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Hans Urs von Balthasar was a Swiss Theologian and catholic priest, born on 12 August 1905. He lent many great contributions in the area of Christian beliefs and preaching, and is considered as one of the greatest Roman Catholic Theologians of 20th century. Hans Von Balthasar presented many theories and concepts in the explanation and enhancement of Christian teachings and beliefs. He worked for finding a better, intellectual and workable response to the Western Modernity, that was posing to be a threat for the conventional Catholic school of thought.

One of the most important and notable theories presented by Hans Urs Von Balthasar was the “Theory of Universal Salvation”. This theory states that all the men (and women) will attain salvation (Riesebrodt, 2010). Balthasar was of the view that every person, who believes in the Christian teachings, God and the Day of Judgment will attain salvation, and will never be subjected to damnation. Although Balthasar was a staunch Catholic and not a believer of universalism, still he believed in the universal salvation for all.

The concept of Hell presented by Balthasar is much interesting and according to his transcripts, hell will not be for Christians. However, the question of salvation or damnation for the non-Christians still remains to be answered (Mongrain, 2002). Balthasar also did not provide any clear answer for this issue, but he is quite hopeful for the believers in Christianity. This is why his theory of Salvation is also known as “Theory of Hope”.

In the end, the beliefs of Van Balthasar can be summarized simply in the words that Balthasar believed that every man (or human) would be saved from hell. He serves hope and happiness for the believers in Jesus, and assures them that no believer of Jesus and the Day of Judgment will be damned. Hans Von Balthasar also received a lot of criticism on his theories, but still, his transcripts are used as a guiding light in the explanation of many complicated concepts in Christianity.

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