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The Old Testament Wisdom Books and the Modern Human

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Abstract

Modern human, carried away by the fast, intense and demanding pace of the everyday life and the wholly materialistic setting of the modern times, seeks for the happiness in the acquisition and accumulation of goods and in the demonstration of a rich life. This happiness, however, is proven plasmatic/fake as human tries to cover this inflating emotional void by creating a vicious circle. To this point, comes the Old Testament with its Wisdom Books (Psalms, Job, Song of Songs, Wisdom of Solomon and Sirach – according to Septuagint translation) to help human by orienting its interest to the care of its soul, which is confused by the contemporary life pace. Those biblical texts are full of teachings about daily and personal life, relationships with others and human's inner conflicts. Old Testament texts are always topical and able to help contemporary human to redefine the relationship with himself/herself and the others by guiding him/her to be a mentally healthy personality.

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