

Abstract

This diploma thesis, entitled *A Righteous Man Regards the Life of His Animal, but the Tender Mercies of the Wicked are Cruel: Reflection on Factory Farming from the Perspective of Environmental Theology* addresses the issue of factory farming from the perspective of environmental theology and theological ethics, drawing on both Czech and foreign theological works that deal with environmental theology, the theology of creation, and animal theology. The thesis emphasizes the fundamental concepts related to environmental theology. It draws, for example, on the contributions of Pope Francis or Albert Schweitzer. Furthermore, the thesis focuses on identifying environmental motifs in the Bible. The thesis critically reflects the biblical mandate to rule over the world and explores the concept of the image of God as a model of responsible and loving stewardship. One of the main emphases of this work is a systematic analysis of the Christocentric motif of dominion, introduced by the eminent English theologian Andrew Linzey. The thesis takes a critical stance against factory farming, particularly regarding the cruelty inflicted on animals and the ecological devastation it causes. It explores the ethical implications within the theological context, which contradicts the practices of factory farming in the realm of environmental theology.

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