

Editorial

This special issue of *Zygon* has grown out of two activities: the twentieth anniversary celebration of the Center for Advanced Study in Religion and Science (CASIRAS) and of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, and the tradition of the *Zygon* editorial office to produce a cumulative index of the journal every five years.

The twentieth anniversary of CASIRAS (including its predecessor, the Center for Advanced Study in Theology and the Sciences—CASTS) and *Zygon* was celebrated on the afternoon and evening of 10 January 1986 at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The celebration was organized by Philip Hefner, professor of systematic theology and director of graduate studies at the Lutheran School.

The celebration consisted of two sessions. The first was chaired by Donald Szantho Harrington, president of CASIRAS and minister emeritus of the Community Church in New York City. In that session Ralph Wendell Burhoe, Malcolm R. Sutherland, Jr., and George A. Riggan shared their personal reflections and analyses of the founding, original vision, and some of the early history of CASTS-CASIRAS and *Zygon*. Then Karl E. Peters spoke concerning his understanding of the general objectives of the journal and some current questions that he believed should be faced by members of the CASIRAS-*Zygon* community. (Each speaker whose remarks are being published in this anniversary issue is identified in an author's note accompanying his article.)

After a banquet at the Quadrangle Club of the University of Chicago, the evening session, chaired by Hefner and Solomon H. Katz, professor of anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, carried forward the discussion of current questions and future prospects for work in science and religion. Remarks were made by James Gustafson, university professor at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, Don Browning, and William E. Leshner. After each session there was discussion by the audience.

With only minor editing, what is published here is a transcript of much of these proceedings. The papers are important personal remembrances and reflections by some of those most involved in CASIRAS and *Zygon*. They reveal significant aspects of the histories of these enterprises and offer some thoughtful analyses of current issues and future prospects.

The twenty-year cumulative index carries on an editorial tradition established under the editorship of Burhoe. Three previous indexes prepared by Edwin P. Abaya, when he was assistant editor of the journal, appeared in December 1970, March 1976, and December 1980.

When it was time for the current assistant editor, Carol D. Peters, to expand the previous fifteen-year index into the twenty-year index, it became clear that the number of pages would be sufficient for the index to be published separately from one of the quarterly issues. It also was determined that an independent index would be more useful for subscribers and that libraries might wish to catalogue it in their reference sections instead of with the journal.

Finally, it was decided not only to expand the previous cumulative author and title indexes but to create separate indexes of books reviewed and com-

mentaries on articles, and to add an entirely new table of contents index. This last index allows readers to see what companion articles are available along with a particular article in which they are interested. It also allows them to see what theme issues have been published (theme titles that have been supplied only for this index are in brackets). Some single issue order forms are printed at the back of the index to help readers obtain particular issues in which they are interested.

Together with the presentations from the twentieth anniversary celebration of CASIRAS and *Zygon*, the twenty-year cumulative indexes should be a valuable resource for obtaining an overview of what has happened in this unique multidisciplinary enterprise of exploring ways of uniting values and knowledge, goodness and truth, and religion and science, in order to overcome human fragmentation and alienation and to help develop valid and effective guidance for enhancing human life.

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