

WORKSHOPS ON THE LATIN WORKS OF HENRY MORE

Henry More was by far the most prolific writer among the Cambridge Platonists. His magisterial *Opera Philosophica* of 1679, now being edited and translated into English on the AHRC-funded project *Cambridge Platonism at the Origins of the Enlightenment*, contains some of his most seminal writings, including his influential critiques of Baruch de Spinoza, Jacob Boehme and Isaac de Luria. The interdisciplinary *Workshops on the Latin Works of Henry More*, organized by the Universities of Cambridge and Bochum, provide first analyses of these newly-edited and newly-translated texts from a variety of historical, philosophical and theological perspectives.

III. CAMBRIDGE PLATONISM AND THE ORIGIN OF THE „PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION“

It was the Cambridge Platonist Ralph Cudworth who coined the concept of “philosophy of religion” in his magisterial *opus magnum* of 1678 entitled *The True Intellectual System of the Universe*. A year later, Henry More published his three-volume Latin *Opera Omnia*. Its second volume contains his principal philosophical writings in Latin, including his hugely influential critiques of Descartes, Spinoza and Boehme and his handbooks on ethics and metaphysics. Drawing upon the resources of the ancient theology of pagan and patristic Platonism, Cudworth and More were the founders of the modern discipline of the philosophy of religion.

In response to the threat of materialism and determinism, the Cambridge Platonists propounded an early modern system of rational theology based upon the twin pillars of divine goodness and free will, thereby inaugurating a living tradition of Anglo-Saxon idealism.



PUBLIC EVENING LECTURE

FRIDAY, 10TH MAY, ROOM: HGA 20

18.00–19.00 Douglas HEDLEY, Cambridge
The Ancient Theology Revived – “Philosophy of Religion” in the Cambridge Platonists

WORKSHOP: FAITH AND REASON IN THE CAMBRIDGE ENLIGHTENMENT (SATURDAY, 11TH MAY)

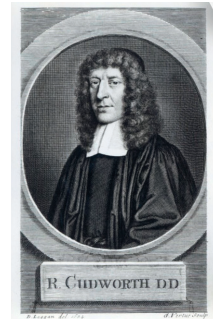
10.00–10.15 Benedikt P. GÖCKE, Bochum
Introduction: Religious Philosophy as System and Science – The Contemporary Significance of Cambridge Platonism

10.15–11.00 Adrian MIHAI, Cambridge
Divine Providence, Atoms and Innate Ideas: Rational Theism in Ralph Cudworth’s *The True Intellectual System of the Universe*

Coffee Break

11.30–12.15 Christian HENGSTERMANN
Spatial, Spiritual and Material Extension – The Rational Theology of Henry More’s *Opera Omnia* II/1

12.15–13.00 Matthew LEISINGER, Cambridge
Ralph Cudworth on Free Will



Lunch Break

14.00–14.45 Daniel TOLAN, Cambridge
Christian Stoicism – Origen’s Notion of the *hegemonikon* in Cudworth’s *Treatise of Free will*

14.45–15.30 James BRYSON, Cambridge
Ethics of Love – A System of Human Passions in More’s *Enchiridion Ethicum*

Coffee Break

16.00–16.45 Jonathan LYONHART, Cambridge
From within or without? Cudworth and Locke on the Innateness of Reason and Morality