

Erikson's Stages of Psychosocial Development

Stage	Crisis	Potential Religious Implications
Infancy	Trust versus Mistrust	Can divinity, the universe, and authority be trusted?
Early Childhood	Autonomy versus Shame and Doubt	Do I have worth within but separate from my religious community?
Play Age	Initiative versus Guilt	Are my religious efforts (and my religious will) effective and reliable?
School Age	Industry versus Inferiority	Can I be effective religiously and spiritually?
Adolescence	Identity versus Identity Confusion	Can I be unique and find my true religious self?
Young Adulthood	Intimacy versus Isolation	Can I connect with people in my religious community? Can I understand and connect with other communities?
Adulthood	Generativity versus Stagnation	What can I provide religiously or spiritually for people in my community?
Old Age	Integrity versus Despair	Has my religious/spiritual life been worthwhile and meaningful?

Note: Stage and Crisis are summarized from Erikson (1982). Implications are my applications of his work to religious development.

Erikson, E. H. (1982). *The Life Cycle Completed: A Review*. New York: W.W. Norton.