

P R E F A C E

Jerusalem is close to the hearts of many people, Jews, Christians and Muslims. It is called the City of Peace, and yet it is a bone of contention for many, just because it evokes such deep resonances in the souls of all those for whom this city has such a profound significance. We would draw your attention to two contributions in this issue of *Immanuel*, in the rubric "Contemporary religious life and thought", in which a Jew, Dr. David Hartman, and a Christian, Fr. Dr. Wolfgang Pax, write about what Jerusalem means for them. We hope that the content of these articles may inspire all who pray for the peace of Jerusalem as, in the coming times, crucial decisions will have to be made about its future.

We would also mention material contained in this issue which was prepared for a seminar of Dutch and Belgian theologians, held in Jerusalem in January 1975. In the rubric "Jewish-Christian relations", Prof. David Flusser describes in 59 theses the emergence of Christianity from Judaism, and Prof. Hava Lazarus-Yafeh gives an account of the relations between Jews and Christians under Islamic rule.

We hope that these and other items in this issue will contain stimulating material for our readers, and would add that reactions and remarks are most welcome.

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of "Immanuel"