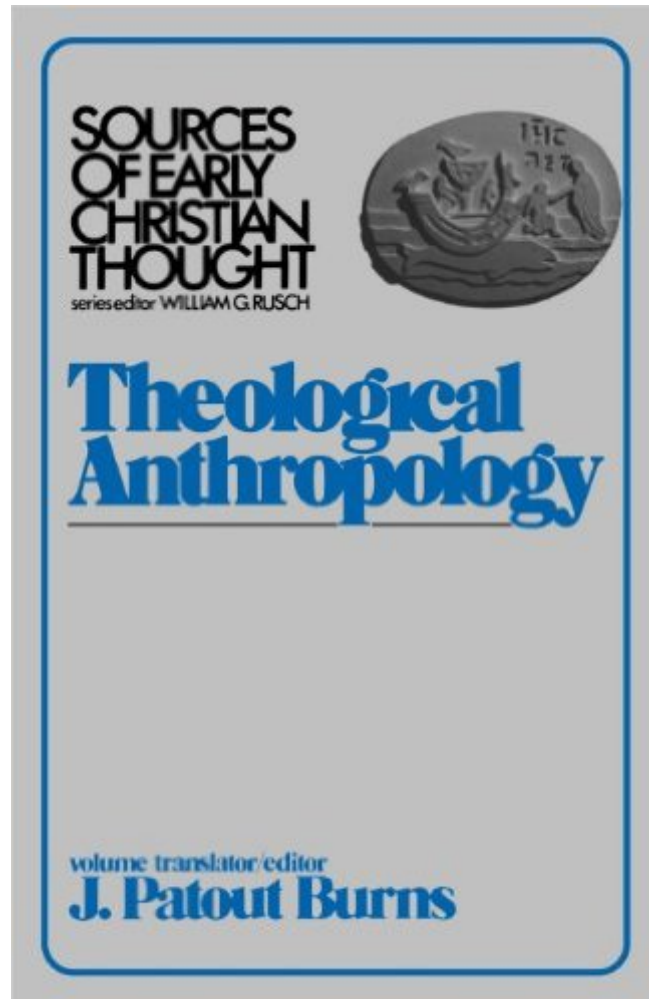


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The emergence and development of the various forms of theological anthropology in the patristic period.

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Man does not disappear in contact with God but, on the contrary, becomes more truly and more freely man. (Karl Rahner)  
The author & the Book: J. Patout Burns, is a fine patrologist, a founder and past president of the American Patristic Society, 92/93. He authored many articles and books, on the message of the Fathers of the Church, the Economy of Salvation, and the Pelagian Controversy. Theological Anthropology is the third in the: sources of Early Christian Thought, a series of English translations and studies to render the fathers understanding better. The theme of the book is to examine the human person, presenting an overview of coherent patristic thought in Irenaeus of Lyon, Gregory of Nyssa, Pelagius, and Augustine. He offers a selected appetizer from the Holy Fathers on faith issues.  
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