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Editorial

I am very glad that it is possible for us to publish another issue of the Journal. We have continued our explorations into GOSPEL AND CULTURE. We have been pursuing the theme from various perspectives — inter-religious, inter-cultural and inter-disciplinary. We have realised in these tentative investigations that there is no easy or simplistic equation or correlation between gospel and culture. Both are very complex phenomena needing careful and critical analysis and evaluation. It is for us to discover the gospel (good news) of all cultures and religions. But it is important and necessary to develop certain clear criteria to assess all cultures and religions. They need in-depth study and empathetic understanding.

We would very much like to invite critical responses to our provisional efforts — whether these exercises are conducive towards greater understanding of the gospels and cultures of our time? We would like to begin this issue with a prayer of Raimundo Panikkar,

*When you dialogue with somebody,
look at your partner as a revelatory experience
as you would and should look at the lillies in
the fields.*

*Blessed are you when you do not feel
self-sufficient while being in dialogue.*

*Blessed are you when you trust the other
because you trust in Me.*

*Blessed are you when you face misunderstanding
from your own community or others
for the sake of your fidelity to Truth.*

*Blessed are you when you do not give up
your convictions and yet you do not set
them up as absolute norms.*