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A Call for Papers on Para-Religious Spiritualities and Para-Spiritualities

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Increasingly, spiritual and para-spiritual experiences are occurring outside the traditional institutional frameworks of religion. This was recognized, for example, by the publication of a volume on *Spirituality and the Secular Quest* in the World Spirituality Series (P van Ness (ed.), New York: Crossroad, 1996) and by such works as *In the zone: Transcendent Experience in Sports* (M. Murphy and R. White, Ringwood: Penguin, 1995).

Examples of these experiences would include (and not be restricted to): nature mysticism/environmental spirituality, New Age spirituality. Feminist and gay spirituality, gerotranscendence, yoga, love, sexual rapture, shamanism, art, music, sport, dance, psychotherapy, ecstasy, drug-induced experiences, illness, twelve step programs, social activism, etc. Such experiences may possess a connection with religious traditions as para-religious spiritualities, or occur outside of any tradition at all as para-spiritualities. Papers that explore the hermeneutic or 'insider/outsider problem' of studying such experiences are also welcome.

Scholars working in such areas are invited to submit papers for consideration for this special issue. Papers should be sent to:

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