

## Special Issue

# Religion, Ecological Conservation, and Public Health

### Message from the Guest Editor

The Special Issue endeavors to provide a deeper exploration of the relationships among religion, ecological conservation, and public health by examining the interrelatedness of these three diverse fields. This will potentially include a wide range of issues including but not limited to in-patient healthcare, vaccines, climate change, species and habitat protection, environmental and public health ethics, and the spread of infectious disease. The goal will be to provide a scholarly assessment of the role and influence of religious belief and practice for efforts to adequately address the conditions necessary to protect the flourishing of human and nonhuman life on Earth. By examining the interconnectedness of religion, ecological conservation, and public health, this edition will add an important layer of depth to existing scholarship focusing on the relationship between either religion and ecology or religion and public health.

---

### Guest Editor

Dr. David C. McDuffie

Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Greensboro,  
Greensboro, NC 27402, USA

---

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (1 March 2021)



## Religions

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 0.6  
CiteScore 1.3



[mdpi.com/si/49112](https://mdpi.com/si/49112)

*Religions*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[religions@mdpi.com](mailto:religions@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
religions](https://mdpi.com/journal/religions)





# Religions

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 0.6  
CiteScore 1.3



[mdpi.com/journal/  
religions](https://mdpi.com/journal/religions)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editorial Board

Fresh developments in the disciplines that consistently make significant contributions to our understanding of religious personality, authority, devotion, and community – disciplines ranging from psychology, sociology, and anthropology to history, art history, philosophy, literary criticism, and political science – fuel general, as well as scholarly, interest in the world's religions.

*Religions* is inviting innovative and comparative contributions. Please consider Religions as an exceptional, exciting enterprise ready to reward your trust, attention, and participation.

---

### Editors-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Arndt Büssing

Professorship Quality of Life, Spirituality and Coping, Faculty of Health, Witten/Herdecke University, Gerhard-Kienle-Weg 4, 58313 Herdecke, Germany

Prof. Dr. Klaus Baumann

Caritaswissenschaft und Christliche Sozialarbeit, Theologische Fakultät, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Platz der Universität 3, D-79098 Freiburg, Germany

---

### Author Benefits

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, AHCI (Web of Science), ATLA Religion Database, Religious and Theological Abstracts, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

CiteScore - Q1 (Religious Studies)

#### Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 24.5 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 4.9 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2025).