

Is the
History of Religions
on the Brink of a
NEW AXIAL AGE?

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Given the present state of the world in which various forms of violence threaten the well-being of people and planet, given the role that the religions of the world are playing in that violence, many religious believers and leaders feel called to fashion a new axial age in the religious history of humankind. Similar to the first axial age (800 to 200 BCE), this will call for a radical transformation in religious awareness – this time, a shift from interreligious competition and dominance to interreligious cooperation and dialogue. Our conversation will explore the necessity, the complexity, and the possibility of such an axial transformation.

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