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SOUL CARE SPEAKER SERIES

Bereavement and Bad Theology: A Toxic Cocktail

Facilitated by Terri Daniel

Wed. May 14, 2025
12 PM – 1:30 PM PT

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In many religious traditions, God is believed to be responsive to the needs of believers, and in difficult times, believers turn to their religious beliefs for comfort, security and guidance.

When God is viewed as a protective parental figure that can shield us from harm if we are pious or devoted enough, what happens to faith -- and healing – when this form of god fails to provide that protection? How can we help friends and family who experience cognitive dissonance when their religious beliefs – whether inherited or chosen – do not match up with their lived experience?

This presentation examines the ways in which religious beliefs can be more harmful than helpful for traumatized or bereaved individuals. We will explore therapeutic tools and healing practices for helping someone in spiritual crisis to consider new cosmologies and new images of God that are more supportive and inclusive than those found in traditional religious structures.



Dr. Terri Daniel is an end-of-life educator and inter-spiritual hospice chaplain and grief counselor. She is certified in death, dying and bereavement by the Association of Death Education and Counseling and in family-focused grief therapy by The Portland Institute. She conducts workshops throughout the U.S. and is an adjunct instructor in thanatology and chaplaincy at Marian University, United Theological Seminary, and the Graduate Theological Union. She is also the founder of *The Conference on Death, Grief and Belief*, and the *Ask Doctor Death* podcast.

Over the years Terri has helped hundreds of people learn to live, die and grieve more consciously. Her work is acclaimed by hospice professionals, spiritual seekers, counselors, theologians, and academics worldwide. She is also the author of four books on death, grief and the afterlife. Terri has a BA in Religious Studies from Marylhurst University, an MA in Pastoral Care from Fordham University, and a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

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