

95 Theses on Humanism

Christianity and Enlightenment, Secularism and Freethinking

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Since the rise and growth of secularization, the place of God and religion is becoming increasingly problematic in our Western culture. But what is the alternative to its Christian heritage? Humanism puts “man” at the center of everything, but can you “believe in man” just as much as you can believe in God? Is this secular worldview really rational, based on science, consistent, and durable? And above all, does our society become more humane because of it? Can you simply obliterate God from our culture and values without these collapsing like a pudding? Secular humanism has always been extremely critical of the church—and in itself that is allowed—but what if we judge and measure it with the same criteria?

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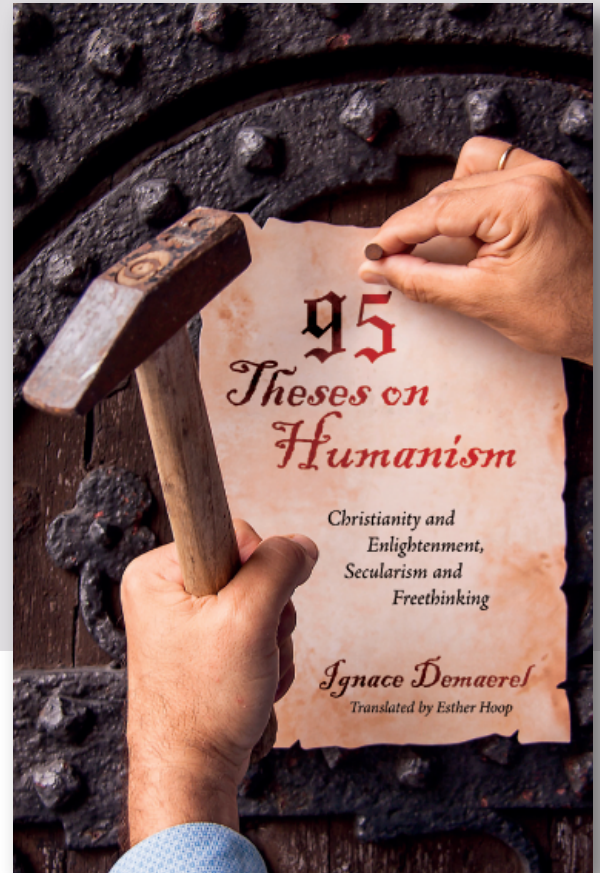
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—Roger Haydon Mitchell, Political Theologian and Activist, Lancaster University, UK

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