

Editorial: Law and Ethics

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Dear reader,

we are pleased to present the latest issue of our journal on a classic topic of ethics in antiquity, Judaism and Christianity: the understanding of the law and the connection between “Law and ethics”. The term “law” is not only one of the basic concepts of western philosophical ethics, but also one of the basic concepts of Christian theological ethics. But on what understanding is it based? And what is the relationship between religious law and constitutional law? The different terms *torah*, *nomos*, law and justice already reflect the range of understanding (see “Das vergessene Stichwort”). Last but not least, the distinction between law and gospel in the wake of Paul and Luther in the history of Christianity marks a conflictual potential in the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. In Judaism, Christianity, philosophy and (canonical) law, the understanding of law is highlighted from different disciplines and its significance for ethical judgement and action is questioned. In the course of the editorial process, it became clear to us that a theological and ethical examination of the fundamental category of law is important, also in view of current ethical challenges.

The issue thus gathers contributions from (religious) philosophical, theological and legal perspectives and aims to bring them into conversation with one another. Last but not least, as usual, this takes place within the framework of a dialog contribution and also within the framework of an interdisciplinary discussion between biblical studies, protestant theology and Jewish studies. Finally, the debate on the ecological principles of the Australian Earth Bible Project is being continued from issue 5.

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We sincerely hope you enjoy reading this issue.