

Man and Cosmos in the Syriac Theology. Apologetical Approaches at Saint Ephrem the Syrian

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Abstract

The theological approach about the link between man and cosmos was a very important theme at the Syriac Fathers. Especially, St. Ephrem the Syrian develop a complex overview about the divine presence of God in the life and existence of man and cosmos. His most important work in this concern is his very interesting commentary on the Genesis. In our study, starting from the general view of the Syriac Theology, in his cosmological and anthropological content, we developed an analysis about the place and role of man and cosmos, as apologetical elements, in God's providential plan. In our research we have the possibility to consult some important sources from the Library of the Pontifical Institute of Oriental Studies, in Rome. Therefore, we believe that our brief research can be a very interesting starting point in the apologetical approach of the Syriac theology, regarding its cosmological and anthropological elements.