

ABSTRACT

Kritik an Repräsentationen der Macht Die politische Dimension des Evangeliums in der geschwisterlichen Alterität von Bibel und Koran

Criticism of Representations of Power The Political Dimension of the Gospel in the Fraternal Alterity of the Bible and the Koran

Political theology aims at criticizing structures of power and power's claim to self-representation. On the basis of an examination of Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit, this paper supports the idea that religion can be considered as a rupture in the projection of the subject's claim to power. Such a rupture becomes especially apparent in the biblical canon and its core, the name of God, YHWH, and its New Testament equivalent, the Cross. This is impressively demonstrated in the Gospel of John and in the Revelation of John. In the final section, the paper presents the idea that the Koran and the Bible need each other to ironise their respective claims to validity and power and thus open the way to a true brotherhood of religions.