

Editorial: Happy Epiphany

In the days before the Third Programme changed its name and nature to those of Radio 3, there were occasional broadcast discussions by a group called the Epiphany Philosophers. Since 1966 they have been publishing a journal whose title and sub-title point to the large questions with which the group has continued to be concerned: *Theoria to Theory: An International Journal of Science, Philosophy and Contemplative Religion*. The editors are conscious of the risks but also of the need to take them: 'We are not now seen as so "way out" as we used to be, because more people are realizing that one has got to go "way out", and that what is "in" is culturally more dated than some powerful forces would have us believe'. The latest issue (June 1981) is also to be the last, though there is hope of continuing the good work in other ways. The journal itself may be revived 'in a new form as a much cheaper production' (the current subscription is £30 for a volume of four issues of 88 pages). There is also a plan under which the publishers, Gordon and Breach, will publish a series of books designed to 'promote the exploration of new ideas and new applications in philosophy and science through continuing co-operation between philosophers and scientists in different disciplines'. Among the half-promised volumes is one on *The Athletics of Old Age*, 'seen as a spiritual as well as a mental and physical matter'. Others are *Revisionary Metaphysics and Revisionary Science*, *What is Wrong with Contemporary Physics?* and *How can we move beyond Neo-Darwinism in Biology?*

It will be clear that there is a considerable overlap between the interests of *Theoria to Theory* and those of *Philosophy*, and the kinship is kindly confirmed by the editors when they exempt this journal from the anathemas against contemporary professional philosophy pronounced in their recent editorial and in one published in 1978. Even without being under this debt of gratitude, we should have reason to wish these philosophers a happy Epiphany and success to their projects.

Our own publishing arrangements have undergone a change. The annual series of Royal Institute Lectures, hitherto published as independent volumes by various academic and commercial publishers, will in future be published by the Cambridge University Press as supplements to *Philosophy*. Institutional subscribers will pay an increased subscription to cover the cost of the supplements, which under this new arrangement will be cheaper than they were before. The present volume will include two supplements based on the Lectures for 1979–80 and 1980–81. The first is *Idealism: Past and Present* edited by Professor Godfrey Vesey, and the second *Marx and Marxisms* edited by Professor G. H. R. Parkinson. The subscription

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for individual members of the Institute is unchanged at £10, and covers only the four quarterly issues of the journal. In our next issue we shall announce a special price at which members of the Institute may buy the lecture supplements. At the same time we shall publish details of an arrangement whereby members may buy at a special discount other philosophical books published by the Cambridge University Press.