



Preface

The 18th issue of the *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* (May 2026) presents scientific and theoretical articles on various topics, all centred on the fields of philosophy, theology, and science.

The first article, **"Some Elucidations on Fractality,"** by Iván López Rojo, explores the metaphysical and theological consequences of fractality in the modern understanding of reality. The next article, **"The Living Word in a Fragmented World: Contemporary Challenges and Orthodox Homiletic Responses,"** by Ph.D. Anton Savelovici, examines in depth the contemporary phenomenon of anthropological, cultural, and spiritual fragmentation and its profound impact on the reception and assimilation of the Christian message.

The next study, by Ioana Stanciu, is entitled **"The Mystery of the Earth: Creation, Matter and Return."** The mystery of the earth represents a concept that transcends the simple materiality of the soil, configuring itself as a symbol of creation, the continuity of matter, and the cyclicity of existence. The study explores how the earth, through its structure and composition, becomes a foundation for life and a vehicle of natural transformations.

Ph.D. Professor Marius Balaban and Ph.D. Professor George Daniel Petrov present an interdisciplinary study entitled **"The Typology of the Easter Sacrifice and Its Eucharistic Fulfillment in the Soteriological Hermeneutics of the Fathers of the Church."** The article examines the sacrifice of the Paschal Lamb in the Old Testament and its full actualization in the Christian Eucharist. Drawing on the patristic exegesis of Old Testament texts, the study highlights the prophetic dimension of the Paschal rite, in which the sacrificed lamb, its blood, the unleavened bread, and the evening acquire Christological meanings, foreshadowing the sacrifice of the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"Transreal Quantum Ethics: Some Remarks," by Ph.D. Professor Walter Gomide, presents a brief introduction to Transreal Quantum Ethics, a new approach to understanding the foundations of moral action.

The next study, by Professor Ph.D. Nicușor Tucă, presents **"Pârvu Mutu the Painter and the Late Post-Byzantine Art in Wallachia (1657–1735)."** Researcher Ph.D. Bogdan Mohor Obreja is the author of **"Redefining Human Identity Between Corporeality, Gender Dysphoria and Transhumanism: Theological and Anthropological Perspectives."** Starting from the tension between subjective identity and biological corporeality, reflected in the experience of gender dysphoria, the research investigates the ontological, anthropological, and theological implications of the process of redefining personal identity.

The final article in this issue, by Researcher Ph.D. Yasir Arafat Maassoom, is entitled **"Natural Dynamics: The Necessity of Change and the Consequences of Forced Stasis."** The article argues that natural systems—from the expanding cosmos described by general relativity to the evolving immune repertoire, from shifting genetic frequencies to changing dialects—are never static.

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