

Title: Post-modern religiousness: A prerogative of the "new religions"? Religious emotions and religious development. Findings of a pilot study.

[Postmoderne Religiosität: Ein Prärogativ der "neuen Religionen"? Religiöse Gefühle und religiöse Entwicklung: Befunde einer Erkundungsstudie]

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Abstract

A pilot study investigating the importance of emotional categories for the individual religious orientation of persons with a clear affiliation to the traditional church is presented. Other topics researched were the emotional relationship to the Divine and the stage of religious development as well as the religious efficacy of the individual and the emotional obligation towards the religious community. 25 subjects who were members of 4 Catholic orders, 4 respondents who were former members of an order, and 9 who were members of religious lay organizations took part in the study. Subjects' ages ranged from 22-80. F. K. Oser's "Paul dilemma" was employed to ascertain the stages of religious judgment. Six scales of the Freiburg Personality Inventory were also used in a revised form. A community dilemma was constructed in the framework of this study. It was found that a developmental aspect plays an important role in determining the quality of the relationship to the Divine.

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