

# “自義”與“神恩”

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“Self-righteousness” and “Divine Grace”:  
A Comparison between Stoic Philosophy and Christian  
Faith

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**Abstract:** Next to Neoplatonism, Stoic philosophy has had the greatest influence upon nascent Christianity. This thesis analyzes the kinship between Stoic philosophy and Christianity in their cosmology and ethics. Furthermore, it examines the doctrine of “natural law”, which greatly influenced the development of Christian theology and the practice of Christian church. It studies Christianity’s reception and adaptation of Stoic philosophy and points out their basic difference: ultimately, Christianity is founded upon the grace of God, while Stoic philosophy believes that intellectual and moral training can elevate the human spirit to equal the divine.

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