



## Religious Perspectives on Ecological, Political, and Cultural Grief

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue invites scholarly contributions exploring religious perspectives on ecological, political, and cultural grief.

Several theses motivate this Special Issue.

- First, grief has become constitutive; for many people (religious and non-religious), grief has become a constitutive and pervasive, rather than intermittent, feature of life in the turbulence of the contemporary world.
- Second, grief has become structural; as a result of various systemic and historical dynamics, grief has become structural, a response to socio-cultural, ecological, and political forces in the world, as well as a response to acute, personal loss and death.
- Third, structural grief is religiously significant; religious thinkers, communities, and traditions can uniquely contribute to our understanding of and response to ecological, political, cultural, and other forms of structural grief, and structural grief can generate new perspectives on religious life and experience.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. We look forward to receiving your contributions.





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