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PERSONALITY BETWEEN GOD AND THE ALGORITHM: THE RISE OF DIGITAL SPIRITUALITY IN THE AGE OF TRANSHUMANISM

In the contemporary world, the individual becomes a kind of *Locus Terra* where identity, religion, technology, and ideology intersect and clash. The individual is no longer a stable and clearly defined category, but a fluid form open to change and influence. Transhumanism, as a radical cultural-technological offering, introduces a new dynamic to understanding personhood. Instead of pathologizing multiple selves, transhumanism offers freedom of choice and personalization, shaping the subject as a continuously evolving figure. At the same time, transhumanism emerges as a competitor in the religious marketplace: it provides spiritual answers, visions of eternity, moral codes, and even rituals. Spiritual experiences – once rare, personal, and difficult to transmit – are now digitally distributed through algorithms, virtual guides, and neurotechnology. However, access to this digital spirituality is unequal: a global digital divide that creates new boundaries between the accessible and inaccessible sacred. Thus, transhumanism simultaneously accelerates secularization by offering technology in place of God and stimulates desecularization by renewing questions about eternity, the body, and consciousness. This dual movement conflicts with traditional religions, which see it as a threat and inspire new alternative forms of spirituality. The key challenge for conventional religious institutions lies in this paradox: how to respond to the new spirituality caused and enabled by technology, which blurs the boundaries between the sacred and the technical?

Key words: transhumanism, digital spirituality, desecularization, identity, technology and religion

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