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SUMMARY

Vergote presents a psychological, anthropological, and religious analysis of contemporary humanity. He considers the human being to be a personal being in *relationship*, endowed with language and a profound yearning for happiness, capable of loving and offering himself to others; but at the same time, conscious of a divine mystery that transcends him and cannot be identified with precision. According to the writer, philosophical reason ignores the personal and personalizing God, but, in some way, prepares us for understanding him. Vergote also explores the historic figure of Jesus, at times giving him first-person voice as the Son of Man and the Son of God, and thus permitting the reader to relate more personally with the first followers and the origins of Christianity.

AUTHOR

Antoine Vergote was born in Belgium in 1921. He is a professor at Louvain University and was a disciple of Jacques Lacan. A scholar in psychoanalysis, philosophy and theology, Vergote has devoted himself to the analysis of the religious phenomenon as it impacts modern man in the midst of his traumas and contradictions. As a co-founder of the Belgian School of Psychoanalysis, he has attempted to refute those who view religion as a neurosis by showing that the tools of psychoanalysis can be used to elicit an experience of compassion and sensitivity capable of revealing truth and of giving meaning to human history.