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## INTRODUCTION

1. I am indebted to Professor Marvin Shaw, of the University of Montana, for several of the formulations in this paragraph.

## CHAPTER I

1. Zen Buddhism maintains a degree of life in some academic and philosophical circles in Japan. Otherwise Buddhism in Asia is purely devotional. In the face of the challenge of communism it has shown itself ideologically impotent, and having lost mainland China is now only a remnant of what it was. Whatever intellectual vitality Taoism has is derived from the efforts of the laymen of the National Taoist Association in Taiwan, but the professional priesthood of the Northern party lacks the rudiments of education.

In India devotional religion flourishes, but the ancient great tradition of religious thought appears almost extinct. Religious India continues on as if the intellectual forces of the modern world did not exist.

In the Islamic world the picture is similar: fierce attachment to tradition, with a few enlightened men trying to come to grips with the intellectual difficulties of modernity.

Although Jews have long been among the intellectual leaders of the West, their best energies seem to have gone into fields other than religion: the leaders of Judaism have only recently begun to take account of the problems raised for their religion by critical thinking.

Of all the major religions only Christianity has really faced up to the problems of contemporary critical thought: and it has been intellectually paralysed as a result. Many Christians are currently

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- engaged in a struggle to overcome this paralysis, but so far the outcome must be considered still in doubt.
2. Cf. Melville Herskovits, 'A culture is the way of life of a people', *Cultural Anthropology* (New York: Knopf, 1955).
  3. C. Kluckhohn and W. H. Kelly, 'The concept of culture', in R. Linton (ed.), *The Science of Man in the World Crisis* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1945).
  4. *A Common Faith* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1960) p.8.
  5. Thus W. Cantwell Smith in *The Meaning and End of Religion* (New York: Mentor Books, 1964) Ch. 3.
  6. *A Common Faith*, Ch. 1.

## CHAPTER 2

1. Heinrich Zimmer has argued these cultural differences in Joseph Campbell (ed.), *Philosophies of India* (New York: Pantheon Books, 1951).
2. The cultural distinction has been argued by, for example, Hu Shih 'Religion and philosophy in Chinese history', in Sophia H. Chen Zen (ed.), *Symposium on Chinese Culture* (New York: Paragon Book Reprint Corp., 1969); Yong Yap and Arthur Cotterell, *The Early Civilization of China* (London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1975).

## CHAPTER 3

1. L. W. King and R. C. Thompson, *Inscriptions of Darius the Great* (London, 1907); F. H. Weissbach and W. Bang, *Die altpersischen Keilschriften* (Leipzig: J. C. Hinrichs, 1908). The Gathas of Zoroaster and other inscriptions of the Persian emperors present vivid illustrations of the same order. Darius equates rebellion against himself with rebellion against God: 'O man, do not let the command of God seem repugnant to you. Do not leave the right path: do not rise in rebellion.'
2. Friedrich Heer, *The Intellectual History of Europe*, Vol. 1, tr. J. Steinberg (New York: Doubleday, 1966).
3. Ibid.
4. Franz Cumont, *Lux Perpetua* (Paris: P. Geuthner, 1949).

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5. As any biblical scholar will recognise, this account is greatly oversimplified; in particular it passes over the early development of the Christian movement in Palestine. But it is only the broad outlines of the story that I wish to tell.

### CHAPTER 4

1. Michel Foucault, *The Order of Things* (London: Tavistock Press, 1970) Ch. 2.

### CHAPTER 5

1. A similar argument has been advanced by A. N. Whitehead, *Religion in the Making* (Cambridge University Press, 1926) Ch. III, p. 1, but seems to have had little impact.

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