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6/8/2007 This blog will track the progress of a new way of life in this society, a way of life that may come to be known as Hallowed Secularism. In the short run of the next few months, I will be writing a book that describes this way of life, at least as I see its future. But, in the longer run, others will decide the future of hallowed secularism by living it. There are many religious people who live holy and fulfilling lives. But there are others, like me, who do not fit, or do not quite fit, any of our religions. Such people are secular by definition, at least in popular understanding, but they are not necessarily atheists. Is it possible to live a life of holiness without any of the religions? The easy answer is yes, of course. But, believe me, it is not at all easy even to imagine such lives. Much less live them. Our lives are easily dominated by the power of the everyday, by the mall and the news and the media, and money. A grubby and unfulfilled life. The same sort of life lived by most religious people. But imagine a different life. A life of power, awe and mystery. The sort of life the Bible promises. A taste of the world to come. But not one run by the conventional wisdom of what our religions have become. It is a little hard to believe, but it is possible.