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NOTES AND NEWS

I. Forthcoming Special Issues

Topic: Virtues and Virtue Theories from a Christian Perspective

Date: October 1998

Advisory Editor: Linda Zagzebski

Deadline for submission: January 1, 1998

Virtue theory has a long and important history in Christian philosophy and theories of this kind are lately attracting a lot of attention in Anglo-American ethics. Papers for this issue of the journal could draw on the historical tradition of Christian virtue theory, or they could apply a Christian viewpoint to recent work on virtue ethics outside the Christian tradition. Papers which concentrate on particular virtues, especially those which are distinctively Christian, are also welcome. The virtues discussed need not be limited to moral virtues, but may include religious virtues, intellectual virtues, or other excellences pertinent to Christian faith or practice.

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.

IV. Fellowships

Center for Philosophy of Religion Fellowships for 1997-98

The Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame announces four (possibly five) fellowships for the 1997-98 academic year. Our Postdoctoral Fellowships (two available) provide a stipend of \$30,000 (teaching one course each semester; otherwise \$25,000) 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 \$35,000 (teaching one course each semester; otherwise \$30,000) 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 \$30,000 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 an \$11,000 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 gradu-

ate 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 (typed and 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 Planting, Director
Center for Philosophy of Religion
330 Decio Hall, P. O. Box 1068
Notre Dame, IN 46556.

E-mail questions to cprelig.1@nd.edu.

The deadline for Extraordinary Fellowship and Distinguished Scholar Fellowship applications for 1998-99 is December 1, 1997; for all other Fellowships, April 1, 1998.

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