

TWO DIFFERENT DISCOURSES: POLITICAL THEOLOGY AND POLITICAL RELIGION IN THE CONTEXT OF SECULARISATION

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In the current context, religion has become a central subject for many philosophers and political scientists as a result of the secularisation phenomenon developed in the twentieth century. Although the theorists have divided opinions on the implications of post-modernism, there is a commonly accepted position on a form of justification for the state through religion. Theorists also perceived this connection between religion and politics as a social phenomenon that can be described through philosophy. The relationship between religion and politics – divinity and power – will allow the reconstruction of the theological-political construct, using a double methodology: by realising a history of concepts using comparative terms. There is an ambiguity when referring to this subject, confusing political religion with political theology. From this reasoning, the present article tries to identify the differences between political theology and political religion.

The present paper asserts that the political is one of the humanity's essences. The term “political religion” was attributed to those ideologies with a strong cultural and political luggage that meet certain social requirements and psychological functions corresponding to religions. On the other hand, the notion of political theology designates a political theory problem. The term “theology” originally designated the speaking with divinities (*deum loqui*), but also knowing deity and all that is related to it.

The comparison of the two concepts begins with the assumption that theology is theoretical, while religion is practical. Political religion is related to the internal component of political because it addresses the masses and involves their conversion into the new decisional system. On the other hand, political theology is a systematisation of God-related authority. This way of thinking, *in extenso*, requires political authority to be attributed to the sovereign, as the religious authority is attributed to God.

Religion and political are under a symphonic relation, where divinity is the centre of two concentric circles between which there is no subordination relationship, but rather they are situated in different plans. Understanding the concept of political makes it possible to reaffirm religion in the secular context, moving from a simple communicative element to a mutual determination.

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