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On Importance of Reason for Human Uniqueness

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Abstract

The importance of rationality for human uniqueness in the surrounding world is often underlined by great philosophers from Socrates, René Descartes to Karl R. Popper. More recently, philosophy and theology of science proposed by Michael Heller is also a proclamation of rationalism. According to him not only science but also faith should be rational. Moreover, the whole world is the unique Word of God that gives a sense to all humanity. Reason that was at the beginning penetrates every human being, because its existence results from rationality of Divine Thought. We ought to look for the sense of the world and humanity in the mystery of rationality, because the sense given by God to every existing being is the justification of the universe. On the other hand, a spiritual evolution of every man depends on himself. Following critical rationalism of Popper, Heller has also noticed that the decision of being rational in a human life is a choice. And because rationality is a value, this is a moral choice. Rationality then becomes morality of thinking. Even the greatest mystics agree that the experience of Transcendence goes beyond reason, but it does not destroy it. Hence, if possible, one should always follow reason.

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