Abstract

The following paper contains two translations from writings of Fritz Jahr's. In these articles Jahr proposes to the intellectual community the words Bioethics, Bioethical Imperative, and Biopsychology (Biopsyche) and their inherent ideas. Interestingly, Jahr, a protestant theologian presents to Saint Francis of Assisi, catholic saint of ecologists and pacifists, as the true discoverer of Bioethics. Jahr exalts the role of theological knowledge as a valid speaker among bioethical dialogues. Mimetizing kantian imperative, Jahr, a follower of philosopher Herder demands ethical treatment towards human, animal and plant life. Bottom line for ethical treatment is giving respect to the necessities of the other beings. For humans it would be easier to fulfill that requirement by considering that other forms of life possess fewer and simpler necessities than them. In a second article, Jahr emphasizes the importance of the Fifth Commandment "Thou shalt not kill". Jahr understands it as an imperative not only restricted for the human sphere, but also for all creatures as long as possible. Sexual ethics and vices are subjects of approaching in writings that certainly are structural instead of merely anecdotic.

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