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8/24/2008--I was re-reading yesterday's post and felt I had to add a short note. The book, *God Without God*, is as good as I wrote. But the question is, for all its accomplishment, can the book work? That is, can monotheism as we know it in the Bible and the Qur'an, really survive the loss of the supernatural? C.S. Lewis thought the answer to that question was, no. I'm inclined to agree. And even Michael Hampson seems to stumble over the resurrection. I don't want to prejudge the matter. Maybe in fifty years, long after I'm gone, secularism will be a thing of the past and people will be flocking back to church, synagogue, mosque and other places of worship. *Hallowed Secularism* answers my need today and, I assume, the needs of others now and in the future. If it does not work out that way, if institutional religion can really adapt, great. I just can't see it happening. Even the tradition teaches that you cannot put new wine in old skins.