



Preface

The 10-th issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* (May 2022) presents scientific and theoretical articles on various aspects, all of them centred on the area of Philosophy, Theology, and Science.

In the first article: *DESCARTES AND SPINOZA ON THE PERFECTION OF GOD: A CONTRAST*, Prof. Ph.D. Rocco A. ASTORE explains how Descartes establishes God's existence via the argument of perfection, and how this perfection of God reinforces the existence of such a supreme entity. After that, although Spinoza's understanding of God's perfection in his Ethics Book I and II may appear akin to Descartes, it would be incorrect to fully understand either philosopher's views on God's perfection as being entirely the same.

The next work is called: *'THERE IS NOTHING BUT BLIND, PITILESS INDIFFERENCE IN THE UNIVERSE: EVOLUTION AND DIVINE PURPOSE'* and it belongs to Ph.D. David O. BROWN. This study presents questions of theological interpretations of evolution that seem to fall into two categories: those who see evolution as a part of God's purposes and those who see evolution as a counter to God's purposes for creation.

The next study, by Prof. Ph.D. Gheorghe F. ANGHELESCU, presents *THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE ABOUT THE CREATION EX NIHILO IN THE WORKS OF GREEK APOLOGISTS*. The aim of our author examination of this topic is twofold: 1) to examine the approaches to the theme of creation in the Christian apologetic writings of the second century; 2) to analyze their philosophical support, the concepts substantiating the expression of this theory on the origin of the universe.

THE DISPUTE OVER UNIVERSALS AND ANSELMIAN REALISM is the article presented by Georgiana-Cerasela NIȚU. Anselm was concerned with an inductive legitimation, of the determined being (of the second being), towards the determining being. This premise of the inductance of reason appears in Anselmian realism when trying to identify certain concepts called universals, with the essence of reality.

THE HOLY EMPRESS PULCHERIA IN LIGHT OF RECENT RESEARCH is the scientific research presented by Prof. Ph.D. Gheorghe F. ANGHELESCU. This research paper presents that Empress Pulcheria of Byzantium played a remarkable role in the Christological controversies of the 4th and 5th centuries.

SAINT LAZAROS OF MOUNT GALESION – HEAVENLY MAN OR EARTHLY ANGEL is the final article of the volume presented by Ph.D. Rodica Elena SOARE (GHEORGHIU). Saint Lazaros, as a monk, ascetic stylite, confessor, and founder of monasteries, is an emblematic saint of the eleventh century, his life written and lived describing in detail all these struggles and human dilemmas.

The scientific content presented in the current issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* distinguishes the opportunity of examining altogether truth-claims found in Theology, Philosophy, and Science, as well as the methods laid out by every discipline and the meanings derived from them. This is the aim and also the scientific task of IFIASA International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science.

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