



## The Ethics of the Body in Different Religious Traditions and Spiritual Discourses

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At present, there is an increasing interest in the subject of the human body. Ranging from topics of anthropology and sociology to philosophy, from medicine to technology and bio-politics, and from literature to history and the visual arts, research on this issue seeks to analyze different facets of human corporeality with the intention of deepening our understanding of the body's significance and the ethical stance we should adopt towards it. Operating from a religious viewpoint, certain approaches examine the body's connection to ritualistic practices such as prayer, bodily cleansing, fasting, and meditation techniques. The intention in such research is to emphasize how the body can engage in spiritual experience and be enlightened through encounters with the sacred.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to take a step further in investigating the connections between body and religion, with a specific focus on topics that illustrate how the body is ethically conceptualized, depicted or engaged with across different religious traditions and spiritual discourses.





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