

the best general representative is Anselm from whose writings we glean the following concepts:

(1) Original sin was not the sin of Adam communicated to you in fact, but the sin of your own nature in Adam rebelling against God. It was original in that it was yours from the start not that it was passed on. You will see the ideas of traducianism and federal headship implied in this proposition.

(2) Adamic headship marked the race so as the old catechism says, "in Adam's fall, so fell we all."

(3) Freedom of will was not the power of contrary choice, true freedom of will was the freedom to choose good and true freedom is self-determinate to holiness. This, of course, is only possible where a work of grace has freed the soul and made the individual constructively able to so determine.

#### 4. The Roman Synergism

Roman theology developed on synergistic lines through the mediaeval period and really became a sort of "self-help" salvation. We describe this in the following brief assessments.

a. Man's original state (before the fall) was not marked with original righteousness but with supernatural righteousness which he has lost. Very simply, works of supererogation help regain it but as it is not part of your "equipment" you may lose it again and need the help and grace of the church to keep it--or regain it.

b. Regeneration is a highly cooperative affair after the pattern of Origen of years before. It is contrary to the monergistic ideas of Augustine and the coming reformers.

c. To facilitate the restoration of righteousness, certain practices already in vogue are given greater stress. Among these are the seven sacraments, pilgrimages, acts of devotion, etc. Sacramental theology comes to be the use of these means to receive and merit grace. You must note that when the sovereign character of God is diminished in the redemptive program, sacramentalism, etc., quickly enters to fill the void.

#### E. The Corrective Thrust of the Reformers

Our term smacks of pejorative ideology but that is just one of the calculated risks in this course. (Others will be seen at the final exam.) We bring our discussion of