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Which Society? Which Science? Which Religion?

This paper will strive to answer to questions such as the following:

Concerning Society: Which is the role of a possible ontology of human nature, after the collapse of any possible normative function of the concept of human nature, which function could produce commonly acceptable social institutions? Which are the possible criteria of a contemporary social ethics after the collapse of virtue ethics, (due to the postmodern rejection of any common sources of meaning, either natural or Biblical), leading to what can be called an “ethics of taste”, today?

Concerning Science: is it possible for science to overcome the Heideggerian submission of it to Technology, and open itself to a contemplative perspective not alien to the possibility of metaphysical intuitions? What is the future of the human sciences?

Concerning Religion: is it possible to overcome the temptation of any ecstatic/escapist use of religion? Is it possible to understand that Christianity is something absolutely more than a religion? Is it possible to go beyond expiation, justification and atonement, and see Incarnation in a fundamentally ontological way?

The answer to the above questions will show if it is possible for us to use modern science in a non-self-destructive way.