

On the Mystery

The first question is about the higher instance (HR) / Creator / God:

1. Does HR exist or not?

1=Yes → Theism, Deism, Gnosticism, Demon of Descartes, Matrix, Simulation...

1=No → Materialism / Naturalism, Scientism, Magism

1=0 → Skepticism, Agnosticism, I do not care

2. If 1=Yes, does HR deserve reverence, trust, love, devotion?

2=Yes → Theism, Deism (some). **Those are mystics, talking about the mystery.**
Re-ligion is a mysterious connection between me and the God.

2=No → All other.

2=0 → None ?

Mystery, Pro:

1. Laws of nature are just right: life-friendly, beautiful, effective and discoverable (Pythagorean argument).
2. Cosmic religious feeling was a condition of discoveries (Einstein).
3. Free will may be supported (free will).
4. Ethics and meaning of life are highly supported (Kant practical reason argument).
5. None of the fathers of science and great philosophers denied that, many expressed their mystic views; many poets and artists were religiously inspired, very few were anti-religious (sage argument).
6. Great civilizations were associated with religions and grown from religious seeds (Toynbee).
7. The worst crimes against humanity were committed by those who denied Mystery. The common death toll of Marxism and Nazism exceeds, by the most conservative estimation, 100 million; WWII has to be included. Both were culturally disastrous/devastating. Anti-religious teachings were never productive in history (atheist practice).
8. There would be nothing wrong to thank the Author if He did not hear or even did not exist, while I would feel ashamed if I did not thank the existing and hearing Author of the world and my Heavenly Father (my gratitude argument, a modification of Pascal's wager).

Mystery, Contra:

1. I cannot believe in that. It's too good to be true (wishful thinking argument).
2. There is too much pain and injustice in the world (pain and injustice, Ivan Karamazov).
3. All religions provoke hate crimes and freedom suppression (religious evil).
4. There are many contradicting religions, so they all are human inventions (religious contradictions).
5. Everything must be explained by the laws of nature (scientism).
6. God cannot explain the world, because then he has to be explained too (bad infinity of explanations)
7. Mysticism discourages science; God explains everything, so science is not needed (science demotivation).
8. Religion reduces pain, but provokes stagnation and spiritual slavery (the opium of the people, Marx).
9. I hate the idea that there is a mind extremely superior to mine. I hate to consider myself being obliged, being transparent and judged by HR (pride argument, Nietzsche).

It is up to me to decide, what to choose.

I am free; the conclusion is important.

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