

## FOREWORD

We are welcoming readers of the forth issue of the journal «Researches in Religious Studies». This issue is devoted to the problems of psychology of religion as well as the cognitive approaches to the study of religion, relatively young and promising field of knowledge.

Here we have articles covering such range of problems as general theoretical and methodological problems of psychology of religion (Jacob Belzen translated by Ilya Anofriyev), the impact of cognitive science and neuroscience to the development of scientific study of religion (Todd Tremelin and Gregory Alles, both translated by Ilya Anofriyev; Istvan Czachesz translated by Ilya Anofriyev and Tatyana Malevich), psychotechnics in Jain tradition (Nataliya Zheleznova), cognitive interpretation of religious representations of Krishna (Roman Sergienko), relations between religiosity and psychological health of a person (Illya Yagi-yayev, Nadiia Kozhar), and Eugen Drewermann's religious-psychological conception (David Damte).

For the «Portrait of a scholar» we have chosen a great Finnish cognitive scientist of religion Illka Pyysiäinen; here you will find an exclusive interview and two translations of his works that are first time published in Russian.

Under the heading «Works» of the rubric «Academic life» there are two articles by Kurt Rudolph and R. J. Z. Werblowsky (translated by Armen Alexanyan), concerning problems with the concept of syncretism in the history of religion, an article by Pavel Nosachev devoted to Western esoterism, and finally a paper by Alexey Somov who uses methods of the cognitive linguistics to study a concept «resurrection of the dead» in Biblical and Cognate literature. In «Discussion» we come back to the matter of the previous issue, namely a problem of postsecular. Here we have our foreign colleagues — Eileen Barker, Ivan Strenski, Greg Johnson, and Victor Yelensky — answering some questions concerning this subject. The rubric «Academic life» is concluded by a block of «Reviews».

Following issue we plan to dedicate to the memory of Russian scholar of religion Alexander Krasnikov (1949-2009). Call for papers can be found on the last pages of this issue and online, at <http://rrs-journal.ru>.

*The Editorial Board*