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EDITORIAL

Religion and philosophy are both means of spiritual expression, yet they never directly challenge one another. Individual philosophers' views meet with the beliefs and practices of specific religious traditions to form living ties between religion and philosophy. On this foundation, a theoretical explanation of the relationship between religious faith and philosophical reflection can be developed. This awareness is part of the driving factor that gives inspiration to the academic who studies religion or philosophy. The Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy is a driver of this philosophy, hence the Abraka Journal of Religion and Philosophy (AJRP) is a product of this rational thinking. The Nigerian nation and indeed, all nations in the world today are in dire need of religious and philosophical thinkers. The scholarly articles published in this maiden edition of the AJRP are apt to serve this purpose. The first article examined Locke's notion of separation of power and political development in Nigeria and argued for consistency in the practice of the doctrine in Nigeria. The second article is on Church historiography, it presented how Christianity came to Nigeria after some unsuccessful attempts due to poor approach, inadequate personnel, and harsh climate. The third paper discussed women's preference for spiritual ecofeminism as a means to escape social and environmental concerns and argued that spirituality is a critical tool in the social transformation that promotes communication, solidarity, equality, cooperation, and consensus in human society. The fourth paper is of the opinion that negative peer influence can be overcome by children who are well-educated by their parents. The thesis of the fifth paper is that government at all levels, should build on the foundations laid by the Christian religion to promote Nigeria's socio-economic development. The sixth paper argued for sincere religious commitment by adherents who also work in government. The seventh article examined Christian's social action in relation to God's faithfulness and argued that they have not done enough to help mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The eighth article is on the Hebrew poem "*Kesheth*" (The Bow) where the factors that influence the poem's subject and aesthetic appealed to the use of an apostrophe to create empathy and semantic field to develop the issue of violence, death, and melancholy. The ninth article is on Nigeria's security difficulties and violence which have reached an alarming level. The paper called for moral and virtues resuscitations among leaders and citizens. The tenth paper discussed the use of language as a tool to resolve religious conflicts in Nigeria. Special thanks to Professor Andy Ogochukwu Egwunyenga, the Vice-Chancellor of Delta State University Abraka for the permission and opportunity granted to the department to float this journal. The Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor Sunny Awhefeada is not left out. We heartily appreciate your support and encouragement to float this journal. The Acting Head of the department, Dr. Onos Godwin Idjakpo, you are highly commended for the all-around support to publish



this maiden edition of the journal. All members of the Editorial Board are highly appreciated for their tireless efforts to bring into actuality the maiden edition of the journal. We congratulate all staff of the department for this great achievement. This editorial note will not be complete without commanding the Editor, Dr. Peter O.O. Ottuh who worked tirelessly to make sure that the maiden edition of the journal saw the light of the day. Dear esteemed colleagues and readers, we present to you, the maiden edition of the Abraka Journal of Religion and Philosophy (AJRP). Happy reading!

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