

character. Whether the patient can survive the success of this operation remains to be seen. If you agree with Erdozain, however, this may be the arena where the battles of ‘secularisation’ (if we can still use that word) are likely to be fought out. If you do not, you will still do well to find a more provocative and thoughtful recent book on how western, secular modernity came to be the way it is.

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