

as in the case of Darwinian evolutionism, rejects). Smith's own religiosity can be described as a harmonious mixture of elements from Platonism, Hinduism, Sufism, Zen, classical Christianity, and Jung; among Christian theologians, Dionysius the Areopagite (sometimes called Pseudo-Dionysius), 1st-century author of *The Divine Names and the Mystical Theology*, seems to have a special attraction for him.

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