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This issue, the last in 2009, is dedicated in large part to the life and work of the Hungarian –born scholar Thomas Molnár (b. 1921), one of the most important contemporary Catholic philosophers, who lives in New Jersey in the United States. Balázs Mezei professor at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary investigates the relationship between religion and philosophy in the works of Molnár. Mezei is also the author of the interview made with Molnár one and a half years ago on current issues and problems of our age.

In our *Workshop* section, Endre Balás analyzes the link between Christianity and capitalism while Péter Benei reflects on the morals of the presidential campaign by Barack Obama, also providing an analysis of new marketing methods. In our section portraying past Hungarian thinkers, in his essay Péter Hámori provides a reinterpretation of two 19th century liberal reformists, Béla Grünwald and Ignác Acsády.

Ferenc Horkay Hörcher focuses on potential remedy to the Hungarian political crisis and thereby presents a possible alternative to cease the turmoil. Tibor Navrasics analyses the structure of the European party system while Tamás Halm presents the special issue of *Critical Review* dealing with the financial crisis. The debate between Gábor Megadja and György Pápai tackles the framework and future outlook of liberal democracy. In our review section we provide reviews on books dealing with American neo-conservatism, the underlying principles of the so called realist foreign policy, the history of Hungarian social democracy and interwar Hungary .

Our recent issue is illustrated by pictures taken by Kristóf Murányi.

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