
On the Pragmatic Criterion of Truth

1. Whether or not one can say legitimately that that which has good consequences or effects is true, presumably one can say that that which is true has good consequences or effects. There is evidently a parallel here to the eminently theological claim that faith perforce does good works, even if one cannot infer from the fact of good works that they have been done by faith.

2. But, then, practical theology as the reflective determination of the consequences or effects of the Christian witness of faith for all human activities and kinds of activities contributes to the verification of the Christian claim to the extent of making clear that the consequences or effects of the Christian witness are in any case not bad.