Why Secularization may be *(ultimately!)* Unsatisfactory:

**Basic conceptions of God:**

- **Aristotle:** God as Pure Thought thinking Itself
- **Aquinas:** God as the Unmoved Mover

**Fundamentalisms:**
God as a supernatural figure who created the world and all that is in it, variously referenced in space/time “coordinates”

**Variations on the Watch Maker metaphor,**
stemming from Newton’s idea of a “clock-like” universe:

- **God as the clock itself**
  (various pre-literate religions, e.g., animism)

- **God as the clock-maker and winder**
  (Early, Basic Christianity)

- **God as the clock-maker who set the clock in “perpetual” motion**
  (liberal Protestant traditions, Intelligent Design)

- **God as the force which simply animates the clock**
  (Eastern religious traditions, spiritualisms, Gnosticism)

- **Only the clock itself,**
  that either always was, is, & will be – or that it made itself
  (Darwinian evolution, secular humanism)

**The Secular Account may not be adequate to human needs:**

In John Donne’s words (1611):

‘Tis all in peeces, all cohaerence gone.

In Karl Marx’s words (1848):

All that is solid melts into air.

In Peter Berger’s words (2000):

Modernity pluralizes the lifeworlds of individuals and consequently undermines *all taken-for-granted certainties*. [my emphasis]