Afternoon of Christianity: 
Church and Theology for a Post-Secular Age

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2:30 pm — Return of Religion as Threat: Is the Contemporary Political Theology a Sufficient Answer to Religious Fundamentalism and Extremism?

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