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Spiritual Transformation, Gender, and Emotions
Gail Ironson, PhD, MD
Spiritual Transformation and Emotional Well-Being in AIDS Patients
Joan D. Koss Chioino, PhD
Emotions Associated With Spiritual Transformation in Spirit Healers
Louise K. Sundararajan, PhD, EdD
Spiritual Transformation and Emotion: A Semiotic Analysis
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Jennifer H. Wortmann, BA & Crystal L. Park, PhD

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Lisa M. Edwards, PhD

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Jacqueline Mattis, PhD  
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Ryon C. McDermott, MEd  
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Sallie A. Boulos, MEd  
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Ryan D. Duffy, MA  
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Mark A. Yarhouse, PsyD, MA  
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Robert Smither, PhD  
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Sheri-Ann E. Cowie, BS  
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Winston Seegobin, PsyD  
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Paul E. Priester, PhD  
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Steven J. Sandage, PhD  
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Steven J. Sandage, PhD  
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Ines Jindra, PhD
Comparing Biographical Backgrounds of Religious Founders and Converts to Those Religions

Terry L. Gall, PhD
Spiritual Coping With Breast Cancer: Resource Mobilization or Downward Spiral?

Peter Homel, PhD, MS
Spirituality and Other Predictors of HRQOL in CHF/COPD Patients

Rebecca A. Green, BS
Depression in Children Experiencing Parental Divorce: The Church’s New Mission

Michael E. Nielsen, PhD
Secularizing Effect of Education and Religious Education Among Mormons

Michelle J. Allen, BA
Autism and Its Effects on Religion and Spirituality

Ed de St. Aubin, PhD
Components of Faith That Contour Career Trajectories During Emerging Adulthood

Stephen W. Cook, PhD
Associations of Religiousness With Perceived Health and Health Care Barriers

Jeffrey T. Reznicek, BA
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Carol R. Freedman-Doan, PhD
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Glen Milstein, PhD
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Donald Edmondson, MA
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Terri L. Thompson, MS
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Presenters:
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Business Meeting

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First Authors:
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Meta-Analysis on the Efficacy of Prayer
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Structural Equation Model of Religiosity Predicting Child Abuse Potential

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Intrinsic and Extrinsic Religiosity Differentially Predict Materialism

Erica Adams, MS
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Affects of Hurricane Katrina on Religious Beliefs: An Exploratory Study

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Jonathan P. Schwartz, PhD
Relationship Between Religiosity and Entitlement

Keith M. Wilson, PhD
Religious Fundamentalism, Authoritarianism, and Need for Closure

James M. Bennett, BS
Religious Coping and Competitive Anxiety
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Life Satisfaction and Spiritual Well-being

Sean Lauderdale, PhD  
Mediation of Religious Coping Style and Mental Well-Being by Prayers

Sean Lauderdale, PhD  
Mediation of Religious Beliefs and Posttraumatic Growth by Prayers

Lauren E. Maltby, BA  
So Firm a Foundation: What Comparative Religion Offers to Positive Psychology

Naji Abi-Hashem, PhD  
Religious Fundamentalism and Political Terrorism: A Psychosocial and Spiritual Analysis

12:00PM – 12:50 PM
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Symposium:  
Positive Psychology and Spirituality – New Constructs, Measures, and Populations

CO-CHAIRS: Gina M. Yanni-Brelsford, PhD & Joseph W. Ciarrocchi, PhD

PRESENTERS:
Brien S. Kelley, MS & Lisa Miller, PhD  
Life Satisfaction and Spirituality in Adolescents

James M. Walsh, PhD, Joseph W. Ciarrocchi, PhD, Ralph L. Piedmont, PhD, & Deborah Haskins, PhD  
Spiritual Transcendence and Religious Practices in Recovery From Pathological Gambling

Kristina M. DeNeve, PhD, Gary K. Leak, PhD, & Adam J. Greteman, BA  
Relationship Between Self-Transcendent Goal Strivings and Positive Psychological Attributes

Sarah A. Schnitker, MA & Robert A. Emmons, PhD  
Patience as a Virtue: Religious and Psychological Perspectives

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Paper Session:  
Meditation, Spiritual Intelligence, and Consciousness

PRESENTERS:
Kevin M. Orzech, MA, MS, Shauna L. Shapiro, PhD, & Mathew McKay, PhD  
Psychological Changes From Four Weeks of Intensive Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Barbara A. Kerr, PhD  
Spiritual Intelligence and the Politics of Consciousness

Brian H. McCorkle, PhD, Angela Wilson, MA, & Tim Kelly  
Buddhist Compassion Meditation for Non-Buddhists: Effects on Relationships and Well-Being
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Discussion:
**Sacrilege — Perceptions of Desecration Predictors of Prejudice**

**Co-Chairs:** Kenneth I. Pargament, PhD & Annette Mahoney, PhD

**Presenters:**
Kenneth I. Pargament, PhD, Kelly Trevino, MA, Annette Mahoney, PhD, & Israel Silberman, PhD

**Perception of Jews as Desecrators of Christianity as a Predictor of Anti-Semitism**
Shauna McCarthy, MA, Kelly Trevino, MA, Kavita Desai, MA, Kenneth I. Pargament, PhD, & Annette Mahoney, PhD

**Is Homosexuality an Abomination? Perceptions of Desecration and Antihomosexual Prejudice**
Hishama Abu Raiya, MA, Kelly Trevino, MA, Kenneth I. Pargament, PhD, & Annette Mahoney, PhD

**Desecration as a Predictor of Anti-Muslim and Anti-Christian Prejudice**

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Symposium:
**Current Directions in Attachment, Religion, and Spirituality Research**

**Chair:** Lee A. Kirkpatrick, PhD

**Presenters:**
Mario Mikulincer, PhD, Vered Gurwitz, PhD, & Phillip R. Shaver, PhD

**Attachment Security and the Use of God as a Safe Haven: New Experimental Findings**
Kevin L. Ladd, PhD

**Inward, Outward, Upward Prayer: Links to Attachment Theory**

Pehr Granqvist, PhD

**Prospective Links Among Disorganized Attachment, Absorption, and New Age Spirituality**

**Discussant:** Lee A. Kirkpatrick, PhD

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**New Measurement Development In Religion and Spirituality**
Presenters:
Larry Venti, PhD, Christopher T. Ball, PhD, & Claudia R. Viggiano, BS
Christian Humanist Implicit Association Test: Validity and Reliability

Chris J. Boyatzis, PhD & Jennifer Strout, BA
Implicit Attitudes Test of Religiosity in College Students

W. Paul Williamson, PhD, Aneeq Ahmad, PhD, Ralph W. Hood, Jr., PhD, & Mahmood Sadiq, PhD
Revised Intratextual Fundamentalism Scale and Its Cross-Cultural Application

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Symposium:
Psychology’s Responses to Antireligious Religion-Derived, and Religion-Based Discrimination

Chair: Laura H. Barbanell, EdD

Presenters:
William L. Hathaway, PhD
Reflections From a Psychology of Religion Perspective

John C. Gonsiorek, PhD
Challenges for Psychology in Addressing Antireligious, Religion-Based, and Religion-Derived Prejudices

Linda Garnets, PhD
Negotiating Conflicts Between Religious and Sexual Diversities

Discussant: Douglas C. Haldeman, PhD

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**Friday, August 17th**

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  Meet Ralph Piedmont, Ph.D., president of Division 36 and Editor of Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM  Meet Lisa Miller, Ph.D., incoming president of Division 36

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3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  As journal editor, meet Ray Polutzian, Ph.D., and discuss publishing in the International Journal for the Psychology of Religion and is (along with Dr. Crystal Park) an editor of the Handbook of the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality.

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**Saturday, August 18th**

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2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  *Spiritual Transformation; An Emerging Field of Study: A Summary Panel Discussion.* The panel will discuss the abstracts of the final reports of the 22 research projects funded by the Metanexus Spiritual Transformation Project, in the light of this emerging field of study and contribute ideas regarding developing an expanded (or more precise) definition of spiritual transformation. **Organizers:** Joan Koss-Chioino, Ph.D. & Solomon Katz, Ph.D.
Recently, courts have made important decisions concerning the use of religion during trial. Specifically, lawyers have selected jurors based on their religious characteristics, defendants have presented religious evidence and testimony, and jurors have used religion during deliberations (Miller, Singer, & Jehle, 2007; Miller, Jehle, & Summers, in press). Courts must decide whether these uses of religion are proper. In doing so, judges make assumptions about juror decision-making. Recent psychological studies have tested these assumptions in order to determine whether religion influences jurors.

Religion in the Jury Selection Process
During the jury selection process, attorneys can remove potential jurors from the jury pool based on any factor except race or gender. Thus, some attorneys have excluded potential jurors based on their religious characteristics. Most exclusions are made by prosecutors who assume that highly religious people will be more lenient toward offenders. For instance, the prosecutor in State v. Fuller (2004) dismissed a potential juror because he had been a missionary. In other cases, potential jurors have been excluded because they expressed strong Christian beliefs (U.S. v. DeJesus, 2003) or identified themselves as Catholic (State v. Purcell, 2001), Muslim (State v. Hodge, 2001), Jehovah’s Witness (People v. Martin, 1998), or Pentecostal (Casarez v. State, 1995).

Religious characteristics are also sometimes used in jury selection when the trial will involve religion. For example, jurors’ religious affiliations were an important consideration for the defense in the trial of Mary Winkler, the Tennessee woman convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the death of her husband, who was a minister in the Church of Christ (Rucker, 2007). In the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui (who was accused of playing a role in the September 11 terrorist attacks), federal prosecutors surveyed potential jurors about their religious affiliation, strength of beliefs, frequency of attendance at worship services, and knowledge about Islamic beliefs (Markon, 2005; McNulty, 2005).

Although attorneys often assume that religion influences jurors’ decisions, there have been few empirical studies examining jurors’ religious characteristics and their impact on trial outcomes. Miller and Hayward (in press) investigated the relationships between religious factors, attitudes toward capital punishment, and death penalty sentencing decisions. When other factors known to be related to these opinions were held constant (e.g., gender), Protestants, people who interpreted the Bible literally, and people who believed that God supports the death penalty held more favorable attitudes toward capital punishment. Catholics, people who scored highly on an evangelism scale and those who said their religion influenced their feelings about capital punishment held more negative attitudes toward capital punishment.

These differences in attitudes persisted even after the legal procedure of “death qualification” eliminated participants who said their beliefs would prevent them from voting for a death sentence. The mock jurors then sentenced the defendant in the trial scenario to life in prison or the death penalty. Three religious factors significantly predicted verdict, after demographic and attitude variables had been controlled. Mock jurors who interpreted the Bible literally or believed that God requires the death penalty for murderers were more likely to favor a death sentence verdict. However, participants who based their attitudes toward the death penalty on their religious convictions significantly favored...
life in prison. While some evidence supports prosecutors’ assumptions that religious jurors give more lenient punishments, other religious characteristics seem to have the opposite effect.

Religion used as Evidence or Testimony
A defendant’s religiosity can also be a factor at trial. Terry Nichols, the Oklahoma City bombing accomplice, converted to Christianity while imprisoned. His jury deadlocked because some jurors felt that his conversion indicated that he did not deserve to die (CNN.com, 2004). Thus, Nichols was spared the death penalty because of his religious conversion. Miller and Bornstein (2006) found that mock jurors were the least punitive toward a defendant who had converted to Christianity as compared to a defendant who did not convert or a defendant whose lawyer quoted Biblical appeals for mercy. This study provides some evidence that a religious conversion can lead to more lenient verdicts in death penalty cases.

Several defendants have recently claimed that they committed their crime because they experienced hallucinations involving instructions from God. In January 2007, Lashuan Harris was convicted of assault (but acquitted of murder) after she threw her three children into the San Francisco Bay (Oakland Tribune, 2007). Harris claimed she was obeying God’s command to make a human sacrifice and was sending her children to Heaven (Burt, 2006). A psychiatrist diagnosed her with schizophrenia and said that her faith required her to follow God’s orders.

Whether a defendant is judged to be insane may depend on the type of hallucination he experiences; specifically, it might depend on the entity that orders him to commit the crime. Participants’ rated the likelihood that a criminal was insane based on whether God, the president, or a dog commanded him to perform the crime (Miller & Jehle, 2007). Within-participant analyses demonstrated that a criminal who commits a killing spree or robs a bank was more likely to be judged sane when he followed orders from either God or the president (as compared to a dog). However, an individual who vandalized a church was more likely to be sane when he followed orders from God as compared to either the president or a dog. Thus, hallucinations containing orders from God are less likely to indicate insanity, especially when the order involves a crime to the church.

Religion in Deliberations
The court system expects that jurors will use their life experiences in their deliberations. However, when jurors reference outside standards of judgment (e.g., religious teachings), it is sometimes considered juror misconduct. Several defendants recently have appealed their cases because their juries relied on the Bible. In a Mississippi capital murder case, a court bailiff, who is also a minister, left his Bible in the jury room at a juror’s request. The jury returned a death sentence. Upon discovering the request for the Bible, the defense attorney called for a mistrial, noting, “The death penalty can only be a result from the deliberation of aggravating and mitigating evidence, and the Holy Bible cannot be cited” (Descant, 2006).

Some judges have determined that the jury’s Biblical consultation ultimately did not have a prejudicial effect on the verdict and thus did not warrant a new trial (Kotowski, 2006; see also Fields v. Brown, 2005). In other cases, however, judges have found that the use of the Bible is sufficient reason to overturn a conviction. In Colorado v. Harlan (2005), jurors referenced the Bible during deliberations and specifically noted sections...
that sanctioned the death penalty. The jury’s death sentence was overturned on appeal, as the court ruled that jurors improperly relied on Bible passages. The Colorado Supreme court upheld this ruling (*People v. Harlan*, 2005).

The ultimate research question is whether jurors are influenced by Biblical scripture. Unfortunately, there has been no direct test of this question. Related studies suggest that jurors’ religious characteristics affect their verdict (Miller & Hayward, in press) and their willingness to forgive (Cohen, Malka, Rozin, & Cherfas, 2006). Belief that the Bible is the literal word of God may also influence jurors’ decisions (Miller & Hayward), as jurors who believe this may be more persuaded by scripture. Thus, some religious jurors might be influenced by the Bible.

On the other hand, it is possible that Biblical scripture might not affect jurors’ decision-making. Research has shown that when a lawyer quotes scripture, it does not affect jurors’ decisions (Miller, 2006). Further, a lawyer’s religious appeal utilizing scripture can backfire. Mock jurors were more punitive toward a defendant when his attorney quoted Biblical scripture prescribing mercy (Miller & Bornstein, 2006). The jurors may have felt that the appeal was a misuse of religion. Jurors could also discount religion when it is delivered by a paid advocate (i.e., lawyer). Expert witnesses are perceived as less credible when they are paid (Ivković & Hans, 2003). Thus, it is possible that paid attorneys could be unpersuasive or seen in a negative light. In contrast, jurors who quote scripture might be more persuasive to other jurors because they are not paid advocates. In sum, scripture may or may not influence jurors, depending on who uses it, how it is used, and the juror’s own beliefs.

**Conclusion**

As these examples demonstrate, religion has played a variety of roles in recent trials. Higher courts do not always agree as to whether religion can be used in such ways. Psychological research that can inform the courts’ decisions is still in its infancy. Nevertheless, it is hoped that psychologists will continue to explore the effects of religion in the legal system and that courts will pay attention to these findings.

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