

# COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RELIGIOUS LIFE: A META ANALYSIS STUDY

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## ABSTRACT

This paper aims to set forth the changes in the feelings, thoughts and behaviours of people, during the pandemic. To this end, studies on religion or pietism and Covid-19 pandemic in Turkey were tried to be collected. Firstly, articles, theses and books drafted in this field were analysed. In the research period, concepts and phrases like coronavirus, coronavirus and religion, coronavirus and spiritualism, coronavirus and pietism, etc. were searched in the search engines. However, when the related literature in Turkey is reviewed, no books or theses based on empirical research, covering the concepts of both coronavirus and religion were found out. Some non-empirical books partially mention the effects of pandemic on religious emotions, thoughts and behaviours of people. However, 9 articles on the subject were identified, 4 of which were theoretical and 5 were empirical. Data for 4 empirical researches were obtained through quantitative method while data for 1 of them were obtained through qualitative method. The researcher carried out the study by categorizing the concerned studies dated 2020 according to their subjects, objectives, methods, findings and results. In this study, meta analysis method was applied and the data were analysed through content analysis. According to the results of the research, it was determined that the pandemic has an important effect on the religious emotions, thoughts and lives of people and even that there has been an increase in people's tendency towards religion in such pandemic periods.

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