

*Editorial*

**ASIAN HERMENEUTICS**

The Season of Annunciation  
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, its culmination  
And the Season of Manifestation  
The Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
Give Christians the Asian horizon  
For a faithful, free and fruitful interpretation  
Of the divine communication  
Through deep contemplation  
And in communion  
With the cosmic, the human and the divine.

The Mystery of Incarnation  
Indeed, the peak event of interpretation  
The moment of great revelation  
Extends Asian hermeneutics its orientation.  
The Word assuming its creation  
The Divine becoming human  
Making it a visible, tangible and credible version  
Of the creating, liberating and transforming vision  
Stored in the divine saving mission  
Unfolding the Story of the divine compassion  
Upholding the History of creation and redemption  
Towards the fulfilment of the divine mission  
In bringing home eternal salvation.

The Mystery of Incarnation  
 Recounts the story of salvation  
 Held in the history of interpretation.  
 The truly divine, yet fully human  
 The invisible, yet the visible  
 The first, yet the last  
 The best, yet the least  
 The highest, yet the lowest  
 The fastest, yet the slowest  
 The farthest, yet the innermost  
 The master, yet the servant  
 The triumphant, yet the lost  
 The glorified, yet the crucified  
 Tell the process of interpretation  
 The progress of communication.

The celebration of the Mystery of the Incarnation  
 Makes live interpretation  
 Its mystery of incarnation  
 Its contemplation  
 Its communication  
 Its communion  
 Basic hermeneutics of Asian horizon  
 It's an invitation  
 To render face  
 To give voice  
 To the eternal Voice  
 The Logos:  
 The Creator, Redeemer and Transformer.  
 It's a chance  
 To show the path  
 To lead people to the truth  
 To fill life with faith  
 Through the Emmanuel – God-with-us.

The process of hermeneutics  
Recounts indeed kenosis  
The story of the babe Jesus  
The mystery of the cross  
On ground pitching our tents  
Living with the grassroots  
Taking part in the struggles  
Undergoing moments of loneliness  
Always as loyal servants  
Proclaiming the Good News:  
Do not be afraid, the Lord is with us.

The progress of theology  
Seeks harmony  
Through the Mystery  
Coupled with folly and glory  
Narrates the love story  
In human history.  
Marked by material poverty  
Filled with cultural plurality  
Reigned by religious beauty:  
This too a mystery  
A lived story  
And Asian history.

This issue of *Asian Horizons*  
Invites us to engage in Asian Hermeneutics.  
Articles all take us to wider horizons  
To enter into deeper dialogue and Christian decisions  
In interpreting the Scripture, cultures,  
Religions, social situations  
In manifesting the glory of God in Christ Jesus  
And establishing peace, joy, and harmony in the universe.

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