



## Preface

The 4-th issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* (May 2019) presents scientific and theoretical articles on various aspects, all of them centred on the area of Philosophy, Theology, and Science.

Thus, first paper: *THE PREMISES OF A PUBLIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION* by Prof. Ph.D. Florea ȘTEFAN explore the dialogue between science and religion. From the very beginning, the man was fascinated by everything that surrounds him, asking questions, looking for answers and explanations. The next work is *AN UNIVERSAL BASIS FOR RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY* and it belongs to Prof. Ph.D. Michael E. BYRNE. The article discusses a new theory — that the dimensions of space and time are accompanied by a non-dimensional expanse, primordial void or zero-dimension. After that, the paper entitled: *THE FREE WILL DEFENSE REVISITED: THE INSTRUMENTAL VALUE OF SIGNIFICANT FREE WILL*, written by Frederick CHOO, Esther GOH presents the logical problem of evil by appealing to the intrinsic value of significant free will, formulated of Alvin Plantinga. A second study, by Alexander KOKOBILI, presented the issue: *AN APPROACH TO JOHN WITTE ON THE REFORMATION OF RIGHTS AND RELIGION*. This study focuses on the insight of Professor John Witte Jr., (b. 1959) in relation to human rights and religion. The paper of Helena FISHER, intitules *IS IT COHERENT TO CONCEIVE OF GOD AS A FREE, PERSONAL AGENT THAT HUMANITY CAN FREELY INTERACT WITH?* explores if the relationship between God and humanity is one of free inter-personal relations. The concept of person implies freedom of nature; the person is free from any determination.

Marin BUGIULESCU signs the subsequent article: *ONTOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS. BEING AND PERSON - GOD AND MAN*. In this paper, the central idea of Christian thinking has always been the man seen as a religious, rational, free and conscious being. Man representing openness to Being (*Dasein*), to Absolute. The following academic pursue is that of Ramona Nicoleta ARIEȘAN, entitled: *BETWEEN PHILOSOPHY AND REALITY*. In this actual article, the author purpose to show the general importance of the fundamental knowledge about humanity, about what makes us human beings, about how reality interconnects with our dreams and desires. *PUBLIC SPHERE AS 'ULTIMUM REFUGIUM' THE PHILOSOPHICAL, POLITICAL AND ETHICAL THEORY OF HANNAH ARENDT* is the article presented by Spiros MAKRIS. Authors explore and analyze the vision of Hannah Arendt's ontological, political and ethical theory about refugee as a conscious pariah. Hannah Arendt's philosophical thought on homeless and stateless people is by definition the "locus classicus" of contemporary 'Refugee Studies'. *MYSTICAL UNION IN JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND ISLAM* is the final article of issue presented by Alexandru-Corneliu ARION. The author presents the so-often discussed problem of the core of religions, of what seems to link them rather than to separate them.

The nowadays and scientific content presented in the issue No. 4 of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* distinguishes the opportunity to examine the 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 both the aim and the scientific mission of our International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science.

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