

Traumatic Brain Injury, Spirituality, and Faith -- Selected Resources

Books on Theology and Disability that Include Discussions of Traumatic Brain Injury:

Hans Reinders. *Disability, Providence and Ethics*. Baylor Press. 2015

John Swinton. *Becoming Friends of Time. Disability, Timefulness, and Gentle Discipleship*
Baylor Press. 2016

Dementia: Living in the Memories of God. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2013

Booklets

[Brain Injury: When the Call Comes. A Congregational Resource](#). Bill Gaventa. 25 pp. Booklet, product of collaborative project between the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities and the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. 32 pp. Downloadable PDF.

[Spiritual Care Handbook on PTSD/TBI: The Handbook on Best Practices for the Provision of Spiritual Care to Persons with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury](#).

Rev. Brian Hughes and Rev. George Handzo. 100+ pages. Downloadable PDF.

Websites Related to Spirituality and Health

NIH National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine <http://nccam.nih.gov>

Institute for Religion and Health <http://www.religionandhealth.org>

The George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health (GWish) <http://www.gwish.org>

The Center for Spirituality and Health <http://www.spiritualityandhealth.ufl.edu>

The Center for Spirituality and Healing -- <http://www.csh.umn.edu>

Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health -- <http://www.dukespiritualityandhealth.org>

Websites on Mental Health and Spirituality/Faith

There is an exciting new collaborative project between the Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition and the American Psychiatric Association. <http://www.aapd.com/what-we-do/interfaith/>.

Mental Health Ministries (<http://www.mentalhealthministries.net>);

Pathways2Promise (<http://www.pathways2promise.org>)

NAMI FaithNet under www.nami.org.

Spirituality and Disability

List of research articles related to spirituality and disability at the website of the National Collaborative on Faith and Disability. <http://faithanddisability.org>.

Plenary videos, Summer Institute on Theology and Disability. <http://faithanddisability.org>.

The National Collaborative on Faith and Disability 2015 Webinar Series: Honoring Spiritual Needs and Gifts: From Inertia to Collaborative Action by Providers and Congregations. <http://faithanddisability.org/webinar/>

Other:

Journal of Disability and Religion <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/wrdh21#.V6UFyWXnvNU>

Assessing Spiritual Needs in a Clinical Setting. George Fitchett.

http://www.ecrsh.eu/mm/Fitchett_-_Keynote_ECRSH14.pdf Powerpoints of a keynote

Articles

Religion and spirituality in rehabilitation outcomes among individuals with traumatic brain injury. Waldron-Perrine, Brigid; Rapport, Lisa J.; Hanks, Robin A.; Lumley, Mark; Meachen, Sarah-Jane; Hubbarth, Paul. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, Vol 56(2), May 2011, 107-116.

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Abstract

Objective: The long-term consequences of traumatic brain injury affect millions of Americans, many of whom report using religion and spirituality to cope. Little research, however, has investigated how various elements of the religious and spiritual belief systems affect rehabilitation outcomes. The present study sought to assess the use of specifically defined elements of religion and spirituality as psychosocial resources in a sample of traumatically brain injured adults. **Participants:** The sample included 88 adults with brain injury from 1 to 20 years post injury and their knowledgeable significant others (SOs). The majority of the participants with brain injury were male (76%), African American (75%) and Christian (76%). **Measures:** Participants subjectively reported on their religious/spiritual beliefs and psychosocial resources as well as their current physical and psychological status. Significant others reported objective rehabilitation outcomes. **Analyses:** Hierarchical multiple regression analyses were used to determine the proportion of variance in outcomes accounted for by demographic, injury related, psychosocial and religious/spiritual variables. **Results:** The results indicate that religious well-being (a sense of connection to a higher power) was a unique predictor for life satisfaction, distress and functional ability whereas public religious practice and existential well-being were not. **Conclusions:** The findings of this project indicate that specific facets of religious and spiritual belief systems do play direct and unique roles in predicting rehabilitation outcomes whereas religious activity does not.

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Others:

<http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/rep/56/2/107/>

http://journals.lww.com/ajpmr/Abstract/2004/04000/Describing_Quality_of_Life_and_Psychosocial.1.aspx

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/02699050802158243>

Personal Stories

Beatty, Wayne. *Healing, Hope, and Joy: Faith-Based Reflections after a Traumatic Brain Injury*. Bloomington, IN: Author House, 2011

Milazzo, Barry. *All the King's Horses: Finding Purpose and Hope in Brokenness and Impossibility* (Creation House, 2016)

Nunley, Leone with Merrill, Dean. *Fighting for David: An Inspiring True Story of Stubborn Love, Faith, and Hope after Severe, Traumatic Brain Injury*.

Venturella, Regina. [*It Only Took a Moment: A True Story of Tragedy, Faith, and Triumph Following a Traumatic Brain Injury*](#)