

## Zubiri As A Source of Continuing Inspiration

### *Editorial*

This issue covers a wide variety of topics, and shows that there is continuing interest in Zubiri and that his philosophy remains a fruitful source of inspiration to investigators in many fields. Theology remains a subject of great interest, with three articles devoted to it here. Zubiri's theological reflections are very profound and as such serve as a deep well for those working in that area. The articles by Rafał Niziński, the first that we have published from Poland, look at Zubiri and pantheism, and Zubiri as a mystic. Zubiri's wife Carmen said in her biography that St. Teresa of Avila was Zubiri's "great friend," so this subject is naturally of considerable interest. The article on systematic theology looks at what needs to be done to create a comprehensive theology based on Zubiri's philosophy and theological writings, especially the theology trilogy (*El hombre y Dios*, *El problema filosofico de la historia de las religions*, and *El problema teologal del hombre: Cristianismo*).

Metaphysics is important, as always, with two articles of great importance, that of Armando Savignano on phenomenology and the real in Zubiri; and the masterful article by Diego Gracia on the important question of specter or reality that is not truly real, such as "virtual reality". He distinguishes four meanings of "specter" in Zubiri's work. This subject will become more important in the future as "virtual reality" is developed, along with artificial intelligence and other technology-based ways to impersonate reality. We plan to devote the next issue of *The Xavier Zubiri Review* to the broad question of interaction of Zubiri's philosophy with modern science and technology, and how it allows us to understand such things as virtual reality, virtual particles in physics, and limitations to robots and artificial intelligence in ways superior to that of other philosophies (see the *Call for Papers* on page 141 for further information).

Finally there are two articles dealing with questions in the realm of sociopolitical theory. Romero Cuevas' article discusses a central argument in El-lacuria's work and its connection with self-reflection. The article on Will to Truth and Will to Power expounds Zubiri's understanding of this critical aspect of human reality, and shows how it can be used to reveal the critical errors in modern philosophical (or pseudo-philosophical) systems such as Post-Modernism.

In this issue we also have reviews of new books by Armando Savignano and Diego Gracia, both of which are important contributions to Zubiri scholarship, and well worth reading, as well as reviews of other new books.

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