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The Sequence of Philosophic Studies

The order in which the various departments of Scholastic Philosophy are presented in most of the manuals, namely, Logic, and Ontology, Cosmology and Psychology, Theodicy and Ethics, has been the subject of not a little controversy of late years.

The Bulletin of the National Catholic Educational Association for November, 1927, contains, among other papers read at the Detroit meeting, one on this matter. Reverend Rudolph Bandas, of St. Paul Seminary, the author, makes a strong attack on the sequence which would place Ontology before Cosmology and Psychology.

Such an order of presentation, he affirms, does indeed make conspicuous the logical consistency of the Scholastic system, and it yields that satisfaction of mind which always accompanies grand deduction. Moreover, everyone will admit that it is a perfectly scientific method of summarizing the conclusions of philosophy. The question is, does it