

**13** *Cardinal:* Perfectly correct. You see now, Peter, how much our custom of conversing, and how much the reading of my works, helps you readily to understand me. Whatever I see regarding Possibility, you too (I have no doubt) will soon see, if you apply your mind.

Since every question about what is possible presupposes Possibility, doubt cannot be entertained about Possibility. For doubt does not pertain to Possibility. For whoever would question whether Possibility exists sees as soon as he thinks about it that the question is not germane, since without Possibility no question could be posed about Possibility. Still less can one ask whether Possibility is this or that, since the possibility-of-existing and the possibility of being this or that presuppose Possibility itself. And so, it is evident that Possibility itself precedes all doubt that can be entertained. Therefore, nothing is more certain than is Possibility itself, since [any] doubt [about it] can only presuppose it, since nothing more sufficient or more perfect than it can be thought. Thus, nothing can be added to it or subtracted<sup>48</sup> from it.

**14** *Peter:* Tell [me] now, I ask, only the following: whether you now wish to disclose something clearer than before regarding the First.<sup>49</sup> For you have frequently and at length said many things [thereabout], although not as much as can be said.

*Cardinal:* I propose to disclose to you now this readily accessible route which was not previously communicated openly and which I consider to be most secret: viz., (1) that all precision-of-speculation is to be fixed only on Possibility and its manifestation and (2) that all men who have seen accurately have endeavored to express this truth. For those men who affirmed there to be only the One looked unto Possibility. Those who said there to be both the One and the many looked unto both Possibility and its many manifested modes-of-being. Those who maintained that nothing new is possible to occur looked unto the Possibility of all possibility-to-be or possibility-to-become. Those who affirm the newness of the world and of its events turned their minds to the manifestations of Possibility. By way of illustration: if someone were to turn his mind's sight to the possibility, or power, of oneness: he surely would see in every number and in all plurality only oneness's power, than which nothing is more powerful; and he would see that every number is only a manifestation of the innumerable and interminable power of oneness, for numbers are only special modes-of-manifestation of the power of oneness.<sup>50</sup> This power is better manifested in the odd number three than in the [even] number four; and