

NOTES AND NEWS

Forthcoming Special Issues

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 foreknowledge 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

Cultivating Citizens: Soulcraft and Citizenship in Contemporary America

Date: October 28-30, 1999

Place: Baylor University

Submission Deadline: June 30, 1999

The nation's material state has arguably never been better, but many observers express deep concern for the vitality of democratic life in America. Some point to complex pathologies that afflict important segments of society. Others note that disaffection and even cynicism pervade the electorate at large. Still others contend that a public-spirited concern for the common good is on the wane. In response to such troubling observations, calls for revitalizing our sense of citizenship and those conditions that nurture it have become increasingly frequent. Some argue, however, that revitalizing citizenship is not possible within the parameters of America's prevailing public philosophy—political liberalism. Others insist that only by drawing from the deep wells of our liberal tradition can we hope to reinvigorate democracy. We therefore invite individual paper proposals, as well as joint panel proposals, from scholars in every relevant discipline, and especially in American studies, history, humanities, law, philosophy, political science, sociology, and religion, who share our interest in and concern for the current state of America's civic culture and public life. Keynote speakers include Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago, author of *Democracy on Trial* and Michael Sandel, Harvard University, author of *Democracy's Discontent*.

Individual proposals should not exceed two pages and should include a title and a concise abstract that explains how the paper will contribute to the theme of the symposium. Each applicant must also submit a current curriculum vitae. Panel proposals should be organized

around no more than three presentations and two discussants and should include a one-page description of the panel and a vitae of each discussant. For further information see <http://www.baylor.edu/~IFL/events.htm> or contact Michael_Beaty@baylor.edu; Dwight_Allman@baylor.edu. Please send submissions to: Cultivating Citizens, Baylor University, PO Box 97270, Waco, TX 76798-7270.