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# Postsecular society and religion: On the necessity of interaction between social institutions and religious organizations

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*The article substantiates the necessity of interaction between social institutions and officially recognized major religious organizations, as dictated by the secular processes taking place in the Russian society. The author considers the idea of rationalizing the relations between religious and educational institutions. The study shows the contradictions inherent in the processes taking place at the same time in the Russian society: its further secularization contrasted with religion becoming more and more relevant as people increasingly strive to establish their religious identity along with their other identities, such as ethnic, civil or cultural. The author suggests consolidating secular and religious knowledge by means of introducing new subjects into the process of education, said subjects dealing with philosophical and religious matters, in particular, the heritage of the Eastern Orthodox patristics. The author believes that it should be possible to rationally combine the study of original Russian religious values and achievements of secular liberal arts so as to bridge the gap between education and nurture, making up for the loss in continuity of the generational social memory observed in Russia over the last several decades.*

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