

Special Issue

The Energy God and Other Alternatives to the Theistic View of God and Spirituality

Message from the Guest Editor

This perspective informs religious practices that reject or downplay traditional worship services, which provide praise and other offerings to the deity, in favor of more spiritual or mystical ways of deepening one's relation to a divine energy. Examples include, but are not limited to, early philosophical Daoism, early Buddhism, various forms of Greek mystery religions, Sufism, Gnostic Christianity, some traditional African spiritualities, Kabbalah, Christian mysticism with its view the Ground of Being, the Pre-Socratics' First Principle, and Nirguna Brahman forms of Hinduism. The aim of this Special Edition is to collate articles that share an alternate theology and/or practice compared to Theism, highlighting 'minority theology/practice' among diverse religious traditions. Articles must fit the overall theme but may discuss any place or time period. The deadline for submitting articles for this special edition is 31 August 2024. Articles submitted and accepted before that will appear upon final acceptance, even if that is well before the deadline. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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