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Notes from the Coasts of Gaza or Peace Wanted

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A Proposal for Understanding Imago Dei as Process of Sanctification

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Abstract:	This study attempts to interpret the idea of human beings created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27) from a cultic perspective. In order to guide the direction of the interpretation, the first two sections define general presuppositions and delineations. The third section argues the thesis of this study that, when applied to humans, imago Dei constitutes the process of sanctification with a twofold purpose - to have fellowship with God and to reflect his glory. The last section offers three remarkable applications of the proposed thesis for Christian lifestyle and a modern society.
Keywords:	Imago Dei - Old Testament - holiness - sanctification - imitatio Dei.

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Balancing Evidence about Jehu and Joash in Ancient Near East Texts: Critical Reassessment

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Abstract:	Kings of Israel Jehu and Joash, both ruling in the second half of the 9th century BCE, represent possibly descendants of the influential Omride dynasty. This inference, which is not advocated by ?nan), lies in two recognitions. Firstly, that appellation DUMU tnhu-u-ri-i (i.e. son/descendant of Omri) documented in Assyrian sources relates by bloodline to Jehu is not just gentile or an error of scribes. Secondly, that the ambiguous double patronymic in 2 Kings 9 verses 2 and 14 and 14:8 connects these kings to one another (grandfather-grandson) and Jehu in the same way to Nimshi (???? ????????? ????????) who was sibling of Ahab and, therefore, son of Omri. These aspects had been creatively reworked by Deuteronomistic redactors in semi-historical and highly theological accounts of righteous Jehu who was executor of Divine will on the House of Ahab (!) and whose linkage to Omri is traceable only by the way of scrutinized literary, historical and theological analyses.
Keywords:	Kingdom of Israel - Assyrians - double patronymie - House of Ahab - House of Omri.
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Reception of the 'Promised Land' in the Pauline Letters

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Abstract:	The concept of the 'promised land' is one of the most prominent concepts in the Old Testament. This study investigates whether this concept is present in the New Testament? namely in the Pauline "homologoumena." If so, is the concept used in the original, territorial and national sense (Brueggemann), or is it fully eschatologized and spiritualized (Davies, Burge)? In the first chapter, we depict the meaning of ?? in the Pauline letters because it represents the promise of land in the Old Testament. However, no occurrence of ?? (out of the 6) in the Pauline letters refers to the promise of land in the territorial or national sense. In the second chapter, we depict the promises to Abraham' (? ?????????? ?? ??????) since the promise of land is firmly bound to Abraham in the Old Testament. The word ?????????? occurs 23 times in the Pauline "homologoumena." Davies, Brueggemann and Burge agree that the 'promises to Abraham' in the Pauline letters may refer, among other promises, also to the 'promise of land'. However, all the cited scholars treat the word ?????????? the same way, regardless of the difference in the context. We suggest, that in the present study, we provide a more detailed and complex analysis of particular occurrences. Special attention is paid to Romans 4,13, which joins both 'land' and 'promise terminology'. This study confirms that in the majority of cases the promise of land in the Pauline letters is spiritualized and eschatologized. However, the analysis of Romans 4,13

	reveals that the complete spiritual and eschatological dimension of the promise of land in the Pauline letters is not defensible. In contrast to Davies and Purge, we argue that the Apostle Paul did not abandon the original dimension of the promise of land to the heirs of Abraham completely.
Keywords:	Promised land - Pauline letters - promises to Abraham/the patriarchs - reception, intertextuality.
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The Trinity and Christians in Dialogue with Islam

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Abstract:	This article focuses on the Trinitarian theology of four important representatives of Christianity in theological dialogue with Islam. A Croatian Protestant theologian Miroslav Volf and an Anglican bishop Kenneth Cragg try to explain to Muslims the understanding of monotheism in traditional Trinitarian faith. The other authors prefer alternative interpretation. Hans Küng, a Swiss Catholic priest, who had to leave the Catholic faculty, search for a "Semitic" Christology and Trinitology freed from Hellenistic conception. A Scottish Orientalist and priest of the Episcopal Church William Montgomery Watt, influenced by Islam with its 99 names of God, understands the Trinity as three God's "faces" or "masks." The article also mentions a tradition of Czech apologists of the Trinitarian faith reaching back to Budovec and Comenius. It calls for a connection of this tradition with openness to dialogue with the 'Other', representing the orthopractical side of the faith in the Trinity.
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Karnivalisierte Kirche in karnevalisierter Welt?

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Abstract:	The author of this article introduces the readers to Bakhtin's notion of a carnival as a concept of the ways human societies behave. He also tries to apply this concept to the question of a church in diaspora, calling on his own personal experience of being a member of the Czech Christian diaspora during the Communist regime. The writer considers two biblical models of life in diaspora: the model shown in the book of Daniel is seen as useful for times of persecution; the model of the book of Esther is seen as preferable for times when the persecution is over; as it allows cooperation with the pagan ruling power and enables native believers to play active roles in society. Today's western world is depicted in the article as one that has become a carnival with all its tragicomedy and endless banquet. In such a world, Daniel's prophetic protest challenges Christians "first to become fools so that they may become wise."
Keywords:	Bakhtin on carnival - church in diaspora - book Daniel - book Esther - church during the Communist regime.

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Book review

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