



HOLINESS FOR A 'RELIGIONLESS WORLD'

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ABSTRACT

This paper consists of a series of reflections on the urgent need to adopt a more realistic view of holiness, one which restores the process of sanctification to the individual within the context of the inception of a new dialogue with the Lord of all creation. This proposed restoration would involve dismissing both the God and the incarnation hypotheses. The author views this option as the only means by which humanity can extricate itself from the most critical predicaments of our times.

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Urgent need for a new context

The prime intent in the following paper is to offer a few reflections on the topic of holiness within the broader context which we have been trying to launch at the Metamode Institute for quite some time now; namely, the urgent need to establish a new dialogue with the Lord of all creation in our times. We believe that nothing less will do if we are to make any progress at extricating ourselves from the kind of pernicious socio-cultural programming which currently seems to dominate our every thought and action; and thusly for disentangling ourselves from the most critical predicaments of our times. For in the end, entering into a new dialogue with the Lord of all creation and our striving for completeness, to become holy, are existentially intertwined: one is the only sufficient condition for the other.

This cultural programming consists of sets of instructions created over the millennia by individuals and groups in positions of power and authority targeting all the domains of the human psyche from the subconscious to the highest levels

of conscious life. This same programming has resulted in the emergence of social, political and religious institutions, virtual hubs, through which and within which individuals are expected to live out their lives. It is through these hubs that the powerful are able to set the parameters for acceptable behaviours for the rest of society, including human criteria for what are appropriate ways of communicating with the Lord of all creation and for what constitutes holiness. Indeed, these hubs have become vetting machines, by which individuals are assigned a place in the universal scheme of things; purely human contrivances intended to fulfill solely the self-serving purposes of the power holders and devoid of actual links to any transcendent realities. If one considers political correctness to be a counter program, one can deduce that a relationship with the Lord of all creation is to be minimized, or at worst become unmentionable, even unrelated to the human spirit.

It is imperative that we strive to muster enough courage and resolve to see through and go beyond these contrivances which hold our mind sets and

spirits captive. If we do, we will discover that striving to become holy--being holy--is an integral part of the experience of being truly human, and as such not as unsoiled and uncomplicated as one would expect. We will discover that it is not alien or supernatural but is rather a natural dimension of what it means to be human, a vehicle through which and in which to explore, discover and realize the human potential, with its infinite possibilities for both good and evil.

Our recent history has amply demonstrated *our* tremendous potential for creating and for destroying. Indeed, during this past century it was the confluence and peaking of these seemingly diametrically opposing forces that boosted human consciousness to a new level of awareness about the urgent need to rethink our relationship with the Lord of all creation and the meaning of holiness.

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