

What is “Enlightened Theism”

Fideism is no favor to faith, to God. Faith overreach (dominion theology) fails the credibility test and supports a certain justification in disbelief of theism (belief in God). Given today’s global waste and chaos, outcomes of patriarchal imperialism and theological overreach, one must ask, “What kind of God would advocate for those?” Exploitation and overreach deserve faith, God, nature and humanity.

First Enlightenment, a cultural shift away from fideism and toward humanism and natural science, was a rational reaction against the inhumanity/ irrationality of imperial fideism. The problem with First Enlightenment is that it *threw the baby out with the bathwater*. First Enlightenment in effect counteracted religion’s fideistic irrationality with an irrational fideism of its own, i.e., the excessive hyping of reason and science.

Physics (science) and metaphysics (spiritual consciousness) are correlative phenomena in life’s evolved continuum; together physics/ metaphysics represent the nature/ nurture dynamics of the energy-driven cosmos, life and consciousness. Conscious self-reflection (intentional spirituality) is a capital outcome determining life’s future on Earth. Fideism and scientism are fabricated breaches that misconstrue faith and reason, and devastate nature and consciousness.

Belief in God rests in the experience that existence and knowledge are caused; that they don’t “just happen”. Causality premises belief in God, that evolution is caused and is rational. Theistic consciousness is a complexity insight of divine “instance” in the evolved cosmic continuum.

Not humanity, not life as we know it can survive the war and waste of the cultural schism between faith and reason, between atheistic scientism and theistic fideism. True faith is grounded in reason even as true enlightenment is grounded in informed natural science. Faith supposes reason, religion supposes science, as physics suppose metaphysics and enlightenment supposes conscience.

Let the “Age of Reconciliation” between Enlightenment and Divinity begin, and let faith and reason together restore and maintain the bridge between sound mind and sound body. Come to SECOND ENLIGHTENMENT, to “enlightened theism.”
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