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Cross-cultural fertilization has been happening for thousands of years during migrations, invasions, wars, and other forms of displacement. In recent years, new circumstances of "liminality", "outsiderhood", "structural inferiority", and "marginality" have been created as a consequence of the war on drugs, climate change, extreme poverty, and displacement of millions of migrants from Mexico and Central America to the United States, This unprecedented, permanent liminal status has led to the creation of alternative economic as well as cultural, including religious, circuits and practices, both in the borderlands and in large urban areas across the USA, as well as in Latin America. There is a great need for documenting and analyzing the new phenomena that have deep roots in history but are being created daily in even more complex ways. Therefore, we are looking for contributions analyzing any new religious phenomena both in Latin America and in the United States, as well as for new approaches to existing literature on the topic.

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