A Word From the Coordinators

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As co-coordinators of KannenBright, it is our pleasure to present to you the Inaugural Edition of our journal.

With this issue, KannenBright marks the beginning of what will hopefully be a longstanding contribution to academic life within the undergraduate community. More specifically it will provide a medium of contribution for the Department of Theological Studies at Concordia University.

KannenBright began nearly one year ago with the support and guidance of Dr. Mark Scott and Robert Smith. Since then it has blossomed into the peer reviewed journal that you hold in your hands today. From its January conception to its current state, KannenBright has enjoyed a rapid, yet steady growth that has seen the contributions and commitment of several aspiring scholars. From the small committee that assisted in its formation, it has gone on to include subsequent members in the hopes of future continuity. Other achievements include: the creation and upgrading of the journal’s website (www.kannenbright.ca), a peer reviewed, double blind selection process and the publication of the first edition within a calendar year.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedicated and invaluable work on the part of our executive committee, Laura Baker and Bridget Bedard. We would also like to thank Dr. Mark Scott, Dr. Jean Michel Roessli and Robert Smith as well as the Word in the World executive committee for their continuous guidance.

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As undergraduates, our academic careers are only just beginning. At KannenBright we hope to encourage undergraduates to get involved with the outstanding scholarly achievements of the Theology department. KannenBright offers a unique opportunity for undergraduates to do just that.

The journal begins with an article from Harvard student, Christopher Hampson, who condensed his thesis on the Arcane Poems of Gregory of Nazianzus for the purposes of the journal. We are honoured to present his outstanding academic work in our first edition. The next three articles shift the focus of the journal to deal with more contemporary issues in theological studies. Noah Tolhurst writes on the theological themes of redemption and salvation in the film Children of Men starring Clive Owen, and examines the protagonist through the systematic theological loci of Christology and soteriology. Eric Clement combines the field of political science with theology in his essay on nuclear armament. In it, he considers the ethics of nuclear weaponry from a disarmament perspective and argues that nuclear armament opposes the principles of positive ethics. Benjamin Owens examines sexual orientation and homosexuality in his essay, which grapples with both biblical hermeneutical conflicts and science. The final essay is a defence of the Trinity by Sabi Hinkson.

The journal concludes with two creative pieces, which also shed light on theological concerns. First, a short story by Michael Nakic, and finally, a poem by Marc-André Argentino. Throughout the journal you will also find photos and artwork submitted by various students.

The KannenBright team is thrilled to offer this inaugural edition. Named after two exceptional faculty members, we strive to live up to the high academic standards they have both set, and we hope for many more publications to come in the future.