

### **5-3-1 Assignment 8 on Bird, Sec. 6.1-6.3.5.2**

#### *QUESTIONS*

1. Which two Biblical episodes does Bird conjure to inoculate against a Pentecostal-Evangelical schism?
2. How did the heretical Arius regard the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
3. What was Calvin's correction the Roman Catholic Church's chief error on the mediation of salvation?
4. What are seven theories for how the Biblical texts are inspired?
5. Why does Bird caution against making the "North American inerrancy" debate the mark of orthodoxy?

#### *Answers*

1. Numbers 11 (Moses and the prophesying elders) and Acts 10 (Peter and the Spirit-filled Gentiles).
2. That the Holy Spirit was created by the Son, and that there were three tiers of authority in a triarchy.<sup>1</sup>
3. Calvin replaced "church as mediator" with doctrine of Holy Spirit as mediator and applier of salvation.
4. Ecstatic Trance, Intuition, Incarnation, Dictation, Verbal, Community, and Dynamic Theories.
5. The danger that one opts for a veracity definition that fails to reflect the breadth of Christian tradition.<sup>2</sup>

#### *TERMS*

*filioque*: From *ex Patre Filioque* "out of the Father and the Son" in ref to Holy Spirit. Added in 1014.

*katakoche te kai mania*: "possession and mania" used by Philo of Alexandria for Ecstatic Trance Theory.

*plerousthe*: "be filled" used in Ephesians 5:18 when Paul tells them "to be filled with the Spirit"

#### *SUMMARY*

In a single chapter, Bird attempts to cover all things *pneumatology*, starting with his dual praise-for and caution-against Pentecostalism. In section 6.2, Bird tackles defining the Holy Spirit as Person and as Divine, ending with the historical Filioque controversy. For his largest section, 6.3, Bird fleshes out the doctrinal loci related to the Spirit's work in the Church, in baptism, in inspiration, and particularly with respect to the inspiration of the writing of the Bible. After discussing seven theories of how Biblical texts are inspired, Bird concludes with the veracity and inerrancy issues and debates in Evangelical circles.

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<sup>1</sup> Michael F. Bird, *Evangelical Theology, A Biblical and Systematic Introduction* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2013), 680.

<sup>2</sup> Michael F. Bird, 722.