

Editorial Observations

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This issue features three articles and a book review. These articles represent an interesting range of stimulating topics including an update on ancient spiritual thought as well as some current international issues.

Leading this issue is Todd Johanson's thoughtful article *Charity as Virtue in Non-Christians: A Positive Assessment in Light of Augustine, Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, and the Catholic Church's Inclusivism*. He argues that the Christian writings of Augustine, Aquinas, and Erasmus can be interpreted today as incisive to give the modern church a strong bases for extending the reach of charity as virtue to all faith traditions. He believes interfaith dialog can be a useful tool good tool for progress in this.

Jack Kem's article *Establishing the Rule of Law in Afghanistan: Developing a Just Society*, brings us to the current reality of the US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and the difficulties this nation has in establishing the rule-of-law in a transitional society. He argues that the focus should be on the specific institutions that provide a measure of trust and confidence. Without institutions such as the legislature to enact laws, a police system to enforce laws, a functioning corrections system, and an independent judiciary to interpret the laws and to provide redress of grievances the people of the country fail to gain a sense of justice and fairness in the governing systems.

Anupam Ghosh and Chhanda Chakraborti introduce us to nearly fifty years of research on corporate social responsibility (CSR) in their article *Beyond Corporate Social Responsibility: Ethics in Action*. They take us through many theoretical frameworks, finally arriving at the *sustainable development* model in their search for tools to address ethical and environmental issues.

This issue ends with the Book Marks section of the journal. Oscar Sordo reviews Beyond Chutzpah: On the Misuse of Anti-Semitism and the Abuse of History by Norman G. Finkelstein. Finkelstein has the audacity to reproach Israel's ethical role in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.