

## Special Issue

# Philosophical Theology, Doctrine, and the Theological Virtues

### Message from the Guest Editor

In many Christian traditions, “virtues” are dispositional patterns of thought, feeling, and behavior in relation to God, the neighbor, and all creation. Typically, the “theological” virtues have been identified as faith, hope, and love. Often, they have been regarded as the fruits of God’s grace, unattainable by unaided human effort. This conceptuality raises several recurrent and contentious issues: What is the relation of these theological virtues to the “natural (or cardinal) virtues” that humans can cultivate without grace? How are the theological virtues related to one another? How is the orientation toward God connected to our engagement with our neighbors? How is human agency related to the infusion or elicitation of gracious dispositions? Even more generally, how is the waxing or waning of the virtues linked to specific intentional acts? These questions have sweeping implications for current conversations about the relation of divine and human agencies, meritorious action, and the spiritual life. This Special Issue invites original research articles on any of these (or related) topics.

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