

Main idea

The human ability and propensity to go beyond here and now, is not only relevant for religion, but for any human project. People are constantly transcending reality and thus undermining their ontological security (concepts coined by A Giddens). Religion can be seen as one of the strategies to overcome the effects of ontological insecurity.

Biography

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