

## Special Issue

# Imagining Ultimacy: Religious and Spiritual Experience in Literature

### Message from the Guest Editor

Persons who undergo religious and spiritual experiences often describe them as full, profound, meaningful, and enlightening. Involving intensified feelings of vitality, such “ultimate” experiences describe neurocognitive states of heightened attention and pleasure, feelings of transcendence and purpose, and aspirations toward wholeness and flourishing.

Additionally, for many, religious and spiritual experiences serve as both a sign of and vehicle for what is sacred; they are a medium through which we commune with the divine. This Special Issue of *Religions* attends to the expansive range of religious and spiritual experiences either represented within or generated—presented—by literature. Research areas may include (but not be limited to) the following:

- Religious and/or spiritual experience in literature;
- Religious and/or spiritual experience as an effect of literature;
- Religious and/or spiritual experience as a way to engage literary texts;
- Religious and/or spiritual experience in or across theoretical approaches or schools of criticism.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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