

Editorial

This issue of the journal publishes some of the papers presented at the 1997 session of the Association of Christian Philosophers of India (ACPI), held in Varanasi in October.

The journal has been hosting the ACPI articles for a few years now. Earlier sessions took up philosophical anthropology, contemporary social challenges and political philosophies. This issue is devoted to an area of research that engages numerous scholars and centres of learning around the world, and has an undeniable impact on public and private life - philosophy of religion.

The papers presented at the Varanasi conference of the ACPI are too many to be published in this one issue; hence we offer the readers a selection, covering a gamut of issues that interest most teachers and students of the philosophy of religion. Here is a bird's eye view of the contents.

Vincent Furtado tackles a practical application - how a right philosophy of religion can help in solving inter-religious conflicts. Joseph Mathew looks at the issues raised by the philosophy of language, and how these affect theology and religious discourse. Kurian Kachappilly presents the vigorous contribution of process philosophy, while Dominic Vas takes up a familiar, but ever relevant question: proofs for the existence of God. In the article by Lawrence Pius we have an appreciation of the mature Radhakrishnan's position. George Panthamackel's piece takes a critical look at the debate on the problem of evil, as seen by Plantinga and Hick. Joe Mannath invites us to look discerningly at the wide range of views psychologists hold when they speak of religion.

Quite a rich and diverse fare, as you can see. May you take up the implied invitation to evolve your own philosophy of religion - an essential and central part of everyone's philosophy of life.

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