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Bible and Constitution: Thoughts on the political theology**

Sia la Bibbia che la Costituzione sono testi storici suscettibili di interpretazione e, proprio come le leggi fondamentali sono incapsulate nella Costituzione, così lo sono i dogmi nella Bibbia. Ancora oggi concetti teologici fungono da sostegno della Costituzione; allo stesso modo, un'interpretazione della Bibbia come *sola scriptura* non può prescindere dalla tradizione. Resta da vedere nel mondo post-moderno, se gli sviluppi nella concezione dello Stato e della Costituzione non abbiano messo in discussione le loro basi teologiche.

Both the Bible and the Constitution are historical texts subject to interpretation. And just as fundamental rules are encapsulated in the Constitution, theological dogmas are in the Bible. Even today theological concepts underpin the Constitution; similarly interpreting the Bible as sola scriptura must still take tradition into account. It remains to be seen in the post-modern world, however, whether developments in the conception of the State and the Constitution have not placed their theological components into question.

My specific topic in the context of the general subject of the conference “Bible and Politics” is the relationship between Bible and Constitution. As you know, titles are sonorous and binding and constantly run the risk of being refuted by the content of the study, but I will take my chances.

I would like to start this discussion by a succinct reminder about the definition of politics.

In my version, politics is anything operating not only within the sphere of the State, but within the sphere of power in general, since

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