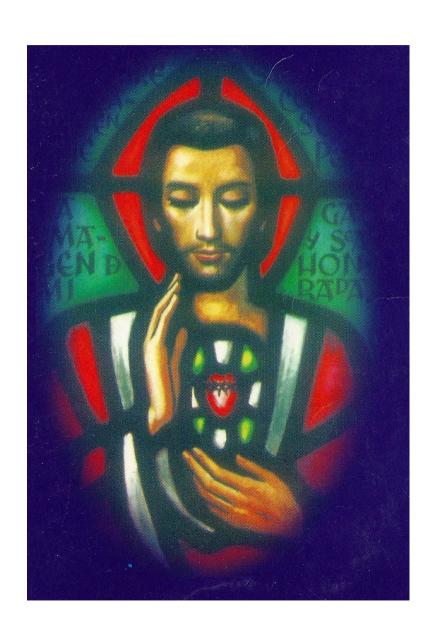
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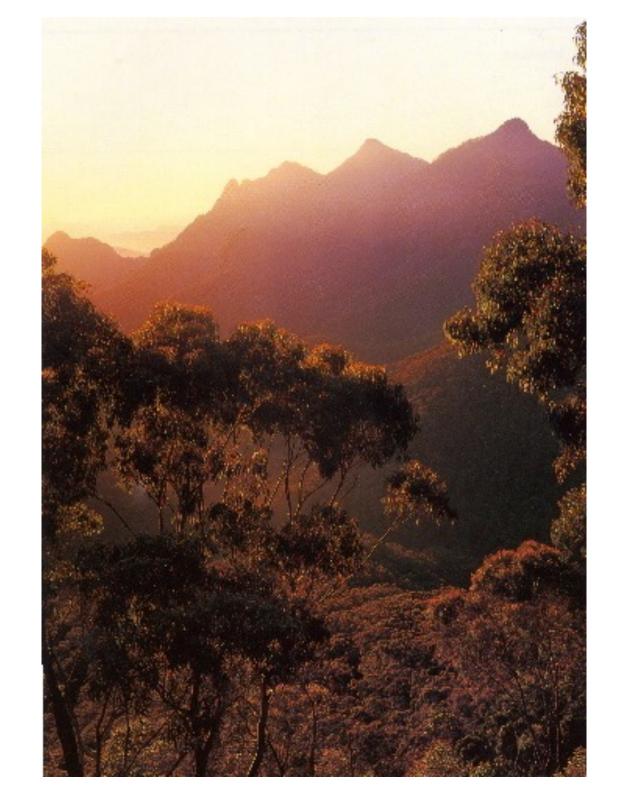
• Radical importance of scientific method

• Judgments based on tested evidence

• Liberated from submission to untested authoritarian abstractions

• trust teaching that is the fruit of experience

Experience is not limited to what can be tested by scientific method







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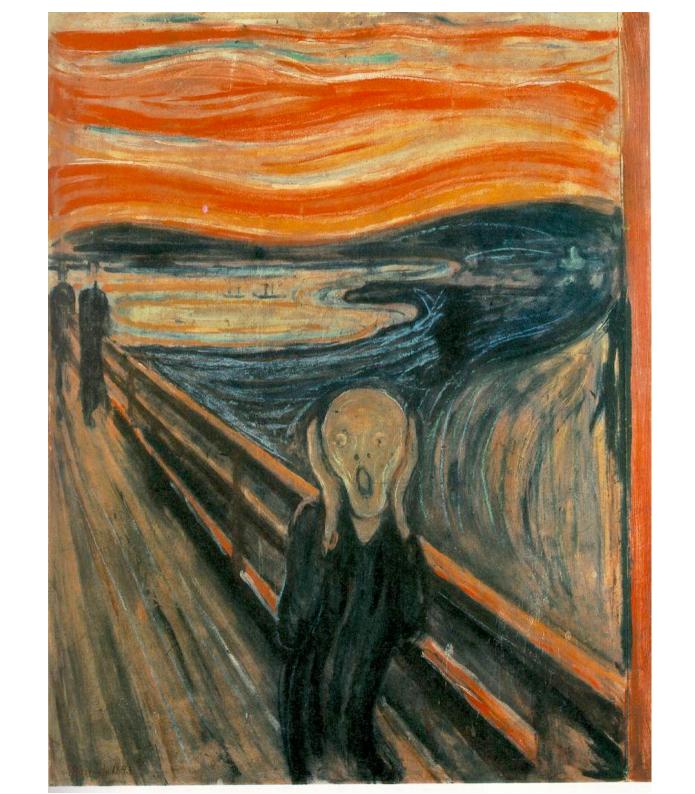
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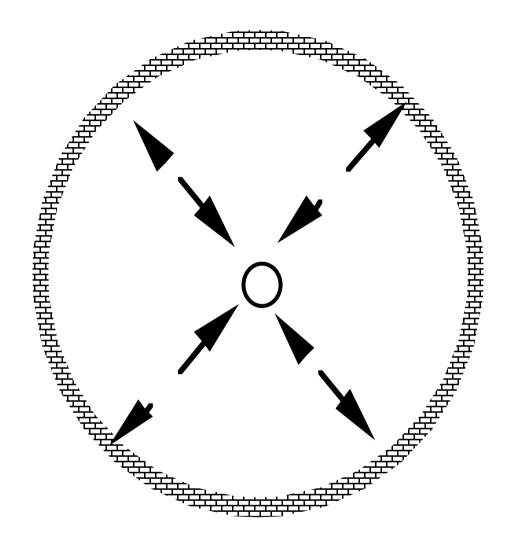


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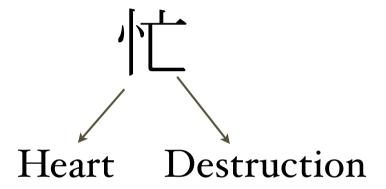
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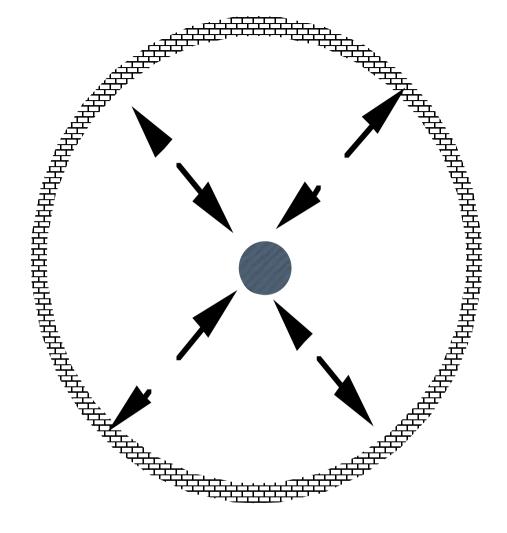




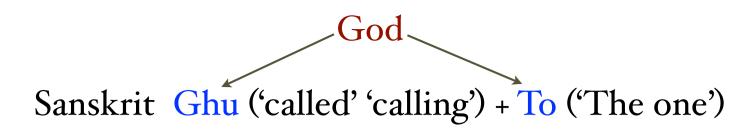
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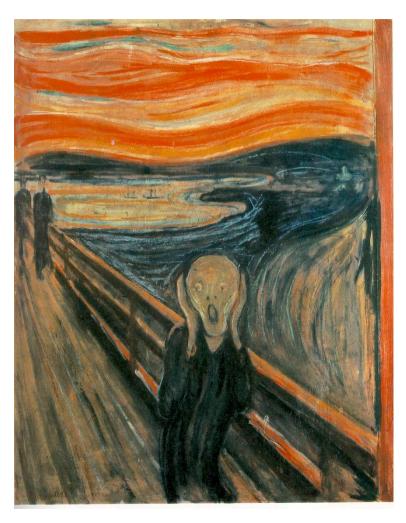
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Religion Re + ligare To bind back







Religious Experience is

Experience of Communion with 'God'

God 'The Heart and the Beyond of Everything' (Teilhard de Chardin)

God is experienced

- in nature
- in people & events
- in words spoken & written
- in works of art

They reveal something of the truth, beauty & goodness of the transcendent & mysterious God

Gerard Manley Hopkins: God's Grandeur (1877)

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and ah! bright wings.

God is revealed in

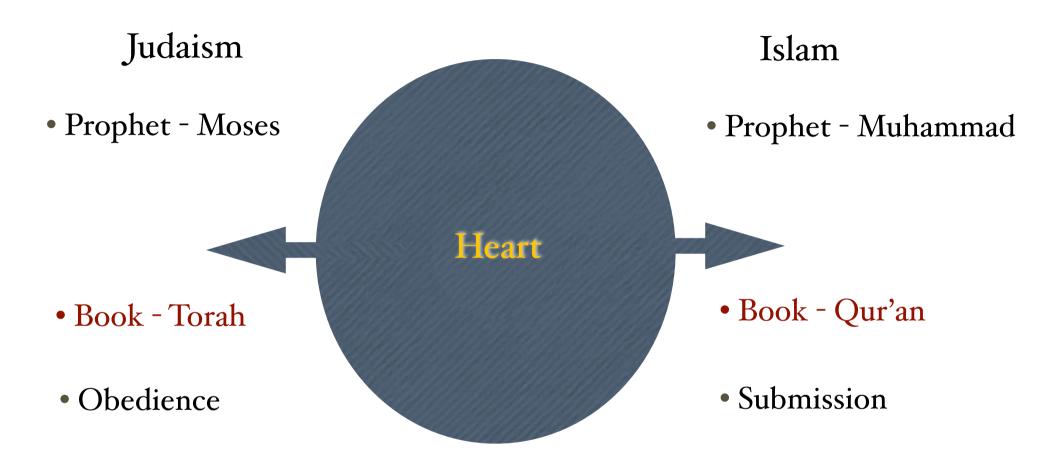
- the Vedas & Upanishads
- the sayings of K'ung-fu-tzu (Confucius)
- the sayings of Gautama the Buddha
- the oracles of the Hebrew Scriptures
- the New Testament
- the Moslem Qur'an
- the mystics, poets, artists of all cultures

Danger

Imagining 'God' based on our experiences

Creating a 'God' in our own image

Dangers in Institutionalised Religion



Fundamentalist 'Christianity'

- Book New Testament
 - Obedience

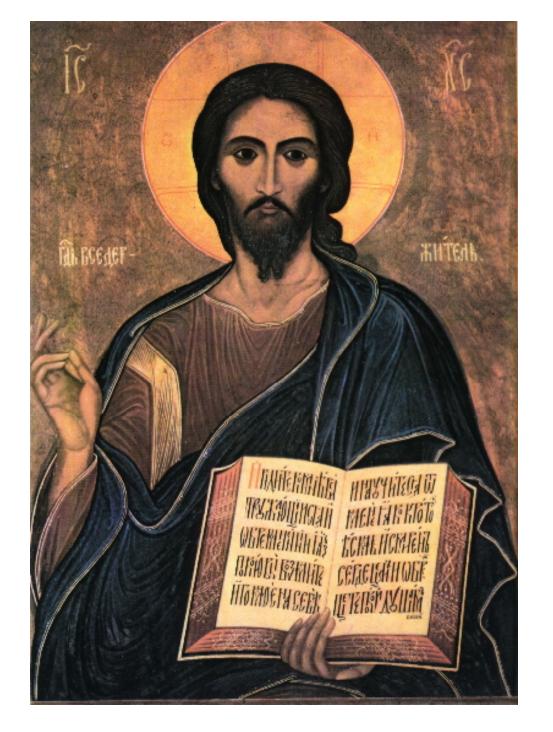
- Book Catechism
 - Submission

• Atheism

• Rejection of illogical 'gods'

• Agnosticism

• But this cuts off too much experience

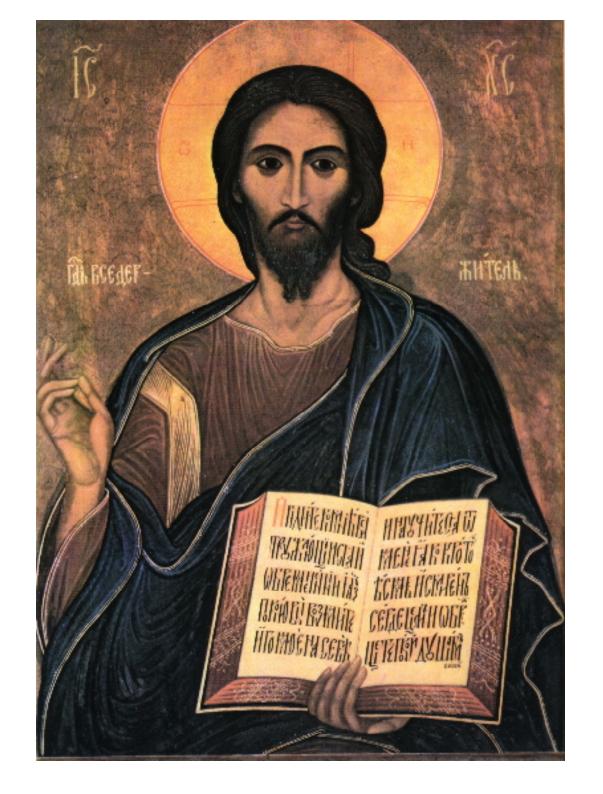


IJohn 1:1-3

We declare to you what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us. We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you may have communion with us; and truly our communion is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

• Book - New Testament

Book - Catechism



Matthew 11:28-29

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

