



## Preface

The 14th issue of the International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science (May 2024) contains scientific research articles centered on the subjects of Philosophy, Theology, and Science.

The first article is *THE IMAGE OF GOD IN THE HUMAN BEING OR THE IDENTITY OF MAN AS A PERSON*, signed by Ph.D. Professor Marin BUGIULESCU. *The person presents himself in the complex context of the bonds of love and care manifested towards himself and other different persons, who share the same common nature in which the divine presence mysteriously dwells.*

The next article has the title: *SINNERS AS BEASTS: SOME EARLY PATRISTIC VIEWS OF ANIMALS IN ECCLESIASTES*. In this essay Ph.D. Professor Marc GRENIER proposes an initial attempt to decipher early patristic views on animals by critically examining the responses of five eminent early Christian thinkers. *The general patristic view was that since animals are not rational, differ in language and speech, and don't have souls, among other key differences, life for them terminates on earth, access to the afterlife denied. Significantly, these claims about animals were made largely without a comprehensive exploration of other biblical texts pertinent to the issue of animal afterlife.*

The next study, by Assistant Lecturer Ph.D. Nicușor MORLOVA, Florina BĂLAN, Corneliu-Dragoș BĂLAN, Nicușor TUCĂ, has title *THE CONFLUENCE BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND NEOPLATONISM: TRIADOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY. Was Christianity Hellenized or was philosophy Christianized? It is a dilemma that has sparked numerous discussions and conflicting opinions to this day. This debate revolves mainly around the metaphysics of Greek philosophy, which left Christianity with its entire conceptual arsenal. ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IN THE WORK MONOLOGION* is the article presented by Georgiana-Cerasela NIȚU.

*THE TRANSHUMANISM – PARADIGM OF SECULARIZATION AN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE* is the scientific research presented by Cătălin-Dumitru VOȘLOBAN. *The phenomenology of secularization is in a continuous change, generated by the alterability of all main aspects of life: the socio-political, cultural, and human psycho-physiological environment, all these being affected by the technology and lifestyle specific to the 21st century.* Francesca RIOTTO, Marcello LEONELLO, Giovanni FAZIO proposes for our readers the article entitled: *THE THOUGHT OF THOMAS AQUINAS. A SWORD OF DAMOCLES ON THE RADIATIVE PROCESS.*

*JURISPRUDENCE OF CONFESSION SECRET AS LEGISLATIVE BIAS*, is the article of our Journal, presented by Ph.D. Ionuț VLĂDESCU. *Starting the scientific approach from the term jurisprudence applied to the secret of confession in the mystery of confession, we find ourselves faced with a major problem, namely: that of the dichotomy of defining the canon by the institution of the Church.* In the last paper research, *OLD AGE AND YOUTH IN THE MYSTERY OF MAN'S PERSONAL RECONCILIATION WITH GOD*, Nicolae GAVRILĂ presents the view point of Eastern spirituality about life and death.

The scientific articles presented in the current issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* is very actual for our society and examine the importance of argument found in the theology, philosophy and sciences.

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