

BACKGROUND

For the last ten weeks or so, we have been going through a transcript of a Dennis Prager video in an attempt to identify specific elements of his foundational stance. Today we started mapping this data set against a conceptual framework drawn from both Lonergan and Friedman. This is an introduction to that framework.

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Mapping Data Against a Conceptual Framework (Lonergan/Friedman)

FRIEDMAN & LONERGAN

Friedman's interest in professional practice in institutional trouble-shooting maps perfectly with what professional practice as a "cosmopolis" practitioner when Lonergan's work in Insight and Method is used to ground each of the four essential inquiries before generating remedial plans and/or policies.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Friedman advocated a four stage inquiry involving orientation, diagnosis and evaluation, and estimate local scope and constraints on rational action in unique time-and-space-specific situations during times of fundamental institutional change. Lonergan's work improves the possibility of success in each of these areas.

FOUNDATIONS

- ▶ level of deliberation, evaluation, decision
- ▶ a decision about whom and what you are for and whom and what you are against
- ▶ it's a total surrender to the demands of the human spirit be attentive, be intelligent, be reasonable, be responsible, be in love

▶ intentionality analysis

Conversion

- Religious (charity)
- Moral (courage)
- Intellectual (wisdom)

DIFFERENTIATED MIND

Core

- Realm of Common Sense
- Realm of Theory
- Realm of Interiority
- Realm of Transcendence

Additional

- Realm of Scholarship
- Realm of Art
- etc.

Fundamental Dialectic

- ▶ life-affirming generative principle
- GOD ▶ ethical monotheism (Judaism)
- ▶ personal transformation (Christianity)
- ▶ death-affirming (Satanic) generative principle
- ∞∞∞ ▶ Gnosis (human "wisdom", i.e., Sophia)
- ▶ Left (socialist); Islam (pagan, feudal)

GENERAL MAPPING LONERGAN'S FUNCTIONAL SPECIALTIES ONTO FRIEDMAN'S PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Foundations relates to *Orientation*.
Doctrines relates to the *objectification of one's Orientation* (fundamental beliefs concerning reality, world views, meta-narratives, etc.).
Systematics attempts to explaining fundamental doctrines and hence has a lot to do with *evaluation and diagnosis*.
Communications relates to *scope and constraints* in unique time-and-space-specific socio-political situations, i.e., the attempt to implement a mediated world of meaning derived from foundations, doctrines, and systematics.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

ORIENTATION

Foundations/World View/Meta-Narrative

EVALUATION

Dysfunctional Symptoms
 Mapped Against a Functioning Entity

DIAGNOSIS

Root Causes
 Explaining Why Things Have Gone Wrong

SCOPE & CONSTRAINTS

Irrational Features
 Drama/Aesthetics/Biological/Intellectual

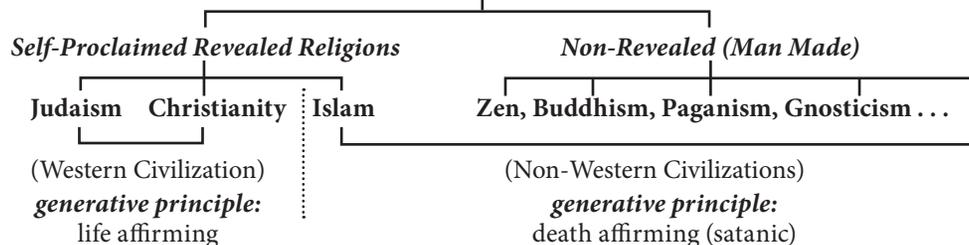
PROGNOSIS

If Untreated
 This is What Happens

REMEDIAL PLANS/POLICIES

Recommended Actions
 Strategies for Reversing Decline

RODNEY STARK
 Sociologist of Religion



mutual incompatible

DETAILS OF OTTO FRIEDMAN'S APPROACH MAY BE FOUND IN THE COSMOPOLIS HANDBOOK