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REMAKING SPIRITUALITY

GOD IN SEARCH OF MAN

This text, published for the first time 25 years ago, introduces the "eternal present" series which seeks to collect writings and thoughts that analyze, scrutinize in depth, decompose and recompose the unquenchable yearning that constitutes the true drive behind human action: the need to know. The text returns today as powerfully topical because, as the author tells us in an afterword, "In the 25 years since the first publication [...] there have been many phenomena that have deeply marked the path of humanity: we may think of globalization, of migration from poor countries to wealthy nations, of the economic crisis which has recently affected even said wealthy nations, of the many forms of violence that have erupted in different parts of the world; on the other hand, we think about scientific and technical advancements which aims to redefine man, and makes us consider the possibility of a post-human ..."

For the sociologist or the historian, spirituality constitutes all the manifestations of the religious experience of a certain period or group; in this

sense we speak of, for example, the spirituality of the various religious traditions. Today there is also the advent of a secular spirituality that is free from any faith. Traditional religions, including Christianity, are inspired by the principle that spirituality is understood as the human desire for God, and all the processing of various ethics that reflect this basic postulate.

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