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Abstract

The Attitude to Human Body as a Global Problem

The paper seeks to account for the change in human's attitude to his/her body in our days. The global trends are to treat human body as a means of communication between humans and a means of communication with other worlds in situations of uncertainty. The former trend is likely to lead to a future in which individual's social status will no longer be defined by possession of land or capital, access to mass media, awards and acclaims, but by his/her attitude to his/her own body. This trend is in the process of formation and is hardly noticed. The second trend will soon result in development of new bodily practices based on employing microorganisms that live in human bodies as a means of superspecies coordination and control of biological processes on the Earth. Dialogue with living organisms whose sole locations are our bodies may ensure correct choice in situations of uncertainty. Creatures living inside us or on our skin cannot deceive us because they have nowhere to flee and will perish if we do. Correctness of human life choices will be attested by our body's self-feeling. No one will ever reject sensations of happiness, fulfillment and meaningfulness communicated by one's body.