

Special Issue

Atonement: Classic and Contemporary, Sacred and Secular

Message from the Guest Editor

Atonement—the general notion of doing something to make up for one’s wrongdoing in order to move towards being “at one” with the victims of the wrong—is a fundamental human notion. The goal of this Special Issue is to expand discussion of atonement in a few ways: i) expanding our understanding of the religious dimensions of atonement by examining atonement across a variety of religions and in neglected theologians and philosophers of the past; ii) tracing out connections between atonement and other important concepts such as reconciliation, justification, forgiveness, restitution and reparation, love, and justice; and iii) examining the communal importance of atonement (e.g., through the notions of collective wrongs and collective atonement). Any paper that fits with these broad goals may be submitted. The Special Issue aims to draw on a better understanding of past work—theological and philosophical—on atonement to contribute to a richer contemporary understanding of the nature and value of atonement for both sacred and secular spheres of life.

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