



Redaksioneel

Die redaksie bied graag die tweede uitgawe van 2010 aan.

In hierdie uitgawe dek die artikels 'n wye spektrum onderwerpe. Soos altyd, val die klem telkens op 'n geïntegreerde lewensbeskoulike begroning wat nuwe insigte oor verskeie relevante (vak)filosofiese, morele en etiese kwessies bied.

Daar is 'n sterk behoefte aan die teoreties-filosofiese beoordeling van die hedendaagse popularisering van waardes as rigtinggewend vir instellings, terwyl klem ook gelê moet word op die praktiese implikasies van so 'n waarde-gedrewenheid. B.J. van der Walt ondersoek die aard en outoriteit van waardes vanuit 'n reformatoriese perspektief. Die aktualiteit van hierdie bydrae word verhoog deur die konkretisering daarvan in 'n gevallestudie van 'n waardegedrewe hoër onderwysinstelling. J.L. van der Walt fokus vanuit 'n ander hoek op institusionele identiteit en die probleem van religie in/en onderwys. Hy argumenteer dat die strategieë van onderwysbeleidmakers wêreldwyd tekortsiet in die bereiking van 'n ekwilibrium op die universeel-partikuliere kontinuum. Sy alternatiewe voorstel waarin individuele skole se institusionele identiteit sentraal staan, lewer 'n belangrike bydrae tot die groter debat. Albei hierdie artikels se argumente verdien verdere gesprek en diskussie-artikels hieroor word verwelkom.

'n Verskeidenheid verhoudings beïnvloed identiteitsvorming. H.B. Grobler werk vanuit 'n gestalt-teoretiese perspektief om die rol wat vaders en seuns se verhouding met God het, op hulle manlike identiteitsvorming aan te toon. Informatiseringsprosesse speel ook 'n sterk rol in die ontwikkeling van ons mensbeeld, argumenteer C.S. de Beer. Teen die agtergrond van drie spesifieke ontwikkelings in ons mensbeeld, wys hy op die post-humane figuur wat ontstaan. Hy toon aan hoe 'n herdink van hierdie mensbeeld ryker moontlikhede kan open in die hantering van krisisse in kontemporêre samelewings.

Die onlangse voedselskandale in Suid-Afrika roep 'n aantal etiese vrae op. M. van der Merwe en K. Venter se bestudering van verbruikersperspektiewe op etiese voedsel etikettering dui 'n leemte in navorsing oor voedsel etikettering aan. In Suid-Afrika is die ontwik-

keling van onervare, voorheen-benadeelde individue uiters belangrik. S. Schulze ondersoek hoe mentoring navorsingselfwerkzaamheid kan bevorder en formuleer op grond hiervan drie ondersteunende beginsels.

D.F.M. Strauss belig 'n insiggewende, maar verwaarloosde faset van D.F. Malherbe se nalatenskap, naamlik sy siening van die selfstandigheid en afhanklikheid van kuns en estetika. Strauss wys op Malherbe se analise van basiese estetiese beginsels soos dit die koherensie tussen die estetiese en nonestetiese aspekte van die werklikheid reflekteer.

Ten slotte verskyn daar ook verskeie resensies van onlangs gepubliseerde boeke.

Verskeie *Koers*-lesers het laat weet dat hulle die nuwe voorkoms van die tydskrif aantreklik vind. Dit is maar een van die ontwikkelings wat die redaksie vir *Koers* beplan. Voortaan kan lesers ook uitsien na 'n gereelde redakteursbrief, asook 'n nuusgedeelte. Daar is 'n splinternuwe *Koers*-webblad waar artikels voorgelê kan word en kommentaar op artikels geplaas kan word (www.koers.co.za).

Ook die *Koers*-vereniging is besig om van krag tot krag te gaan met nuwe inisiatiewe sowel as nuwe lede (veral jonger lede en geesgenote uit Afrika) wat by die Vereniging aansluit. Een van die besluite wat deur die Vereniging geneem is en ons tydskrif direk raak, is om *Koers* se gesitueerdheid in Suid-Afrika en Afrika te beklemtoon, terwyl ons steeds internasionaal relevant bly. Daar is ook besluit om ter viering van *Koers* se 75-jarige bestaan, voortaan jaarliks 'n konferensie aan te bied. Die tema van 2011 se konferensie is "Worldview and Education". Hierdie internasionale konferensie vind plaas op 30 Mei tot 2 Junie 2011 te Potchefstroom. Loer gerus na ons webblad vir meer inligting hieroor: www.koers.co.za

Ons hoor graag wat lesers van hierdie ontwikkelings dink en sien ook uit na opvolgartikels wat die debatte wat in *Koers* gevoer word, verder neem.

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Editorial

It is with great pleasure that the Editorial Committee presents the second edition of 2010.

The articles in this edition cover a wide range of topics. As always, emphasis is placed on an integrated lifeview foundation that offers new insights into relevant philosophical, moral and ethical issues in the variety of disciplines.

There is a strong need for a theoretical-philosophical evaluation of the contemporary popularisation of values in order to give guidance to institutions. At the same time, it is necessary to accentuate the practical implications of such a value-driven approach. B.J. van der Walt investigates the nature and authority of values from a reformational perspective. The pertinence of this contribution is enhanced by concretising the study in the form of a case study of a value-driven institution of higher education. Writing from a different point of departure, J.L. van der Walt focuses on institutional identity and the problem of religion in/and education. He argues that the strategy of education policy makers the world over fails to achieve equilibrium on the universality-particularity continuum. The alternative strategy he recommends awards a place of centrality to schools' individual identity and provides a significant contribution to the larger debate. The arguments set forth in both of these articles warrant further discussion and response articles are welcomed.

A variety of relationships influence identity formation. H.B. Grobler works from a gestalt-theoretical perspective to shed light on fathers' and sons' relationship with God, and the role this relationship plays in the formation of their male identities. As indicated by C.S. de Beer, information processes also contribute significantly to the development of our view of mankind. He describes the emergence of the post-humane figure against the background of three specific shifts in our anthropological view. A rethinking of this anthropological view, it is argued, can open up richer possibilities in dealing with crises in contemporary societies.

The recent food scandals in South Africa bring a number of ethical questions to the fore. The study of consumer perspectives on ethical food labelling by M. van der Merwe and K. Venter addresses a gap

in existing research on food labelling. In South Africa, it is very important to promote the development of inexperienced, previously disadvantaged individuals. S. Schulze investigates how mentoring can promote research productivity and formulates three principles of support based on this study.

D.F.M. Strauss illuminates an insightful, though neglected, facet of D.F. Malherbe's legacy, namely his view of the independence and dependence of art and aesthetics. Strauss discusses Malherbe's analysis of basic aesthetic principles as they reflect the coherence between the aesthetic and non-aesthetic aspects of reality.

Last but not least, this edition also features a number of reviews of recently published books.

Many *Koers* readers have expressed admiration for the journal's new appearance. This is but one of the developments that the Editorial Committee has planned. In future, readers can also look forward to regular editorial letters, as well as a news section. There is a brand-new *Koers* website where articles can be submitted and comments can be made on previously published articles (www.koers.co.za).

The *Koers* Association is also going from strength to strength with new initiatives and new members (especially younger members and affiliates from Africa) who have joined the Association. One of the decisions made by the Association which has direct impact on the journal is to emphasise *Koers*' locality in South Africa and Africa, while remaining relevant on an international level. It was also decided to host an annual conference in honour of *Koers*' 75-year existence. The theme of the 2011 conference is "Worldview & Education". This international conference will take place from 30 May to 2 June in Potchefstroom. Have a look at our website for more information about the conference: www.koers.co.za

We are eager to hear readers' opinions about these new developments and look forward to response articles to extend the debates initiated in *Koers*.

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