

article “Der Flacianer Matthias Klombner zwischen Kroatien und Slovenien des 16. Jahrhunderts”, approximates the insufficiently researched Slovenian “Flacian” Matthias Klombner.

At the very end of the collection there are two valuable contributions of referent nature, “The Labin Scientific Conference on Flacius in 1970” by Olja Višković (National Museum, Labin) and “*Flaciana* in the Library HAZU in Zagreb” (HAZU is the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts), by authors Alojz Jembrih (Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb) and Tamara Runjak (HAZU, collection of old and rare books).

From all the above, it is obvious that the Labin conferences on Flacius are a more and more significant destination for national and foreign scientists who engage in Flacius and the Reformation, and that with great optimism we can anticipate the next conference in Labin announced for 2015. This includes the anticipation of the advancement of Flacian studies and the connecting of Flaciologists at an international level, and even more so as the 500th anniversary of Flacius’ birth approaches in 2020. This is confirmed by two announcements made at the recent presentation of said Proceedings in Labin. Namely, the editor of the Proceedings, Marina Miladinov, announced the forthcoming publishing of her book on Flacius as a historian, while her collaborator in the editing of the Proceedings, Luka Ilić, has also announced the publishing of his book on Flacius’ concept of sin, both to be published in Croatian. It remains only to congratulate the editor of the Proceedings and her collaborator on the excellently completed work and the editing of the Proceedings which we heartily recommend as a remarkable source of the latest results of research on the life and work of the most noted Croatian (Protestant) theologian, Matthias Flacius Illyricus.

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Jure Dohnal

Operation Without Anesthesia

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Anesthesia (from the Greek word *an estos* – figuratively, “without feelings” or “beyond feelings”) represents a medical method of anesthesiology which, besides the application of anesthetics and other medications, causes an “elimination of pain” and “sleeping induced by medicines” in the organism of a person. This is used for surgeries, other methods of diagnostics and treatments of complicated cases related to the term “intensive care”. In the past, surgeries were done without anesthesia. Are there cases like this today?

Now, in his book, Jure Dohnal indicates that this is possible. He was born in Bohumin (Czech Republic) in 1963 to an atheist family. After serving in the army, he started working as a carpenter, and was a member of the Evangelical Church in Prague. After leading home groups and serving as youth pastor, he was elected as a member of the church presbytery board, and later he became the pastor of the local church. Upon coming to Croatia as a missionary, he and his wife Katarina were involved in church planting in Rovinj. In June of 1997, he was ordained as the pastor of the Evangelical Pentecostal Church in Rovinj.

The book *Operation Without Anesthesia* consists of an introduction, epilogue and five chapters. The first chapter is entitled *What is Commitment*, the second, *Commitment and Relationship with the Church*, the third chapter is *Commitment in the Marriage*, the fourth chapter is *Commitment and our Relationship with Jesus Christ*, and the fifth chapter is *The Purpose of our Lives*.

One of the key words of this book is commitment, as accented by the chapter titles. By his texts, the author confirms that he himself has undergone and still passes through various experiences which are often painful. Thus he shows that the things he wrote about are not only theories, but life practice as well.

In his book, Dohnal places an emphasis on complete commitment to God and on the proclamation of the Good News to the world we live in. By reading this book, one reads the story of Dohnal's life.

In the chapter entitled *What is Commitment*, the author asserts, among other things, that the cross is the greatest proof of the commitment of Jesus Christ to God, asserting as well that obedience and service are true commitments. Through the biblical examples of Jacob, Esau and Laban, he leads us to the key question concerning the reader which compels each person to examine their attitude, pointing as well to the fact that one reaps in life what they sow.

The chapter *Commitment and the Relationship with the Church* is a continuation in the sequence of commitment to God because through acceptance and commitment to the Head – God, Christians accept and commit themselves to the Body – the Church, as well. The author points out that humans are social beings, and through Jesus' example of washing the disciples' feet, he points out the shift made by God since, by this example, he became a servant to his creation and a slave in his love.

In the third chapter, *Commitment in the Marriage*, Dohnal writes separately on the woman's commitment and the man's commitment. While reading these texts, the reader is introduced to the question regarding the ways in which the experience of commitment will effect the interrelations between a man and a woman.

Analyzing the texts, the author asserts, among other things, that by awakening love before it is ready, one may cause a long-lasting drowsiness.

In the chapter, *Commitment and our Relationship with Jesus Christ*, Dohnal places this relationship on several levels, such as: Jesus is our Lord, we are his slaves; Jesus is our Savior; Jesus is our Brother, we are his brothers and sisters; Jesus is our Friend, and Jesus is our Bridegroom and we are his Bride.

The author specifically emphasizes that if any of these levels of relationship with God is missing, our spiritual life will be unbalanced and unstable.

In the last, fifth chapter, *The Purpose of our Lives*, the author sends out a message that the life of every Christian should be a preparation for marriage with Jesus Christ, and that the purpose of our relationship with God in this world is our engagement with him.

This book deserves attention and something more than that. It deserves our thought and the application of that thought in our lives. Dohnal has written this book with his life experience, thus showing that faith can be effective and that a thought can be applied to life. It is your turn, dear reader, to do so as well.

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