Landes opens its 12th year with Joseph L. Roche’s “The ‘Reality Principle’ in CFC’s Communicating the Faith.” The article represents an effort at using the actual historical process of creating the recently approved adult, national Catechism for Filipino Catholics [CFC] as a focal point for a critical discussion of the complex problem of ‘communicating the Faith’. In the actual process of creating the CFC, a practical threefold ‘rule of thumb’ gradually took shape and began to function as a practical norm of choice. It consisted in stressing that: (1) all Faith terms/formulas relate to a Reality. (2) while resonating in many concrete ways in the specific historical, cultural context, and (3) hence are in need of constant renewal and adaptation to be able to accurately and effectively communicate the Faith. The article aims at highlighting such a realism in communicating the Faith, similar to analogous efforts in other theological and scriptural disciplines.

James Keating’s essay, “Open to the Divine: Prayer and Morality in the Thought of Enda McDonagh,” traces the moral methodology of McDonagh in order to understand his unique vision of how Christian ethics and spirituality interpenetrate. McDonagh pioneers the renewal interest in moral theology’s relationship with Christian spirituality since the closing of the Second Vatican Council.

In his article “Human Cloning: The Ethical Perspective,” Gerald W. Healy states that the 1997 cloning of the sheep, named Dolly, by Scottish scientists moved closer to reality the possibility of cloning humans. There was almost unanimous agreement to condemn, ban or prohibit any move towards human cloning.
while encouraging animal cloning with a view to possible therapeu-
tic aid for humans. Dangers seen to be connected with human
cloning were numerous, which make for an outright rejection of
the procedure as applied to humans.

A survey of "Recent Studies on the Psalms as Instruction" by
Philip J. Calderone first shows how and why the Psalter in its final
form has been considered a book of divine instruction, analogous
to the Torah of Moses. Moreover, various types of psalms are
analyzed for their didactic methods and content, along the lines
of wisdom literature and theological reflection. This catechizing
function of many kinds of psalms in their early stages, which is
emphasized more pointedly in the completed Psalter, can
continue to instruct Christians about revelation in the New
Testament.

In the Notes and Comments section, Nil Guillemette's "How
Does Providence Provide?" examines how Providence operates in
individual lives, taking into account all the known facts of our
everyday experiences. The method used for this purpose is sim-
ple: the author first states the problem by means of a typically
"popular" interpretation of Providence's modus operandi; then he
rapidly analyzes some of the relevant Biblical material as it
appears in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament.
Finally he concludes with the general formula that "Providence
provides by prompting."

Vicente Marasigan's "Globalization of Knowledge" reports on
recent activities published on a web site sponsored by the World
Bank and the Canadian government and entitled "Global Knowl-
dge '97." Included in its Mail Archives is a proposal on
Loneran's innovative insights into macroeconomics.

In the section on Texts and Documents, the "Statement of
Reconciliation" of Fr. Tissa Balasuriya, O.M.I., together with the
"Decree of Reconciliation" are followed by a Commentary by
Archbishop Orlando B. Quevedo, O.M.I., of Nueva Segovia (Vigan).

Three Review Articles are presented by Vicente Marasigan,
from a Loneran viewpoint. The first one is entitled "Financial
Speculation" reflecting on a book entitled The World's Monetary
System and showing how Loneran's insights into macroeco-
nomic circulation might reduce situations that tempt billionaires
to mindless speculations harmful to unstable economies. A second one is entitled “Lonergan for Students,” briefly sketching the contents of a book entitled The Lonergan Reader and adding to this a lengthier discussion on the need to clarify the urgent pastoral function of a theologian in regard to the macroeconomy today. A third one, “Word: Insight into Phantasm,” reviews two books in combination. The first is Lonergan’s Verbum: Word and Idea in Aquinas. The second is McShane’s Economics for Everyone: Das Jus Kapital intended to prepare readers for Lonergan’s Essay in Circulation Analysis, soon to be published. The article highlights Lonergan’s scientific methodology in integrating his differentiated reflections into theology and economics.

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