

Introduction

Missing God is missing the Presence. The spectacular blunder is to see God and Reason and/or Religion and Science as polar opposites. They are not. In fact, Reason is intrinsic to God, and Science is the very premium of Religion.

Indeed, the Old Testament, contrary to what the modern day neo-preachers of atheistic “*Scientism*” declaim, manifests the solemn portrait of an inspiringly Rational God, namely, Elohim only if “*we look and see properly*” the orderly Cosmos He had allegedly brought forth where Mankind exercises his/her Reason and develops his/her scientific skills and praxis.

Generally, the hard-core of the Monotheistic teachings is the concept of Faith. The Faith, in fact, is not a Dogma but the stepping-stone which gives rise to Reason and Science. Particular scorn and arrogance is always poured on the Biblical miracles which do not correspond to scientific reality. Science essentially takes us to wherever the scientific evidence leads; thus, science is limited with its very own hypothesis’ and theories, while Biblical – or other – miracles, myths and legends are all off-limits! They can take you anywhere and expand your dreams and fantasies. True, Biblical myths and miracles are subjective, emotional and “*mysterious*” (!) metanarratives. Nevertheless, no scientist can or may achieve his/her designated aim without Faith. And this statement itself is, also, a scientific reality. The naked evidence is

that, most of the scientists in the past and in the present were and they still are overwhelmingly religious believers, including Sir Isaac Newton who once wrote: *“O Man: So great and so powerful, when you were a geometrician: so little and so weak, when you become a theologian.”*

What is this book all about?

As a writer I'd like to say that I wrote this book for myself in the spirit of understanding the Simple Truth Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936) once formulated: *“When people stop believing in God, they do not believe in nothing... they believe in anything”*.

Today, in the first decade of the 21st century we are living in an Enigmatic Age. Obscurantism, irrational superstitions, dogmas/tenets, and Scientism, each according to its own weird “Rite” haunting our lives. The adherents of Scientism, paradoxically, believe that All Mighty Science and Technology (Labs) can answer all the questions of human existence and spirituality. This is definitely not so. Science and technology can not explain the origin of Cosmos and the intriguingly complex structure of the human brain and human emotions. For instance, I can not love my daughters scientifically even if I urge myself to ends and my son technologically, just to please an atheist, e.g., Richard Dawkins, the celebrated British biologist and die-hard defender of Scientism. My girl-friend is very dear to me. She is dear to me because she is unequivocally not a “Scientific Theory” herself, but a natural beauty who pleases my mind and my soul, in full flesh and bones!

Defending a wry sort of Post-Darwinistic conception of “Evolutionism” as Dawkins did in his controversial book “The God Delusion”, leads him, in fact, to an “Evolutionary Anachronism” rather than to the “Atheism Proper”! For, if there is an “Evolution” as suggested by Dawkins, it applies then also, to the class of the

“Gorillas”; the genus supposedly being our “Evolutionary Ancestors”. *Donc!* The question is: “Who were the Evolutionary Ancestors of the Gorillas? My answer to this irregular question is as valid as Dawkins’ refutations of the Faith. The Evolutionary Ancestors of the Gorillas were then the Frogs of the Amazon River having orgies with lumps of “*Purple Haze*” pills!

This book is about the Quiddity (What-ness) and the Haecceity (This-ness) of the Presence named God/Elohim in the first stanza of the first Book of the Old Testament, titled Genesis. It differentiates the Biblical (Gen.1:1) God/Elohim from the Talmudic LORD/JHVH. The concept of Presence in this book is not identical or synonym to the concept of Presence forwarded by the Classical Theology. It is rather heuristical and philosophical. It refutes the so-called “*creatio ex nihilo*” and “*in the beginning*” phrasemaking. Instead, the book promotes the concept of “No-thing-ness”, not to be confused with “Nothingness” which is inherent with many belief systems.

For whom is this book?

True, we are living in a post-religious or “After God” (Don Cupitt) era. Crystal healers, stargazers, NHS Shamans, quacks and charlatans have become mainstream. This book is not for those who have faith in such mediocre varieties. This book is not for the atheists, either. For one can not explain all humane relations, talents and virtues, such as, Justice and Righteousness, fully with Scientific Theories and/or chemical-biological “*mutations*”.

This book is for those with vigorous insights, intelligence, tolerance and most of all Wisdom... This book is for those who do not posit God and Reason, Religion and Science to the opposite polars. This book demonstrates a Monistic and Deistic outlook

and persuasion. As such, it may not please the Dogmatic convictions of the traditionally Religionist Believers.

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