



ELEMENTS TO A PHENOMENOLOGY OF VIOLENCE

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I. DESCRIPTION

Religion is often called the cause of violence. The meaning of these words, however, is quite ambiguous. Through a phenomenological analysis of certain conscious phenomena like the 'fundamental attitude', the 'act of empathy' and 'giving a testimony' we will offer some elements towards a more sophisticated account of what kind of religion might cause violence. We hope to arrive thereby at a better account of the relation of religion and violence through a careful distinguishing and describing of conscious experiences, illumined also by readings in classic literature.

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Session 1: Introduction into a Phenomenology of Consciousness

- Actions, Acts, Attitudes, Psychic States

Session 2: Typology of Attitudes

- Violent Attitudes in the Light of the Fundamental Attitudes

Session 3: The Intersubjective Sphere of Violence. The Act of Empathy.

- The Other – Friend or Enemy?

Session 4: "Religious Violence"

- Fundamental Attitude Causing Violent Acts?

Session 5: Giving a Testimony of God

- Religion and Peace versus Religion and Violence

III. METHODOLOGY

Seminar discussion

IV. EVALUATION

Final examination

V. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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