



## Editorial

The Editorial Board is pleased to present this issue. This number brings to a focus the Christian-scientific perspective's engagement with key issues in present-day society; the interaction between worldview, culture, ethnicity, and different religious commitments; as well as subject-specific considerations in regard to ethical decision-making. Three of the articles appear as the final installments of a series by the respective authors.

The issue commences with B.J. van der Walt's excellent article which continues on his research on the philosophical underpinnings of the "value-driven" directive popularly adopted by institutions. Taking the christian-philosophical perspective as starting point, this article sets out to determine the proper place, character, and authority of values. He draws from a variety of viewpoints from key figures in reformational philosophy and explains their interpretation of values in terms of, *inter alia*, their respective contexts and responses to western philosophy. The application of these illuminating insights delivers an alternate proposal which allows the accommodation of diverse perspectives within institutions such as the North-West University.

P. Simons' article investigates the interrelation of technicism and economism in terms of their relationship to utilitarianism. The prevalence of the utilitarian approach in western culture lends a great deal of significance to his exploration of alternatives that are grounded in reformational philosophy. Williams' third article on secularism argues that the Holy Spirit is foundational to a community characterised by the division and relationality required to combat the causes of secularism in society.

The clashing of worldviews within specific ethnic, religious, and cultural contexts provides the subject matter for three articles. P.O. Abioje examines the socio-political influence of critical prophecy in contemporary Africa by comparing the biblical, African and Islamic worldviews. The role of worldview-transformation in the development and educational transformation of the Lamba, a Zambian community, is the focal point of an article by J. Compion, J.L. van der Walt, H.J. Steyn, and C.C. Wolhuter. J. Hexham inquires into the

role of religion in the USA and the implications it holds for the relationship between Christianity and politics.

G.M. Steyn's article about the creation of intentionally inviting schools by means of professional development can be read in conjunction with another article of her that appeared in *Koers*. M. Swanepoel's article about ethical decision-making in forensic psychology is a valuable contribution to an area that has not yet been the object of extensive research. The article's analysis of the relationship between ethical and subject-specific considerations, as well as the reflective perspective it provides, can be expected to spark a great deal of discussion.

Finally, the issue contains a number of reviews.

Readers are invited to submit response articles for publication.

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