37 THESES and a question

- 1. The flow of time is the crucial feature of all existence or reality.
- 2. The past as bygone is that which has been real, but is no longer real.
- 3. The future as tocome is that which is not yet real, but may become real.
- 4. The now as instant is the sudden cut that separates the past from the future.
- 5. The now as present is our memory of the past and our forecast of the future.
- 6. A priori it is an incontestable code of all sciences that their aim is tripartite, namely a) to describe the present, b) to explain the past, c) to predict the future.
- 7. History is a human science which, from its root in the present, tries to explore what contemporary sources can tell us about events and actions that are bygone.
- 8. Physics is a natural science which, from observational facts, attempts to decode those natural laws that are decisive for the prediction of certain kinds of events.
- 9. The historian reasons backwards in time from effects to their credible causes.
- 10. The physicist reasons forwards in time from causes to their probable effects.
 - 11. Time is prior to causality which is only definable in temporal terms.
 - 12. Causality can never guarantee that there will be a future.
 - 13. The cosmic isotropy of CMBR ensures the definability of a cosmic time.
- 14. Cosmic time is counted by atomic clocks which are at rest relative to CMBR.
- 15. The birth-ordering of quantum events founds an absolute, unobservable, time.
- 16. Space, or spacetime, do not exist; cosmic space has no metric, only a topology.
 - 17. Gravity is only local, there are no forces between particles at rest in CMBR.
 - 18. Gravity is due to the local retardation of clocks moving relative to CMBR.
 - 19. Gravity is a logical result of the dissipation of stuff in the universe.
 - 20. There is One Universe only, and One Cosmic Time.

- 21. The human brain is a quantum Carnot machine.
- 22. The infinite Universe is a quantum Carnot machine.
- 23. A deep analogy reigns between a soul and its universe.
- 24. The human soul is the universe as seen in a perspective.
- 25. A unique Divine Spirit, GOD, takes care of the Universe.
- 26. God is actus purus, origin of the world, source of all truth.
- 27. Reality passes away, but the truth of our actions persists forever.
- 28. Time is the continuous creation of existence and hence also of truth.
- 29. The cosmological principle obliges us to treat conscious beings alike.
- 30. The penalty for our sins is our sins as judged sub luce aeternitatis.
- 31. What is now past is no more possible. What is now future is not yet real.
- 32. However, as possibilities are eradicated new truths are continuously created.
- 33. A logic, combining Kierkegaard's hint, that necessity is omnitemporal whereas possibility is future, with Prior's idea of non-statability, makes sense of time's flow.
- 34. This logic allows us to distinguish between logical, physical and ethical necessity.
- 35. By discriminating what was ordained of eternity from what is now unpreventable it eliminates the age-old conflict between divine omniscience and human freedom.
 - 36. It admits God to know all that is knowable now and us to be his co-creators.
- 37. Christianity teaches that the power of God discloses itself in the act of creation whereby something, namely, the universe, is called forth out of nothing and kept alive; further, that his wisdom is manifested in the creation of man as an imperfect imago dei with freedom of will, foreseeing the fall of man and our ensuing evil deeds; and finally, that his grace is demonstrated in his decision to save us by sending his son and spirit; all mankind is predestined for salvation, but may resist it due to a perverted will.
 - Q. Maybe God has created a world where future events are only predictable in general terms because he wished to convey freedom of will to man?

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Support for my Theses

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cf. p.102, p.126, pp.139-140, p.189 & p.212
Ad Thesis 1:
Ad Thesis 2:
                    cf. p.95 below & pp.104-105
Ad Thesis 3:
                    cf. p.95 above & p.139 above
Ad Thesis 4:
                    cf p.130, p.138, p.157, p.165, p.169f & 214
Ad Thesis 5:
                    cf. p.88 below, p.93 above, p.95 middle & p.100 above
                    cf. pp.125-126 & p.139 below - NB: this is a basic postulate!
Ad Thesis 6:
Ad Thesis 7:
                    cf. ch.9 §4, p.136
Ad Thesis 8:
                    cf. p.136
Ad Thesis 9:
                    (historians often use natural laws inreasoning backwards)
Ad Thesis 10:
                    (physicists may try to justify the BB by forwards reasoning)
Ad Thesis 11:
                    cf. p.23, p.38, p.67 below, p.70 above, pp.142-143, p.185, 208f
Ad Thesis 12:
                    cf. p.217 below
Ad Thesis 13:
                    cf. p.4, cf. ch.10 §3 & p.149 note 14
Ad Thesis 14:
                    cf. p.4 below, p112, p.130, p.142, p.214
                    cf. p.194 below, p.223 below
Ad Thesis 15:
Ad Thesis 16:
                    cf. p.16, p.69 above, p.130, p.230 below
Ad Thesis 17:
                    cf. pp.203-204
Ad Thesis 18:
                    cf. ch.16 §§ 2&4
Ad Thesis 19:
                    cf. pp.292-296
Ad Thesis 20:
                    cf. p.34 (Tim.36a), p.70 below. p.139 & ch.16
Ad Thesis 21:
                    cf. ch.14 §1
Ad Thesis 22:
                    cf. ch.14 §1
Ad Thesis 23:
                    cf. ch.14 §1
Ad Thesis 24:
                    cf. p.69 below & ch.16 §§ 4&6 (world-view, light-cone, observable)
Ad Thesis 25:
                    cf. chs.1,3,4, ch.16 §§ 4,6 (world-map, instantaneous, unobservable)
Ad Thesis 26:
                    cf. p.42, above, p.197 above (Thomas), p.26 above (Leibniz), p.19 xiv
Ad Thesis 27:
                    cf. p.49f, p.107 & p.206 below
Ad Thesis 28:
                    cf. p.131, p.135, p.164 above, p.231 below, pp.232-233 & pp.235-236
Ad Thesis 29:
                    cf. p.145 middle
Ad Thesis 30:
                    cf. p.49ff. & p.206 below
Ad Thesis 31:
                    cf. p.95, p.138 below & p.139 above
Ad Thesis 32:
                    cf. p.153 Prior (PTT 77)
Ad Thesis 33:
                    cf. ch.9 §3, p.138, p169ff. & pp.272-275
Ad Thesis 34:
                    cf. p.17: a), b) c), p.65 below, p.71 below to p.72 above & p.97 above
Ad Thesis 35:
                    cf. p.96 middle ff.
Ad Thesis 36:
                    cf. p.168 above & p.173 below
Ad Thesis 37:
                    cf. p.12 - NB: this is a statement of creed!
Ad Q:
                    cf. p.168 below
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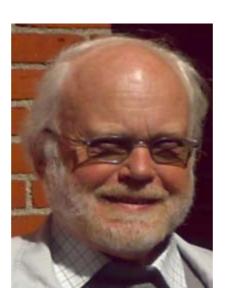
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