



## Preface

The second issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* (May 2018) presents a cluster of articles on various aspects, all of them centred on the area of Philosophy, Theology, and Science.

Thus, first paper: *Man as religious, rational, free and conscious being* by Marin BUGIULESCU undertakes a theological and philosophical analysis about human nature. Man has always been seen as a religious, rational, free and conscious being. The world and man appeared out of nothing; the latter bears the image of God and is destined for holiness. For that matter, no other being in the universe is – or will ever be – of greater importance than man. The next work is *Consciousness and the End of Materialism: Seeking identity and harmony in a dark era* and it belongs to Spyridon I. KAKOS. The author tries to discard current underlying dogmatism of modern mind research and to show that consciousness seems to be the ultimate frontier that will cause a major change in the way the exact sciences conceive. Mind seems that is not the by-product of matter, but the opposite: its master.

After that, the paper entitled: *Contemporary bioethical perspectives regarding the family*, written by Florea ȘTEFAN and Marian PUIESCU presents the problem of the family from the contemporary bioethical perspectives. Family represents both a value and an institution that is necessary to our world which cannot be replaced by anything else. Unfortunately, the contemporary social context is one that minimizes religious values. The next study, by Cristian GAGU, points to an as old as new important issue: *A New Pretext to Attack Church – Alleged Discrimination of Women*. There are often accusations of alleged discrimination of the Orthodox Church made by various media associations promoting feminist movement, which are dismantled through a rigorous linguistic argument. The paper of Nicușor BELDIMAN: *National unity and unity of Faith in the Speeches of Patriarch Miron Cristea*, bears the stamp of the first Patriarch of Romania, who is forever inscribed in the Golden Book containing the names of the great Romanian people who were part of the Great Union of 1st December 1918, at Alba Iulia.

Alexandru-Corneliu ARION signs the subsequent article: *Outlines of comparative view of Hindu and Christian Mysticism*. The model of Hindu ontological identity between God and man, Christianity opposes the model of personal transfiguration, through the continuous elongation of the person in God, realization possible only from the perspective of divine uncreated energies. The following academic pursue is that of Spiros MAKRIS, entitled: *Emmanuel Levinas, hospitality: Ethical and Political aspects*, that tries to indicate the critical fact, according to Levinas's ethical argumentation, that a public policy on refugee question should mainly be determined by the ethics of hospitality in the sense of the pure welcoming of the absolute Other.

*Taking Responsibility and the Manipulation Problem* is another issue presented by Roberto Parra DORANTES. The paper raises an objection against the analysis of the notion of 'taking responsibility' offered by John M. Fischer and Mark Ravizza while developing their complex and attractive theory of moral responsibility. Zheng WANG's contribution: *Bruno's Organic universe and the natural magic* sets forth from G. Bruno's doctrine, whence his predilection for the magic is derived, which is based precisely on the presupposition of a universal "panpsychism". The volume of our journal ends with Francesco MALAGUTI: *Giordano Bruno and the Islamic Tradition*, who exhibited an interest in the scientific and philosophical theories of Islam.

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