

NOTES AND NEWS

Forthcoming Special Issues

Topic: Theistic Philosophy in Hinduism and Buddhism
Date: October 1999
Advisory Editor: Paul J. Griffiths
Submission Deadline: January 1, 1999

In spite of the renaissance in philosophy of religion since the 1970s, relatively little attention has yet been paid by philosophers writing English to the rich traditions of thought about God found in Hinduism and Buddhism. Christian philosophers should find these traditions of thought of considerable interest since they contain understandings of God, arguments about God's nature, and arguments for and against God's existence, that were elaborated quite independently of the sacred texts and philosophical traditions of the Abrahamic religions. The purpose of this issue is to explore contributions to philosophical discussion of God made by particular Hindu or Buddhist thinkers or schools. Papers from Christian philosophers assessing such contributions from a Christian viewpoint are welcome, as are papers from non-Christians, whether critical or supportive of the materials treated. In either case, the focus should be upon the philosophical issues raised by the materials treated.

Topic: Kant's Philosophy of Religion
Date: October 2000
Advisory Editor: Philip L. Quinn
Submission Deadline: January 1, 2000

This special issue is intended to contribute to the ongoing project of assessing Kant's controversial legacy to philosophy of religion. It includes his criticism of the arguments of traditional natural theology, his attempt to justify moral faith in God, freedom and immortality, and his efforts to reconstruct various distinctively Christian doctrines, such as original sin and atonement within the limits of reason. Submissions for the special issue could explicate and critically examine one or more of these parts of the Kantian legacy. They could compare Kant's philosophy of religion with the philosophical theology of his illustrious predecessors (e.g., Leibniz) or the religious thought of his distinguished successors (e.g., Hegel or Kierkegaard). Or they could discuss the significance of Kant's work for philosophy of religion today.

Topic: "Wittgensteinianism and Religion"
Date: October 2001
Advisory Editor: D. Z. Phillips
Deadline for submission: January 1, 2001

Philosophy of religion in the twentieth century has been significantly influenced by the work of Ludwig Wittgenstein. The journal will devote a

special issue to this topic on the fiftieth anniversary of his death. Papers are invited on the impact of Wittgenstein and Wittgensteinianism on philosophy of religion, theology and religious studies, on the relation of Wittgensteinianism to other movements in the philosophy of religion, or on specific topics in the Wittgensteinian tradition.

Topic: God and Freedom

Date: October 2002

Advisory Editor: John Martin Fischer

Deadline for Submission: January 1, 2002

The cluster of topics pertaining to God and freedom has been of great interest to philosophers throughout the history of philosophy, as well as currently. Papers for this issue of the journal could explore historical treatments of the issues; alternatively, they could take an ahistorical, analytic approach. Perhaps the most salient question is whether God's omniscience is compatible with human freedom. Authors could explore different conceptions of God's knowledge, including temporal and atemporal conceptions, and conceptions on which God is said to have beliefs and those on which God is not construed as having beliefs. If God is thought to have beliefs, how are these belief-states similar to (and different from) human belief-states? Also, papers could investigate more and less "robust" views about the range of God's knowledge of future events. Similarly, submissions might consider different conceptions of human freedom and how they relate to God's omniscience; for example, some philosophers have argued that whereas God's fore-knowledge rules out human freedom in the sense that involves alternative possibilities, it does not rule out a different sort of freedom (that does not involve alternative possibilities). In addition to these topics, submissions could address other related questions, including, "Does God have freedom (and in what sense)?" and "What is the relation between God's freedom and human freedom? (Are they similar or different? Is human freedom rooted in God's freedom and, if so, how? Does God's freedom limit human freedom? And so on.)"

Calls for Papers

Religious Pluralism

Date: March 11-13, 1999

Place: University of Utah, Salt Lake City

Submission Deadline: December 1, 1998

We welcome papers on pluralism or any other topic of interest to philosophers of religion. Papers should be approximately 3,000 words long (about 20 minutes reading time). Two copies suitable for blind review should be submitted, along with a one-page abstract including the author's name and

affiliation. Conference participants need not be members of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

For more information contact Peter C. Appleby, Department of Philosophy, 260 Central Campus Drive, Room 341, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-1107, Phone: 801-581-7302, Fax: 585-5192, Email: P.APPLEBY@m.cc.utah.edu.

SCP Midwest Regional Meeting

Date: March 25-27, 1999

Place: Marquette University

Submission Deadline: January 15, 1999

We invite papers on any topic of interest to Christian philosophers. Please send copies suitable for blind review to Susanne Foster, Department of Philosophy, Marquette University, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53211-1881. Acceptance notice will be given by February 5, 1999.

Invited speakers include William Wainwright (UW Milwaukee) and Philip Quinn (University of Notre Dame).

SCP Pacific Regional Meeting

Date: April 8-10, 1999

Place: George Fox University

Submission Deadline: January 3, 1999

Plenary speakers are Brian Leftow, Paul Moser, and William Lane Craig.

Papers on any topic of interest to Christian philosophers are welcome. Conference participation and presentation by those who are not members of the Society are strongly encouraged.

This year, there will be two types of concurrent sessions, "general" and "specific." Papers or 150-300 word abstracts for both types must be submitted in duplicate for blind review. Papers submitted for the general concurrent sessions should be approximately 3,000 words long (about 20 minutes reading time).

Papers submitted for the two specific concurrent sessions come from the chapters of two books of essays in progress; the authors and others are invited to use this time for constructive critique of those chapters. One book is on the hiddenness of God; the other is on God and time.

Send papers and abstracts by January 3, 1999 (postmark) to Daniel Howard-Snyder, Dept. of Philosophy, Seattle Pacific University, 3307 Third Ave. West, Seattle, WA 98119; or, by e-mail, to danhs@spu.edu. Phone: (206) 281-2038.

Announcements

Faith and Philosophy Prize

Faith and Philosophy is pleased to announce that Sarah Nemeth is the recipient of the Faith and Philosophy Prize for 1998. The prize is awarded annually to the most outstanding senior at Charles Grandison Finney High School in Buffalo, New York. The prize was conceived and continues to be graciously sponsored by Dr. Peter H. Hare, Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Buffalo.

Fellowships

Center for Philosophy of Religion Fellowships for 1999-2000

The Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame announces five fellowships for the 1999-2000 academic year. Our Postdoctoral Fellowships (two available) provide a stipend of \$35,000 (teaching one course each semester; otherwise \$30,000) and are offered to those whose tenure at the Center would allow them to grow and make progress in philosophy of religion and theistic philosophy, subsequently disseminating and expanding such work through their own teaching and writing. A Distinguished Scholar Fellowship (one available) will offer a stipend of \$45,000 (teaching one course each semester; otherwise, \$40,000) and is intended to provide time for reflection and writing for those whose work is in the forefront of current research in the philosophy of religion or in Christian philosophy. An Extraordinary Fellowship (one available) awards a \$35,000 stipend to a scholar who might not qualify for the fellowships described above, but who would benefit from a year at the Center—for example, foreign scholars or those outside the field of philosophy (e.g., theologians who want to enrich their understanding of philosophy of religion and theistic philosophy, humanists from other fields who could benefit by a deeper grasp of the sort of philosophy practiced at the Center, and scholars interested in a theistic approach to psychology, sociology, economics and other subjects.) Finally, a Visiting Graduate Fellowship (one available) provides a \$15,000 stipend to a philosophy graduate student at another institution who is working on a dissertation in philosophy of religion or Christian philosophy and who would profit from spending a year at the Center.

Postdoctoral Fellows and Distinguished Scholar Fellows will ordinarily have opportunity to teach one class each semester. All Fellows will have access to many of the University's facilities (e.g., library and gymnasium), to the activities of the Philosophy Department (some seven of whom take philosophy of religion as their primary area of interest) and to the special activities of the Center (e.g., its weekly colloquia). Those with sabbatical support are welcome to apply. Applicants should see

that the Center receives each of the following:

- (1) A complete curriculum vitae (or transcript, for the visiting graduate student applicants), which should include a list of publications and names of three people you will ask to send letters of recommendation on your behalf.
- (2) Three letters of recommendation.
- (3) A statement of no more than three pages (double-spaced) describing the Fellowship for which you are applying and the project on which you would like to work while at the Center.
- (4) One published or unpublished paper.

All material should be sent to: Alvin Plantinga, Director, Center for Philosophy of Religion, 330 Decio Hall, P.O. Box 1068, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

The deadline for Extraordinary Fellowship and Distinguished Scholar Fellowship applications for 1999-2000 is December 1, 1998; for all other Fellowships, April 1, 1999. E-mail: cprelig.1@nd.edu Web site: <http://www.nd.edu/~cprelig/CPR.html>

Editor Search

We are seeking a new Editor of *Faith and Philosophy* to begin a five-year term on July 1, 2000. The Editor reads, evaluates and sends out for review 100-120 manuscripts per year. Manuscripts accepted for publication, usually after revision, are sent to the Managing Editor, who handles production.

The Editor, who must be a member of the Society of Christian Philosophers, needs modest institutional support. Past editors have had a reduction in teaching of one course per year, support from a secretary or student assistant of ten hours per week, an office, and a \$500 per year supplement to the departmental budget for supplies and mailing expenses. Applicants should have some reasonable hope of institutional support before applying.

To apply, please submit a current CV, two letters of recommendation that speak to your administrative skill and ability to work with others, and a letter saying why you are applying. In your letter, please include answers to the following questions: What do you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of the journal now? How would you address the weaknesses? In five years as Editor, how would you hope to have contributed to the journal? What is your vision of the right way to integrate Christian faith into your professional work?

The deadline for applications is January 1, 1999. Send applications and inquiries to: Lynne R. Baker, Department of Philosophy, 352 Bartless Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-0525.