

QUO VADIS HOMO: THE DIGITAL AGE AND THE METAPHYSICAL QUESTION

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Abstract. Everything in the created order is a sign of something else, namely the ontological and metaphysical belonging that man unconsciously longs for. Everything physical and conceptual is metaphysical at the same time. It indicates – as signs do – something beyond itself. There is a kind of metaphysical dimension of the digital world and, in this text, that is compared with the type of metaphysics Christian theology teaches and promotes.

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The question of direction in man's life is as old as man's existence. In the Garden of Eden when God asked „Where are you, Adam?,” the question of direction was implied: „Where did you go? I did not find you where you were supposed to go.” Life is a countless number of intersections and we have to constantly choose. How and what we choose is based on how we understand life, our destiny and destination, and our understanding is based on our values.

Tell me what values you choose and I will tell you where you will be going. Choosing values is in itself a metaphysical operation regardless of whether the values in themselves relative or absolute, local or universal, theological, economic, political or of any other kind. There is always a beyond, an unknown in the complex combination of factors that determine our choice, just as we don't know whether what we consider important or of interest at a certain moment in life is really going to bring us in the right direction.

Far from living in an age that many call the end of metaphysics we see how metaphysics permeates our entire life, even where we think it is less present, and that includes digital technology and our using it.

The relation between the apophatic and the kataphatic

In the universe, in life, in the entire creation, visible and invisible, everything is relation, related and relational. As A. von Heuer puts it, without

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