

An Eventful Decade: Review and Outlook

Editorial

This issue marks a decade for *The Xavier Zubiri Review*. It has been an eventful decade in many ways, with much progress for Zubiri studies and a steadily growing awareness of Zubiri's thought. Since the first issue of the *Review* was published in 1998, containing papers from the Zubiri colloquium at the XX World Congress of Philosophy, more than fifty papers have been published here. These papers, in Spanish and a growing number in English, have covered a wide variety of topics from mathematics, causality, science, theology, political theory, education, and peace studies, all related in some important way to Zubiri's thought. Articles have come from Zubiri scholars in North America, Central America, South America, Europe, and Asia. Of course, many more papers have been published in other venues. There has been one international Zubiri conference in Central America (2005), and another "Zubiri en Hispano-america" in Madrid in 2004. Another international Zubiri conference is scheduled for Chile in 2010 (see p. 163).

In this 10th anniversary issue there are papers on a wide variety of subjects. Two papers deal with causality and personal causality in Zubiri. The paper by Jesús Sáez-Cruz is the first part of a two-part monograph on the subject; the second part will appear in the next issue of the *Review*. Other papers deal with Zubiri's early writings, the hermeneutics of religion, Ignacio Ellacuría's life and thought, and an interesting application of Zubiri's notion of projection in the realm of psychology. We trust that readers will find these papers useful and rewarding. Contributions of papers for publication in the next issue of *The Xavier Zubiri Review* are always welcome.

A very fruitful collaboration has developed among the Metanexus Institute, based in Philadelphia, the Fundación Xavier Zubiri in Madrid, and the Xavier Zubiri Foundation of North America. This collaboration resulted from the hard work of Dr. Eric Weislogel of the Metanexus Institute, and Antonio Gonzalez and his staff at the Fundación Xavier Zubiri. As a Metanexus Local Society in Madrid, the Fundación brought together those interested in the science-religion dialog, and undertook related projects, one of which won an award from Metanexus in 2007. Other activities include a special session on Zubiri at the annual Metanexus International Conference on Science and Religion held in Madrid in 2008, and has also involved papers that discuss Zubiri's philosophy at every annual Metanexus conference since 2005. This has contributed in important ways to making Zubiri known in the intellectual community, especially in many areas where his thought is most original and most relevant. We have also developed a relationship with the network of Redemptoris Mater seminaries founded by the Via Neocatecumenal, thanks to the work of Fr. Javier Sotil-Baylos, a great Zubiri scholar and theologian.

This decade also saw the publication of four translations of Zubiri's works into English: *Sentient Intelligence* (1999), translated by Thomas Fowler; *Dynamic Structure of Reality* (2003), translated by Nelson Orringer; *Man and*

God (2009), translated by Joaquin Redondo, Nelson Orringer, and Thomas Fowler, and *Fundamental Problems of Western Metaphysics* (2009), translated by Joaquin Redondo and Thomas Fowler. These last two translations were made possible by a generous grant from the Spanish Ministry of Culture, which was arranged in part by the Fundación Xavier Zubiri in Madrid. At the time of his death in 2009, Joaquin Redondo had drafted a translation of *Christianity* and begun a translation of *Space, Matter, and Time*. It is our hope to be able to revise and publish these translations in the next decade. Our Foundation also published a new version of Rafael Lazcano's wonderful and comprehensive Zubiri bibliography, *Repertorio bibliográfico de Xavier Zubiri* (2006), which is a fundamental work for all who study Zubiri's thought. In collaboration with the Fundación Xavier Zubiri in Madrid, we have worked with the staff at St. Paul University in Montreal to produce an edition of their journal, *Theoforum*, dedicated to Zubiri's theology. This edition is due to be published in 2010.

The two main web sites devoted to Zubiri, www.zubiri.org, operated by our Foundation, and www.zubiri.net, operated by the Fundación in Madrid, continue to expand and receive many hits per day, and to provide much valuable Zubiri-related material, announcements, and contact information. While serious philosophy is not amenable to much of the infantile and millisecond attention span applications currently saturating the web, it does benefit greatly from the worldwide communication that the web enables.

In the next decade we hope to continue all of the foregoing work: translations, conferences, web presence, Metanexus collaboration, and collaboration with other journals. Naturally, we anticipate that collaboration with the Fundación Xavier Zubiri in Madrid will continue, as will collaboration with other centers of Zubiri study around the world. Ideally we would like to establish a program of Zubiri studies in a university in the United States or elsewhere in the English-speaking world. We look forward to collaboration with Zubiri scholars from all over the world in the next decade, and hope to advance Zubiri studies and increase worldwide familiarity with Zubiri's thought..

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