



FROM THE EDITOR

The article Science in the Midst of the Religious Temple was published in the Renmin Ribao on the 10th of December, 1983, we found many points which could be discussed. We have, therefore, invited three leading scholars to write articles as a response to it.

Our discussion begins with the article Technology and Science by Dr. Shen Qingsong, a professor of philosophy at Taiwan National Cheng Chi University. Professor Shen gives an analysis of the interaction between religion and science according to their implicit and explicit relations. He also indicates how modern men can remove anxiety by making explicit their internalized and transcendent faith and thus see the future more clearly.

Jan Van de Veken, a professor of philosophy at Louvain University, Belgium, offers us a penetrating insight into the Possibility for a New Dialogue between Faith and Science. He considers that the recent development of science has already reached beyond radical positivism into the realm of meaning and spiritual values. Contemporary theologies, on the other hand, have favoured a dynamic and evolutionistic worldview.

The article Remake the Image of Scientists is written by Mgr. Li Zhen, now an administrator and philosophy professor at Taiwan Fujen Catholic University. In the conclusion of his article, he has made four very constructive suggestions: (1) Scientists should not forget that they also are human, and they must affirm their own needs and recognize their limitations; (2) Science's future development must of necessity be open, i.e., it should not be closed in upon itself for its own self-glorification; (3) Modern scientists should give more thought to the relationship between science, morality and religion, as well as between their own work and mission, then moral principles and religious faith; (4) Scientists should affirm the value of human life, respect for human nature, and must fight for their own freedom.

In August of 1979, Hans Kung paid a visit to the 'Beijing Institute of Social Science,' China. Nine Theses on Religion and Science was the

talk delivered by Kung to the members of that institute. It is now translated into Chinese; the original English text can be found in China Notes, Spring, 1980.

Following the investigation of The Meaning of Patriotism: A Biblical Perspective (Tripod, No. 20), Father Mark Fang, the Biblical scholar, continues the discussion on Today's Chinese Christians and Patriotism. The article was originally a talk delivered in an open forum organized by the Association of Religious Men and Women in Hong Kong. Father Peter Barry, research associate of the Holy Spirit Centre, has translated it into English. Readers may find the original Chinese text in Kung Kao Po, 15 July, 1984.

Bishop Patrick D'Souza of Varanasi, India, is the author of the article Christian Understanding of Other Religions (Part II), the first part of which has published in the last issue of TRIPOD. Bishop D'Souza singles out the Indian Advaitic experience as offering theologians a rich area for dialogue. He sees salvation and religious faith as universal, and as part of the common human experience, with Jesus as the unique moderator of all religious experiences.

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