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A Global Overview of the Covid 19 Crisis and an Ontological Theology Perspective

This article asks whether human history has any bearing on understanding and interpreting the Covid-19 pandemic. It seeks to examine the historical and present circumstances to identify possible causes, dangers, responses and solutions. It more importantly seeks to respond to the question, is there a possible conjuncture with an ontological theology view of God and the world? The aim of the first section is to present a succinct overview of pandemic themes, developmental paradigms and perspectives, and in the second, to articulate three significant responses from the ontological theology perspective. This view has for primary focus the reality of the Person of God with emphasis on being and existence, both His and ours in general and specifically in times of crisis. Where is God? Why is this happening? What is He saying? Why does He not intervene? Crises evoke fundamental belief questions. The article therefore, seeks to demonstrate the validity of a cohesive connection between the divine, transcendent and eternal with humanity and human history.

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