

Special Issue

Peccata Lectionis

Message from the Guest Editor

The sins of reading (peccata lectionis), if they exist, certainly connect the traditions of the Judeo-Christian religions with what we know as secularized, professional literary reading evolved in part out of the hermeneutics of the Sacred Scriptures of these religions, and later, in the 20th century, as professional reading in cultural studies. This Special Issue explores whether the sins of reading really exist and if so, how the essence of their transgression can be expressed. The existence of the sins of reading is a hypothesis that neither Judeo-Christian religious studies and theology nor literary and cultural studies can exhaustively confirm or refute by themselves. Over the last forty years, the latter occasionally have considered fiction and its professional reading as something for which religious phenomenology can provide an adequate interpretative framework. Reflecting on the sins of reading, by examining the phenomenon of reading, this Special Issue not only aims to pave the way for the reconsideration of the presumptions of religious hermeneutics, but also for all thinking that is the result of professional interpretation.

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