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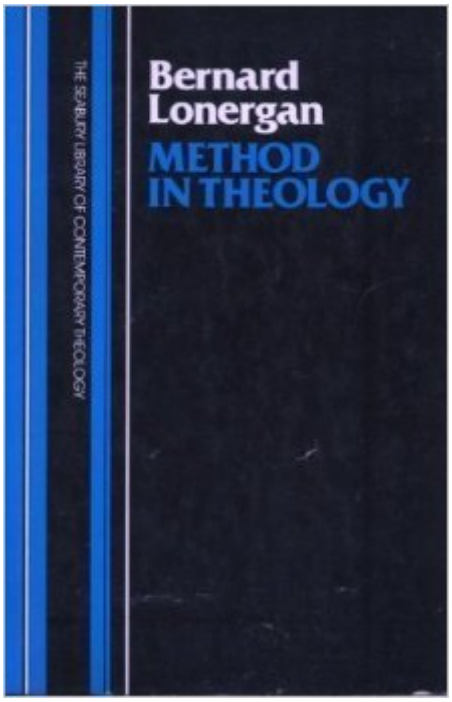


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This book was introduced to me 14 years ago, in an undergrad theology class called, "Struggle and Transcendence" (at Georgetown). The class looked at the African-American experience and sought solutions to the concrete problem of living in that community and the human community in general.At the time I was an international relations major. My friends and I constantly debated political theory, social policy, foreign policy, etc. We were wondering, What is the best way to live in this increasingly global community? Debates were heated. Often the debate came down to the question, How do you know? On issues from genocide, (neo)colonialism, and development, to abortion, welfare, medical care, different people emphasized different sources of truth: experience, reason, feelings, tradition, culture, scripture, science, love, faith, belief, imagination, experts, etc. When I read Method, I thought, the debate is over; this is how you know. Lonergan values all of the above sources of knowledge, and goes further to show how all of the ways are related and involved in anything we do, from playing soccer to doing theology.The other thing I loved about Method was its emphasis on love. Studying the causes of international conflicts led me to think that the root of conflict was a personal lack of self-love, or a conditional ground for self-love. "I will love myself IF I have these people’s respect, or this pretty wife, or money, or property, etc., or IF I’m better than this person or all people." We put other people down to raise ourselves up. I believed that right relations among humans needed to be founded on unconditional love, on a right relationship with God and oneself.

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