

^{The 512}
XIII - We are in good hands - and in gratitude for
that fact we do well to bear each others burdens.
148 So is the human creature.

63 Sewer & Justice - Like early emotions and freedom.

Good - 36 - This "Eternal Damnation" thing was only Xian, Islamic

148 - ^{BASIC ENTHEO} When the sight of the picture that then emerges is so commanding that it swings attention from the self who is viewing the picture to the picture itself. This ego reduction is - ECME - salvation in the west and Enlightenment in the east. Indeed - Salvation - is me - is me

Trying to Show importance of Rel. Dimension in life in individuals, societies, and civilization.

3) The Finitude of mundane existence cannot satisfy the human heart completely. I think of God as a direction rather than an object - toward the best we can achieve. conceive

22 He's defending traditional World View from modernist or Postmodernist

24 - There are Doomsday prophets and New Age - "sound as if ECME

They expect a mutation of consciousness to reopen the gates of Eden for two way traffic any day.

Why Book - we need to extricate ourselves from our worldview - to get a more accurate & generous world view.

Metaphysics = Worldview = big picture

26 Barre Quetern - Is the Universe Friendly?

The Greatest Craving is the desire for knowledge of the Right Direction. ECME - greater strength → Rel. does matter

The mind ecology is its world view. The proof of a good fit is that life and the world make sense.

ENTHEO - When the fit feels perfect the energies of the believer and empower to a startling degree. She knows that she belongs. The Ultimate Support her and that knowledge produces wholeness.

his bare trip

28 To be human is to long for release from mundane existence. finite, mortal, mortality.

29 - Another world - which it is always religious business to convey.

30 Perfection What God, Great Spirit, One Infinite ECME - Great Description of The Force Trad View - The Earth is Not Free Standing - it derives from The Force.

31 God implants a spark of divinity in human beings. Basic Xian myth "God became man so that man could become god."

34 - 35 - 36 - 37 - The Contrasts between the competing worldviews

37 Our Modern understanding of Evolution implies that ultimate meaning in life is nonexistent. NO ECME evolution is elevation from

#5 - in the Trad. world people feel at home, because they are made of the same spiritually sentient stuff that the world is made of - (me - but infused, light beings of stardust that evolution can elevate

38 - Book - The WHY RELIGION MATTERS Sacred Depths of Nature - No Super Being but still finds "awe and reverence"

45 Anthropic Religion's Rule - To De-Center the ego, not pandering to its earthly desires.

"regilio" in Latin - To Bind or Re Bind.

53 - Entheo - Story - "We would be better off with a world view that shows us deeply connected."

54 nine + matter? "Don't scientists (Quantum) know that matter is not inert."

57 You can't teach Disbelief to a child - only wonderful stories.

58 Need Not restrict our selves to the Jesus story - its counterparts turn up in every tribe & civilization.

59 Science is on balance good - not scientism.

69 - As Huston is prone to - I was speaking de jure and had omitted the de facto side of the story.

- What he does with Big 3 monotheisms - accepts my th. We seem to have a religious gene in a way to get rid of it.

101 Universities make instrumental learning central - make vocations into professions - Focus on purpose & meaning was lost. Huston Always disregards data (science) that Americans are religious nuts.

187 Johnathan Edwards - Virtue - Not love of any particular beings nor in gratitude because they love us but in a union of heart to being in general (not enough for Huston)
119 Advertising works against all moral needs - No care for the long run on the public good.

119 "ignoring 120 million religious people" NO these people
Also by Huston Smith
run social, economic, govt (national) policy.

120 - USA - over 800 treaties with Indians - we broke all
THE PURPOSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION made Indians live up to them.

127 - Native American Church -
THE SEARCH FOR AMERICA (edited) got legal protection.

THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS
Peyote is a harmless non-addictive cactus (originally titled The Religions of Man)

Never committed crime. CONDEMNED TO MEANING

128 - used to need a FORGOTTEN TRUTH:
Compelling The Common Vision of the World's Religions

State interest to be a religion. This was reduced
BEYOND THE POSTMODERN MIND

by the Smith case to a "rational basis"
PRIMORDIAL TRUTH AND POSTMODERN THEOLOGY

1993 - Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Restored
(with David Griffin)

1997 Supreme Court Huston Smith: ESSAYS ON WORLD RELIGION "compelling
state interest"

AGAIN Struck down religious freedom - said it was
THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD'S RELIGIONS

ONE NATION UNDER GOD: said it was
The Triumph of the Native American Church unconstitutional?

(edited with Reuben Snake) WHAT? - Why!

CLEANSING THE DOORS OF PERCEPTION: Congress makes
The Religious Significance of Entheogenic Plants and Chemicals laws.

134 - Faith enables religious citizens to
resist injustice? Look at past century!

137 Science can prove nothing about god But Does
give resources for deepening religious insights and
enriching religious thinking.

137 Light - a universal metaphor for god.

186,000 Speed of Light is the constant. Every thing else in
the universe adjusts to it.

138 - Light Creates - most obvious in photosynthesis.

139 - Photons - Not subject to usual physical laws.

Atoms are locked in to both space and time - Photons are
- Particles that make them up do not.

144 - Indians - When they go out side in the morning,
celebrate, throw up arms & say Ho!

146 Cultural Pluralism is a first, and because of it
Religion has been marginalized
Marx - Freud - No - The observer influences "location"
147 Micro Physics - Basic Blake - fallacy that we see with (not
through) the eye.

148 - See earlier note - Ego Reduction Epiphany
Salvation - west
Enlightenment - east

149 - It is Entheo Rel. That will fill the space in the human
heart NOT

Marxism - Mat. or Marxism Cannot Fill That
- Not Progress Spiritual hollow

152 Science cannot tell us what we should give our life to

152 - Counter Wilber - We may now be less wise
became we

THE FATE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT
have ignored the value questions while conquering
IN AN AGE OF DISBELIEF

Frightening - Less wisdom / Vastly more power
& hunger - more hungry people than ever before.

& superstition
Hitler Stalin Mao - worse than ever.

153 - 20th century cleared away illusions
set stage for New Age.

155 Human Beings (Jung) have an in built religious
need

Rel. is adaptive.

Malraux - 21st century will be religious - or there
won't be one.

Many now believe in religion - Do they have to believe in god?

156 - The "Negative Theology" of the mystics ME - whose
god is hidden in the "cloud of unknowing" ??

- G. Bush? Scientific Triumphalism? has peaked.

157 Book Rel. central to the evolution of the human
species

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cultural advance we may make.

158 - Updike - if this world be all, it is a closed hell.

161 - New Age / Goddess, Gaia / Huston can't get it - BUT they
have 2 things right ① Optimism ② Scientific -

WHY RELIGION MATTERS

The View of the human spirit is too large to live in a cage.
New Age

162 - Einstein - Yes - I believe in god - Spinoza's God.

Nietzsche ~~Re~~ - Christianity - The Embodiment of
The slave mentality.

172 - The Major Source of Human Anxiety - Fear of Abandonment

(71) The Central Cultural Repression of the West
Not Sexuality but affection, tenderness, Openness

- Tie in with book on Difference Nurture

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173 - Reason - won't do it - People Need something NEW

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174 - Science Out of the Tunnel - Physics - The Universe is
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Non local - Separated parts - are in simultaneous
contact with each other.

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175 - The Fundamental process of nature lies out
side space/time - but generates events that can be
located in space/time

"If you begin with matter as a given - you're lost.
New Age - No Physicists haven't found god - they
found that what runs the show lies outside the
show.

76 Non locality - Establishes the first level playing field
for Theology & Science. - A place where God could be.
176 - Life could Not have evolved if the mathematical
Relationships in Nature had been even the slightest bit
different. (Intelligent Design?)

Could such fine tuning - have developed by chance?

177 Made of Stardust - This is enough to blast me into a moment
of mystical Frisson To the memory of our daughter.

184 - The Mind/Body Problem Karen Senyak, (Mysterianism), the

and her adopted Judaism, which sustained her in her ordeal

position of some top scientists
Science has made No progress on this Question.

185 - Every Day - we Discover more Strangeness and Mystery

187 - Top Scientists (even to Antonio Banuelos, Sagan) would admit that the
scientific method our youngest grandchild,

is limited. who bids to see more of the third millennium

194 - Science / Modernity - Has eroded transcendence
from our reality map than will the rest of our family.

195 - Is he aware of the palling on angels (belief in)

200 - Science leaves and for Kendra,

Much of the world untouches - 6 Things Science

cannot deal with Values, meanings, final causes

invisibles, qualitates, and our superiors.

204 - He is worried about the fate of the Church?

or Religion? - The Killing Religion so should

die out, so In the childhood of the next.

religion can be saved - There are

human kind and the world.

206 India Tradition - hedonistic/materialistic

"Life is short, so I shall eat butter"

207 - "O how we hate each other for the love of god."

209 - in the Third Millennium - Religion should

become syncretistic

210 Huston assumes "liberals" must be relativists

- No ECME Not relativists

Virtue of liberalism - tolerance. Virtue of

"Conservatism" - the energy it can infuse into life
through the feeling of certainty that the universe is
on one side.

211 ECME Liberals do not recognize the spiritual wholeness that can come from the sense of certainty.

212 Compassion has to be rooted in ultimate reality for H. - Otherwise (Nurturance Book) - Where does compassion come from? - Not "Nature"

214 H. Smith - Book "The Common ~~Truth~~ Vision of the Worlds Religions. ??? What Common Vision? Killers of Not Killers.

He likes Transcendence better than immanence - Immanence IS the tunnel eh?

217 Blake - doors of perception - reality - infinite

217 - Modernity - merely lowered our gaze.

ECME Psychedelics RAISE YOUR GAZE that can be encouraged - same Gaze -

225 Xian - "God became man so that man might become god"

231 ECME - A way to describe the religious project - "Committed to Making People Real" "The effort to Transcend Phenomena"

ECME - Whole object of Rel. - To allow people to come as close as possible to Gods infinite reality. ENTHEO

230-231 - Reality IS a crutch.

234 4 Basic Types of Religious Nature - Not Religions

238 Einstein - Give up the Personal God.

246 - The Polytheist is an atheist who adds spirits. The Monotheist - has intimate personal relationship

248 ?? "Ethics is Absent from polytheism. It is inseparable from monotheism? eh? look at 20th cent. - last 2000 yrs

250 - The Mystic Value increases as we go up the 4 levels

255 Religion Def. Religio To Re Bind

264 Consciousness could be "simply" an emergent property of life (not enough) but instead is "the initial glimpse we have of Spirit - Psychedelics - Turn attention to consciousness itself. - which IS "infinite potential" YES

267 - Eternal life - Scientific worldview - foundation is matter matter can't be destroyed But larger worldview

270 Everybody is saved? That's a secret Xian Truth?

271 H. Smith - Journey After Death.

270 After Death ① Merge with oneness ② Enjoy with god forever ③ like mystics ④ like monotheists

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