



Preface

The 12-th issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* (May 2023) presents scientific and theoretical articles on various aspects, all of them centred on the area of Philosophy, Theology, and Science.

In the first article: *DIMITRIE CANTEMIR PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ROMANIAN ENCYCLOPEDIISM*, Ph. D. Professor Agnes Terezia ERICH presents the great personality of Dimitrie Cantemir on of the most prominent representative of Romanian encyclopedism. The next article is called: *MODERNITY, SECULAR RELIGIONS AND VIOLENCE – AN ORTHODOX CHRYSTIAN PERSPECTIVE*. In this article Ph.D. Professor Sorin BUTE explores the relationship between modernity, secular religions, and violence from an Orthodox Christian perspective. The next study, by Phd. Ioan-Tănase CHIȘ, has title *ABOUT AN ORTHODOX GEOGRAPHY OF TIME*. Although perceived as an implacable reality, a kind of liquid frame of existence, which inevitably frames being, the latter being defined as a dynamic in time, nevertheless, the systematic analysis of time involves difficulties specific to a subject as obvious as it is abstract. *SATAN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD: EXPLORING CENTRAL MOTIFS IN LUKE'S GOSPEL* is the article presented by Marc GRENIER. This essay identifies and discusses some of the salient features contained in the central motifs employed in Luke's gospel. It begins by addressing the key controversies involved in Lukan biblical scholarship such as the Theophilus reference in the Prologue; the Pauline connection; Luke's stated purpose for writing his gospel; and Luke's alleged concerns with imperial Rome.

THE REASONS (LOGOI) OF CREATION, PREMISES OF THE FULFILMENT OF GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN is the scientific research presented by Cosmin Iulian CÎRSTEA. Ionuț MÎLCOMETE propose for our readers the article entitled: *ELEMENTS OF ORTHODOX TRIADODOLOGY PRESENT IN THE WORK OF SAINT MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR*. The next issue presented is: *THE RATIONAL EXPRESSION OF THE SUPREME BEING IN KANTIAN THEORETICAL PHILOSOPHY VERSUS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PERSONAL GOD IN THEOLOGY* by Professor PhD. George Daniel PETROV. *Man has always aspired towards the highest knowledge. Thus philosophy, as the science of sciences, has tried, starting from what could be expressed rationally, to explain the existence or the possibility of man's knowledge of the existence of the Supreme Being, as designated by Immanuel Kant.* *ADAM'S WRONGDOING IN THE LIGHT OF THE BENEFICENT QUALITIES OF THE TREE OF ETERNITY AND MERCIFULNESS OF ALLAH*, the last article of our Journal, presented by Bharat JHUNJUNWALA. *There appears to exist a consensus among scholars that God prohibited Adam from eating of the Tree of Eternity and Adam ate despite the prohibition. This raises a number of questions. One, God had created Adam in his image and had taught Adam names (2:31) which means Adam, the teacher of his children, had attained a sense of divinity to be able to teach the divine names to his children*

The scientific content presented in the current issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* is very actual and diverse. In this line, disciplinary and interdisciplinary works related to philosophy, especially philosophy of religion, metaphysics, and philosophical ethics. IJTPS provides the opportunity to examine the altogether truth-claims found in theology, philosophy and sciences.

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