Secularization: Diagnosis and Remedies. Analysis from the Perspective of Orthodox Spirituality

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Abstract

The secularisation represents not only a way of thinking and perception of reality, but a way of living and conducting one's self, by giving up certain values, and fundamental Christian values and doctrines, and adopting a lifestyle focused on here and now, an immediate materialism. The present study aims to identify a diagnosis of secularisation from the perspective of the Orthodox theology and spirituality and to draw attention upon the anthropological and behavioural mutations (changes) promoted by this trend on a global scale. In the last part of the article some spiritual remedies meant to guide towards a proper comeback of the contemporary man with regard to what God and his divine work should represent in the act of the Creation and the human being himself, will be presented.