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## Editorial

The Dear Readers,

Welcome to the July edition of “Insights of Mystical, Spiritual, and Theological Studies” (IMSTS). In this edition, we delve into a diverse range of topics that explore the intersection of religion, spirituality, and society in various contexts. The articles presented in this journal offer thought-provoking insights and critical analyses that contribute to our understanding of these complex subjects.

In “Myth or Reality? Evaluating the Claims of Cao Dai’s Covert Association with the Anti-Christ in the Vietnamese Context”, James Monro and Dr. Muham Toqeer examine the alleged connection between Cao Dai and the Anti-Christ, evaluating its validity within the Vietnamese cultural and religious landscape. This article engages in a rigorous analysis of historical evidence and religious beliefs, shedding light on the intricacies of Cao Dai and its place in Vietnamese society.

Rustam Vali Mohammadi explores the concept of Neimatullah Shah Wali as a bridge between Sufism and Islamic eschatology in his article titled “Neimatullah Shah Wali as Bridge between Sufism and Islamic Eschatology”. By delving into the life and teachings of Neimatullah Shah Wali, this article presents an intriguing perspective on the connections between Sufism and eschatological beliefs within the Islamic tradition.

Dr. Ghulam Asghar’s article, “Religious Differences versus Social Oneness: Analyzing Dr. Asim’s Concept for Romanticizing Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan” delves into the concept put forward by Dr. Asim, examining the tensions between religious differences and the potential for social unity in the context of Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan. This thought-provoking analysis challenges conventional notions and offers fresh insights into the complex dynamics of religion and society.

In “The Intersection of Theocratic Support and Military Juntas: A Comparative Analysis of Myanmar and Pakistan”, Ubaidul Haq and Ayub Ali Akon engage in a comparative analysis of Myanmar and Pakistan, exploring the dynamics between theocratic support and military juntas. This article provides a comprehensive examination of the historical and political factors that shape the relationships between religious institutions and military regimes in these countries.

Finally, Dr. Muhammad Asim presents his research on the harmonious concept of the Three Teachings in mainland China in his article titled “Three Teachings; the Harmonious Concept in Mainland China”. Dr. Asim delves into the cultural and philosophical aspects of Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism, highlighting their interconnectedness and the role they play in shaping Chinese society.

We also extend our thanks to the reviewers and editorial team for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the quality and integrity of this journal. Their expertise and commitment are invaluable in maintaining the high standards of IMSTS.

We invite readers to engage with the articles presented in this edition and to continue supporting the exploration of mystical, spiritual, and theological studies. Your feedback, comments, and further contributions are always welcome as we strive to promote scholarly discourse and deepen our understanding of these profound areas of human inquiry.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Shumaila Arzoo**

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