

Preface

The 2017 No. 5, Year III, of *“Icoana Credinței. International Journal of Interdisciplinary Scientific Research”* offers varied and interesting articles, according to the well-established structure of the Journal.

Thus, **1-st section: THEOLOGY STUDIES** starts with the paper by Prof. PhD. **Spyridon K. Tsitsigkos**, which is entitled: *“Approach of Absolute being. Philosophical, theological and psychological viewpoint”*. In his study the author makes a rigorous analysis on the interactions between philosophical, theological and psychological approach of “Absolute being” from the side of a pure thinking man. The second paper, *“John Chrysostom’s Catechesis on Baptism in context of the late Fourth-century Mystagogies”* is signed by Prof. PhD. **Pablo Argarate**. This study is focusing on John Chrysostom’s Baptismal Homilies, underlining few aspects like: their timely framework, their connection with other similar texts and the general structure of the preparation for the Christian Initiation. Thereafter, Fr. PhD. **Florea Ștefan** is pondering on *“Man - icon of divine beauty”*.

The study of Rev. PhD. **Alexandru-Corneliu Arion**, called: *“The Hindu view on facts (Karman) as reflected in Gītā and Upanishads and their role in Christianity”* emphasises the meaning of the Hindu law of universal causality that binds man and cosmos, and condemns the former to an indefinite transmigration. However, between the Christian teaching on facts and the Hindu philosophy of the act is an insurmountable distance that comes to differentiate these two religions at this level as well. This first section ends with the paper written by PhD. **Mihai Sebastian Stoian** and bears the title: *“Priesthood and ecclesiology”*.

The 2-nd section: EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND RELIGION STUDIES includes firstly the paper by Fr. PhD. **Marin Bugiulescu**, *“Religious Education for the young: a stability factor in the contemporary society”*, whose subject is the essential understanding of the Education as one of the principal activities supposing, in a general manner, the process of caring for good training of man. The following issue, evolved by Fr. Prof. PhD. **Leontin Popescu** is *“Healing the body between medical practice and Christian moral theology”*. The author emphasises that the medical world has nowadays become an interesting place of interdisciplinarity, a place in which natural, humanist, and religious sciences, with their corresponding personalities, come together, in order to help the suffering one.

No wonder, Rev. PhD. **Florea Ștefan** muses on the issue of *“Man’s responsibility. Decency or libertinism?”*. He presents this vast theme by putting forward a personal evaluation, emphasising the role of man’s responsibility. The vision revolves around the idea that man has been created “in God’s image” in order to attain Divine likeness. The paper of PhD. **Paul Scarlat**, *“The idea of Santa Claus in terms of Cognitive Sciences. Cultural persistence and interference with the Christian Religion”* presents the notion of Santa Claus from the perspective of Cognitive Sciences and examines the idea of the mysterious individual, bringing clarification to the role of his existence in society. After that, PhD. **Traian-Alexandru Miu** brings new clues in understanding *“The Multiculturalism and the spiritual identity of Europe”*. This section ends with PhD. **Edwin El-Mahassni**’s paper, *“Kuhnian Correspondences in Contemporary Doctrinal Development Literature”*. The author’s aim is to disclose few key aspects of Kuhn’s work intersect with some of the contemporary theories in the development of Christian doctrine.