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The meaning of freedom and the notion of transcendence in regard to God and the human person form links between the articles in this issue. The first article, "Toward a Moral Theology of Social Consciousness," by Norbert J. Rigali, moves toward understanding love according to the model of freedom. Lewis S. Ford, editor of *Process Studies* then asks "Can Freedom Be Created?" and offers a response from the perspective of Process Philosophy. As Ford suggests, "In the evolutionary process God is continually creating anew by persuading the creatures to create themselves. . . ." Walter E. Conn's "Moral Development as Self-Transcendence" concentrates on the meaning of the development of moral consciousness in relation to the central religious and moral reality of self-transcendence which Bernard Lonergan, among others, considers the center of foundational theology. Conn shows how self-transcendence operates implicitly as a criterion in the theories of Erikson, Piaget, and Kohlberg. Patrick Burke's "The Theologian as Storyteller and Philosopher" is a challenging piece which critically questions the relationship between story, philosophy, and experience.

In the realm of creative teaching we offer Mary Katherine Tillman's "The Search for Transcendence: A Humanistic Perspective" which documents her confrontation of the human aspiration toward transcendence in an interdisciplinary seminar. The author emphasizes the crucial dimension of experience as a source of integration for all the "signals of transcendence" and the "swarm of meanings." She provides the reading list used in the seminar.

We provide an editorial by Albert William Sadler on the mission of Sun Myung Moon and an Open Forum debate of some Christological nuances by John Nijenhuis and James P. Mackey.

Our Book Review section begins with a Review Symposium of Bernard Cooke's *Ministry to Word and Sacraments: History and Theology* with perspectives by four reviewers and a response by the author. Thirty-seven book reviews complete the issue.

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