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A critique of an abstract Scholasticism and principles towards replacement

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The Church is the realization of God's vision of man, and of the meaning of man. It is also the incarnation of our communion into God. The Second Vatican Council sought an "aggiornamento", and proclaimed a richer perspective of that mutual communion of God and man. Unfortunately the Council offered no new synthesis of philosophy through which to frame a new vision. The medieval Scholastic synthesis, abstract and essentialist, has become increasingly irrelevant to the philosophy of science. As a result Relativism and Secularism is disintegrating Christian life and the doctrine of the Incarnation. Yet if the principles which are truly "perennial" in the older philosophy are *existentially* rethought, and realigned within the recognition of a cosmic Unity-Law of control and purposive direction which culminates in the Incarnation of God in Christ, the result is startling. We are able to evoke a philosophy at once relevant to modern thought, and necessarily demonstrative of the existence of God and his Transcendence. Some principles of such rethinking we proffer with humility and hope in this first version of "Perspectives".