

Other aspects of monasticism.
 'pathological overburdening of life by the ethical ... fanaticism ... (consequent in) the
 process of concrete life which is not properly subject to general principles are exposed
 to constant criticism, facet finding, admiration, correction + general interference!
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'improving + destroying the creaturely existence' p. 233. see also 235.

Mon. condemned.

- The radical solution - rejection of penit.
- The 'idealizing feature' - pseudo-lambent individualism.
- Stabilization of responsibility by rule + principle - of the regulated life of Germany. 219

The 'distortions misunderstanding' of monasticism - with that of secularism.
 see. even. that by discharging his earthly task man fulfils responsibility to God. 223

Monasticism - is precisely a failure to attack the world from within it.

The misunderstanding on the part of medieval monasticism does not lie in its recognition of the fact that the call of Jesus Xp involves man in a struggle against the world, but in its attempt to find a place which is not in the world & at which this call can, therefore, be answered more fully. 224.

1 - failure to take seriously the 'no' adduced to monasticism along with the world 'yes' by which God reconciles the world to himself.

Monastic 'no' to world is therefore pseudo-seriousness.

* 2. But it is time w. Luther to say one might leave an earthly calling in which one was long responsible (& live in solitude). 224 'in a common concrete existence'.

4. 'Monasticism is right in so far as it is a protest against the misrepresentation of the A.T. idea of vocation' - misrepresentation by 'pseudo-lutheranism' which shows in sanctity of earthly institutions as such & that 'the world is everywhere good'. 224

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Monasticism.

Intro. - state of question. B's 'turning to world'

- Principles - from this
 - The penitential
 - The world is penitential
 - The world is fallen.
 - Monasticism as evidenced. (radical solution - denial of penit. + hatred of creation) ultimately blamed on world.
 - Monasticism as penitential. (Luther.) (but certainly implies preaching - emphasis on word.)
 - It approves the implicit purpose. (no responsibility, totality) approves 'ideology' approves essential means - see below
- Vocation - man claimed by grace for fellowship in Xp.

2 Practice - from prison letters.

3. Vocation. Important passage on hearing & doing Eth. is 168-169 applied to mon. vocation. explanation of the 'wrong' (self-aware) monastic attitude. 'becoming a judge ...' 169 Martin & Henry.

* 5. 'where monasticism is wrong' 'doing wrong' 225

- "It retreats the compass of ultimately responsible life to the walls of the monastery, & it can only interfere"
- "and it can only interfere as worthless compromise the life in which a man endeavours to unite in concrete responsibility to the call of Jesus Xp the 'yes' & the 'no' to life in the world which are implicit in this call." 224.