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Letter

Meet The Master And Kill Him

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ITJ editor director

In this era of a return to religious fundamentalism I think that we must be aware that fundamentalism can hide everywhere, even in the field of human science.

From my background in Academia I know that very often there is a sort of servility and flattery towards department directors and executive chiefs. However the scientific approach requiring empirical testing of hypothesis has always been a guarantee against the principle of authority.

This was the principle on which Galileo was convicted by the pope, as his hypothesis was against what the Bible says and Aristotle, a philosopher confirmed.

This same position is a very dangerous trap into which some transpersonal theories can fall.

As ITJ director and EUROTAS board member I would like to see more critical positions towards some transpersonal theories. I would like to urge students and young psychotherapists and health care professionals to "kill the master."