

RELIGION: BETWEEN ORTHODOXY AND HERESY

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## A WORD FROM THE EDITORS

Writing about religion has never been easy. First of all because issues concerning religion, especially its role in human life and culture, go far beyond purely academic discussion. After all, people's attitude to religion determines their entire life. Moreover, if the religious view of the world is true, this attitude determines not only our temporal, earthly life, but also our eternity.

It is particularly difficult to write about religion today. Not only because of the new and unique situation affecting large swaths of the world due to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which we all have heard in every context imaginable. At least as important a cause of these difficulties is the crisis of culture of the early twenty-first century. Drawing on very different sources, this culture is searching for ideas and rules of conduct to replace Christian truths and norms, which for several centuries have been considered (at least in our part of the world) universal and unchangeable.

Such a situation presents a challenge for both philosophers and cultural scholars. That is why we have decided to address in this issue of the *Annals* a variety of topics related to religion. The articles collected here are written by authors from Ukraine and Poland. They address not only issues related to the presence of religion in these countries, but also much broader and more universal problems. The issues presented here refer both to the past and to the present situation of religion. Additionally, some of the texts make it possible to formulate judgments about the future.

The title of this issue, "Religion: Between Orthodoxy and Heresy," promises a lot. You will see for yourself whether these promises have been fulfilled. We invite you to read on.

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