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**WITTGENSTEIN ON MYSTICISM: THE EARLY PHILOSOPHY OF**  
**RELIGION**

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**Abstract:**

The main contention of this paper is to explain the concept of mysticism with special reference to Wittgenstein. It is also known as the early philosophy of religion after Wittgenstein. The concept of mysticism is a tricky philosophical concept and various interpretations have already been developed on it. Some would say that mysticism is a bogus philosophical issue and it has no point of justification in philosophy. Some others would say that mysticism is philosophically worthy. The meaning of life and the value of the world is deeply embedded in the mystical nature of thinking. The concept of mysticism finds a significant place in Wittgenstein's early philosophy, particularly; in his Tractatus in which he said that what is called mystical cannot be put into words. It is inexpressible. So according to Wittgenstein what lies outside his language and his world cannot be put into words, and hence, it is mystical. His understanding of mysticism is unique that makes him different from other philosophers. The main strategy of this paper is to reflect on Wittgenstein's view on mysticism which may be conceived as the early philosophy of religion.

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