

In This Issue

The articles (and reviews) selected for this issue reflect a diversity of scholarly interests and are indicative of the current vitality in the study of religion. The issue begins with three articles that are philosophical in nature. The first is the convocation address delivered by Paul Ricoeur at McGill University on 16 June 1992. In it, Ricoeur uses a discussion of the fragility of the environment, of human biology, of the world economy and of democratic political institutions to forge a more intimate link between responsibility and the fragile. This is followed by Richard Topping's critical examination of Bernard Lonergan's transcendental foundation, and David Galston's analysis of the relevance of Michel Foucault's archaeology for contemporary theology. In the fourth article, Hilary Cunningham conducts a bibliographic survey of anthropological studies of religious phenomenon. She concludes by encouraging more studies to use a "practice-based" analysis of religion, an approach that acknowledges the dynamic, rather than declining, influence of religion in contemporary culture. This is followed by David Seljak, whose article focuses on a more specific, local phenomenon. He compares the nationalism and religious thinking of Quebec priest and theologian, Jacques Grand'Maison to the well-known nationalist cleric, Lionel Groulx. The final article, by Edith Humphrey, examines the use of vision as a rhetorical device in the New Testament. She develops three case studies to demonstrate how the rhetoric of Luke and Paul was enhanced by recourse to visionary experience.

We again feature the innovative *Computer-Assisted Research in Religion Forum*, a section designed to provide (relatively) non-technical computer information to scholars and students working in the area of religion and related disciplines. An article by Michael Strangelove, along with Richard Hayes' comparative review of several new guides to the "Internet," will aid those already using e-mail to unravel further some of its mysterious secrets. Todd Blayone continues his coverage of bibliographic database packages, and Robert MacKenzie introduces two Macintosh-based Bible concordance programs.

Finally, as this is my final issue as editor, I wish to express my appreciation to those who have participated as members of the Editorial Committee during the past three years. Without their constant, and enthusiastic, support the revitalization of *ARC* would never have been successfully achieved.

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