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CULTURE BETWEEN THE SCIENCES AND THEOLOGY: TOWARDS AN INTEGRAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY ANTHROPOLOGY

Summary: This paper begins by considering three different but interconnected trends in the interdisciplinary anthropological research characterizing the 20th century. The recent scientific research into the topic on "human uniqueness" is tackled with first (Section 1). Then, the attention is addressed to some of the developments of the renewed interest to the anthropological question manifested by the theological reflection of the last century (Section 2). Furthermore, Section 3 is devoted to some developments in the field of "science and theology" about anthropology and the evolutionary view of the world. Finally, a research perspective in line with the mentioned developments, but also potentially (and hopefully) able to add fresh insights towards an integral and interdisciplinary anthropology is presented in Section 4.

Sommario: L'articolo inizia considerando tre tendenze, distinte ma interconnesse, nel panorama antropologico interdisciplinare che caratterizza il XX secolo. La ricerca scientifica recente sul tema della "unicità umana" è affrontata per prima (Paragrafo 1). Dopodichè, l'attenzione è rivolta ad alcuni sviluppi dell'interesse rinnovato per la questione antropologica che la riflessione teologica ha manifestato durante il secolo scorso (Paragrafo 2). Quindi, il paragrafo 3 è dedicato agli sviluppi in seno alla disciplina nota come "scienze e teologia" a proposito dell'antropologia e della visione evolutiva del mondo. Infine, nel Paragrafo 4, viene presentata una prospettiva di ricerca in linea con gli sviluppi menzionati, ma che è anche potenzialmente (e auspicabilmente) capace di aggiungere delle intuizioni nuove nella direzione di una antropologia interdisciplinare e integrale.

> Today it is more difficult to form a synthesis of the various disciplines of knowledge and the arts than it was formerly. For while the mass and the diversity of cultural factors are increasing, there is a decrease in each man's faculty of perceiving and unifying these things, so that the image of "universal man" is being lost sight of more and more. Nevertheless it remains each man's duty to retain an understanding of the whole human person in which the values of intellect, will, conscience and fraternity are preeminent. These values are all rooted in God the Creator and have been wonderfully restored and elevated in Christ (*Gaudium et Spes*, 61).