

# Religion & Future Humans Teaching Resources

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On the upcoming episode of Religion &, we have invited three scholars to engage in a wide-ranging conversation with Prof. Sylvester A. Johnson, a leading thinker and theorist in the field of American religion. Dr. Johnson is not only known for his contributions as a historian and theorist, but he is highly regarded as an innovator and boundary breaker who disrupts disciplines and creates spaces for emerging themes and questions amongst scholars of religion. As the director of the Virginia Tech Center for Humanities and the Luce-funded “Future Humans, Human Futures” project, Dr. Johnson explores the intersection of religion, technology, and ethics to tackle what it means to be human in this current moment. We have invited Philip Goff, Andrea Jain, and Leonard McKinnis to interrogate and theorize alongside Dr. Johnson the futures of the humanities, surveillance, and AI and how they are all deeply impacted by religion. Join us for a conversation with Dr. Sylvester A. Johnson that promises to push boundaries, imagine new possibilities, and unpack emerging theories as we think about the future of religion and the humans that are shaped by them.

Featured Panelist: Sylvester A. Johnson

Panelists: Phillip Goff, Andrea Jain, Leonard C. McKinnis, II

## Show Notes

## Resources from Panelists

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