

Sacrament and Simulation

Semiotics of the eucharistic „Realpräsenz“

Abstract: The sacrament of communion appears as simulation of Christ's presence. Therefore it was necessary to criticize the misleading concept of „Realpräsenz“. The sacramental reference is only of verbal kind. Semiotic stratification of the quotation levels elucidates the relativity of the different consecrating propositions cited by the celebrant and cited also by New Testament's authors. The idea of presence had to be extricated from magic aspects. The logical and semantic functions of the word „est“ occurred in „this is my body“ are shown. And the synecdoche as part of *suppositio impropria* is analysed with special respect to the differences between the logical tradition (Ockham) and Luther's suggestions.