

## Special Issue

# Religiosity and Psychopathology

### Message from the Guest Editor

Speaking of religious psychopathology, we are in the wider field of the psychology of religion since the psychology of religion can be practiced either with healthy or with patients mentally. Religious psychopathology—without being understood as a premise that every religion or religiosity is a neurosis or a mental illness—is legitimized to be studied by researchers in the Psychology of Religion, who delve into the whole society (initially indiscriminately). Therefore, in the first phase, at least, we cannot isolate the natural (health) "religion" from the abnormal (morbid or toxic). The subjects of this Volume focus on the relationship between religiosity and personal and collective psychopathology. The authors have chosen among the mildest psychopathological conditions (stress, depression, hysteria, magical thinking, etc.) to the more serious (psychosomatic disorders, ideations, etc.). The purpose of the papers in this volume is to find certain criteria to facilitate the diagnosis and therapeutic intervention of religious patients.

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