

E.S. Kempson: a Patristic angle

This paper will explore the implications of negative theology for biblical hermeneutics through an examination their relationship in the thought of Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite. The revival of apophatic and negative theology in recent decades has coincided with a renewed interest in Pseudo-Denys' corpus. His metaphysics of God and creation under-gird his approach to negative theology and these together shape his account of scripture and the human pursuit of Truth. This paper aims to show the indelible connection among these loci of Pseudo-Denys' thought, from the dialogical nature of negative theology to the his holistic approach to scripture, liturgy, and salvation and the metaphysics which bind them together.