

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Passions in the Platonic Tradition, Patristics and Late Antiquity 19-20 April 2021 (Virtual)



The effects of the pandemic this past year have given rise to a plethora of emotions: fear, anxiety, frustration, despair, pain, surprise, sadness. What are we to make of these intense emotions? What do these emotions make of us as individuals and communities? How are we to deal with them moving forward? Do we ignore them, reject them, accept them, transform them? How do they affect religious life and the experience of God?

This interdisciplinary virtual symposium aims to explore how the treatment of the passions in the **Platonic Tradition, Patristics and Late Antiquity** can help provide answers to these questions. The symposium will be organized around the study of any emotion arising in the corresponding stages of the pandemic: (1) undergoing forceful **SEPARATION** at the outbreak of the pandemic, (2) experiencing **LOSS** during the pandemic and (3) embracing **CHANGE** as we reimagine a life after the pandemic. How do emotions in these stages affect corporeality, community, lived experience, identity, religious practice?

Contribute: if you wish to present, please send a 300 word abstract including a title, tentative topic, argument, and your affiliation by **15 March 2021**. Decisions will be communicated within a week of submission. Presentations will last **15 mins** followed by **10 mins of Q & A**. The complete program will be published on **1 April**, including keynote speakers.

Register: open to everyone; to register **free of charge**, please email the contact below.

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