# EXPLORING THOUGHTS AND BELIEF SYSTEMS:
## Advancement and Anticipation

Philosophical thoughts and religious beliefs have always been intertwined throughout human history, shaping our understanding of existence, value systems and prospects. As we embark on the golden jubilee celebrations of the *Journal of Dharma* (1975-2025), here is a call to reexamine the relationship between these two domains of life, to instil the *mantra* of *Dharma* in both our individual lives and the broader public sphere.

In the coming years, we may witness a surge in interdisciplinary studies that bring together philosophy, theology, psychology, and other fields to explore profound queries concerning human consciousness, morality and spirituality. Concurrently, as technological progress continues its relentless march and societies embrace an increasingly 'secular orientation', there may arise a renewed fascination with existential and spiritual inquiries.

Indeed, the relationship between philosophical thought and religious belief has transformed throughout history. This evolution and its future trajectory are intrinsically shaped by the ever-shifting dynamics of societies, cultures and individual belief systems. As we gaze into the future, we glimpse the potential for enhancing dialogue, solidarity and increased collaboration between these two domains of philosophy and religion, contributing to the cultivation of a more pluralistic and harmonious global landscape.

**Vol. 49.1 January-March 2024: Cult, Code and Creed in the Context of Myth, Mysticism and Prophecy**

Cult, code, and creed are terms that indicate the organizational, doctrinal, and faith aspects of religions and belief systems, while myth, mysticism and prophecy delve into narrative, experiential, and revelatory aspects of various religious traditions. These elements collectively serve to convey profound meanings, offer guidance along spiritual paths, and ensure the continuity of sacred wisdom and traditions across generations.

**Vol. 49.2 April-June 2024: *Vasudhaiva Kuṭumbakam*: State, Religion and Politics**

*Vasudhaiva Kuṭuṁbakam*: 'All-inclusive perception' of looking at 'world as one family'. A worldview that transcends all forms of borders and boundaries by promoting the idea that the entire humanity is interconnected and should be treated as a single global family. States should work together as members of a global family to promote peace, prosperity, and the well-being of all people. Religion has to promote the idea that despite differences in religious practices and traditions, all people share a common humanity and should live harmoniously, free from religious discrimination or persecution. The well-being of all (*Sarvodaya*) should be the motivating force of all political parties.

**Vol. 49.3 July-September 2024: Survival of the Fittest in Soft Computing: Genetic Algorithm, AI & Best Fit Models**

We are looking at the world from recent scientific and philosophic developments. The future of human thought and consciousness in the context of artificial intelligence (AI) and genetic algorithms is a complex and multifaceted topic. It mimics the natural selection process, where the most well-adapted individuals or solutions have a higher chance of persisting and contributing to improved outcomes. This concept plays a crucial role in the development of efficient and effective algorithms and models in fields like machine learning, optimization and AI.

**Vol. 49.4 October-December 2024: The Glorious Legacy of DHARMA**

During this Golden Jubilee Year, we express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to our cause, both in the past and in the present. We hold in high regard the dedicated service of our contributors and well-wishers who have played a vital role in championing the values of Dharma. We firmly believe that the legacy of Dharma is not only enduring but also profoundly influential, leaving an indelible mark on the moral, ethical, and spiritual realms of societies and individuals across the globe.