# ON THE EFFICIENCY OF THE EUCHARIST

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### Abstract

The Gospels and Paul deal with the Eucharist in different ways. This paper attempts to show – in spite of the warnings of ancient writers – that by using some tenets of the Stoics, the significance and strength of the rite appear quite concretely, for the border between heavenly and earthly spheres is dimmed. Indeed, pure Stoicism would imply a kind of pantheism, God being identical to Nature, but the NT authors maintain that God is incorporeal. This very pattern of mitigated Stoicism can be detected in Hellenistic Jewish books, too, but no clear dependence can be proved, for it works easily with the OT, which is always the main authority.