

PRIMITIVE MATERIALISM – SUMMARY OF MAIN THEMES

Christianity

The problem of shadow in Christianity – of split-consciousness – how the religion of love transforms itself into a religion of repressed desire and cruelty – implying a need for a further reformation of Christianity.

The crisis of Christianity – the impossibility from within contemporary consciousness of maintaining the doctrine of the inerrancy of Scripture – the need to read Scripture as a layered text of multiple historical recensions and redactions – the implied need to revitalise religion as a vehicle of ongoing revelation. The need for a reformation of Christian theology as confronting not retreating from the layered aspects of the text.

Implicit – that Christianity through its crisis and shadow problem has constellated an opponent of terrible power in contemporary academic Positivism and in the materialism of popular culture.

Philosophical Anthropology

Human cognition is divided into three epochs – primitive materialism, Ionian consciousness and Kantian consciousness. Ideas of human identity and immortality are relative to cognition. Exploration of the cognition of primitive materialism. Early stages under primitive materialism of the concept of immortality. Primitive dualism and primitive spiritual materialism.

History of Religion

History of Egyptian religion outlined through analysis of the recensions of the *Book of the Dead*. History of Greek religion in the Dark Ages, analysed through the oral and written tradition of Greek myth.

The War in the Dark Ages between Matriarchy and Patriarchy. Explanation of the Bronze Age Collapse as the product of this terrible and catastrophic war. Analysis of grades of matriarchy. Definition of the political and social structure of a developed matriarchy.

Theory of the analysis of myth, deploying the central concept of a mythologem as a narrative linking two or more images (motifs); comparative method.

Evolution of Greek religion into a dual religion – of Olympian and chthonic religions – reformation of the religion of the Mycenaean-Minoan Age during the Greek Dark and Archaic ages – reformation of the religion of Dionysus – rise of Orphism – Zeus theology of Hesiod and Homer.

Theory of archetypes – evolution of the archetypes of Greek and Western consciousness. The archetypes of Heracles and Apollo.

The Crisis of the First Millennium BCE

The need to overcome the practice of ritual adult and child male sacrifice within the context of the matriarchal religion of fertility stimulated the emergence of proto-Ionian consciousness. The transformation of human consciousness took place in Greece from the inception of the Dark Age and thereafter.

History of pre-historic Greece

All the above constitutes a radical transformation of our understanding of ancient Greek history.