

What, for Bultmann, is "philosophy itself"?—The "*problem*" of "philosophy itself," at any rate, is "the problem of understanding being and therewith of understanding oneself" (*NTM*: 78).

What question, then, has to motivate understanding philosophical texts?—"The question of truth" has to motivate such understanding, so that it becomes a discussion with the author. "One understands Plato only if one philosophizes with him" (78).

Although "the true" is made visible in literature and in art, it is also the object of reflective and investigative thinking insofar as it becomes the object of philosophy (78).

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