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In This Beginning

The Indian Journal of Theology is a pioneering venture. For years a journal like this one has been needed. We are happy that at last this hope is being realised. Its success will depend on the co-operation and the support of the Christian people of India and South-east Asia.

The Journal is not under the continuing patronage of any organisation or institution. To that extent it is independent. But since it is a Christian Journal, designed to serve the Christian cause in India and in her neighbouring countries, it will always feel itself under the authority of the Christian point of view.

It is the purpose of the Journal to be a medium for the expression of the best theological thought in the countries of South-east Asia, and particularly of India. It is also our hope that it will stimulate theological thinking in the Church. It will attempt to encourage every effort to re-accent and to re-interpret Christian theology in the light of the needs and problems of the indigenous cultures and national heritages of these countries.

The Journal will seek to avoid duplicating the purposes of any of the existing church periodicals in India. It will endeavour to meet the needs of ministers and pastors in the rural as well as in the urban areas. It will try to bring the best theological thinking in these lands to the doorstep of the ministers. It will also seek to guide the intelligent layman in the Church by focussing sound theological thinking on the practical issues that confront him in his life in the work-a-day world.

We hope also that this Journal will serve as a link between the East and the West in the matter of theological enquiry and thinking. To this end we shall from time to time invite articles from scholars in the West.

In addition to major articles we plan to present reviews of significant books both from the East and the West. We solicit the co-operation of the publishers to help us secure the books.

We recognise that we have set ourselves high standards. We are conscious that we may fall far short of our goals. Yet we hope in this simple beginning to present a quality of thinking and a maturity of insight that will guarantee us a measure of success as we press forward to our high calling to be Christians in the present world society.



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