

SERIES 3 - Definitions

Malaise of Immanence – the buffered self protects us from the negative but also from significance and meaning

Exclusive humanism – devoid of the transcendent

Gathered time – all time (past present and future) being present in God, in one moment.

Secular time – removes God and eternity from definition of time

Itineraries– the individual path of the spiritual journey

SERIES 3 - Summary notes

1. Need for transcendent remains in a secular world
 - Refusal to recognise the transcendent does not mean we are immune to this need
 - Continued sense of dissatisfaction, a lack of significance and meaning when we focus only on the immanent world
2. Redefinition of time to account for evolutionary time further minimises our significance
 - Time is not in relation to God but longitudinal, historical time
 - This gives a sense of diminished life span, such that time, meaning and death become our focus
 - There is disquiet in us, enlarged by an inner void
 - We have a deep need for reconciliation with God, despite philosophical secular views of enjoying life in the now
3. To find meaning
 - we remember our incarnation and God's resurrection
 - We gain meaning in the knowledge of our identity in God
 - Yet we present these in the context of personal spirituality, using subtler language



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