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Some Remarks on Canon Law and Evolutionary Psychology

The article is an attempt to analyze the possibility of adapting the achievements of evolutionary psychology in argumentation for the canon law regulations. Evolutionary psychology is a later science which studies human nature and explains human behaviors on the grounds of evolution hypothesis. Nowadays, it is even more frequently used in appraising secular law institutions and in formulating detailed postulates of legal decisions. Canon law is the law of the Roman Catholic Church, an immanent part of its structure, and it regulates the relationships among its members. Having presented the sources of canon law, the article briefly shows the necessary conditions for applying the achievements of evolutionary psychology to canon law, however, useful only in a narrow range of the laws of nature.

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