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Review

This is a beautifully edited work that successfully summarizes the state of the field. The chapters move seamlessly through an extraordinary territory. The authors use a gentle tone to invite colleagues to consider the facts and the uncertainties. Some might suggest that the time has come for those in this field to shout a little louder. But this collection of 130 voices along with the echoes of James, Allport, and Jung may be enough to begin altering the course of psychology. -- --PsycCRITIQUES

This two-volume Handbook is a fine antidote to a relative dearth of professional education. Pargament and his associate editors have done a masterful job in creating coherence in this remarkably diverse set of chapters. --Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic

About the Author

Kenneth Pargament is professor of clinical psychology at Bowling Green State University, and Distinguished Scholar at the Institute for Spirituality and Health at the Texas Medical Center. He has also served as Adjunct Professor in the School of Theology at Boston University and Distinguished Visiting Professor at Lackland Air Force Base Medical Center.

Dr. Pargament has been a leading figure in the dramatic resurgence of attention to religion and spirituality by social scientists and practitioners over the past 35 years. Many of his over 200 published studies have focused on people dealing with trauma. Dr. Pargament has delineated the variety of ways, helpful and harmful, religion expresses itself in times of stress, and his measure of religious coping, the RCOPE, is the standard in the field. His 1997 book, *The Psychology of Religion and Coping: Theory, Research, Practice* was described by the *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic* as "the best book on the psychology of religion in a generation or more."

In 1987, Dr. Pargament won the William James Award for excellence in research from Division 36 (Psychology of Religion) of the American Psychological Association. He is co-editor of *Mental Health, Religion and Culture* and on the editorial boards or editorial consultant to over 30 journals. In 2009, he received the Oskar Pfitzer Award from the American Psychiatric Association in recognition of his research and practical efforts to understand and enhance the links between religion, spirituality, and mental health. In 2012, he received the National Samaritan Institute Award for his contributions to human health and growth.

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