

SURF 6

Fusing Method, *Minne*, Mine, Molecules

My title gives an odd spread of pointers, massively complex pointers, and my intention in commenting on it is to keep my remarks brutally brief. Method: a matter of lifting subjectivity to global luminosity.¹ *Minne*: that lift is to shift the focus of prayer to thinking love.² Mine: the thinking of one and all reaches towards a integral possession and self-possession.³ Molecules: the self-possession is to be positional.⁴

Fusing? Ultimately it is an ongoing eschatological fusing. The turn to and of that word came to me as I worked on the second canon of hermeneutics, which is to occupy us in SURF 13. At the conclusion of the second paragraph of that canon Lonergan talks of how “elements in the explanatory differentiation of the protean notion of being fuse into a single explanation.”⁵

Obviously, the ultimate fusing is in the beloved Explanation of God which is the Word, but that Word as somehow “a psychic force that sweeps living human bodies

¹There is the lifting within the Tower of Able where that tower’s Standard Model is what is named in my title. But that lift is geared towards a global luminosity of common sense. See, in the Website, *Lonergan’s Standard Model of Effective Global Inquiry*.

² I am thinking of the writings of that strange 13th century Beguine mystic, Hadewijch of Antwerp on the topic of **Minne** for whom “Minne is everything conquering all with wonder”. In one writing she gives seven names to *minne*, names that point to a condensed meaning: love, light, live coal, fire, gentle dew, living spring. The second name centres on “enlightened reason”. I discuss the transposition of mysticism in *Prehumous 8*, “Foundational Prayer V: Locating Mysticism”. It is, evidently, the fifth in a series (*Prehumous 4-8*) on the topic of prayer, described there as “resting and questing in the real”.

³Mine is a reference to Lonergan’s scribble at the bottom of his discovery page of February 1965. “Vital, intelligent, reasonable, responsible, mine and catholic”. The word *mine* was doubly underlined by him.

⁴See *Cantower 9*, “Position, Position, Protopossession,.” and *Cantower 4*, “Molecules of Description and Explanation.”

⁵*Insight 587*[610]. See also *Verbum*, 238, on context.

linked together”⁶ into the ever-fresh minding of the Incarnate Word.

⁶*Insight* 723[745].