

宗教的体验性

The Nature of the Religious Experience

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Religion is not learning in the general sense of the humanities and social sciences, but a spiritual state associated with the existence of man. This phenomenon can be understood through three aspects: object, language and the end of religion. The object of religion is the divinization of man's will to live; religion is the evidence of this will in the process of divinization. Religious language expresses the relationship between religious experience and the individual, where the individual's enlightenment experience finds expression in language. Inherently, the divinization of man's will for life and his expression of enlightenment through language help define the end of religion, which is the affirmation of faith. These three aspects of religion illustrate that religion is concerned about an otherworldly being, intrinsically different from worldly beings. This being is the self-existing omnipotent will. The experiential aspect of religion as a spiritual state is qualitatively different from metaphysics or art. In the context of cultures of the volition, religion as a form of knowledge is likewise different from aesthetics.