

back, in equality, to an identity with the center) can be either known or existent. Hence, in an analogous way, so too is the Center-that-is-Christ to all circularities.

Therefore, the circles here [in our bowling-game] symbolize a movement-of-life. And faster movements are represented by the circles that are nearer to the center, which is [symbolic of] life; for [the life] is a life, i.e., a center, than which there cannot be either a greater or a lesser. For in it is contained every vital movement, none of which can exist apart from life. For unless life is present in any given vital movement, [that] movement is not at all vital. Now, the movement that is the Life of the living is circular and central. The closer a circle is to the center, the faster it can be rotated. Therefore, the circle which is circle in such a way that it is also center can be rotated in the instantaneous *now*.<sup>197</sup> Therefore, the movement will be infinite. Now, a center is a fixed point. Therefore, where the center and the circumference are the same thing, the movement will be both maximal (i.e., infinite) and minimal. And we call that movement the Life-of-the-living; it enfolds in its fixed Eternity every possible vital movement.

**70** *Albert:* I understand you to mean that the smallness of the circles symbolizes a faster and quicker movement-of-life, since [the smaller circles] come closer to the center, which is [symbolic of] the Life of living things. But explain why you have used as symbols *nine* circles.<sup>198</sup>

*Cardinal:* We know that some men are swift in regard to the movement of their reason, whereas others are slow; but [all men's minds] are different, as we experience from the differences in their mental abilities. Some men enjoy such swiftness [of mind] that they make inferences very quickly; others make inferences more slowly, and they scarcely ever advance in any respect. Christ, who is Life, is also Wisdom, i.e., Wise Knowledge.<sup>199</sup> With respect to the fact that knowledge is wise, it is shown to be a living apprehension; and intellectual life is the apprehension of wisdom, or of wise knowledge. Therefore, [a man's] every living, rational movement occurs in order that he may see the Cause of his life and may feed immortally on such Wisdom. But if he does not arrive at this goal, he is not alive, since he does not know the Cause of his life.

**71** Now, the [Cause, or] Giver, of life is God, whom no one will see unless Christ, the Son of God, reveals Him.<sup>200</sup> This revealing pertains only to Christ, because only a son can reveal his father as father. But