

## MAN IN THE VIEW OF SOME CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIANS WITH PHILOSOPHICAL BACKGROUND

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**Abstract.** The study investigates man in the view of some Christian theologians with a philosophical perspective. The works of some theologians, of Greek language, from the first three centuries, emphasize the fact that their training and their getting acquainted with the ideative and argumentative thinking of Philosophy were the ones that helped them lay the bases of Christian Theology and, ipso facto, of Christian Anthropology, one of the main chapters of the „Dogmatic” of the Churches both in Eastern and Western Europe. The discourse about God, „that is rationalization in a broad sense”, and „the systematization of Christian faith” were a full-fledged philosophical approach to these matters.

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The discourse about God, „that is rationalization in a broad sense”, and „the systematization of Christian faith”, were necessary both to propagate Christianity „among the pagan culture”, and to express and formulate the teaching of faith in a language „... that needed a rational reinforcement in its environment ...”<sup>1</sup> that is the philosophical reasoning. Actually, that is why, from the very first centuries, in the process of formulating the Credo of faith, of explication, and of systematizing the Christian faith, they had appealed not only to the text of the Bible, but also to the works of philosophers.

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<sup>1</sup> I. G. Coman, *Patrologie (Patrology)*, vol. I, IBMBOR Publ. House, Bucharest, 1984, p. 228.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibidem*.