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Fall 2022

THE
ANALOGY
OF
RELIGION,
Natural and Revealed,

TO THE
Constitution and Course of NATURE.

To which are added

Two brief DISSERTATIONS:

I. Of PERSONAL IDENTITY.

II. Of the NATURE of VIRTUE.

BY

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Stanhope, in the Bishoprick of Durham.

*Ejus (Analogiæ) hæc vis est, ut id quod dubium est, ad aliquid simile de qua
non queritur, referat, ut incerta certis probet.*

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The **Cool Hour News** aims to provide scholars, students, and the general public with all they are likely to need to know about the continuing critical examination of the life, work, sources, and reception of **Bishop Joseph Butler** (1692-1752). To subscribe go to www.bishopbutler.org, click on “Cool Hour Newsletter,” and follow the instructions to enter your email address. Back issues of the **Cool Hour News** are available at www.bishopbutler.org.

The **Bishop Butler Society** refers to all people involved with these topics and to their activities in pursuit of that interest. Ideally, investigators working on Bishop Butler would also live lives of virtue and piety (live well and show respect).

The **Bishop Butler Study Center** embraces all the material records typically found in a museum, library, or archive. The Rochester Study Center is organized in accord with Lik Kuen Tong’s Field-Being philosophy. In addressing the ontology of both Eastern and Western thought, Field-Being philosophy offers a new metaphysics. Inclusively, it makes room at the table of philosophy for indigenous philosophy, and, foundationally, it rethinks the universe and the global world ontologically as “activity” and “relationality.” A comprehensive philosophy, it considers what is as movement, as well as the what of movement, and inventively adds the concept of “betweenness.” This philosophy of movement or “activity,” being future-oriented, is timely in the practical world, lending itself to the addressing of current issues such as climate change, global relations, and difference. A cardinal aspect of Field-Being philosophy as practiced here is that individuals investigate according to their own methods, report on the results in their preferred medium and initiate free actions accordingly. The Study Center aims to have no agenda, no leadership, and no supervision. **Bp Butler Study Center, 1024 Garson Avenue Rochester, NY 14609**

Bishop Butler Society Ltd (Incorporated 2008) encourages everyone, regardless of religious affiliations, political sympathies, or educational attainments, to know Butler better and to make Butler better known. Inquiry requires that we consider all available evidence as presented by a skilled advocate in the form of a cumulative case. The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Bishop Butler Society Ltd was held May 22, 2022, 3 pm Eastern at 35 Luella St, Rochester, New York, or by Zoom. The next meeting of the Bishop Butler Society is scheduled for **Sunday, May 21, 2023**.

The following are often and understandably confused:

1. **The Butler Society.** The launching of the Butler Society in 1967 coincided with the handing over of the Kilkenny Castle to the town of Kilkenny by Arthur Butler, the 6th Marquess of Ormonde and the 30th Chief Butler of Ireland. Kilkenny Castle had been the ancestral home of the Ormonde Butlers since 1391. The Butler Society was founded to (1) bring together the scattered branches of the Butlers and their kindred to renew old ties that—in part due to the pace of modern life—are in danger of breaking, (2) preserve the records of our family, its manuscripts, history and still living traditions, and (3) establish in Kilkenny and wherever Butlers gather, a spirit of friendliness, family lore and reunion, during which, for a few days, the ties of blood and family tradition count more than the national and political differences, which inevitably divide us.
2. **The Joseph Butler Society** exists to promote discussion in the Philosophy of Religion. It was established in Oxford in 1986 by the then Nolloth Professor of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion, Basil Mitchell. It has since been presided over by subsequent Nolloth Professors, including Richard Swinburne, Brian Leftow, and now Mark Wynn. The society's meetings consist of a paper presentation followed by discussion. <http://josephbutlersociety.weebly.com>
3. <https://bishopbutler.com> This **Bishop Butler** attended Benton High School, located in Benton, Arkansas. He graduated in the spring of 2020 as a straight A student. He is now at the University of Arkansas.

The mission of the Bishop Butler Society is to know Bishop Butler better and to make Bishop Butler better known for the benefit of all. This issue of *Cool Hour News* provides a brief overview of the Society's activities in pursuit of mission. Our logo and vision statement appear on the back cover (p. 14).

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Quiet Eyes Lectionary for 2022

FEBRUARY

05 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 1 Social Nature
 12 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 2 Conscience
 19 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 3 Conscience
 26 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 4 Tongue

MARCH

05 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 5 Compassion
 12 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 6 Compassion
 19 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 7 Balaam
 26 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 8 Resentment

APRIL

02 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 9 Forgiveness
 09 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 10 Self-Deceit no Quiet Eyes reading
 16 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 11 Love of Neighbor Sermon 10
 23 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 12 Love of Neighbor Sermons 11 & 12
 30 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 13 Love of God no Quiet Eyes reading

MAY

07 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 14 Love of God Sermons 13 & 14
 14 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* 15 Ignorance
 18 *Bishop Butler and Bertrand Russell B-day*
 21 *FIFTEEN SERMONS* Preface (1729) Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 22 *Bishop Butler Society Annual Meeting* request Zoom from dr.david.e.white@gmail.com
 28 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* Advertisement & Introduction noon at Quiet Eyes
 29 *Sunday Bishop Butler Study Center Open House.* 1024 Garson Ave., Rochester, NY 2-4 pm
 30 **Memorial Day** *Study Center Open House continues, 2-4 pm*

JUNE

04 Just Poets Picnic no Quiet Eyes reading
 11 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1.1 Future Life
 12 *Book Launch at Books Etc.,* Macedon, NY (3-4 pm). Spirituality begins at 1:30.
 16 *Commemoration in Book of Common Prayer / Bloomsday* at Quiet Eyes and worldwide
 18 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1.2 Rewards and Punishment
 25 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1.3 Moral Government

JULY

02 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1.4 Difficulty and Danger
 04 **Independence Day** "pursuit of happiness"
 09 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1.5 Moral Discipline
 16 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1.6 Necessity
 23 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1.7 Ignorance Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 30 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 1. Conclusion Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes

AUGUST

06 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.1 Importance Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 13 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.2 Miraculous Revelation Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 20 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.3 Incapacity Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 27 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.4 Imperfect Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes

SEPTEMBER

03 **Johnson Family Reunion Picnic.** Noon to Six on Saturday,
September 3, 2022, at Before Your Quiet Eyes.
 05 **Labor Day**
 10 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.5 Redemption of the World Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 --- *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.6 Lack of Universality Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 17 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.7 Evidences for Christianity Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
 24 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION* 2.8 Objections to the Analogy Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes

OCTOBER 2022

01 *ANALOGY OF RELIGION 2.* Conclusion No Quiet Eyes Reading (COVID)
08 Dissertations I On Personal Identity & II On Virtue No Quiet Eyes Reading (COVID)
15 No Quiet Eyes Reading (closed)
22 No Quiet Eyes Reading (closed)
29 *SIX SERMONS 1* Missions Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes

NOVEMBER 2022

05 No Quiet Eyes Reading
11 **Veterans Day**
12 *SIX SERMONS 4* Schools Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
100th Anniversary Observance. *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus (Logisch-philosophische Abhandlung)* by Ludwig Wittgenstein. First English publication by Kegan Paul (London), 1922. SIDE-BY-SIDE-BY-SIDE EDITION, VERSION 0.63 (JULY 14, 2022), containing the original German, alongside both the Ogden/Ramsey, and Pears/McGuinness English translations. Available at: <http://people.umass.edu/klement/tlp/> [Butler's Sermon 3 is read in January.]
19 *SIX SERMONS 5* George II Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
26 *SIX SERMONS 6* London Infirmary Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
SIX SERMONS 2 Spital

DECEMBER 2022

03 No Quiet Eyes Reading
10 Durham Charge Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
10 Tucker Anecdote Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
17 **100th Anniversary Observance. Eliot's *The Wasteland* Annotated**
24 **Christmas Eve**
31 **New Year's Eve**

JANUARY 2023

07 Introduction to the course
14 Life of Butler Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
21 Early letters Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
28 Later letters Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes
30 Charles Stuart, King and Martyr (1649) Saturday, noon at Quiet Eyes



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**The Great Chain
of
Being Bishop Butler**

A Catalogue Raisonné of Bishop Butler

2023

**Bishop Butler Society Ltd
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MISSION & OPERATIONS OF THE BISHOP BUTLER SOCIETY

- [1] The logical empiricists aimed to liberate the knowledge grounded in mathematics, logic, and science from the traditional disciplines of moral philosophy, politics, aesthetics, theology, and metaphysics.
- [2] As Europeans gradually abandoned the Eurocentric worldview, they effectively created an Asian, African, and global Southern divide between traditional cultures and westernized versions.
- [3] Thus the best efforts of the best people came to ruin.
- [4] “Allen, you good man, great poet of the murderous century, who persisting in folly attained wisdom....Accept this tribute from me, who was so different, yet in same unnamed service. For lack of a better term letting it pass as the practice of composing verses. [Milosz to Ginsberg]
- [5] The Bishop Butler Study Center serves as the museum, archive, and library of the Bishop Butler Society Ltd. Our performance platforms are wherever we can get space and hold an audience. When there is no audience, we considered performance a rehearsal.
- [6] In the Butlerian System of the Passions, all desires are central from their points of view, and all are subject to superior principles culminating in the embrace of the Love Supreme. [Preface 14]
- [7] Individuals and groups make unforced errors in pursuit of their goals. John Dewey, for one, provided the essential course correction in his Terry Lectures published as *A Common Faith*.
- [8] Butler is an example of a road taken, and then not taken. We aim to map and mark all the steps and missteps from the initial bright idea on to the eventual and anticipated heat death.
- [9]] a (brute) animal state, a system of passions (appetites, affections, desires) that all demand satisfaction, a war of all against all.
- [10] We are encased in a hardened exoskeleton, surrounded by scaffolding, like prisoners chained in a cave focused entirely on the images projected on the wall of our fixation.

We are in:

- [11] a **state of morality** in which virtue is rewarded and vice (vicious behavior) is punished. In the state of morality, we are subject to our own conscience or reflection, which we recognize as the voice (image) of God within us. The state of morality is expounded in the *Fifteen Sermons* and can be read as a commentary on the great commandment to love God and to love others as we love ourselves. The last of the fifteen sermons (on the love of God and our general ignorance) serve to introduce the topics of the *Analogy of Religion*.

- [12] **a state of natural religion**, that is a state of submission to rewards and punishment administered by God, the governor of the world. Note that this state of being exists in its own right regardless of whether we acknowledge, appreciate, understand, or concern ourselves with it. The state of religion natural and revealed that we are in is what it is regardless of our understanding or approval. Within his natural theology, Butler takes up objects to (a) the existence of God, (b) a future life that maintains personal identity, (c) the workings of the whole providential order, (d) the system of necessity and the alleged sufficiency of science as a guide to life, (e) the problem of evil as it appears in the world but seem not to be attributable to God, the creator.
- [13] **a state of revealed religion**, that is, our understanding of our general condition is based on the total evidence of (a) our experience of the world we live in, (b) our inferences by means of our rational faculties, (c) the scripture available to us, if only we knew how to read, based on the testimony of the prophets, which we find credible and actionable, and (d) our conscientious reflection on all these inquires, acts, and practices.
- [14] **an institutionalized state** in which we as a human community attempt to construct and organized our lives with regard to political, religious, and charitable structures.
- [15] Our condition is one in which we are forced to decide how to live based on partial evidence and subject to influence by the baser elements of our nature.

JANUARY 2023

04-07, **Montreal, Quebec. American Philosophical Assoc., Eastern Division**

International Institute for Field Being Sessions

1. G5C Asian Philosophy and Field Being

Chair: Laura Weed weedl@strose.edu, lauraphilosopher@gmail.com

Presenter: David White dr.david.e.white@gmail.com “Asian Readings of Bishop Butler”
Saint John Fisher University Emeritus

Presenter: Tim Madigan tmadigan@sjfc.edu “The Second Confucius?” Bertrand Russell
and China. Saint John Fisher University

Presenter: (on zoom) Maja Milcinski maja.milcinski@guest.arnes.si. ”The Soteriological
Aspects of Wuji” University of Ljubljana

2. G12 B Field Being, Spirituality and Literature

Chair: Tim Madigan tmadigan@sjfc.edu

Presenter: Laura Weed weedl@strose.edu “Emotions, Spirituality and Value in Nature”
The College of Saint Rose

Presenter: Therese B. Dykeman tbdykeman@yahoo.com “Field-Being Philosophy as
Humanistic.” Sacred Heart College.

Presenter: Miran Bozovic miran.bozovic@guest.arnes.si “Cyrano de Bergerac and the
Philosophy on the Sun”; University of Ljubljana.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Bishop Butler Society Ltd was held May 22, 2022, 3 pm Eastern free and open to the public in person at 35 Luella St, Rochester, New York, or by Zoom.

Minutes [Draft]

Call to Order

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were adopted as read.

Treasurer's Report. The previous balance was \$2,559.38. We paid Julie Blue \$125 for services (1/4/22) and donated \$196 to the Matilda Joslyn Gage birthday flag campaign. Our present balance is \$2238.38.

Election of Officers and Directors (re-elected effective January 1, 2023)

Alan Grosser,	treasurer
Ashley Black	
Robert Zack	
Chris Gao	
David White	president
Derek Hendrickson	
*Geoff Kendig	vice president
Kenneth Marsalek	
Linda White	
*Patti Megerle	secretary
Prince Singh	
Roy Martin	
Sarah Hendrickson	
Steven Huff	
Timothy Madigan	vice president
* Returned to the Board, but election as officer is pending consent	

Old Business *Bishop Butler: Logic, Love, and the Pursuit of Happiness in the Age of Unreason* by David E. White and Michael J. Maranda was published by Cambridge Scholars Press in 2022.

President's Address

New Business

Board scrutiny and endorsement of the 15 active programs —passed

Board scrutiny and endorsement of the proposed outreach associate program (Happy to see, no force)—passed

Board scrutiny and endorsement of the proposed Butler family outreach—passed

Proposals on Cloud use —no action taken

Adjournment until Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Life and Work of Bishop Butler

Butler determined the business of his life was to search for truth, especially truth regarding the Rule of Life, and that becoming a priest in the Church of England was the best way for him to carry out his vocation of truth-seeking. (LC.4.3)

Education

Born 18 May 1692, Wantage, England

Education some dates not available]

Latin School in Wantage, by an Anglican priest, Philip Barton.

1711 (or 1712) to 1714, dissenting academy in Gloucester, then Tewkesbury, by Samuel Jones

4 November 1713
10 November 1713
23 November 1713
28 November 1713
5 December 1713
10 December 1713
16 December 1713
29 January 1713/14
3 February 1713/14
4 February 1713/14
8 April 1714

Three weeks after departure from Tewksbury,

17 March 1714/15

1716

30 September 1717
3 October 1717
6 October 1717
Oct 1717
10 October 1717

Oriel College, Oxford

Bachelor of Arts (BA), 11 October 1718.

Publications

First letter to Clarke

First reply
Second letter to Clarke
Second reply
Third letter to Clarke
Third reply
Fourth letter to Clarke
Fourth reply
Fifth letter to Clarke

Fifth reply

6th letter to Clarke
BL, Add. Mss. 4370, f.5 (copy)
Conforms to Church of England
Matriculates at Oriel College
Letters to Clarke published in London
(Butler's name not disclosed)
Seventh letter to Clarke
Reply to seventh letter
Eighth letter to Clarke
Reply to the eighth letter
Ninth letter to Clarke
BL, Add Mss 12,101

Career in the Church

Ordained a deacon by William Talbot, Bishop of Salisbury,
26 October 1718

Ordained a priest by Bishop Talbot, at St. James's Church,
Piccadilly, 21 December 1718

Appointed preacher at the Rolls Chapel, London, 1719 by
Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls

Awarded Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) degree 10 June
1720

Prebendary, Salisbury Cathedral, 1721-38

Rector, Haughton-le-Skerne, 1722-1725

Fifteen Sermons published, 1726, 1729

Rector, Stanhope, 1725-40

Awarded Doctor of Civil Law (DCL) degree 8
December 1733¹

Prebendary, Rochester, 1733-40

Analogy of Religion, 1736

Chaplain to the lord chancellor, 1733-36

Clerk of the closet to Caroline, 1736-37
Bishop of Bristol, 1738-50

SPG sermon published

16 February 1738/39
Summer, 16 and 18 August, 1739
Monday in Easter week 1740

Meetings with John Wesley

Spital sermon published

1740 elected Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral
30 January 1740/41
9 May 1745
11 June 1747
31 March 1748

King Charles I sermon published
Charity Schools sermon published
Accession Day sermon published
Infirmary Sermon published

Prince Bishop of Durham, 1750-52

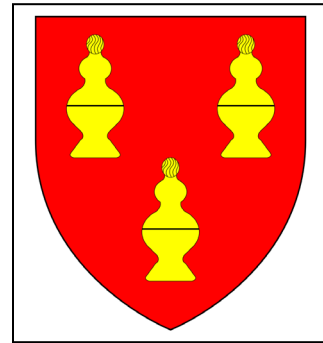
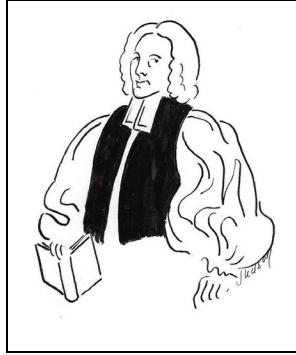
The Durham Charge, 1751

¹ George Croly (1780-1860) notes in the introduction to his edition of the *Analogy*: "Bishop Butler's academic title has been printed LL. D., but it has been altered in the present volume on the suggestion of the correspondent who has been already alluded to and who thus writes in many copies of the *Analogy* and on his tombstone in the cathedral his title is given as LL.D.; but a literary friend of Butler's own college (Oriel) informs me that it should be D.C.L. (Doctor of Civil Law) the university not having had the power of conferring degrees in Canon Law for some centuries. The Registrar of the college confirms his statement; and I see the degree given as D.C.L. in a printed volume of the Oxford Graduates since 1641."

Plan for Anglican bishops in America. Butler helped to formulate a plan (1750), but it was not adopted.

Death in Bath, 16 June 1752

John Morgan-Guy (2018) concludes Butler died of irreversible liver failure caused by abdominal tuberculosis. In his will, Butler requires that his papers be destroyed.



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Those who are with the program of the Bishop Butler Society Ltd
breathe in at the various meetings to come
to know Bishop Butler better
and breathe out to make
Butler better known.
Only when we have gathered all the available evidence
and had it presented as a cumulative case
by a skilled advocate
are we prepared
to make up
our own
minds.