

**Study Sheet - Models of Revelation (July 2023)**  
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**From Alan Brill, *The Cambridge Companion to Jewish Theology*, chapter 14**

Alan Brill:

“Catholic theologian Avery Dulles in his *Models of Revelation* as modified by postliberal Evangelical mainline theologian Gabriel Fackre in his *Doctrine of Revelation: A Narrative Approach*. I will also use the discussions of the last twenty-five years on these thinkers.”<sup>3</sup>

Alan Brill, chapter 14, *The Cambridge Companion to Jewish Theology* (Cambridge Companions to Religion) (p. 317). Cambridge University Press. Kindle Edition.

Alan Brill continues:

“Dulles offers five models of revelation:

- (1) Revelation as doctrine—as proposition statements;
- (2) Revelation as history—God reveals in great deeds or events, Scripture bears witness to God’s actions. Dulles finds this a minority Christian position, but it is actually the largest Jewish category;
- (3) Revelation as inner experience—God is known through religious experience and mystical experience;
- (4) Revelation as dialectic presence—God cannot be known in nature or history or experience, but is known in transcendence or transcendent moral order; and
- (5) Revelation as inner awareness—revelation as a creative, expanded consciousness, and insight.
- (6) a model of those who believe humanistic positions that do not have a revelation of content and a
- (7) a model that demonstrates a postliberal emphasis on the acceptance of the textual tradition.”

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