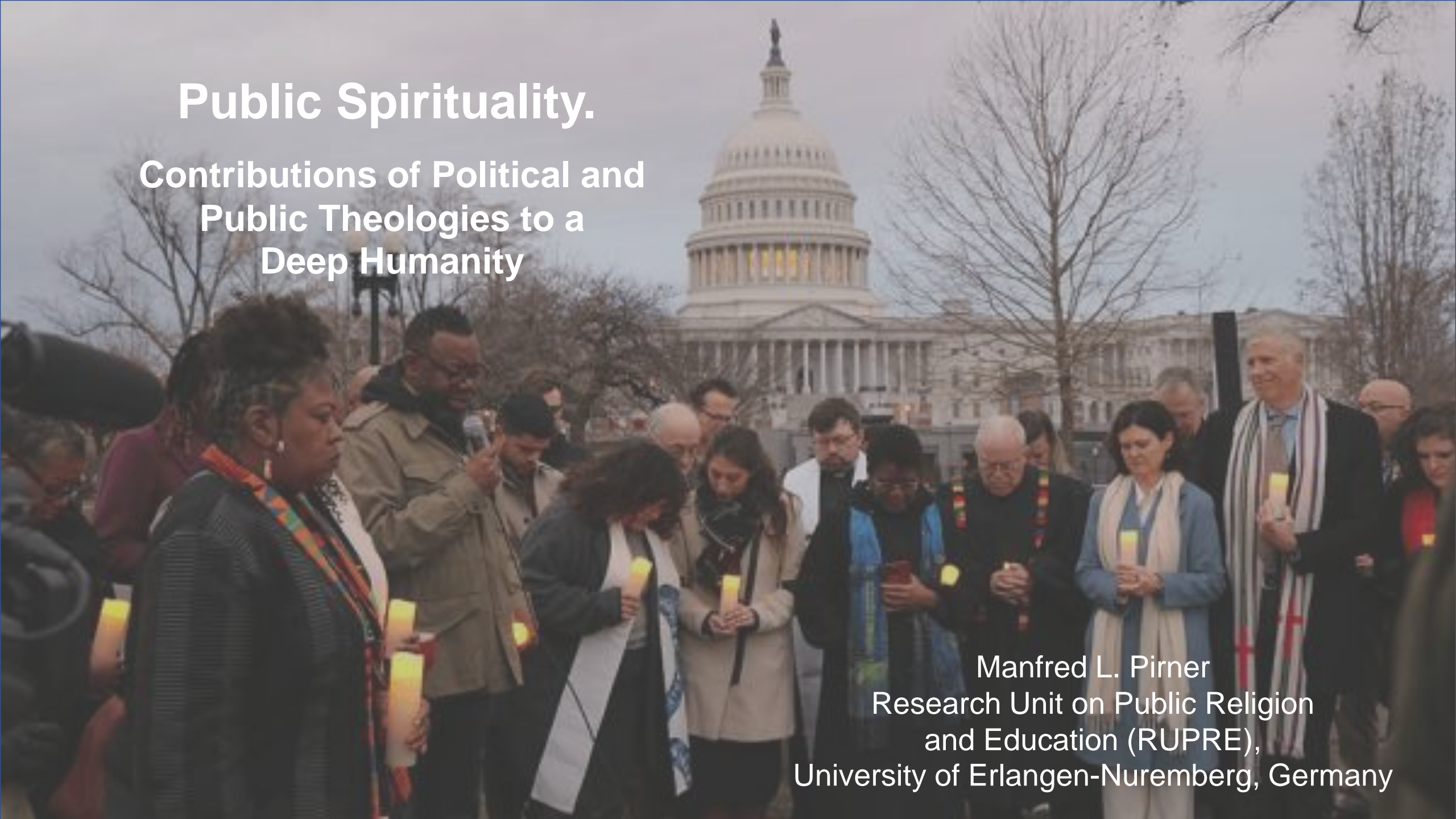


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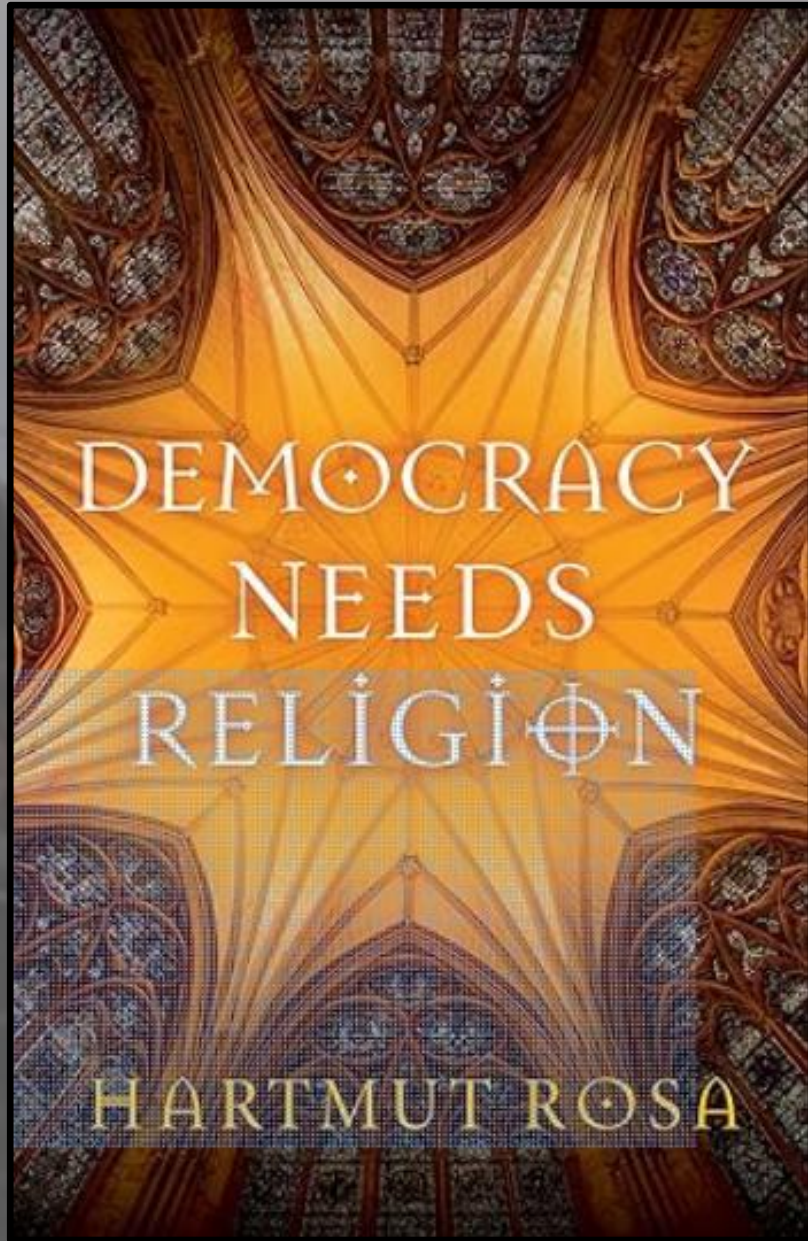
Contributions of Political and Public Theologies to a Deep Humanity

A photograph of a diverse group of people gathered outdoors in front of the United States Capitol building. Many individuals are holding lit yellow candles, suggesting a vigil or a public ceremony. The scene is set on a cloudy day with bare trees in the background. The people are dressed in winter attire, including coats and scarves. Some individuals are looking down at their candles, while others are looking towards the camera or the building. The overall atmosphere is solemn and communal.

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Background

Theory of Resonance (Rosa, 2016/2021),
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world“ or a „sociology of the good life“

4 characteristics of resonance

- Something or someone „touches me“, „calls me“, „appeals to me“
- I interact and experience self-efficacy as well as transformation – I am changed
- Resonance is uncontrollable, non-disposable, not feasible, not predictable (examples: snowfall, music, a conversation, religious buildings)

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4 basic relationships

- to oneself
- to other persons
- to the material everyday world
- To the world as a whole („vertical
resonance axes“ – religion, „the voice
of nature“, „the power of art“, the
mantle of history“)

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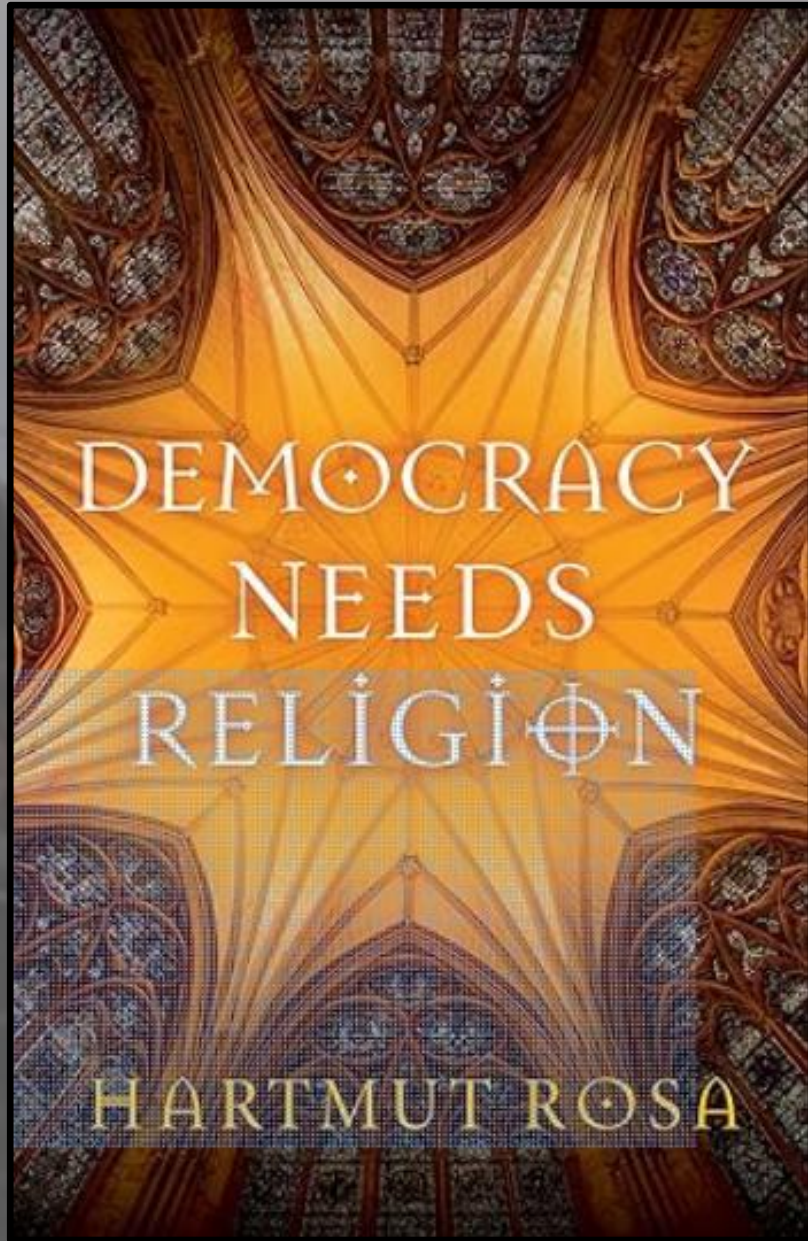
The core of religion is
„the idea of an accommodating,
responding world“

„There is someone who hears you, who
understands you, and who can find way
and means to reach you and respond to
you“.

Prayer as the ideal expression of a
„deep resonance“

**Rosa's theory of resonance as a theory
of spirituality?**

(de Jager Meezenbroek et al, 2012;
Groß, 2022)



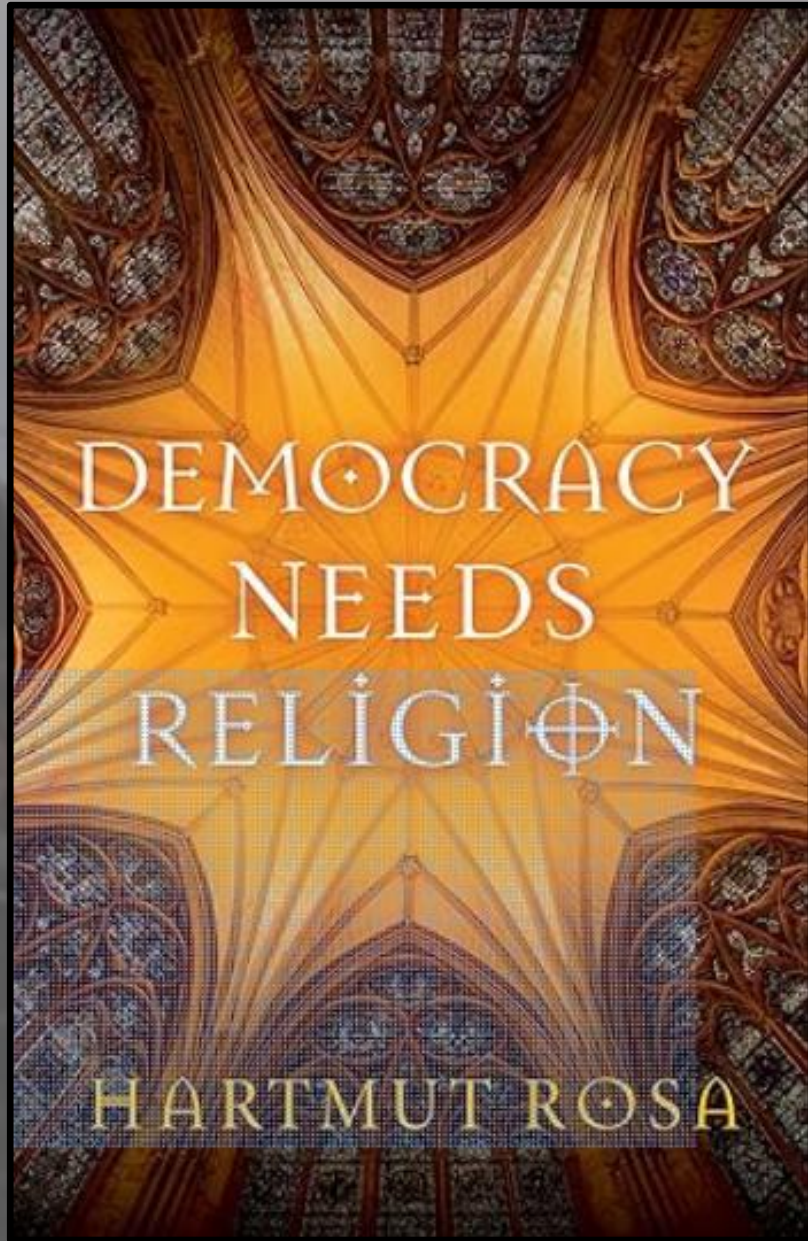
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„Democracy does not work in an
aggression mode, [...] Democracy
only functions when everyone has a
voice that is made heard.“

(Rosa, 2022, p. 53)





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Cultivating spiritual sensibility to address 21st century challenges

By Jonathan Rowson

“We need the spiritual to play a greater role in the public realm, because it highlights the importance of connecting personal and social and political transformation. [...] The overarching societal role of spirituality [...] is to serve as a counterweight to the hegemony of instrumental and utilitarian thinking.” (p. 8)

The meta-crisis behind present ecological, social and political crises is a spiritual one.
We need to address the deeper questions of what the meaning of life and this world is, what it means to live a good life ...

Some conclusions for Public Theology

- Spirituality as a transreligious concept with multireligious references
- Spirituality as a bridging concept that helps to find an „overlapping consensus“ on what human flourishing is about
- Public theology is not only about theological or ethical contents, it also addresses the public significance of spiritual practice (e.g. Forster & Marchinowski, 2024; Wabel, Höhne & Stamer, 2017)
- Our traditions of „public spirituality“: e.g. M. L. King and his Civil Rights Movement; „political prayer“ in the German New Political Theology of the 1960s; „peace prayers“ in East-Germany supporting the protests that led to the fall of the Iron Curtain
- Interreligious collaboration and exchange should be intensified, e.g. multireligious prayer meetings (often reacting to political developments) in the context of *Religions for Peace*

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