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THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF BRAHMABANDHAB UPADHYAY

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ABSTRACT

After a brief presentation of Brahmabandhab Upadhyay's life and theological writings, the article goes on to talk about his theological method, noting that he anticipated by several decades the discussion concerning pre-understanding and indigenization now occupying the efforts of theologians. It then moves on to Upadhyay's theological contributions, especially his use of Vedantic categories such as *sat-cit-ananda* for talking about the Trinity. It ends by showing how his theological legacy was carried further by some theologians in India, and how Upadhyay continues to stand out for his pioneering work in the area of cross-culturalism and interreligious discourse.

THE PERSONALIST CHRISTIAN VISION OF EMMANUEL MOUNIER

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ABSTRACT

This article elaborates the Christian vision of Emmanuel Mounier as spelt out in his last book, *Personalism*. Mounier's personalism is actually a Christian vision of life. Freedom lies at the core of the human person, and reveals our call to love and to communicate. In Christ, God has revealed his love for human beings. It is therefore our vocation to love as we have been loved. The true Christian vision involves action that leads to a total, complete, disinterested gift of ourselves to the other.

APPRECIATING MYSTERY
Marcel's Concrete Approaches to Being

Felix Fernandes

ABSTRACT

Gabriel Marcel claims that modern man suffers from a terrible dis-ease, the loss of the ontological sense. Technological man prefers *Having* over *Being*. Marcel goes on to make a significant distinction between Primary reflection and Secondary reflection, corresponding to the realms of problem and mystery. Being belongs to the realm of mystery. Mystery cannot be approached directly by conceptual means, but rather through concrete approaches such as love, fidelity, faith and hope. To acknowledge mystery is to acknowledge that something of abiding and eternal value is to be found in the ordinary conditions of life.

BENEDICT XVI ON THE CHRISTIAN VISION OF LIFE

Ashley Miranda

ABSTRACT

The article presents pope Benedict XVI's Christian vision of life, his response to those who accuse Christianity of robbing life of joy. God's love, which gives human life new meaning and purpose, is not only *agape* but also *eros*, and here *eros* is restored to its true grandeur. In their efforts to love, human beings often fall short, and so love must go hand in hand with hope. It is finally the duty of the state to work towards a just society; but the vocation to give personal care to each human being is something that no bureaucracy can replace.