



Religious Traditions, Self-Theory and the Future: Should We Abandon, Embrace or Re-imagine?

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The place of the self and related self-theories have been central to many religious and philosophical traditions, and the importance and reach of one's held self-view in existential issues cannot be overstated.

Do religious self-theories still have anything worthy to say about the self? If so, what might that be, or what could be re-shaped to be applied better to contemporary conditions? What may be pulled from these heritage(s) to be made more meaningful and meaning making for our present era? Might a religious understanding of the self be used in conjunction with recent results from cognitive science? Moreover, stretching our thought further afield, how may what has come heretofore fit with what can be foreseen (environmentally or technologically) for future self-views, or even shifted to beneficially shape the contours of what could be (could become) for human ideational approaches and lifestyles? The ways in which we consider the self touch on every aspect of our being, and thus, through this Special Issue, we hope to provide a link between the vast literature on the self as it has been examined with the self as it could be re-imagined.





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