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Applying Spiritual Wisdom

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There is a body of literature that cuts across all religious traditions called “spiritual wisdom.” For those in public administration, this literature is especially helpful to make more informed decisions on values and ethical choices at the individual and group levels. In this globalized world where information related technology is rapidly changing society, secular thinking found in governmental and educational settings as well as the thinking of religious institutions are fundamentally inadequate in confronting our most fundamental public administration problems and difficulties. The former has stripped out of itself the wisdom of the ages and the latter seeks too often to advance its own interests rather than those of society as a whole. This article argues that we now need to examine the common spiritual wisdom of all religious traditions to help us confront and properly deal with our ultimate values and ethical challenges of our profession.

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