Special Issue

Religion and Popular Culture: Creative Meaning-Making and Religious Activity

Message from the Guest Editor

Popular culture and media reflect the interests, experiences, and beliefs of its creators and participants, and they can provide an opportunity for widespread meaning-making. Both creators and fans can draw insight from various forms of popular culture. Popular culture is not always recognized as a legitimate context for religious reflection, but its many forms shape people's understanding of religious meaning and can illuminate complex issues and cultural and religious transformation.

The aim of this Special Issue is to explore the relationship between a variety of religions and popular culture, including analysis of the role of religion in popular culture and society and theological reflection on art and other forms of cultural expression. Contributors are invited to reflect on meaning-making in any genre of popular culture, including music, film, dance, video games, television, YouTube and TikTok videos, literature, graphic art, fiber art, etc.

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