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Editorial

It has always been around.

The question about the sense. What is the meaning of my life – what is its purpose, the aim?

The answer depends.

It depends on our conditioning in its multiple forms – whether biological, social, cultural or religious. Thus, it differs. Not only from individual to individual, but also from society to society, from culture to culture, from religion to religion.

However, the answer matters.

We all as humans necessarily rely on the meaning, the purpose, the aim. Not only the particular one giving sense to a particular situation of our lives, but sometimes, maybe, also the one, which goes beyond all particular meanings and liberates us in an act of self-transcendence.

Despite all conditioning one is capable to be autonomous. One can act autonomously, but moreover one can uncover and be aware of one's own unconditioned being hidden in and beyond all conditioning.

And this is the underlying motif of the 2018 Spring issue of the Spirituality Studies Journal. Four authors present here four views of the sense: Hanneke Arts-Honselaar on an example of a medieval Christian mystic Hadewych of Brabant, Gejza M. Timčák in regard with ātma-jñāna in the Indian traditions of Yoga and Advaita Vedānta, Mária Dědová when dealing with logotheoretical understanding of bullying behavior, and Marek Wiesenganger with regard to education as a sort of spirituality according to a modern Catholic saint and educator Don Bosco.

Let me wish you, dear reader, that you will find an inspiration for your own search for the sense here on the pages of Spirituality Studies.



Cordially
Martin Dojčár