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Questions of religious authenticity and meaning characterize this issue of Horizons.

Paul F. Knitter questions Hans Küng's claims for the exclusive uniqueness and normativity of Christ. Knitter asks, among other questions, whether such claims are necessary for personal commitment to Christ. S. Bruce Kauffman investigates to what extent T. S. Eliot's Christianity could be said to have transformed his poetic sensibility. Did Eliot's acceptance, in middle age, of Christian belief, have the palpable effect on the sensibility informing his own work that the earlier Eliot had posited as the Christian poet's ideal? William J. O'Brien questions the absence of the specifically theological principle of conversion in David Tracy's Blessed Rage for Order. The authentic Zen attitude toward the Buddhist sutras is described by Silvio Fittipaldi, and John H. Morgan describes the significance of Clifford Geertz in advancing the understanding of both religion and culture as meaning systems.

Lawrence Cunningham competently extends some earlier Horizons material on religion and autobiography, and Scott Michael presents a helpful annotated bibliography on the just-war theory.

A very useful gathering of information on courses dealing with women and religion is shared by Arlene Anderson Swidler. Donald Heinz's "Re-Visioning Religious Studies: A Call to Come Home" issues a challenge to religion professors, to which David Efroymson takes some exception. The issues discussed involve virtually every reader and merit your attention.

The mere titles of the editorials should arouse your curiosity enough. And Carl Starkloff writes from St. Stephen's Indian Mission to extend the discussion on the Catholic Church and native Americans.

Reviews of thirty-six books complete our issue. In reviewing it as we go to press, we're reminded of the late George N. Shuster's description of the appropriate qualities of academic life: intellectual vigor and courtesy. Surely they are among the important qualities that a journal should have too, and they seem to abound in this issue. For this we thank our contributors and invite our readers.

> —Bernard P. Prusak and Rodger Van Allen Co-Editors