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Our world has been experiencing significant changes in every field of knowledge. The highly sophisticated communication's media have promoted great impacts, particularly regarding access to up-to-date and relevant information.

The need for a constant improvement is undeniable, and the scientific media, in particular, cannot be outdated.

Because of that, we are pleased to present in this number of INTERAÇÕES not only a range of relevant articles and communications for the area of Religious Studies and Theology, but also, aligned with the need to be up to date, we are happy to communicate that from this number and on we are assuming the publication model called Ahead of print. This system comprises publishing articles as soon as they have been evaluated and approved by the reviewers, without the need to await all the articles of an issue to be approved, and only then launch a new edition.

The online publishing model has long been a reality with advantages that, most times, are not replicable in the printed media. Thus, the innovative possibility of publishing articles continuously without the need to await the full composition of the issues is a legacy of the printed journals model no longer makes sense.

The *ahead of print* model provides interoperability, agility in the circulation of research, as well as the condition that it reflects more closely the moment in which it was written, with less risk of its content becoming outdated.

The submission and evaluation process will remain the same, as well as the publication frequency of two issues per year. The difference lies in the manner in which the

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articles are made accessible to the readers. Until now, the articles were released only at the conclusion of the edition, which in our case is biannual, and thus they may lose their relevance because of the timing of the information. In the *ahead of print* model, there is no such necessity. As soon as the article has been approved for publication, it is immediately published.

To meet this goal, some adjustments were made.

The first of them is that we no longer use a sequential pagination for the same volume and number. So, each paper, communication or book review will always be numbered starting on page one.

The second change is that in this model, papers will be identified by their *e-location ID* or *e-ID*, a code of numbers preceded by the letter “e” (for electronic, as well as e-mail) to identify them.

The *e-location ID* in INTERAÇÕES, is used in the following format: e + numeral identifying the volume + numeral identifying the number + letter identifying the session in which the file is published¹ (presentation, editorial, dossier, free theme, debates and communications, review or nomination) + sequential number (which corresponds to the order of publication in the session). For example, the editorial of this issue has the *e-location ID*: e181e01, which corresponds to the editorial published in streaming of volume 18, issue 01. This presentation, for example, has the following *e-location ID* e181a01.

Another change is that the DOI will incorporate the *e-location ID*. In the editorial’s example mentioned above, it will be: 10.5752/P.1983-2478.2023v18n1e181e01. Thus, the citations of articles will have a minor change: “author’s name, article title, journal name, volume, issue number, *e-location ID* and year”.

These actions will not interfere in any way with the processes of the manuscript submission, nor even the usual academic quality and rigor of INTERAÇÕES. On the contrary, they will give it more agility and actuality.

One further difference that can be noted in the *ahead of print* is that the *Presentation’s* issue will only be published at the end of each edition, addressing what has been published.

In this edition of INTERAÇÕES, we dedicated it to free theme, and we were pleased to publish the following articles.

The edition was opened with an editorial called: *RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND STUDY*

¹ The letters follow the Portuguese abbreviation of the session.

OF RELIGION in which Flávio Senra, the managing editor of the journal, reflects upon the disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity of the science of religion, its multiple designations and its development in Brazil, focusing on the uncomfortable controversy, and still necessary discussion, about what the author names “mini-Babel of overlapping nomenclatures and meanings” of our discipline. The Editorial discusses the problems about (in)definitions that it is up to our academic community to reflect upon, in particular about the “academic and scientifically grounded knowledge about religion, religions, wisdom traditions, spiritualities and knowledge regimes”.

Next, we have the article by Thiago Antonio Avellar de Aquino, entitled *NOTES ON THE MEDICAL SOUL HEALING IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF VIKTOR FRANKL*, in which the author intends to clarify the conceptual and practical aspects of spiritual care in the perspective of medical practice according to Viktor Frankl’s thought. The author highlights “the anthropological conception and the dynamics of the human spirit in its aspects of self-transcendence and self-distancing” To achieve this goal, he proceeds with “an analysis of both the main concepts addressed in the medical anthropology of Viktor Frankl and his casuistries was carried out”.

In the second paper, *PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE: approach by the health professional*, Monalisa Claudia Maria da Silva and Alexander Moreira-Almeida, review the evidence of the psychological impacts of near-death experiences (NDE) and how they are received and approached by health professionals.

Emile Santos de Almeida, Karine David Andrade Santos and Joilson Pereira da Silva, in the third article of our edition make a study entitled, *BURNOUT SYNDROME AND MEANING OF LIFE IN TEACHERS: a correlational study*. This study investigated the correlation between “burnout syndrome in public school teachers in the Greater Aracaju and cities in the interior of Bahia” and the matter of the meaning of life for those people.

In the fourth paper, titled *THEOLOGY AND BIOETHICS IN RELATION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE*, Itamar Marques da Silva and Waldir Souza reflect on Bioethics. With the question: “What do Theology and Bioethics have in common in promoting Social Justice?” they try to identify the theological understandings and the relationship between Theology and Bioethics in relation to Social Justice, especially in Brazil.

A PSYCHOANALYST ON A VISIT TO THE SHACK: frommian considerations on the notion of mystical experience in the oeuvre of Willian P. Young is the title of the fifth article, in which Denis Cotta presents the “concept of existential resignification through the mystical experience from a Frommian psychoanalytic analysis” of some of his works of fiction.

The sixth article, *SYNCHRONY IN MISMATCH: the self-writing in Etty Hillesum as a mystic experience for times of crisis*, by Lucas Cordeiro Santos and Ceci Maria Costa Baptista Mariani, “aims to highlight the relationship between mental health and spirituality from the self-writing of Etty Hillesum.” This paper promotes the study of writing in the author’s diaries, evidencing the characteristics of the spirituality developed by Etty Hillesum, a spirituality that countered the human discomfiture that surrounded her.

The author Gustavo Augusto da Silva, in the seventh article entitled *REFLEXIONS ABOUT HUMAN NATURE AND VISIO DEI IN AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO*, develops an investigative reflection on the concept of human nature in the work of Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD). The work presents the possibility of the knowledge of God through the material world, in the construction of his cosmogony influenced by Neoplatonism, especially by Plotinus.

THE MYTHICAL-RITUAL DEVISE OF NEOSHAMANISM: a proposal of a demartinian analysis is the title of the eighth article, written by Ana Rosa Clochet da Silva and Jéssica Martins Alves. The co-authors reflect on the operationality of understanding the neoxamanist practices, based on the theoretical tools of Ernesto de Martino, an exponent of the Italian school of History of Religions, based on two of his concepts the “crisis of presence” and the “protected regime”.

The ninth article *VIOLENCE, ACCORDING TO RENÉ GIRARD, IN THE REPORTS OF CAIN AND ABEL, SACRIFICE OF ISAAC AND JOSÉ FROM EGYPT* was written by Ellton Luis Sbardella. The paper presents the Girardian reading of the biblical texts from the book of Genesis which deal with the register of the founding murder (Cain and Abel), with the track of human sacrifices (Sacrifice of Isaac) and with the stages of the mimetic cycle of violence: persecution and death-expulsion of the victim (Joseph of Egypt).

The tenth article *A PASTORAL CARE IN THE UNIVERSITY: history, mission, challenges and scenarios*, by Rosinei Costa Papi Dei Agnoli, presents research that highlights the historical course of pastoral action with youth in the singular and plural context of the university and the mission of the Pastoral Care at the University. The study allows us to know the processes of change over time, the advances and reversals in history and the guidelines of pastoral care actions in a specific and challenging environment.

Closing the edition, in the Debates and Communications session, the following academic papers are brought: *BASIC NOTIONS OF MARIÀ CORBÍ’S THEORETICAL AXIOLOGICAL EPISTEMOLOGICAL DISCIPLINE AND THE DECONSTRUCTION OF MYTHICAL EPISTEMOLOGY AS AN EXPRESSION OF SUBALTERNITY* by Milene Costa;

THE SOURCES OF HILESIAN MYSTICAL LANGUAGE by Tiago Batista Fontes; *THE LIGHT MAN AND RELIGION À LA CARTE* by Fabiano Veliq and *INTRODUCTORY NOTIONS ON CHAKRAS IN HINDUISM* by Luciana Cangussu Prates.

The editorial team of INTERAÇÕES wishes to all readers that the reflections proposed here will lead to good reflections, debates, and the advancement of academic work in the Religious Studies and Theology area. Enjoy your reading!