

# Biblical and theological elements in a digitally shaped life

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### three steps

- about God
- about human being
- about christian life



At each step the theological affirmations shall either help to underline

# • opportunities or

# critical distance

from christian point of view

## From the book of Psalms

#### Ps. 139 God's Complete Knowledge and Care

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have examined me and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> You know everything I do;

from far away you understand all my thoughts.

<sup>3</sup>You see me, whether I am working or resting;

you know all my actions.

<sup>4</sup>Even before I speak,

you already know what I will say.

<sup>5</sup>You are all round me on every side;

you protect me with your power.

<sup>6</sup>Your knowledge of me is too deep;

it is beyond my understanding.

<sup>7</sup>Where could I go to escape from you?

Where could I get away from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I went up to heaven, you would be there;

if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there.



<sup>9</sup>If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, <sup>10</sup> you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me.

11 could ask the darkness to hide me or the light round me to turn into night,
 12 but even darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as bright as the day.
 Darkness and light are the same to you.

<sup>17</sup>O God, how difficult I find your thoughts;
 how many of them there are!
 <sup>18</sup>If I counted them, they would be more than the grains of sand.
 When I awake, I am still with you.

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<sup>23</sup>Examine me, O God, and know my mind;
 test me, and discover my thoughts.
 <sup>24</sup>Find out if there is any evil in me
 and guide me in the everlasting way.



about God

God is creator of everything – out of nothing

Genesis 1

- God knows everything wellspring of all wisdom Col 2 <sup>3</sup>[Christ] is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God's wisdom and knowledge.
- God is with us in all steps / stages of our live

Ps 139

- God created time
   night / day working days / sabbat or holidays
   (all creation needs this alternance: action / rest)
   Remember the the idea of the "decadi" in french revolution:
   Have a Resting day after nine days of work failed be introduced!)
- God as the Other

   in Dialogue and relation with human being and the whole creation



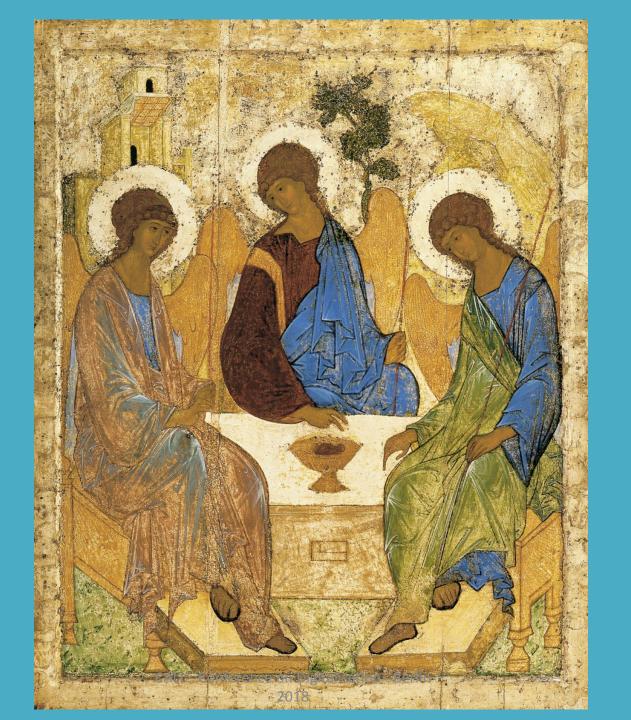
about God

 God is communication in himself: The Mystery of Trinity giving and receiving Father - Son - Holy Spirit

 God wants Human being to join in / become part of to Gods own communication

This can be understood as a model for all communication





# about human being

- created by God and
- part of the dialogue with God
- this relation is the (only) foundation of identity
- face to face personal contact are essential to full human life while digital life is dissociating time and place
- called to be co-creating with God God gave wisdom to human being to create, also digital worlds!



#### How technique helps to spread the gospel:



With hammer and nail since ever a big outcome is possible.

500 years – Martin Luther and Reformation inimaginable without us craftsmen



# On the other hand: Critical distance towards technical development by faith



Arma Christi cross, 1980ies nearby Leutkirch © A. Knoch



#### about christian life

- Individually called to new life in freedom and
- Called to new life in solidarity
- Justification by grace is the foundation of
- Sanctification (answering to Gods love through love)
   or:

perfection is the fruit of Gods Grace not of self-optimization as suggested in the digital world, where "Lifelong learning" is required.

Lifelong growing and the experience of forgiveness has some similarity to this concept, but is not the same as it has a spiritual and a human dimension,

but is has not to be "traded" with.



## about christian life

#### How we get in contact with God

- Media / supports always were used narratives – manuscripts / letters – printed – radio – TV – digitalized... illumination – conversion but: ApActs (Philippus) – personal witnessing makes the "difference"
- communication can help create communion

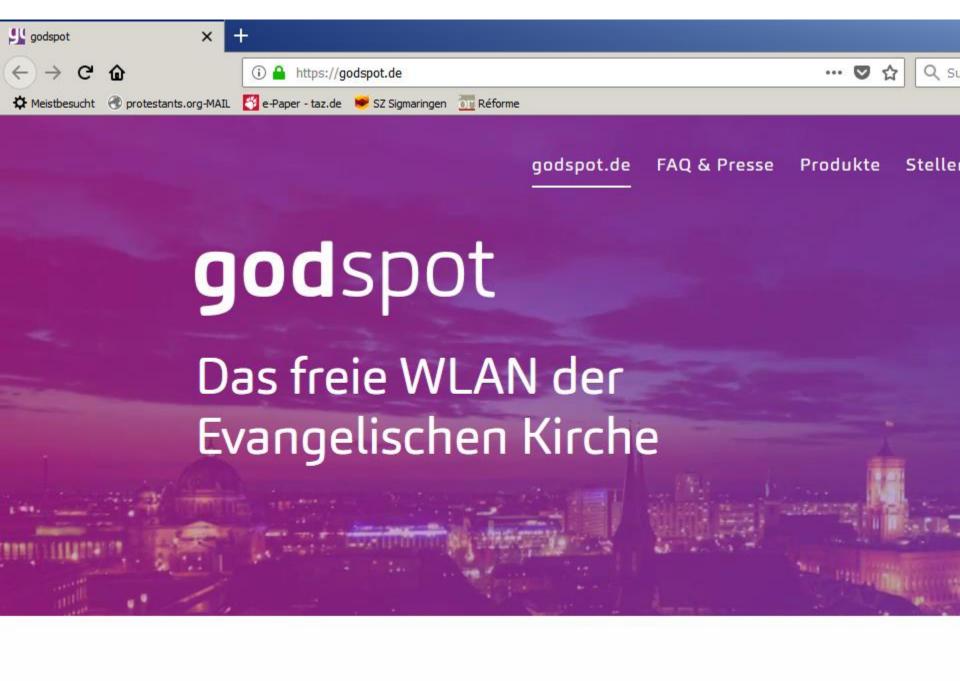
actual debate: can we or not receive communion at a TV service?

Digital supports:
They risk to distract,
they keep on working, while we are searching for rest
How to concentrate?)

#### Examples:

- "Godspot" (Protestant Church of Berlin )
- Partenia (see next slide)







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Partenia

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Histoire de Partenia

**Biographie** 

de Jacques Gaillot

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## about christian life

How we get in contact with the others

#### **Ecclesiology**

Church as the body of Christ and its members
 see 1 Cor 12

Reformation: Priesthood of the baptized

cloud intelligence

In agile teams, creativity can circulate, each one has something to say no subordination, diversity is needed

Church(es) as network

Pauls letters create and support communion, there was no central authority, but interconectivity as in the wor(l)dwideweb

The different charismas of the church traditions can be interrelated

Gemeinsamer Glaube mit Zukunft: Progressive Vernetzung der Charismen. Eine protestantische Vision Hans-Martin Barth MD 4/2015

Practical church life

#### What means resurrection of the flesh?

Speaking about - resurrection of the flesh — not without our whole person not as a newly formatted hard disc, but including and transcending our experience and put together by God to a new life (as in a mosaic/collage)

See artistic work of Anne Merkelbach (next slide)







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#### **Deutsche Dominanz**

In Brüssel sitzen viele Deutsche in wichtigen EU-Positionen. Zu viele?

#### Was Kinder glauben

Ohrwürmer kriechen ins Ohr. Und Gras kann man wachsen hören. Eine Sammlung kindlicher Glaubenssätze

Ausgabe zum tazelab zur Zukunft der Arbeit



- Pour ou contre?
- Comment uti
   Me pas se laisser faire / mais
- Technik- und Erfolgsfreundlichkeit der Gesellschaft / auch des Protestantismus und die Rechtfertigungslehre stehen im Widerspruch, Das protestantische Paradox (Thiede, Pfarrerblatt)