

The background of the cover is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations. There are several leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown, some with white spots. There are also some berries on a branch and some small white circles scattered around.

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## Editorial

The Dear Readers,

As we welcome you to the October edition of “Insights of Mystical, Spiritual and Theological Studies”, we are reminded of the profound impact that interfaith dialogue and understanding can have in our increasingly pluralistic world. In a time when diverse belief systems coexist and intersect, it is essential that we foster an environment of respect, curiosity and open-mindedness.

This edition of our journal features a rich array of articles that delve into the multifaceted dimensions of faith, spirituality, and theology. From exploring the intricate lives of Muslims in Armenia to examining the intersections of faith and esotericism in Clyde R. Forsberg Jr.’s “Divine Rite of Kings”, the contributions in this edition offer valuable insights into the diverse tapestry of human belief and spiritual experiences.

Dr. Samina Noor’s and Dr. Muhammad Asim’s collaborative review of Clyde R. Forsberg Jr.’s “Divine Rite of Kings” offers readers a thought-provoking analysis of the book’s themes within the contexts of Pakistan and Canada. Their examination of how Forsberg’s work resonates in different cultural and religious landscapes underscores the global relevance of the dialogue between faith and esotericism.

In “Navigating between Turkification, Russification, and somewhat Iranianization: Examining Muslims’ Life in Armenia”, Dr. Muhammad Asim delves into the lives and identities of Armenian Muslims within the context of historical forces and regional dynamics. This article sheds light on the resilience and adaptability of Armenian Muslim communities, enriching our understanding of identity and multiculturalism.

In “Religion and Social Services: The Role of the Salvation Army in Alleviating Poverty from Newfoundland and Labrador”, Methew Shaw, Deepak Sharma, and Dr. Muhammad Akram Zaheer provide a comprehensive exploration of the pivotal role that religious organizations play in addressing social issues. Their research offers insights into the intersection of faith and social welfare, highlighting the potential for positive change through religiously motivated social services.

As we navigate the complexities of our interconnected world, it is crucial to embrace the diversity of beliefs, practices, and traditions that enrich our human experience. This edition of "Insights of Mystical, Spiritual and Theological Studies" invites readers to engage with the myriad ways in which faith and spirituality intersect with our lives, our societies, and our worldviews.

In an era marked by rapid change and evolving perspectives, fostering interfaith dialogue and understanding is more important than ever. We hope that the articles in this edition inspire you to explore the rich tapestry of faith and spirituality, promote empathy and respect among different religious communities, and contribute to the global conversation on the role of religion in our shared human journey.

Thank you for being a part of this ongoing exploration, and we look forward to your continued engagement and contributions to our journal.

Happy reading!

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