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## ASSEMBLING MEANINGS OF “IMPLEMENTATION”

*Patrick Brown*

### ABSTRACT

This volume moves collaboratively through the final five functional specialties identified by Lonergan: dialectic, foundations, doctrines, systematics, and communications. This lead-in article sets the stage for that effort by focusing on *implementation*. The word occurs frequently in Lonergan’s writings, including *Insight*, yet is strangely neglected. Implementation is central to Lonergan’s project of functional and effective collaboration coming to guide our reach for progress in the human sciences and our search for integral progress in human society, culture, and history. The initial meaning of implementation leads to the search for its fuller meaning, a mature and effective global care for all.

## REFINING FOUNDATIONS

*James Duffy*

### ABSTRACT

A specific task is passed along from Patrick Brown in his article “Assembling Meanings of ‘Implementation.’” The task is to spell out the meaning of the third and final “objectification of horizon” on page 250 of *Method in Theology*. Fantasy and acceleration of progress are identified as the heart of foundational work, but not without objectifications of horizon. A position is taken regarding four specific, difficult blocks of print that are taken to heart by specialists working in foundations. The hope is that there will emerge a creative minority who have not only read *Insight* but also discovered “themselves regarded as material.”

## ***INSIGHT, ECOLOGY, AND DOCTRINES***

*Meghan Allerton*

### ABSTRACT

The focus of the article is on revealing doctrines as policies. My attention is on doctrines in ecology that relate to climate change and rescuing the planet. But attention is also given to the methodological doctrines of Lonergan of *Insight* and *Method in Theology*. The work is an effort to illustrate the function of doctrines, but I push further to identify most of the doctrines I mention as ineffective: functional specialization is the key to their eventual effectiveness. An added point included of general value is diagrams are introduced and considered to be doctrinal. This is central to moves to initiate functional collaboration.

***INSIGHT AND THE INTERIOR LIGHTHOUSE***  
**2020–2050**

*Philip McShane*

ABSTRACT

This article carries forward, from Allerton's article, points regarding doctrines and doctrinal diagrams into the heuristics of a geohistorical systematics. Fresh doctrines and modifications in doctrines need to be contextualize into the full system by creative additions to that system, additions which in fact give an overall lift to the entire geohistorical perspective. That perspective is identified here as inclusive of the full cyclic system: the seventh specialty strangely both contains and is contained by the full functional dynamic. They differ in the locus of creativity in each. The seventh specialty, for instance, pushes towards a more refined heuristics of operabilities that carries into the eighth specialty.

**TOWARDS THE POSITIVE ANTHROPOCENE AGE**  
**Closing the Gap**

*Terrance Quinn*

ABSTRACT

This paper is an appeal that McShane would classify as C<sub>9</sub>, an output from the eighth specialty. Readers that I have in mind are scholars who in some way are interested in, attracted by, or curious about Lonergan's work. How can we (globally) make progress toward the positive Anthropocene Age? The article may well lift any reader into the cycle of functional collaboration in Futurology. In particular, it may help move some scholars to enter into the challenge mapped out on page 250 of Lonergan's book *Method in Theology*.