

Review of: "[Commentary] Quo Vadis, Man? Common Sense Approach of Human Life Perspectives"

Martin Bohle¹

¹ Ronin Institute

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Like other thinking that is applying the "GOD hypothesis" a broad, sweeping take on humanity's position within the universe is taken. Falling short from taking the "god(s)-hypothesis", i.e. taking religious concepts as a human constructs, little actionable insight arises. Any review could stop at this moment, respecting the authors pieces of opinion. However, there are several ancillary aspects to consider:

1. ****Determinism vs. Agency****: The text seems to vacillate between a deterministic view of human existence and an agency-based one. It's not clear how these two reconcile.
2. ****Ambiguity of Ideas****: The assertion that an idea, no matter how useful or useless, cannot be suppressed is a romanticized view of the power of ideas. While ideas do have resilience, they can also be forgotten or discredited over time.
3. ****Scientific Uncertainty****: The author acknowledges that we have approximations about the origins of humans. However, the given scientific theories about the origins of humans are based on extensive evidence. Even if incomplete, they should not be dismissed as mere "rough approximations" without a substantive counter-argument.
4. ****Anthropocentrism****: The opinion takes a very human-centred view, ignoring the interconnectedness of human society with broader ecosystems and the planet. For someone interested in earth sciences and socio-ecological matters, the lack of emphasis on the need to understand and protect our natural environment could be seen as a significant omission.
5. ****Non-Scientific Perspective****: The text refers to itself as a "non-scientific," which per se is problematic as science is the most productive and reliable source of human insights. If concerning human survival, neglecting scientific insights is a significant limitation.
6. ****Vagueness and Lack of Specificity****: The text touches upon a myriad of complex issues like climate change, resource limitations, and cosmic factors but fails to articulate specific risks or actionable insights.
7. ****Existential Questions****: While pondering - in view of the "GOD hypothesis" - the "unknown reasons" for human existence could be philosophically interesting, it might not be directly actionable or relevant to the challenges we face. Why must humanity, planet or the universe have a finality?

