

PHILOSOPHY

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What “parareligious trends” can give a person?

It is considered the existence of para-orientation in the active secularization of European culture. It is shown that in the modern era in Western society it began to disappear Christian self-installation on an appeal to a transcendent God, the monarch, the patron and savior. It was replaced by immanentist conception of God, dissolved in the world of spirituality, which becomes available to anyone in contact with which everyone can itself influence the events of life. Immanentism received expression in the promotion of a series of mystical and esoteric areas that in the answer to old questions about what I'm waiting for death and how to improve earthly destiny. The author identifies and examines three leading para-religious trends, widely represented in popular culture. The first trend is related to the search for mystical and transpersonal movement. From the point of view of the author, it is, despite its considerable popularity, the most distant from the needs of everyday life. The second trend is linked to the spiritualistic and mediumistic performances that promise to preserve the afterlife I create a specific daily guidelines. Finally, the third trend – magical-practical – the most closely linked to the practice of life, serving as a basis for a number of regulatory psychotechniques.

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