



## Autoethnographic Reflection on Spirituality, Mysticism and Consciousness: Transformations in the Academy and Beyond

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In this Special Issue of Religions, you are invited to explore and share, through an autoethnographic lens, your experience with human spirituality. This may include an examination of your mystical, religious, peak, and transcendent experiences, as well as an examination of other expressions and manifestations of human spirituality and religious experience. Explore your experiences in collaboration with others; explore the positive and negative outcomes of these experiences; explore the precursors to these experiences; explore the challenges that you have faced in understanding and integrating these experiences into your personal and professional contexts. Explore in whatever way you feel is appropriate. The goal is to use autoethnographic methods to develop a deeper, more critical awareness of this important and often overlooked aspect of human spirituality, particularly as it manifests within the academy. This call is multidisciplinary, and you may use any theoretical framework within which to explore your experience. We expect this issue to be wide ranging and to include a multicultural, multi-faith balance of accounts.





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