

## Special Issue

# Mystical Theology: Negation and Desolation

### Message from the Guest Editor

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a Special Issue of *Religions* on the theme of 'Mystical Theology: Negation and Desolation'. Submissions are invited that shed new light on the role, function, and implications of 'negativity' in mystical traditions, both theistic and non-theistic. Essays may approach the topic from a comparative perspective, including critical comparison across traditions, comparison of particular mystics and thinkers, and comparison of mystical approaches with approaches from other fields and disciplines. Along with theological approaches, essays may examine the topic from philosophical, phenomenological, literary, artistic, psychological, or practitioner perspectives. By drawing on international expertise, the Special Issue aims to produce a distinctive open access and peer reviewed journal that serves the interests of a wide range of thoughtful readers and academic scholars of religion (including theologians, philosophers, social scientists, anthropologists, psychologists, neuroscientists and others interested in the multidisciplinary study of religions).

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