

- ***The Figure of the Volume:***

The Rev. Eid Salah interviewed Mr. Ramiz Atallah, the figure of the volume. Atallah talked about his trip to Canada and his return from it. He also referred to his family roots in Egypt in light of the political changes after the 1952 revolution. Atallah explained his contributions he has accomplished at the international level, and the services he contributed to establish in Egypt, development he made in his management of the Bible Society and qualitative shift that the society witnessed in light of his service, and the visions that he is looking for achieving the independent service in Egypt.

- ***Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS):***

The volume also includes the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services in the form of a report entitled: "The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services ... 70 years of Obedience to God and Service to Mankind." The report dealt with the founder, founding, and the organization's journey in community service.

- ***Review for "The Arabic Contemporary Commentary of the Bible" (ACCB)***

By Rev. Sameh Ibrahim

The review shows a huge and distinguished project that was released by the House of Culture in Egypt in 2018. The book consists of 2,504 pages. Rev. Sameh describes it as a complete library between two covers. The volume contains full commentary for the 66 books of the Bible, and numerous articles dealing with theological, intellectual, scientific, psychological, social, and political issues that relate to the interpretation of biblical texts. The editor, Dr. Rev. Andrea Zaki, describes the work as "a distinguished work in which 48 writers from six Arab countries from the Middle East (Egypt - Lebanon - Syria - Palestine - Kuwait - Jordan) participated in it, from multiple cultural backgrounds and different denominations."

Rev. Sameh closed his display saying that "I believe that the "ACCB" is a remarkable historical achievement that will continue to benefit generations and generations of the Christians of the East, moreover of the Christians of the world.

affected by the flood of COVID-19, to the extent that their familiar forms have been extremely changed, and still the flood swamp many of them, so that the final status is hardly known until the present moment.

- In this context, he dealt with “the space of priorities, the space of excessive materialism and consumption, the space of the valleys of knowledge and certainty, the space of the valleys of religion, and finally the space of the new globalization.

He concluded the study saying: “Finally, as I said at the beginning, the ship of mankind is still reeling without aim over the currents and waves of the pandemic. The human beings ,within it ,are divided among themselves, dreaming about land, yet they do nothing to get there, just they look at social media every morning hoping to find The awaited news, the news of the return of the dove carrying the olive branch that announces the emergence of dry land announcing the end of the flood, nevertheless, the ship is still lost, and the dove is still flying under the scorching sun without finding a place for its tired feet or the warmth of its trembling heart.

- ***Intellectual, Cultural and Spiritual Activities via Zoom Video Communications:***

Through Zoom, Peter Magdy covers three events carried out by the Presidency of the Protstant Church. The events dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the title: “Challenges Facing the Church in the Time of Coronavirus”, comes the first one, organized by the Protstant Church Presidency, on Monday evening, June 29, headed by Rev. Dr. Andrea Zaki, President of Protstant Church in Egypt, with the participation of Dr. Maher Samuel, Rev. Dr. Izzat Shaker, Elder Yussef Nathan, and more than 200 participants. The second event entitled “The Art of Biblical Survival- *God’s Leading in a Time of Despair*” on Thursday, July 16, 2020 lectured by the Rev. Chip Ingram, from California, USA. The third event «It is a time to defeat the giants- victory in the time of COVID-19.» By Dr. Reverend Michael Youssef, founder of the Kingdom Channel, lectured via “Zoom Video Communications”, also displayed on some social networking sites and the Kingdom channel.

- ***God’s Work in Light of the COVID-19 Crisis***

A detailed report prepared by Jihan Eid, Fadi Atef, and Peter Adel, exploring the Church’s interaction with the COVID-19 crisis in three areas: Theologically, socially and administratively. In the first area, the report dealt with “the church and theological challenges” focusing on five challenges: social distancing, the Lord’s Supper, Pandemic and the end of the world, God’s wrath in the pestilence, new morals, and stewardship. The report tackled one more topic “the Church and community service” gathering in this section three areas, the

field of sterilization, the area of precautionary measures, the area of supplying foodstuffs.

The presentation explored the achievements and services of the Coptic Evangelical Organization during this period. In the third area, “the church and administrative decisions”, the report monitored the decisions and statements issued by the Presidency of the Protstant Church in Egypt, an important historical document that shows the national sense of the leadership of the Protstant Church in Egypt.


Lectures

The volume gathers in this section two lectures 1) the Charismatic Movement. By Rev. Mohsen Mounir discussing the concept of the charismatic movement and its historical origins, and the theological and scriptural dimension. The second lecture “Modernism and Postmodernism by Peter Adel, provides a quick overview of the emergence of modernity and postmodernity, and the world in which we live today, the researcher explains the most important intellectual and philosophical features of this era, providing a brief description of the contemporary Arab context in this era. Then the researcher introduced a discussion on the subject of the extent of the church ability to interact positively with the postmodern world, keep going its role and influence, whether the Arab Church in general, the Egyptian Church in particular.

• ***Translated Article***

Theological Education and Crisis

Rev. Dr. Rev. Wagih Youssef presents a distinguish translation under the title: “The Moving from Despairation to Hope in Theological Education” by Dr. Ivan Hunterhnter, currently the Vice President of Scholar Leaders International organization, which he was working since 2004... The author ends his study by saying: “The spread and exacerbation of the crisis everywhere has affected theological education and those in charge of it. The immediate transformations in education required tremendous efforts and, in some cases, personal sacrifice so that the theological seminaries could continue their role, and most importantly, the continuity of the universal mission, in order to confrontation the terrible challenges. With the first wave regression, and our vision for the future, we do so with a sense of hope and expectancy as the theological education has an essential role in the work of the Church. Crises reveal the importance of shaping leaders and biblical thinking about today’s issues. As we adhere to Christ, and to one another, hope appears.



attempting to examine itself or without attempting to criticize its ideas. Likewise, liberalism considers that the quondam must be abandoned and not clinging to it.

Finally, this enlightened conservative theology does not take place in isolation from the world in which we live. Rather, the true theologian realizes the status of the Bible as a divine text to see how the sacred text can address the contemporary issues. We consider Al Nosoure “the eagles” a special place to explore how our Christian beliefs can contribute to improving our society for the better , and to become more involved in the community in order to serve it and wash its feet.

It has become necessary to make specific definitions of terms. Since the enlightened conservative is different from liberal thought, the definition of an enlightened conservative or a liberal must be within the recognized scientific framework.

For example, mixing terms and emptying them from their meanings leads to distorting research and confusing the public, as the enlightened conservative theological thought is a conservative thought that adheres to the principles represented in the Bible, At the same time, it deals with the challenges of the present time, baffling questions, and minds that thirst for knowledge, with a serious desire to present the treasures of the Bible to contemporary life.

In conclusion, I hope that this new launch of the eagles will contribute to pushing the Church forward, theologically, ecclesiastically, pastoral and epistemological. In addition, to be a model for different platforms that can be formed to fly towards a better future that keeps pace with the changes of the times.

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Explanatory Note

In the editorial issue, Rev. Dr. Andrea Zaki, editor-in-chief of the magazine, presents an explication regarding the enlightened conservative theology, the enlightening theological line that the magazine adopts in its writings, studies, research, criticism and analysis.

Contents

This volume includes remarkable topics, since COVID-19 pandemic has cast a shadow over contemplation; the magazine gathered in this volume three subjects that tackle the COVID-19 virus repercussions and its impact on the implementation.

- **“Re-demarcation of Borders and Feelings after COVID-19”**, by Mr. Hani Labib. He dealt with COVID-19 virus that challenging the borders between countries, then referred to his observations about the huge spreading of false news. Labib also addressed the inability of any country to cope with this epidemic on its own, and that the European Union countries closed the borders between them. He discussed a set of challenges and problems, concluding the study with his expectations for the post-COVID-19 world, saying, “The world no longer what it was before”.
- **“The Spiritual and Psychological Interaction with the Corona pandemic”** by Dr. Ihab Al-Kharrat, he mentioned three effects of the COVID-pandemic: isolation, danger and disease. He presented some biblical and psychological solutions such as organizing thought and behavior, living in “here and now”, the deep existential attitude towards death and disease. He concluded the study saying that COVID-19 can be an opportunity of growth, if we think about what is true and noble. If we live here and now, today is enough for its evil. If we live in the here and now, the moment outside us, and the moment inside us. So we know, even in our anxiety and our pain, His condolences, the enjoyment and His blessings. If we face the difficult questions about death, disease, and pain, not with deceitful solutions that we deceive ourselves with it, but with the courage of faith in ‘Him’ “who is the way, the truth, and the life”, in ‘Him’ even death is profit. “For to me to live [is] Christ, and to die [is] gain (Phil 1:21).
- **“The Social Impact of the COVID-Pandemic, the “New Flood”**. By Dr. Majed Azmy. In the same context, Azmy addressed the five areas severely

is completed in the context of reformed theology that emphasizes the Bible alone. Based on this, Al Nosoure the eagles adhere to the faith of our Church and the word of God revealed in verbal and meaning, the only infallible constitution of faith and deeds. God who preserved the meaning is also the One who preserved the word. The Bible is infallible in its meanings, words and texts.

The enlightened conservative theology is centered on Christ. That is, its ultimate goal is to reveal the person of Christ, as we know him through the word of God. This includes the straight Christological teaching and the salvation that Christ offers to humanity in all its dimensions and orientation hence, the daily spiritual life is centered on the personality of Christ.

This theology is conservative; That is, it negates all liberal tendencies, and adheres with great insistence to the basic truths and stable doctrines of the Christian faith, which we find declared throughout the entire Bible, as we find them expressed and explained in Creeds of Faith of the Early Ecumenical Councils and Faith Affirmations of the Evangelical Reformation. However, this theology is not static or rigid ; Despite the full adherence to the fundamentals - that is, the Bible and the fundamentals of the Christian faith that are untouchable ,yet in the meantime we do not follow the radical fundamentalist way of comprehension that does not follow renewal under the changes in the society in which we live. That is, we cling to the principles without being rigid in our way of thinking

On the other hand, this theology is enlightened; That is, it is open to the Other, and believes that learning and understanding the Christian faith and its doctrinal constants is an educational process. This process does not end, on the contrary it continues throughout life. Consequently, a theology seeks to continuously reform itself, and seeks to understand the Bible in an ongoing way. The opposite of this enlightenment is being closed to traditional methods of understanding, as if the task of understanding the Christian faith had ended in the past. That means that if there is something unprecedented we can learn from the reading of the Old Testament by Christ and Paul and others, it is that there are hidden treasures within these books, our faithfulness and honor towards the Bible is to focus on studying and learning it in order to understand it with new visions. Christ himself also said "Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe [which is] instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man [that is] an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure [things] new and old." (Matthew 13:52).

Radical fundamentalism tends to cling to its single-minded without