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Atheist-Theist Dialogues: Obstacles and Ways Forward

Call for Papers

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Abstract

The atheist-theist dialogue will become ever more important as the number of atheist and humanist thinkers continue to increase in many parts of the world, and as younger generations profess less attachment to any one religion. While theists in the West often disparaged atheist positions, many New Atheist texts only seemed to embody another extreme. It was as if there is only conflict where atheists and theists cannot spiritually and intellectually enrich and challenge one another. More recently (see Ruse, Kitcher, Steadman, Crane, Bullivant, and Ryan), there have been sobering and compassionate attempts to understand the Other, and where possible, seek greater connections and partnership among theists and atheists. We welcome papers examining the tensions, aims, key texts (in philosophy, theology, literature, history, and science), interactions, interfaith groups, and crucial questions discussing and analyzing the past, present, and future of atheist-theist dialogue and encounters.

Languages: English

Disciplines involved: Theology, History, Philosophy, Literature, Sociology of Religion

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