

The Notre Dame Fire

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A question to Liantini's wife by the translator of his book "Gemma" : He is particularly scathing when it comes to religion. And yet he chose you, a theology professor, to be his life partner. And you accepted him as your husband when you knew he was openly against the church. Could you comment on this apparent paradox?

And the answer by his wife : It may seem paradoxical but it isn't. The first obvious answer is that when two people fall in love they do not check what their degrees were in. Indeed, my PhD was in Theology but I have been studying philosophy since I was 24. Most of my academic publications, lectures and distinctions, have been in the subjects of Introductory Philosophy and History of Philosophy, as a Professor at the University of Athens. It is true that Liantinis attacks the clergy and all religious regimes in his work. The constant refrain to all our discussions was the phrase «Religions will destroy the world». The fanaticism that these religions inspire and which we continuously experience on an international level was what he feared would bring about this downfall. But the existence of this concept of divinity or god was of interest to him philosophically and this is apparent in all his writings, including Gemma. And as a conclusion to this apparent contradiction that you mentioned, may I say that my theological studies were never a problem in our living together because he himself, even though he was not a theology major, had extensively studied the Old and the New Testament in their entirety, adding his own footnotes, and his personal library contains a number of theological writings that he had obviously studied.