

Questions in Religious Authoritative Texts

Tenth anniversary of the RSCS institute

September 10-11, 2019

When the Catholic University of Louvain decided, in 2009-2010, to specialize research structures differently from those of education, many energies were mobilized. They led to the creation of the RSCS Institute to reinforce the links and cooperation between theologians and researchers of human and social sciences attached to a religious topic. In 2019, ten years later, we measure the extent of the efforts made and also the importance of their first fruits, thanks to the involvement of all researchers! Five days of scientific meetings, divided into three phases, are organized to celebrate this anniversary, in a way that is both informal and convivial.

The Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, the Rabbinic literature and the texts of the Fathers of the Church are increasingly studied as texts that use the same rhetorical strategies as the contemporary literature of their respective milieu.

This colloquium contributes to the debate on the function of "questions" in the rhetoric of religious texts.

Who asks the questions? Are they many? Who are the recipients? On which topics are questions asked? What kinds of question are used (informative, rhetorical, open, incriminating, ...)? What is the place questions in the set of rhetorical techniques of a text?

The presentations will illustrate at least two things:

- (1) the ultimate function of the questions goes beyond communication between the characters of the story and is at the level of communication with the readers,
- (2) the function of the questions varies between the individual books of the Old Testament, the New Testament, rabbinical tradition and the Fathers of the church.

Chair : Geert Van Oyen (UCLouvain – RSCS) and
Bart Koert (Universiteit Tilburg)



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TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

12h00

Welcome

14h55

Opening the symposium

15h00

Questions as Tools for Learning in the Gospel of Luke

Bart J. Koet, Tilburg School of Catholic Theology

15h35

Qui demande quoi à qui et pourquoi? Les fonctions rhétoriques des questions dans l'évangile selon Marc

Geert Van Oyen, UCLouvain - RSCS)

16h10 Pause: Coffee Break

16h40

Questions in Isaiah's Woe Oracles against the Rulers of His People (Isa 10:1-4) and the Assyrian Power (Isa 10:5-19).

Joachim Eck, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

17h15

Questions in the Psalms.
Harm van Grol, Catholic University of Tilburg

17h50

The Question of the Word of God. The communicative function of the questions in Amos 3:3-8.

Archibald L.H.M. van Wieringen, Tilburg School of Catholic Theology

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

8h45

Questions as Tools for Learning in the Acts of the Apostles

Arie Zwiep, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

9h20

Questions in Romans.

Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

9h55

Questions as Rhetorical Motives in 1 Cor 11,17-34.

Ignatius W. Tilma, Tilburg School of Catholic Theology,

10h30 Pause: Coffee Break

11h00

Discussion with the doctoral students and professors from Louvain-la-Neuve, Tilburg & Amsterdam

12h30 Lunch

13h30

Questions in Halachic discussions

Leo Mock, Tilburg School of Catholic Theology

14h05

Questions in Augustine

Paul J.J. van Geest, Professor Church History, Tilburg School of Catholic Theology

14h40

Questions in Socratic Tradition. Didactic and Pedagogical Reflections on Questions in Religious Texts

Natascha Kienstra, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen

15h15

Coffee and Conclusions (Geert Van Oyen and Bart Koet, Professor of New Testament School of Catholic Theology)