

# The Message of Karel Makoň

Abstract

Karel Makoň (\*1912 †1993), a Czech mystician, has left behind an extensive and significant opus, both written and spoken. In the dozens of books he has written he elaborates on a how-to for entering the conscious Life Eternal. He was talking to several groups of followers, which resulted in over a thousand hours of magnetophone tape recordings. The breadth of his talks makes it hard to determine the main points of his message, and available literature about him is very sporadic. There are repeated significant statements appearing over the span of more than twenty years of his recorded oral activity. Some of these repeated statements are: “Passivity is an essential part of the path to God.”, “Prayer must not be mechanical if it is to have its connecting effect.”, “God’s grace is a phenomenon subject to law.” These statements can certainly be included in the foundation of his teaching. But what does the foundation include otherwise? A list of candidate topics in Makoň’s spoken corpus can be obtained through computational analysis of his transcribed recordings. This can be a basis for an exhaustive list of topics covering the entire material. All foundational questions of systematical theology can be answered using Makoň’s talks. Many of these answers are controversial towards ecclesiastical doctrines. The essence of Makoň’s message can be summed up using the ancient quote “The life is a bridge into the Eternity”. Others come up with different summaries though.