



Gordon Spykman

Gordon John (Gerrit Jan) Spykman (1926 – 1993)

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Gordon Spykman verstarb am 13. Juli 1993 in Grand Rapids in den USA. Er wurde am 25. März 1926 in Holland, Michigan, geboren. Dorthin waren seine Eltern Albert Spykman und Frau Dina geb. Klompaker 1924 mit seinen beiden Geschwistern ausgewandert.

Spykman war weltweit einer der bekanntesten Religions- und Theologieprofessoren des Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Er durchlief selbst die Ausbildung am Calvin College und Seminary. 1955 promovierte er an der Freien Universität in Amsterdam bei Prof. Berkouwer über „Buße und Vergebung auf dem Konzil von Trient.“ Er war vier Jahre Pastor in Kanada und von 1959 bis zu seiner Emeritierung vor wenigen Jahren Professor am Calvin College.

Seit 1969 sind mindestens zehn verschiedene Bücher von ihm über die wichtigsten Themen erschienen, davon einige in Zusammenarbeit mit anderen Autoren. Er schrieb über den Heidelberger Katechismus, die Glaubenslehre, Albertus van Raalte, Männer und Frauen in der Kirche, über Gesellschaft, Staat und Schule, über den Calvinismus und über Glauben und Kampf in Mittelamerika.

Erst 1992 vollendete er sein Hauptwerk, eine sehr ungewöhnlich gestaltete reformierte Dogmatik. Er konnte den Menschen unserer Zeit die reformierte Lehre überzeugend nahe bringen. Von Kuyper war er beeinflusst. Mit ihm sagte er: „Es gibt keinen Fingerbreit unseres Lebens, der nicht Jesus Christus gehört.“

An Spykmans Bürotür im Calvin College hingen oft Überschriften oder Zitate aus dem Grenzboten, den er gerne und bis zuletzt regelmäßig gelesen hat. Er ist oft für die gereformierten und altreformierten Kirchen in die Bresche gesprungen und war auf vielen internationalen Synoden vertreten. Er gab Vorlesungen in Südafrika und Südamerika – und war sehr beliebt bei Studenten und Kollegen. Immer wieder einmal hat er auch in Emlichheim und Laar gepredigt und Vorträge gehalten. Er hat den Blick seiner Hörer und Leser über die Grenzen hinweg auf Jesus Christus gelenkt...

Siehe auch (gjb 28.01.2014)

<http://www.allofliferedeemed.co.uk/spykman.htm>

Von dort auch nachfolgendes Material:

Gordon J. Spykman (March 1926-93) was Professor Emeritus of Religion and Theology at Calvin College. He taught at Calvin College from 1952 for 32 years and was a Christian Reformed minister.

He graduated with an AB from Calvin College in 1949, obtained a ThB from Calvin seminary and completed a ThD at the Free University. His dissertation was published 1955 as *Attrition and Contrition at the Council of Trent*, it was supervised by G. C. Berkouwer.

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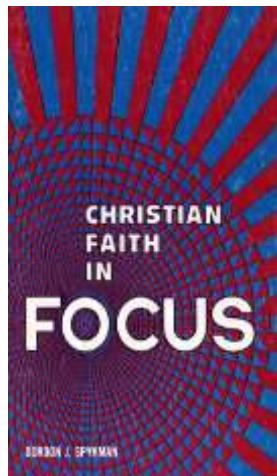
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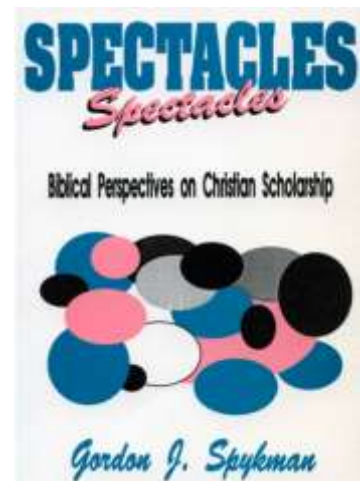
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