

## Adult E&F Fall 2018: Understanding Others' Beliefs & Our Own

### Class 8 – October 28: The “Anglican Articles.” 26-36

#### Introduction

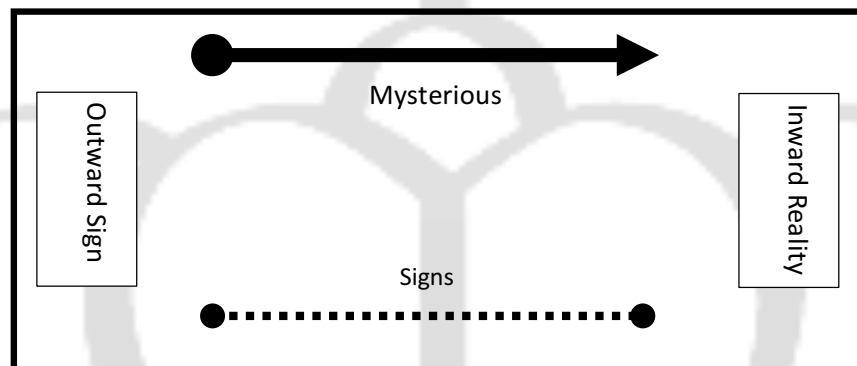
- The importance of context.
  - Through these articles, the Anglican Church is defining itself in contrast to two religious movements: An extreme Protestantism on one side and the Medieval Catholic Church on the other.
- A caution against extreme language.

#### Article 26: Of the unworthiness of Ministers....

- A correction of extreme Protestantism which negated the sacramental ministry of others based on the others faith tradition or practice.
- What is an application of this principle for today? Gentleness.

#### Articles 27-31: Everything you ever wanted to know about sacraments.

- Observe how Anglicanism contrasts itself with extreme Protestantism (... not only a sign) as well as Medieval Catholicism. (Transubstantiation cannot be proved...)
- An Anglican Understanding:



- Observe the physicality of our faith: Baptism, the Lord’s Supper are not optional. Baptism as an instrument of grafting into the church, our adoption, etc. (27). Eucharist: partaking of the Body and blood of Christ.
- Observe the conditionality of the sacraments: ...they that receive it rightly (27, 28)
- What are some applications for us today:
  - Remember the communal nature of our faith
  - Remember the physicality of our faith.
  - Be cautious of simplifying our faith or reducing it to a formula.
  - Use the means that God has provided for us.

#### Articles 32-34: Marriage of Priests, Excommunication, and Church Traditions

**Article 35: Book of Homilies: official sermons for explaining doctrine (with historical and linguistic interpretation needed for the modern reader)**