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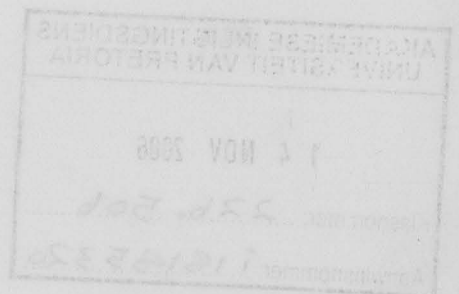


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1.1. The problem and the task

The subject of this dissertation is an exegetical analysis of the Paraclete sayings and a comparison of the concepts of the Paraclete and the Holy Spirit in John's Gospel. Taking into consideration the vast literature¹ published on the Johannine corpus, it might seem arrogant to present another study.² The position taken here, as inspiration for this study, is that as long as

¹ When you take D. Baag (1963:4-22), J. Blank (1964:317-322), G. Johnston (1970:60-61) & F. Porush (1974: 5-14 and 205-217), and D. Vollen (1981:62-92) into consideration, there is already clear enough indication that Johannine Paraclete receives much attention in scholarly research. The *Johannine Literature Web* created and maintained by Prof. Felix Just, S.J., of Loyola Marymount University gives a good contemporary indication of the quantity of literature published on Johannine literature since it was last updated on 12 June 2002. However, the point here is that the overabundance of articles, monographs and dissertations on Johannine material are overwhelming.

² Yet, as Felix Just's bibliography indicates quite clearly, in comparison to other Johannine themes surprisingly little was published during the last three decades on the Paraclete. See Just, 2002 and ATLA Religion Database 2007.