

The background is a gradient from dark purple at the top to dark blue at the bottom, with a starry or particle-like texture. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular elements. One prominent feature is a large circular scale with tick marks and numbers ranging from 140 to 260. Other circles include dashed lines, solid lines, and arrows, some pointing inward and some outward, creating a sense of movement and interconnectedness.

# FEMINIST PLATFORMS: RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

INTRO TO WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

# RELIGION

*Etymology: Origin: Of multiple origins. Partly a borrowing from French. Partly a borrowing from Latin.*

A particular **system of faith and worship**;

Belief in **superhuman power or powers** (esp. a god or gods) typically manifested in obedience, reverence, and worship;

Belief as part of a **system defining a code of living**, esp. as a means of achieving spiritual or material improvement.

*As in, organized religion*

-- Oxford English Dictionary (OED)

# SPIRITUALITY

*Etymology:* <Old French (*e*)*spiritualité*, -*alleté* (modern French *spiritualité*, = Italian *spiritualità*, Spanish *espiritualidad*, Portuguese -*idade*), or < late Latin *sp̄rituālītās*, <*sp̄rituālis* spiritual *adj*

The quality or condition of being spiritual;

Attachment to or regard for **things of the spirit as opposed to material or worldly interests.**

(OED)

# SPIRIT

*Etymology:* <Anglo-Norman *spirit (esprit), spirite*, = Old French *esperit, -ite, esprit* (modern French *esprit*), or <Latin *spiritus* (Italian *spirito*, Portuguese *espírito*, Spanish *espíritu*) breathing, breath, air, etc., related to *spīrāre* to breathe.

The earlier English uses of the word are mainly derived from passages in the Vulgate [Latin Version of the Bible, 4<sup>th</sup> c.], in which ***spiritus*** is employed to render Greek ***πνεῦμα*** *pneuma n.* and Hebrew ***rūah***.

(OED)

# SPIRIT

The **animating or vital principle in humans (and animals)**; that which gives life to the physical organism, in contrast to its purely material elements; the breath of life;

**Incorporeal or immaterial being**, as opposed to *body* or *matter*;

The **soul** of a person, as commended to God, or passing out of the body, in the moment of death.

(OED)

# SECULAR

The opposite of religious and spiritual;  
Of or pertaining to the world;  
Non-ecclesiastical, non-religious, non-sacred.

(OED)



HOW IS RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY A PLATFORM FOR FEMINIST THOUGHT AND ACTION?

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BY CHALLENGING EVANGELICALS, SHE  
CHANGED THEM

