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Here is another double issue in our never flagging effort to be even with time. It is a real double issue with ten articles.

The articles of de Achutegui, Quintos, and Healy deal with disparate topics in similar ways. All three are theological reflection on topics that have become somewhat obscure in the confusion that has settled on theological academe. All three look into tradition and into the present, listening for the Spirit who moves in past, present, and to come. Continuity in discontinuity.

The next two articles are historical. Economist Valdepeñas and economics graduate student Bautista consult archaeology and old documents in an interesting attempt to reconstruct Philippine prehistoric economy. Owen goes through old records with a very fine comb to emerge with a picture of the Filipino upper class in its interaction with the other classes during the last century of Spanish rule.

Three articles concerned with teaching follow. Gonzalez tries to make sense out of the conflict between the imperatives of the new law and the imperatives of linguistic law. Ferriols reports on six years of teaching in Pilipino. Tinio has created a lyrical dithyramb (in the original sense of those Greek words) on the teaching of literature.

The last two articles come out of the evolving cultural scene. Bernad explains the Filipino refusal to be intimidated by western mass media in our choice of values. Marasigan explores the tension between mathematical methods and a sense of the sacred in God and man.

Enjoy.

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