

## Preface

This current issue of our International Journal deals with an interesting series of theological and spiritual problems, which are circumscribed into two sections: *Dogmatic Theology studies* and *Education, morality and spirituality*.

Thus, 1-st PART comprises valuable studies such as: “*Metanoia in the thinking of Saint John Chrysostom*”, by Rev. PhD. Vasile **Răducă**, where the author stresses on the Mystery of Repentance and its practice in the thinking of the celebrated Cappadocian, the first Church Father who gave special attention to the spiritual aspect of repentance.

PhD. Marin **Bugiulescu** presents “*Theological and dogmatic definition of the God-Man Jesus Christ Person*”. The central dogma of Christianity is the Trinitarian one. Regarding the Person and the work of Christ, the Church officially stated that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly Man, and His Person includes the divine nature, from eternity, yet united in time with the human nature, each nature having its own will, and the human will following the divine one.

PhD. Florin **Vârlan** tries to demonstrate that *Jesus Christ is our divine teacher and guide*. Prof. Ben Carlo **Atim** in his “*The (Re)Turn to the Prophets: Prophetic Portrait as a Paradigm of Critique for Post-Secular Society*” introduces the idea that a portrait of a prophet is a doable paradigm for critiquing the socio-political, economic, and cultural condition of the post-secular society and attempts to find the prophets in our age.

In the 2-nd PART, Prof. Lehel **Balogh** tries to investigate and compare the thinking of two highly influential Christian philosophers of the 19th and the 20th century: Søren Kierkegaard and Paul Tillich. Both of them attempted to “redeem” and reaffirm the significance of feelings and the subjective side of reality.

“*A bioethical perspective on man’s life and death*” is an attempt of Prof. Florea **Ștefan** to tackle an interdisciplinary approach to the problems of bioethics related to the human existence, namely life and death: abortion and *euthanasia*.

PhD Lect. Alexandru-Corneliu **Arion** examines in his paper: “*The concept of persona in Hinduism and Christianity*”, analysed from theological point of view. Despite the insistence on a personal relationship between man and divinity that we find at some classical Hindu thinkers, ultimately, what remains is the absolute and impersonal reality of Brahman, whereas in Christianity, the problem of person and that of hypostasizing nature is expressed in such a way that excludes simultaneous emphasis on unity (One) or plurality (Multiple).

In his “*Existence of the evil in the world: a challenge for philosophy and theology*” Prof. Leontin **Popescu** considers maybe the most difficult problem man has tried to decipher in his history: the existence of the evil. And even if man and universe feel its consequences, it exists not as something given, but as possibility.

Olanrewaju Abdul **Shitta-Bey** introduces us into a space quite alien, once his study deals with a “*Human will debate between Western and Yoruba philosophical traditions*”, peculiar to Nigerian population, and PhD. Traian-Alexandru **Miu** presents the topic of *Ethnocentrism*, viewed as the danger of cultures’ collision.

PhD. Mihai Sebastian **Stoian** focuses on *the sacramental nature of man and creation* and last but not least, Constantin-Valentin **Bugiulescu** reviews an oft-discussed dogmatic topic: “*The soteriological hypostatic union*”.