

All Ideologies Pass Away - Theology and Philosophy Are Here to Stay

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All ideologies pass away. That's a statement that was made recently and it's true. Ideology is usually described as ideas describing political or economic theory or certain social orders. As such this embraces Machiavelli, communism, fascism, social Leninism and other political ideologies, which also embrace current political parties. So yes, they pass away. They are often temporal and unstable by nature.

Theology and Philosophy are different and robust as disciplines. EDP is a theology and Unification Thought is a Philosophy of Religion. Neither are ideologies. Some theologies have endured for three and a half thousand years. The Mosaic-rabbinical tradition probably started around 1400 BC moving from a recorded theological proposal (Ten Commandments) to rabbinical exegesis which continues to this day.

Lately 'I-Thou' by Martin Buber reveals this tradition which just can't be extinguished. Evidence of the Exodus is sparse but by the period of conquest just after Exodus, Jericho dates and excavations confirm destruction by fire with evidence that just after the harvest time grain remained in the site where this confirms the city was not plundered after the walls collapsed. So we have a suggested date of 1446.

Theology differs from Ideology because it examines the nature of God, His attributes, and relationships to the universe. Theology (Theos-God and Logos as the treating of God's attributes) Is quite specific about this.

"Theology moves back and forth between two poles, the eternal truth of its foundations and the temporal situation in which the eternal truth must be received." [Paul Tillich, "Systematic Theology," 1951] Divine Principle is a Systematic Theology by its own definition and by the definition of well-respected theologians from around the world who have examined it.

Philosophy, is described as a fundamental examination of knowledge, reality and existence, and the word itself comes from the Greek 'philosophia,' which means the love of wisdom. If we take this discipline to the rational age which is capable of examining such things we are looking at Heraclitus and the Pre-Socratics who date to 500 BC and with whom we are not done with yet. Philosophy just rolls on.

Conclusion: Ideologies come and go. Theology and Philosophy are here to stay.