From Religious Death to Religious Health: the Sacred and the Secular Reinstated

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- ‘The religious landscape of the United Kingdom is ‘three dimensional’: Christian, secular and religiously plural.’
- that this is not a smooth evolutionary process; that each phase persists into the next;
- that ‘multi-faith’ embraces both religious and secular commitments
- Different policy areas / Different directions / Different speeds

How to move forwards?

A. Different disciplines
B. Different nations
C. Different policy areas
How to move forwards? (2)

Healthcare
- Bureaucratic
- Uniformly bio-medical approach
- Ambivalence towards religion
- Secularizing
- Lack/Poor of Religious Literacy

Social Action
- Grassroots
- Diversity of approaches
- Diversity of attitudes towards religion – ambivalence towards science
- Postsecularizing
- Good Religious Literacy – Bad Ontology

Conclusions
- Post-secular Paradox
- Legislation insufficient
- Religious Literacy?
- Faith & Formation

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