Abstract
Henri Crouzel, in his classical book on Origen, says that the fall of souls was caused by acedia as displeasure for the contemplation (Origène, [P. Lethielleux, Paris, 1985], 273). Marguerite Harl analyses deeply the expression in the De principiis, in F. L. Cross (ed.), Studia Patristica VIII, Texte und Untersuchungen 93 [Akademie Verlag, Berlin, 1966] 373-405). This paper aims to ratify some of the Harl’s assertions and compare them with Evagrius Ponticus’ works who, in Kephalaia gnostica, repeats Origen’s assertion. The deep and complete Evagrius’ theorization on the sloth adds interesting nuances to the discussion.

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Evagrius Ponticus, Origen, Acedia, Sloth.