

Colloquia on the History of Origen's Reception

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Participation is free.
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IV. *Origenes Cantabrigiensis*

Ralph Cudworth
Sermon before the House of Commons (1647)

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The “Colloquia on the History of Origen's Reception”, which take place annually at Münster University, focus upon the eventful reception history and the legacy of the Origenian metaphysics of freedom and, in particular, its significance in the shaping of the modern concept of man's autonomy and dignity.



IV. *Origenes Cantabrigiensis*

The daring *Sermon before the House of Commons* which the thirty-year-old Ralph Cudworth delivered at the height of the English civil wars is a passionate plea for religious tolerance. Orthopraxy, the love of one's neighbour, rather than orthodoxy, the belief in certain dogmas, Cudworth insists, is to be the sole criterion of true Christianity. Besides being a watershed work in the history of the notion of tolerance, the *Sermon* is a chief testimony of Cudworth's Origenism. Not only does the young Cambridge Platonist share with the Alexandrian Church Father the commitment to man's freedom, but he also translates the latter's practical Christology into a historic early modern rational theology which views love and virtue as instrumental in the fallen soul's redemption and renewed participation in the Father's eternal Word.

Public Evening Lecture Friday, October 17th

18.00–20.00 Douglas HEDLEY, Cambridge
Origenism and Cartesianism at Cambridge in the 17th Century

Workshop Saturday, October 18th

10.00–10.15 Alfons FÜRST, Münster
Welcome and Introduction

10.15–11.15 Sarah HUTTON, Aberystwyth
The Contemporary Context of Ralph Cudworth's Origenism in his *Sermon before the House of Commons*

11.30–12.30 Christian HENGSTERMANN, Essen
The Inner Christ and Salvation as Practical Virtue. Cudworth's Origenian Soteriology in his *Sermon before the House of Commons*

12.30–14.00 Lunch Break

14.00–15.00 Alfons FÜRST, Münster
The Legacy of Origen in Ralph Cudworth's *True Intellectual System of the Universe*

15.00–16.00 Thomas LEINKAUF, Münster
Ralph Cudworth's Philosophy of Religion in John Locke's *Letter Concerning Toleration* and his *Reasonableness of Christianity*