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INTRODUCTION

During my 16-year service as the editor of the *Heythrop Journal*, I reviewed many books and wrote several articles. In retirement, I have had occasion to read through these again and was struck by how a selection could be arranged in a sequence such that the reviews would enter into a 'discussion' and mutually 'pollinate' one another in the reader's mind, such that the resulting experience would be educational, stimulating and satisfying. Beginning with contemporary biblical criticism, I uncover how the Jews, resenting being a 'small' nation, 'backed into' monotheism for primarily political reasons, as a way to argue that their god was distinct and different from the gods of other nations (who followed the 'family of the gods' model or pantheon). This 'one god' with whom they had a special relationship was only punishing them through military defeat for dallying with the other's religion. Thus, in spite of their small size and inglorious military history, they really were superior.

Later, when the Romans destroyed their temple and excluded them from Jerusalem, threatening to wipe them out entirely, some Jews sought comfort and psychological compensation through the postulate of a special 'gnosis' or 'knowledge' supplied them by a 'savior' behind their creator god, that 'lifted them up' and restored a basis for their exceptionalism and superior status. To a now 'converted' or Christian Western society the Jews came across as stubbornly 'stiff-necked', defensively haughty, and 'different'. They were tolerated because they performed an essential job that no one else could or would do – money lending – but often were treated as a scapegoat whenever tragedy or disaster struck. Jews were banished from England from 1290 to 1657, from France periodically after 1306, and from Spain for several hundred years after the unification of Aragon and Castile in 1492. The two-beat syncopation of rejection or exclusion, followed by psychological compensation reappeared during the Renaissance in Jewish 'Kabbalah' in Mediterranean Europe in which powerful esoteric predictions were hinted at, shortly thereafter by Spinoza with his scandalous 'atheistic' doctrine of universal determinism, and later by Freud with his shocking prescription of infantile sexuality. The most powerful Jewish 'blasphemy' during modernity has been the Marxist criticism of Enlightenment self-centeredness, and the adequacy of capitalism as a resulting complete, adult or mature social philosophy, able to construct and deliver a fittingly human, vibrant – and compassionate –

social reality without deeper theological supports. In a 'closed' world where they often had no rights or were made to move with only what they could carry, the Jews 'agreed' to play the only 'role' on offer. They were perpetually available as everybody's 'victim', but some alleged that they exacted the psychological compensation of awe and fear as possessing special knowledge or power, which went along with, and flattered in a backhanded way, their self-estimate. Both sides got what they could live with, if not what they wanted. This continued until the 'final solution', when these 'roles' became exaggerated and the syncopation fell apart.

In the move from the classical to the modern period, three mutually succeeding 'arcs' can be discerned: from reason to scepticism (with Descartes), from freedom to determinism (with Spinoza and Newton), and from annihilation to divinization (with Hegel and Nietzsche). The one feeds into the next. With the emergence of 'expressive individualism' as the default ethic of our time, we assist at an experiment to see whether long-term civil, cultural and political society is still possible.

REVIEWS

AKHENATEN & THE ORIGINS OF MONOTHEISM

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Hoffmeier was born and raised in Egypt. He was able to do graduate work under Donald Redford at Toronto and to work with him on the Akhenaten Temple Project, which pieced together photographs of thousands of inscribed blocks that revealed amazing decorated scenes from Akhenaten's Theban temples, before he built the completely new 'holy city' at Amarna. Such was the reaction against Akhenaten's monotheistic reform of traditional Egyptian polytheism that these temples had been destroyed and dismantled, and their blocks used elsewhere. But the inscriptions were still visible on their undersides. Since then, Hoffmeier has done much excavation work himself, tracing the stages of Akhenaten's attempted purification and 'return' to traditional Egyptian solar religion, dominated by Amun-Re as head of the pantheon during the Old Kingdom (2650-2400 B. C. E.), and the advance, probably based on a powerful personal 'theophany' and reflection on the solar god's unique status as 'formless' (similar to the Hebrews' later ban on statues of their god Yahweh) as well as self-created – and thus the creator of everything else. This involved a tumultuous personal conversion that led Akhenaten to destroy the temples and cults of all other Egyptian gods, as well as a colossal building project of a new sacred city dedicated to this one god under his new (or 'true') name 'Aten' (meaning 'discovered', 'found', or 'manifest'). Akhenaten initially imposed this reform on all of Egypt, but he failed to build up a coterie of followers or disciples who were moved by the same philosophical-theological insights that had led to this purification, and would maintain the cult after Akhenaten's death. This was similar to Muhammed's later purification of traditional Arab religion to radical monotheism - and then what happened during Islam's proselytising expansion when it encountered Hinduism in India; for the first time Islam met a polytheism it could not 'convert' or 'reform'. The people – not to mention the powerful traditional priesthood and sages – were too attached to their scriptures, stories and cults. The attempted monotheistic reform proved too severe; it was defeated or was