



Reviving the West's Sense of the Transcendent

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We understand well by now that powerful forces have long been at work to undermine Western civilization's Christian foundation. This is because the globalist oligarchs responsible for this subversion are ideologically anti-Christian, and they recognize that degrading humanity into a state of numbness via secularism and moral deviancy makes the world's population that much easier to control.



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One theme we have [explored in previous articles](#) is modern man's descent into a state of mundanity, passivity, and apathy. Generally speaking, the breed of man who aspires to greatness and is willing to sacrifice for noble causes is all but gone. Instead, cynicism, selfishness, and hedonism have become the new norm.

Part of the reason men are no longer inclined to form part of something greater than themselves is that, as a society, we have lost the sense of the transcendent. That is, the majority of people today do not have a concept of experience that is outside the range of the ordinary physical senses.

The transcendent is difficult to put into words, which is only natural — after all, the transcendent is transcendent *precisely because* it involves states, experiences, and phenomena that rise above our human understanding and are thus beyond the ability of words to describe.

However, the concept of the transcendent is closely tied to the notions of the sublime and divine. The sublime is that which is so excellent and grandiose as to provoke inspiration and awe. The etymology suggests a looking upward — toward heaven, toward divinity, toward God.

Transcendence is interaction with the sublime. It is the practice of connecting with the divine and, thereby, getting away — at least for a time — from the earthly and physical in order to contemplate, experience, and have communion with the heavenly.

Transcendence is essential for the soul. Without it, man descends into a coarse animal state, for he becomes overly preoccupied with — and influenced by — the things of this physical, material, mortal world, not realizing there is something else — something greater — to aspire to. Hence Jesus said that “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

The transcendent is also essential for civilization, because civilization is itself the product of man lifting himself off all fours and removing himself from savage nature in order to emulate the higher ideals of the kingdom of God.

Is it any wonder that in the modern world, which has lost the sense of the transcendent, civilization is crumbling and human beings are becoming more beastly, with trash, crime, and even defecation in public becoming the norm in many Western cities?



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The reason this change has happened is that we have collectively abandoned belief in the divine and instead embraced a conception of the world as purely physical and material. This secularism deprives man of his desire to interact with the higher spiritual plane. Ultimately, it results in a society that is nihilistic, self-centered, violent, and even backwards and boring — for the transcendent gives man the spark of creativity and imagination.

It's time to reignite the West's connection to the sublime. But how?

The first and biggest step is to revive religious life in America. The satanic globalists have made war on religious worship one of their biggest targets, and with good reason — it is in the houses of organized religion that most people throughout history have had their biggest transcendental experiences.

This is why they have promoted the ridiculous talking point of being “spiritual, not religious.” First, “spiritual” can refer to anything — such as being influenced by demonic spirits. Second, the concept of being “spiritual” typically divorces spirituality from the rites and ceremonies of organized worship.

And while it's certainly important that every person develop personal spiritual practices such as Bible study, prayer, meditation, and fasting — in fact, doing so is another crucial step in restoring the transcendent to one's individual life — communal, ritualized worship introduces a greater force that is not so readily achievable alone.

Entering a beautified church building whose sole purpose is to connect with the divine; listening to the stirring drone of a pipe organ or other worship music; hearing and participating in group prayers; observing traditional worship rituals; contemplating the words of a charismatic preacher; beholding healings and other miraculous works. These should all be thought of as immense tools for one's spiritual development.

Bringing great art and music back into the lives of the people is also important. Most pop culture, including pop music, is designed to entertain. In other words, to distract and dull the senses. It feeds into the materialistic.

The masterworks of classical music and art, on the other hand, are not mere entertainment (though they do have entertainment value, as well); rather, they move the observer's soul into a state of transcendence. Listen to sacred cantatas of the great composers such as Bach and you will unequivocally feel the difference.

Many have a longing for the transcendent, which is why they turn to things such as drugs and psychedelics, which they believe will give them what's missing in their lives. It's time to bring our nation back to the true source of the sublime so that our civilization can rise to greatness again.



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