Religie și putere. Determinații teo-politice

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Abstract: The theme addressed proposes a diagnosis of two phenomena constant for all human societies *religion* and *power*, and our investigation relates only to the phenomenological level, not to the conceptual and epistemological one. Therefore, we specify from the beginning that the term *religion* refers to the spiritual, sacerdotal, immutable, infallible power exercised in a society trough representatives mandated or expressly designated with that specific epistemic and deontic authority by the society itself, and the term *power* refers to the institutionalized, hierarchical and legitimate emergence of the society, the natural, political and temporary power, in other words, the state. The debate aims to identify the relations /relationships established between the historically and contemporaneity. According to our concept, there are several types of relationship /relations between religion and power: identity /complementarity, separation /opposition, subordinate (dependence) /annihilation. Up to a point, between some of these relations may occur some interferences mutually accepted by both of the social phenomena, or, in some cases, one can speak of a third factor, the immixture (interference).

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