

sion robs us of our thankfulness, precious goods to which the blood of the best and most noble adheres and which have had to have been achieved through the hard work of so many generations. And which among you, in whom a bright mind is married with a sensitive heart, could be mindful of this exalted duty without a silent wish being roused within him to pay off to the *coming* generation this debt that cannot be discharged to those of the past. There must a noble desire burn within us to make a contribution out of *our* means to the rich inheritance of truth, morality, and freedom that we received from the prior world and must give again richly increased to the world that follows, and to fasten our fleeting existence to this immortal chain that winds through all generations of men."

The *leitmotif* of the entire book is the so-called "God Complex" or *impotence/omnipotence complex*. "In the medieval community," the individual, he writes, was still "the child in a herd, primarily directed toward God as the omnipotent parental figure." With the waning Middle Ages, man lost God and like a mistrustful, impotent child developed the omnipotence fantasy, of being himself "a small god" who participates in the further development of the creation. Richter ascribes this complex to Descartes ("*Cogito ergo sum*"), Leibniz, and, of course, the totality of modern natural science. Suddenly, the left-socialist Professor Richter gets strikingly pious.

Obviously, the principal target of attack in *The God Complex* is the *Filioque* principle of the Nicene Creed, according to which the Holy Spirit comes from both the Father *and from the Son*, that is, that man participates in divine reason through Christ. The Russian Orthodox Church not only refuses to acknowledge the *Filioque* principle; it also intends to nullify it in the West. Richter's *The God Complex* serves this purpose.

According to Richter, man should not feel and act "divinely" and "creatively," but rather recognize, like Dostoevsky's Grand Inquisitor, "that he is miserable," as the gambler Dostoevsky thought of himself, and as, apparently, Richter thinks of himself. Were mankind to think of itself in that way, then it would no longer be morally fit to survive.

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