

Preface

The scientific aim of *Icon of Faith* is primordially focused on coalescing scholars and theologians in a researching academic place we raised, with the help of our authors, to very high standards. Our effort and scientific results gave rise to the Conference and Journal as well, all that being accessible for reading to international level. The committee of authors present in the issue *Number 6, Year III (2017)* of *Icoana Credinței. International Journal of Interdisciplinary Scientific Research* proposes and offers various articles, concentrated on the relationship between Man and Cosmos from Science and Religion perspectives.

Thus, 1-st section: **THEOLOGY STUDIES** starts with the paper of Prof. PhD. **Petros Vassiliadis**, entitled: “*Saint Paul: Apostle of freedom in Christ*”. According to him, Saint Paul is the first great Christian theologian who really wrestled at length and to good effect with a variety of theological and moral issues. The second paper, “*The man created in God’s image - the spiritual axis of the world. Saint Gregory of Nyssa’s Theology*” is signed by Fr. Prof. PhD. **Florea Ștefan**. In this article it is analyzed the central idea of Saint Gregory, i.e. image of God in human nature, which means participation, communion, yet without supposing a transfer of substance to man from the divinity.

The study of Fr. PhD. **Marin Bugiulescu** called: “*Man and Cosmos from the Christian Theology perspective*” is consecrated to finding the theological reflection or pattern of thinking on the relationship between man and the universe. Ultimately, both world and man are in reality a gift of the divine Love. The next paper belongs to Fr. PhD. **Alexandru-Corneliu Arion** and brings new clues in understanding “*The origin of the world from science and religion perspectives*”. *The arguments of Orthodox Theology proof that the quantum universe was created ‘out of nothing’ and that it’s kept in existence only by God’s relationship with creation through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.* For **Mihai Sebastian Stoian**, modern cosmologists are based on the laws governing the world that are valid all over the universe, as it is affirmed in his “*Man – the light of the universe*”. This first section ends with the paper of Fr. PhD. **Florin Vârlan** and bears the title: “*Aspects of our Savior’s activity as a Teacher*”. This article highlights the theological doctrine about the prophetic activity of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The 2-nd section: **EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND RELIGION STUDIES** includes firstly the paper of PhD. **Encarnación Ruiz Callejon**: “*The relationship between man and Cosmos: the contribution of Isaac Israeli*”, whose subject is an essential understanding of the philosophical concept of Jewish Isaac Israeli to the medieval reflection on the relationship between man and cosmos. The following issue, unfolded by Fr. PhD. **Gustaf Hans Gunnar af Hallstrom** is “*What can modern theologians learn from Origen’s School in Caesarea?*” He demonstrates the superiority of Christian educational process, a fact confirmed also through the analytic program of theological School. Next article belongs to PhD. **Ion Marian Croitoru**, in which he exposes the issue: “*Saint Basil of Poiana Mărului. Biographic milestones*”. The paper presents the personality of Saint Basil of Poiana Mărului, who was the spiritual Father of Saint Paisius Velichkovsky, both of them playing an important part for the hesychastic movement in the Romanian Countries Wallachia and Moldavia. The following paper bears the signature of PhD. **Paul Scarlat**, and is dedicated to neurosciences; the analysis is concentrated on the influences of work of mind for spiritual fulfillment. The section ends with PhD. **Traian-Alexandru Miu**’ paper: “*Secularization - the promoter of ‘new type of man’*”. The author defined the hypermodern man as one pertaining with transience, and who no longer enjoys the Christian precepts of life.

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