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“The Marks of a Christian Historian”
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QUESTIONS

1. Is Christians history a deterministic system or a meaningless chaos?
2. Does God reveals and conceals Himself in history.
3. Are all Christians clear on the motives of God’s revelation and concealment?
4. Did Luther believe Christians history as deterministic system?
5. Are God’s hidden motives unjust?

ANSWERS

1. Christian history is unpredictable and meaningful.
2. God reveals and conceals Himself in history. God can be found in every event in history whether He is mentioned or not.
3. The divine concealment is unambiguously clear to human beings.
4. Luther did not believe in a deterministic system. God does not repeat events.
5. God’s hidden motives are always just.

TERMS

Inscrutable: impossible to understand or interpret.

Sectarian: denoting or concealing a sector sects.

Deterministic system: A System that relates to the philosophical doctrine that all events, including human action, are ultimately determined by causes regarded as external to the will.

Antinomy: A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable, a paradox.

Joust: engage in a sports contest in which two opponents on horseback fight with lances.