Hermeneutics and Gnoseology in Origenes' Thought

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Abstract

This study is focused of the ambigous relationship between the thinking of Origenes and the tradition of the diverse philosophical schools in the Antiquity. Interpreting in a subtil way the words of the Apostle Paul in Cor 2, 6 on the danger of philosophy, which can steal the minds of the people, Origenes like Clemens of Alexandria used the language and the arguments of philosophy in specific circumstances. Thus, philosophy is not an aim by himself. The second part of this study treats in which way God, in His three hypostases, Father, God and The Holly Spirit can be known by the man. The final part of this study treats about the hermeneutics of Origenes. He is the first and the most important church father, who writes and reflects about the interpretation of the revealed textes. Origenes starts in this manner a tradition, which will be continued by philosophers like Friedrich Schleiermacher, Martin Heidegger and especially Hans-Georg Gadamer.