
FROM THE EDITOR

Although completely different in nature, the contributions to this issue all focus on interpretation.

The first three deal with hermeneutical aspects of the religious experience of women. In view of the growing prominence of women's studies, Denise Ackermann provides a penetrating analysis of critical principles of feminist hermeneutics, and offers an own approach based on principles of equality and mutuality in search of justice in the South African context. Her second contribution deals with some key terms in feminist liberation theology, while Helena Glanville discusses aspects of post-modern thought in the light of contemporary women's experience in a changing South Africa.

The articles by Williams and Kruger focus on issues of Old Testament interpretation that are of special significance in the present South African context - Gn 1:28 in ecological perspective, and the meaning of child figures (aggressors or peace makers?) in Isaiah, amidst continuing violence and talk of a 'lost generation' of youngsters in our present situation.

REDAKSIONEEL

Die bydraes tot hierdie uitgawe is heel uiteenlopend, maar fokus almal op aspekte van interpretasie.

Die eerste drie handel oor hermeneutiese aspekte van vroue se religieuse ervaring. Denise Ackermann gee 'n indringende analise van die basiese beginsels van 'n feministiese hermeneutiek en ontwikkel 'n eie benadering gebaseer op gelykheid en gemeenskaplikheid, op soeke na geregtigheid in die Suid-Afrikaanse konteks. Haar tweede bydrae bied 'n analise van sleutelbegrippe in feministiese bevrydingsteologie. Helena Glanville bespreek kernaspekte van post-modernistiese denke in die lig van vroue se ervaring in die huidige veranderende Suid-Afrika.

Die artikels van Williams en Kruger handel oor die interpretasie van Ou-Testamentiese tekste wat van besondere belang in die huidige Suid-Afrikaanse opset is - Gn 1:28: 'n ekologiese perspektief, en die rol van kinderfigure (aggressors of vredemakers?) in Jesaja, in die konteks van voortslepende geweld en sprake van 'n 'verlore geslag' van jong mense in ons midde.