What I am is God's gift to me; what I become is my gift to God.

This is not to imply, however, that God is any more the sole source of what I am than its sole end. What I am is the gift of others as well as of God, even as what I become is my gift not only to God but also to others.

Still, God is the sole *primal* source of what I am, and of what anything else is, even as God is the sole *final* end both of myself and of everything else. And the difference between primal and nonprimal, like that between final and nonfinal, is not a merely quantitative difference in degree but a qualitative difference in principle—in S.K.'s phrase, "an infinite qualitative difference."

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