

Me, My-selfie, and I

The modern world was constructed with the self at the centre of everything, hence why this is the ‘age of the self’. It is not hard to see the benefits accruing from our exalted position. Humans are the new gods presiding over the affairs of this world. This, however, cannot disguise the fragility of the modern self—especially when it comes to a secure identity. This workshop explores the making of the 'ego pagan' and the dire consequences that flow from this.

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I. The World of the Self-centred

A. The Cleansing of the Old Centre’s

B. The Establishment of the New Centre’s

C. Seeds of Destruction

1. “Humans did everything - except to secure the position of God and thereby the meaning of man.”(Blaise Pascal)

II. The World of the Self-determined

A. Establishment of a new Moral Order

B. Establishment of a new version of Human Flourishing

C. The VERY personal challenge

D. New Sources of the Self

III. The World of the Self-conscious

A. The irony of self-consciousness

B. Reality is now more 'in' than 'out'

C. Into the world of the banal

1. "Filled with fancies and empty of meaning" - T.S. Eliot

IV. The World of the Self-Referential

A. The World as a mirror

B. Living in glass houses

C. The new ethical imperative - 'be true to yourself'

D. New measures of intensity - 'intensity over profundity'