



Preface

The 7-th issue of *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* (IJTPS, November 2020) presents scientific and theoretical articles on various aspects, all of them centred on the area of philosophy, theology, and science.

The debut article: *GENESIS AND BLACK HOLE UNIVERSE: THE SECOND DAY*, Prof. PhD. Tianxi ZHANG scrutinizes in-depth the biblical cosmology, that is apparently neither consistent with objections linked to the universe nor able to be fully addressed, described, and understood by the standard Big-Bang cosmological model. In Paper-I (published in IJTPS no. 6/2020), the author has fully addressed the first day of Genesis according to the black hole universe model. In this paper (as Paper-II), he will further interpret the second day of Genesis. The next work is called: *THE RADICALIZATION PROGRAM OF PHENOMENOLOGY OF JEAN-LUC MARION* and it belongs to PhD. Piotr KARPIŃSKI. After that, the paper entitled: *THEOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN DIALOGUE. SIGNPOSTS AND PERSPECTIVES*, written by Prof. PhD. Ion Marian CROITORU presents a contemporary theological understanding of scientific dialog of science and religion. One can note that science tends to turn man into a master of the external and material, yet at the cost of turning him, on the level of his inner and spiritual life, into a slave of instincts, altered by sin. The next study, by Prof. Ian Anthony B. DAVATOS, presents the issue: *GOD, SCIENCE, AND METHODOLOGICAL NATURALISM*. The author questions a commonly assumed principle in science known as methodological naturalism, which is the idea that science should only accept natural, as opposed to supernatural explanations. *THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA & THE STOIC SOLUTION* is the article presented by Elizabeth (Liz) FRISSELL. This study is an actual interpretation of Stoic Theory, discussing the problem of social media influencers pose towards the mental health of Generation Z and presents a brief history of the ancient school of philosophy known as Stoicism.

PASCAL ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTAINING HAPPINESS is the issue presented by João Almeida LOUREIRO. The idea of the scientific paper is delineating the manner through which, according to Pascal, we access the world – and here is already the presupposition thesis that it is effectively at least one way to access the world as it is in itself. *THE ANAGOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURAL SYMBOLS IN CORPUS DIONYSIACUM* is a paper signed by Assist. Ph.D. Ionuț CHIRCALAN. Corpus Dionysiacum is well-known mostly for the philosophical terminology of Neoplatonic origin, for its borrowings from Proclus on the vision about evil and, for the unique way of presenting the spiritual and material universe, as an ontological downward spiral in triadic steps. *THE ACTUALITY OF DEISM. AN ANALYSIS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ORTHODOX ESCHATOLOGICAL THEOLOGY*, the last article of our Journal, presented by Ph.D. Mădălin-Ștefan PETRE, tries to explain the problem intended to be tackled, claiming its importance precisely in the thematic antinomy of this approach, conferred by the paradox of analysing the present through the future. However, we consider that it is much more truthful to carry out an investigation of the present state of humanity from the perspective of its ultimate, meta-historical purpose.

The academic content presented in the *International Journal of Theology, Philosophy and Science* (November 2020) offers the opportunity to examine the special relation of human ideas with the corresponding scientific theories.

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