

phantly claims to have 'discovered' have in fact been taught and acted upon by the Church for centuries. The charge that the Christian Faith is nothing but a projection of man's imagination necessitated by a peculiar kink in his psychological make-up should be countered, not by denying the existence of the kink, but by showing that it has been put there by Providence precisely in order that man might be capable of accepting the Christian Faith. So in all cases where the psychologist attempts to explain the 'higher in terms of the lower . . . it is by reversing the process that we get the truth of the matter.'

The author's new argument *ad hominem* (or should it be *ad psychologum*?) ought to prove of value in dealing with the modern psychologist. For the Christian apologete, however, the use of such an argument must be governed by wider considerations. In the first place, many of the tenets of modern psychology are incompatible with Christian thought and therefore could not be claimed as part of Christian teaching or practice. Again, any suggestion of a kind of pre-established harmony between Christian faith and man's psychological aspirations is dangerous as leading to the denial of the gratuitous nature of the gift of faith and the postulation of a purely *natural* capacity for the supernatural.

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