kanonischen Lesarten des Koranverses „qālū 'in hādānī la-sāḥirānī“ (Q 20:63)**

Thursday June 21, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Varieties of Evil?

Chair: Eva Kepplinger
Michaela Bauks: **Spielarten des Bösen – die Figur der Schlange und der Adam-Mythos im Licht der Texthermeneutik Paul Ricoeurs**
Amira Ghenim: **Backstage cognition in religious beliefs: 'izrā'īl and iblīs as products of Conceptual Blending**

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Coffee break

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Word of the Other

Chair: Reza Hajatpour
Stefan Schreiner: **Nicht wörtlich, sondern ernst nehmen – zum Umgang mit heiligen Schriften**
Mohammed Nekroumi: **Verstehen durch Neulesen? Abrogation (Nash) als Prozess intertextueller Rezeption göttlicher Rede**

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

No Sooner Said than Done

Chair: Lutz Edzard
Sobhi Rayan: **Syllogism and the Principles of Jurisprudence – Uṣūl al-fiqh in al-Ghazali's Philosophy**
Hamadi Dhoub: **The problematic of the eternity of the Qur'anic text and the historical rules: The Qur'anic text as a model**
Hadil Lababidi: **The Elderly, Weak, and Disabled in the Quran**

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Coffee break

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Spirit of the Word

Chair: Jarmila Geißler
Wolfgang Schoberth: **Zwischen Buchstabe und Geist. Zum Verstehen der christlichen Bibel als Heilige Schrift**
Mohammed Ait Hammu: **Al-Ghazali's Theory of Interpretation**
Peter Spiewok: **Traditionelle Hadithhermeneutik auf dem Prüfstand – eine exemplarische Untersuchung eines Prophetenhadithes über das Scheidungsgesuch einer Ehegattin**

Friday June 22, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Plenary discussion

Chair: Farid Suleiman
Stefan Schreiner
Michaela Bauks
Mohammed Nekroumi
Salwa El-Awa