

Call for Papers

Truth in/of Religion

In our time, for good reasons, religions seem to avoid truth as a theme. At first glance, speaking of "truth" in relation to a religion seems to imply the falsity of all the other ones, and that could bring violence as a consequence. This problem concerns especially the question of dogmas.

On the one hand, religions seem to have found fundamental points of agreement and overlapping about ethical and spiritual themes; on the other hand, a dogma largely eludes a critical discussion. Inevitably, the propensity to play down the truth claim of doctrinal statements gives the impression that a specific dogma has no (longer) importance for religious life. However, this result is unsatisfactory and it brings back to the necessity of disagreement.

The debate seems to miss a focus on the development of a specific status of religious truth (if there is one): its model, in fact, originates from scientific, philosophical or historical truth... 2 + 2 is 4, not 5; if God is one and three, it is not only one, and so on.

But what is the grammar of religious truth? Is there any place for interpretation in the field of dogmatic statements?

Is it possible to think that religious truth suspends all the consequences of falseness? Namely, is it possible that one religion is the only true one, while the other ones are not false? Is it possible that by its nature a religious truth is always a kind of anacoluthon?

Is religious truth conceivable regardless of love? Is it necessary to think that, relating to a religion, truth excludes untruth, or what is less true? And how could it not do it? And how could it do it, if charity is such an universal and inclusive force? But is it really so?

How could Good not exclude Evil? Precisely: how could Good not exclude evil in the form of a (more or less serious) mistake?

Even though it is embarrassing to admit it, we are not likely to easily free ourselves from the question de vera religione.

The proposed contribution (abstracts of max 1000 words with title and bibliography, with the designation "Project 'Truth in/of Religion'" (in the subject line) must be sent to editorial staff at info@filosofiaeteologia.it

Deadlines

- by June 15, 2016: sending the project
- June 30, 2016: reply on the acceptance or not of the project
- by October 30, 2016: sending the article that will undergo *double blind review*.
- by November 30, 2016: definitive answer about the acceptance or otherwise of the article and any requests for review.
- by December 31, 2016: sending the final version of the article.

Contributions – in one of following languages: Italian, English, French, German - should follow the guidelines laid down by 'Filosofia e Teologia' published on the website www.filosofiaeteologia.it and must not exceed 20000 characters spaces and notes included.