

From the Editor

Dear Readers of Vaiharai, Shalom. This issue of Vaiharai carries two articles of a contextual nature and two articles related to the Spirit in tune with the year of the Holy Spirit.

The article "Current Trends in Indian Biblical Studies" by Dr.P.A. Sampath Kumar (NBCLC; P.B. 8426; Bangalore 560 084) takes us on a tour of the varied Indian interpretations of the Bible starting from the 16th c., up to our own times and points out the need for an integrated christian reading which takes into account the rich heritage of Indian religious and cultural traditions and the sociopolitical and economic realities of our country.

In the following article "The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ in the Theological Vision of Bede Griffiths", Dr. S. Devaraj (St. Paul's Seminary, PB 36; Tiruchi 620 001) examines the writings of Bede Griffiths and shows the growth in the theological thinking of Bede. From the early writings in which Bede the missionaer exposed the uniqueness of Christ through the theology of fulfilment there is a change to a new vision of Christ through the theory of complementarity in which the mystic in Bede comes out sharply.

The following article "The Spirit and Spiritual Direction" by Fr.Rex A.Pai, S.J. (Berchamans Hall; Loyola Collegel; Chennai 600 034) brings out the irreplaceable role of the Holy Spirit in spiritual guidance especially in the key areas of prayer, discernment, healing, etc. Both the guide and the guided need to grow to greater maturity in the life of faith, hope and loving solidarity which is actually the life of the Spirit.

Lastly, Dr. Francis Xavier S.J. (Loyola College, Chennai 600 034) in his article titled "Matter-Energy-Spirit" presents the role of the Spirit in the gradual unfolding of the entire universe from matter into energy. living beings and humans. From the Alpha point to the Omega point it is the Spirit that brings about harmony, cohesion and convergence in the bursting out of matter in to consciousness.

The editorial team wishes the readers a satisfying experience in the perusal of this issue's articles. Shalom.

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