# THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

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Purgative

Illuminative

Unitive

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The Whitehead Model

Dr's James & Evelyn Whitehead



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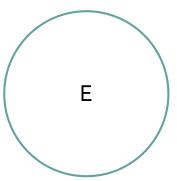
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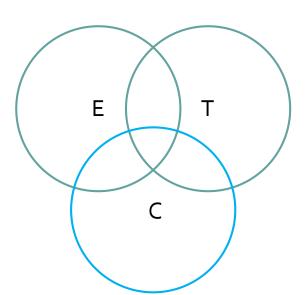
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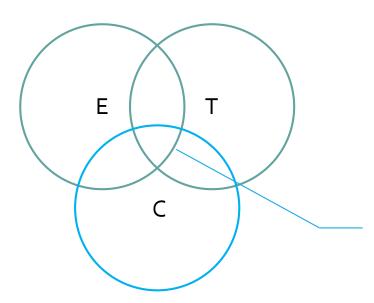
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What's Next?

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What do we do with our three Poles?

Attending

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John Shea

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 To allow faith perspectives to influence Personal and Social life

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  - As a Response to God's Love!

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Our Prayer

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Our Prayer leads us to Love

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 Our Prayer leads us to Love and our Love leads us to Action!

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- If our Action is not one of Love then we need to look at our Prayer.

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Lectio Divina

Guido II

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Step 1

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Step 1 Read/Lectio

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Step 2 Meditate/Meditatio

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Step 2 Meditate/Meditatio

Step 3 Prayer/Oratio

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Step 1 Read/Lectio

Step 2 Meditate/Meditatio

Step 3 Prayer/Oratio

Step 4 Contemplation/Contemplatio



Step 1

Step 1 Gaze Him

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Step 2 Consider Him

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Step 2 Consider Him

Step 3 Contemplate Him

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Step 3 Contemplate Him

As you desire to

Step 1 Gaze Him

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Step 4 Imitate Him

Franciscan Model

Guido II

St Clare

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### Franciscan Model

St Bonaventure

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Step 1 Hear it

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Step 2 Understand it

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Step 3 Memorize it

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Step 1 Hear it

Step 2 Understand it

Step 3 Memorize it

Step 4 Carry it out

	Monastic Model Guido II	Franciscan Model St Clare	Franciscan Model St Bonaventure
Step 1	Read/Lectio	Gaze Him	Hear it
Step 2	Meditate/Meditatio	Consider Him	Understand it
Step 3	Prayer/Oratio	Contemplate Him  As you desire to	Memorize it
Step 4	Contemplation/Contemplatio	Imitate Him	Carry it out

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	Guido II	St Clare	St Bonaventure
Step 1	Read/Lectio	Gaze Him	Hear it
Step 2	Meditate/Meditatio	Consider Him	Understand it
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Step 4	Contemplation/Contemplatio	Imitate Him ——— Actio	on — Carry it out

Monastic Model

Guido II

St Clare

Franciscan Model
St Bonaventure

Step 1 Read/Lectio Gaze Him Hear it

Step 2 Meditate/Meditatio Consider Him Understand it

Step 3 Prayer/Oratio Contemplate Him Memorize it

As you desire to

Step 4 Contemplation/Contemplatio Imitate Him — Action — Carry it out

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Action

Carry it out

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Contemplation/Contemplatio

Monastic Model Franciscan Model

Guido II

St Clare

Feminine Circular

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St Bonaventure

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As you desire to

Step 4 Contemplation/Contemplatio Imitate Him — Action — Carry it out

Monastic Model Franciscan Model

St Clare

Feminine Circular

Franciscan Model

St Bonaventure

Linier

Step 1 Read/Lectio

Step 2

Step 3

Meditate/Meditatio

Prayer/Oratio

Guido II

Step 4 Contemplation/Contemplatio

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Action

Carry it out

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Contemplation/Contemplatio

		Affective	Pragmatic
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	Guido II	St Clare Feminine Circular	St Bonaventure  Linier Masculine
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Step 3	Prayer/Oratio	Contemplate Him  As you desire to	Memorize it
Step 4	Contemplation/Contemplatio	Imitate Him ——— Actio	on — Carry it out

	Intellectual	Affective	Pragmatic
	Monastic Model	Franciscan Model	Franciscan Model
	Guido II	St Clare Feminine Circular	St Bonaventure  Linier Masculine
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	Monastic Model	Franciscan Model	Franciscan Model
	Guido II	St Clare	St Bonaventure
	Gender Neutral	Feminine Circular	Linier Masculine
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Step 4	Contemplation/Contemplatio	Imitate Him ——— Ac	tion ——— Carry it out

Intellectual Monastic Model Guido II Gender Neutral Step 1 Read/Lectio Step 2 Meditate/Meditatio Prayer/Oratio Step 3 Step 4 Contemplation/Contemplatio

"Beatific Vision"

Affective Pragmatic Franciscan Model Franciscan Model St Clare St Bonaventure Feminine Circular Linier Masculine Gaze Him Hear it Understand it Consider Him Contemplate Him Memorize it As you desire to Carry it out Imitate Him -Action

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The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand

# THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION WITH

FRANCISCAN LECTIO DIVINA

TR

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

TR

Step 1 Experience

Step 2

Step 3

TR

Step 1 Experience

Step 2 Structure

Step 3

TR

Step 1 Experience

Step 2 Scripture

Step 3 Dialogue

TR

Step 1 Experience

Step 2 Scripture

Step 3 Dialogue

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Step 1 Experience

Which experience is most present on your mind

Step 2 Scripture

Step 3 Dialogue

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Step 2 Scripture

Which Scripture passage best speaks

To your Experience

Step 3 Dialogue

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With: Experience – Tradition – Culture

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Step 4 Action

What is God asking you to do?

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Random – Sunday's – chosen by a facilitator

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Step 3

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Step 2 Experience

Step 3

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Step 2 Experience

What experience in your life
Does the Scripture Passage speak to?

Step 3

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Step 3 Dialogue

With: Experience – Tradition – Culture

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Step 2	Scripture Which Scripture passage best speaks To your Experience	Experience What experience in your life Does the Scripture Passage speak to?	Consider
Step 3	Dialogue With: Experience – Tradition – Culture	Dialogue With: Experience – Tradition – Culture	Contemplate
Step 4	Action What is God asking you to do? Or What is God asking you not to do?	Action  What is God asking you to do?  Or  What is God asking you not to do?	Imitate

		Clare		
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Step 3	Dialogue	Dialogue	Contemplate	Prayer
Step 4	Action	Action	Imitate	Contemplate

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Step 2	Scripture	Experience	Consider/ Understand	Meditate
Step 3	Dialogue	Dialogue	Contemplate/ Memorize it Internalize it	Prayer
Step 4	Action	Action	Imitate/ Carry it out	Contemplate