This seminar will raise the question of whether in the “postmodern” world—the high-tech, highly pluralistic and dizzyingly digitalized age we live in today—religion still has a place. We will explore an idea of religious faith, hope and love as the affirmation of the “unconditional” and then consider the extent to which this idea is or is not identical with what we call God and the extent to which this affirmation is found not only in religion in the strict sense but also outside it. This notion of the unconditional can shed light on the contest that is being played out in our world between the religious and the secular, fundamentalism and its critics, theism and atheism, faith and reason, and between one religious faith and another.

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