

Journal for the Academic Study of Religion

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

Scope of Journal

The *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* is a fully refereed interdisciplinary academic journal. The journal reflects the wide variety of research dealing with all aspects of the academic study of religion, but the journal does not publish purely confessional articles.

The journal is committed to presenting cutting edge research from both established and new scholars. As well as articles, it publishes book and film reviews, conference reports, and the annual lectures delivered to members of its partner organisation, the Australian Association for the Study of Religion. The *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* is published three times a year and issues alternate between thematic and regular issues. Regular issues include articles on any topic that bears upon the academic study of religion. For more details on the thematic issues, see the journal homepage at <https://journal.equinoxpub.com/JASR/>.

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 - Is single-spaced
 - Uses a 12-point Times New Roman font
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 - Is numbered consecutively throughout and
 - All figures and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end (see also copyright guidelines under Consent to Publish Agreement)
- Quoted material – more than four lines – is indented (both left and right hand side), without quotation marks; whereas quotations of under four lines should form part of the text and be indicated by single quotation marks, as double quotation marks are used only for quotations within quotations.
- Where a gender-inclusive alternative is possible, it is to be preferred (e.g., ‘humanity’ rather than ‘man’ when referring to both genders). When personal pronouns are used both genders should generally be included; the use of plural forms is recommended
- Foreign words and phrases need to be translated. If a transliteration is included (e.g., in parentheses), it will need to follow the standard adopted by the appropriate scholarly bodies in the respective language areas
- Australian (or British) spelling is preferred

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Douglas Barnes (1978: 13) once noted it move beyond whatever structure it emerged from. It can place it beyond civic perceptions regarding what is and is not ‘religious’ (see Wilson 1988, 1990: 84).

Robbins and Anthony first classified the ‘Meher Baba movement’ as a typical ‘monistic charismatic group’ (Robbins, Anthony and Richardson 1978: 103).

Ann Johnson (1977: 31-32, 38) made identical observations with regards to British Baba lovers, while Robert Ellwood (1973: 285) encountered only:

[...] scattered groups, usually meeting in Meher Baba bookstores (run by enthusiasts without [...] much financial profit) or private homes.

Though sometimes he actively encouraged the creation of certain centres, groups, publishing or governing bodies (Kalchuri 1973: 6223), many such bodies came and went during his lifetime, and others he threatened with dissolution at the first signs of hierarchy or disharmony (Meher Baba 1957: 14; Kalchuri 1973: vol. 10, 6081).

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Journal articles

An-Na'im, Abdullahi

1987a Religious Minorities under Islamic Law and the Limits of Cultural Relativism. *Human Rights Quarterly*, 9(1): 1-19.

1987b Islamic Law, International Relations, and Human Rights: Challenge and Response. *Cornell International Law Journal*, 20: 317-34.

Gerlach, Luther P.

1971 Movements of Revolutionary Change. *American Behavioural Scientist*, 14(6): 812-36.
doi:10.1177/000276427101400604

Books

Abdulla, Ramjoo

1979 [1929] *Ramjoo's Diaries 1922–1929: A Personal Account of Meher Baba's Early Work*. Sufism Reoriented, Walnut Creek.

Cushman, Anne, and Jerry Jones

1999 *From Here to Nirvana: The Essential Guide to the Yogis and Gurus, Ashrams and Temples of Spiritual India*, 2nd edn. Rider, London.

Kalchuri, Bhau

1985 *Let's Go to Meherabad!*, edited by Ward Parks. Beguine, Berkeley, CA.

Kerkhove, Ray

2000 *Avatar Meher Baba: His Life, his Message and his Followers*, 3rd rev. edn. Meher Baba Foundation, Woombye.

2002 Authority and Egolessness in the Emergence and Impact of Meher Baba (1894–1969). Ph.D. diss., University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

Schroeder, Ralph

1992 *Max Weber and the Sociology of Culture*. Sage, London.

Edited Books

Hale, Amy, and Philip Payton (eds)

2000 *New Directions in Celtic Studies*. Exeter University Press, Exeter.

Irani, Mehera (ed.)

1989 Janet Judson, *Mehera*. Beloved Books, Ahmednagar.

Jessawala, Eruch, et al.

1995 *That's How it Was: Stories of Life with Meher Baba*. Sheriar, Ahmednagar.

Chapter in edited books

Johnson, Ann B.

1977 A Temple of Last Resorts: Youth and Shared Narcissisms. In *The Narcissistic Condition*, edited by Marie C. Nelson, 27-65. Human Sciences Press, New York.

Theses

Leith, Dick

1998 The Role of the Bard in Contemporary Pagan Movements. Ph.D. diss., King Alfred's College, Winchester.

Magazines

Stansell, Christine

2004 The Fashion of the Christ: What Would Jesus Think? *The New Republic* (8 March): 29-34.

Newspapers

The Independent

1999 Baba Don't Preach. (24 February): 2.

Sexton, Jennifer

2005 Hillsong Chief Faces Fair-trading Inquiry. *The Australian* (3 August): 3.

Online material

Australia Bureau of Meteorology

2006 Living with Drought.

Online: <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/livedrought.shtml> (accessed July 20, 2005).

Abbreviations

Do not abbreviate journal titles. Note the following abbreviations:

- et al. [to be used when more than three authors]
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- eds [editors]
- trans. [translator]
- rev. [reviser, revised by]
- 2nd ed. [second edition]
- repr. [reprint]
- vol./vols [volume]
- n.d. [no date]

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