

“TRANSITIONS”

Transitions are a major part of life. In 2001, 2006 and forthcoming in 2014, major milestones of Pentecostalism in the centennials of the Topeka outbreak, the Azusa Street Mission revival, and the forthcoming celebration of the formation of the Assemblies of God, respectively, are considerable in their significance. Each represents the original and ongoing transitions to which these reminders bear witness. Transitions form who we are, and how we respond will likewise inform what we will be. This issue will also mark a set of transitions for the journal. First, William W. Menzies, a founding editor of the *Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies*, who also was the President Emeritus and Chancellor of the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary among many other accomplishments, went to be with the Lord in August 15, 2011. His legacy was and is extensive. A future issue will be dedicated to his memory. Second, this will be the last issue for both the chief editor (Paul W. Lewis) and book review editor (Roli dela Cruz) as both will be moving on and pursuing other things.

In this issue, we are privileged to have the four lectures of William W. Menzies that he delivered at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary as part of the Occasional Pentecostal Lectureship Series. These lectures were on the topic of the non-Wesleyan influences on Pentecostalism. The first lecture is on William Durham and the ‘Finished Work’ position. The second is on the influence that Fundamentalism had on the beginning of the Pentecostal movement. The third lecture is on the Keswick ‘Higher Life’ movement, and the fourth is on the impact of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and A.B. Simpson on the Pentecostal movement especially the Assemblies of God. These four essays together give a broad perspective on the significance of the non-Wesleyan components within the formative years of Pentecostalism (at least for certain branches).

The following article by David Jull looks at George Whitefield’s theological transition through the course of his ministry during the Great Awakening. The author purports not only to map out this

transition, but also to note some important implications for the Pentecostal. The next article is by Chung YouJin. The author looks at the Cain and Abel story of Gen. 4, and looks at the conflict and similarity/dissimilarity tension within the story to further grapple with the implications. The final essay by Paul W. Lewis is on the formation of values by means of the Holy Spirit in the writings of J. Rodman Williams. Williams is a noted Charismatic theologian, so his life is summarized, prior to looking at salient elements noted in his theology.

In as much, as this is the last issue that both of us as editors will participate in for this journal, let us say that it has been a privilege and honor to serve the church through this endeavor. To God be the Glory!

The Editors