Assignment 13: Wordle

Value: 25 Points

Overview

For this assignment, you will be using a program, "Wordle," to create a word picture of key terms, words, phrases, terms, etc. that you believe are important spiritual disciplines or practices for a college student's spiritual development.

What is a "Wordle?" A Wordle generates "word clouds" from the text that you provide. The term Wordle may not be familiar, but you have probably seen one before. A Wordle is a free, easy (and I do mean easy!) program that allows you to create word pictures. Check out the examples below.

Instructions

Step 1: Build Your Wordle

- Brainstorm your list of words, terms, phrases, quotes, authors, bible passages, etc. that you believe are necessary to create an accurate picture describing the role of spiritual practices/disciplines in the spiritual development of college students.
- Go to www.wordle.net.
- At the top of the Wordle website page, click "Create."
- Paste or type your list of words, terms, etc. into the text box at the top of the page and click the "Go" button directly beneath the box.
- Your Wordle will appear (if it does not appear, click the "Not working?" link at the bottom to view the troubleshooting guide).
  - At the top left of the Wordle box you will find a menu bar with options (Edit, Language, Font, Layout, and Color). These options will allow you to change your Wordle to the desired format, color, etc. that you prefer.
  - There are further options at the bottom of the Wordle box that you may want to use (Open in Window, Print, Randomize, and Save to public gallery).

Step 2: Post Your Wordle to the Class Discussion

- To make a copy of your Wordle, use the "screen capture" option on your computer:
  - Hold the "Ctrl" key down and press "Print Screen" or "PrtScn" (on the upper right of most keyboards). This copies the screen to your clipboard. (For MAC users, do a screen capture using shift>command>3)
  - Paste your capture in a Word document and crop it until you only have the Wordle (right-click and select the format or size option on your menu).
  - Save your document.
- In the class discussion forum on the following page, select "Add a new discussion topic."
- Put your last name + first initial + wordle in the Subject line. For example, Joe Smith's assignment would read: **SmithJWordle**.
- Put "Wordle" in the message box.
- Attach your document by clicking "browse" at the bottom of the message box.
- Click "Post to forum" to upload your document.

Step 3: Examine Other Classmates' Wordles

Examine and respond to at least three of the Wordles in the class discussion forum by noting new insights or ideas gained from your classmate's Wordle.

Step 4: Submit to Drop Box

Submit your Wordle document to the drop box below.

Wordle Specs

- Put your name in the upper left hand corner of the paper Wordle.
- The Wordle should contain at least 10-12 terms, phrases, etc.
- Save the assignment as **M4A13 + your last name + first initial**. For example, Jane Smith's assignment would read: **M4A13smithj**.

Submit using the drop box below.

Click the following link to review how to use a drop box.

Using a Drop Box