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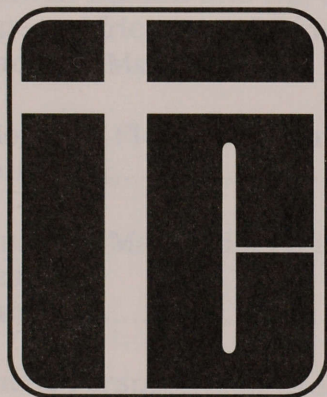
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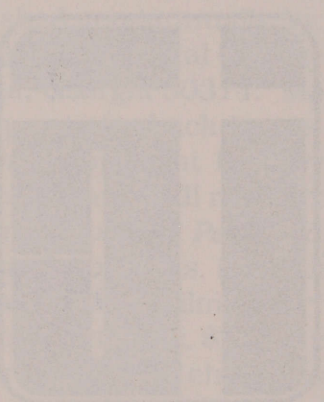
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Presenting the Issue

The lead article in this issue is written by Charles B. Copher, who for many years served at Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), in the dual capacity of Professor of Biblical Studies and Languages (Old Testament) and Academic Dean. The Charles B. Copher Lecture Series was established in his honor in March 1979, as a part of the school's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration. In terms of its content, Copher's article probes the question concerning the presence of Blacks/Negroes in the Bible and in the biblical world. This, of course, includes a study of their contributions to Hebrew religion and the writing of the Old Testament. This article was presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, November 22, 1993 in Washington, D.C.

This theme continues in the work by Temba Mafico, the fifteenth Copher Lecturer (1994), who explores the relationship between the unification of Israel and the divine name Yahweh. His study documents several historical instances wherein naming and identification have been instrumental in the unification of fragmented groups. It is thus recommended to African and African Americans.

Darius L. Swann, the fourteenth Copher Lecturer (1993), investigates, in his first article, the role of Western missionary movement, while his second article discusses Asian challenges to American values. The context for both essays is the contemporary pluralistic world.

The final contribution written by the African scholar, Samuel P. Abrahams, and delivered as the Convocation Address, Fall 1995, ITC, centers on the Christian doctrine of Creation and its meaning for human life and the environment.

The Editors

Presenting the Issue

The lead article in this issue is written by Charles H. Coe, who for many years served as International Director of the National Theological Center (NTC) in the dual capacity of Professor of Biblical Studies and Languages (1974-1978) and Academic Dean. The Charles H. Coe Lecture Series was established in his honor in March 1978, as a part of the school's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration, in terms of its content. Coe's article probes the question concerning the presence of blacks in the Bible and in the biblical world. This volume contains a study of their contributions to Hebrew religion and the writing of the Old Testament. The article was presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, November 22, 1973 in Washington, D.C.

This theme continues in the work by Tamba Maffo, the Eleventh Coe Lecture (1974), who examines the relationship between the unification of Israel and the Hyksos. His study documents several historical instances wherein naming and identification have been instrumental in the unification of a fragmented group. It is thus recommended to African and Asian Americans.

David L. Swain, the Twelfth Coe Lecture (1975), investigates, in his first article, the role of West African slave movements, while his second article discusses Asian challenges to African values. The common factor for both essays is the contemporary pluralistic world.

The final contribution written by the African scholar Samuel E. Okunribido, and devoted as the Coe Lecture Address for 1988, NTC, centers on the Christian doctrine of Creation and its meaning for the man and the environment.

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