

Parallel Religiosity: Causes, Forms of Manifestation and Possible Solutions

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Abstract

Globalization, emigration, the very easy exchange of information, the media, the fast means of transport, the increased mobility of the population have made different forms of religiosity manifest in new geographical areas, other than those of origin. On the other hand, different populations have embraced new beliefs and forms of religiosity or led to the emergence of religious syncretism. Today it is possible for a baptized Christian to support pagan religious beliefs or ideas from various new religious movements or even to practice some of their rituals, even though he considers himself a Christian. This study represents a deductive approach meant to illustrate the phenomenon of parallel religiosity in the postmodern world, using examples of cases encountered in the Romanian Orthodox Christian society. Pluralism, secularism and globalization, as well as parallel religiosity as their effect, are challenges for the Church, called to come up with effective answers in the desire to mention Christian unity in a world increasingly affected by division.