

Spiritual Intelligence – newly grounded and newly developed

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In recent years the concept of multiple intelligences has been developed and widely acknowledged. Since a couple of decades, the construct of Spiritual Intelligence (SQ) has been developed and became a vast topic of research. Spirituality is by most of the authors regarded as a non-religious phenomenon. Therefore, many scholars have come up with different, partly complementing and partly revers or at least widely spread concepts. However, despite of many different approaches most of the concepts are built on the conviction that spirituality is more inclusive than religion - that is regarded as strict, rule-oriented and excluding, especially when looking at the varying religious traditions. Hence, spiritual intelligence as a construct is, broadly spoken, seen as the capacity to be respectful and to act value-oriented. There is no or only little research that tries to discover what spiritual intelligence could mean from its historical emergence that goes back to the christian tradition written down in the bible.

Thus, this study firstly identifies the different definitions of spiritual intelligence in the respective academic literature of the past decades in order to compile them, compare them and to detect common principles.

In a second step a review of the historical emergence of the word “spiritual” in the christian biblical tradition will be proposed.

This will lead to a new construct of Spiritual Intelligence that will be grounded in the historical emergence but will be put into the secularistic context to create systematic principles to enhance the construct of SQ even further.