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Call for Papers: "Corruption"

More than ever today we feel the urgency of building up a society free of corruption. Corruption has always existed, but what hurts the society today is its growth and extent. Corruption is the deadliest cancer afflicting our society. Corruption is the biggest block to development and is the main reason for the continuing poverty in different parts of the world. No social or economic stratum is free from corruption. Corruption has questioned the very relevance and existence of democracy: All are equal, but some are unjustly privileged, and some manage to manipulate everything in their favour.

Religion is not an exception to corruption, but only adds other forms of corruption including manipulation of spiritual power. Even within the Church administration different forms of corruption can be seen. The Church cannot lead an anti-corruption movement as long as it is perceived as unaccountable and non-transparent.

The world has witnessed in the very recent years the uprising of people's movement against corruption and for good governance in Asia and Africa. Within the Church also there has been the demand for more transparency. All these have given humanity a new hope that a world free of corruption, a religion/Church free of corruption is possible.

March 2012 issue of *Asian Horizons* proposes to invite a theological reflection on corruption. We welcome articles analyzing the extent and causes of corruption, as well as models of a corruption free society and Church. Research articles as well as articles sharing the experience of those who against corruption may be included.

Possible topics/areas (*only suggestions, not exhaustive*):

Corruption and the God of Justice
Old Testament Prophets and the Call for a Corruption Free Society
Biblical Reflections on Corruption
Corruption and Democracy
Corruption and Political and Economic Models of Today
Corruption and Poverty
Gandhian Understanding of Truth and Transparency vis-à-vis Modern Democracy
Indian Constitutional Provisions to Fight Corruption
Corruption in the Asian Countries
Globalization and the Rise of Corruption
Corruption in the Church
A Corruption Free Society Is Possible
A Corruption Free Church Is Possible
The Virtues of Accountability, Transparency and Good Governance
People's Movements against Corruption in the Contemporary Society
Models of Fighting Corruption in the Society and in the Church
Theological Reflections on the Middle East 'Revolution'
People's Movements against Corruption in the Contemporary African Society
'Transparency Revolution' in India

As usual, we welcome other articles on any area of theological interest and research.

Please send your articles (**Research articles: 4500-5000 words; Models and experience sharing of a corruption free society and fighting corruption: 2000 words, including the footnotes**) latest by 15th January 2012. **Kindly include the abstract of the article in 100-150 words and a short resumé of the author.**

Other regular items: "New Scholars": Abstract of doctoral theses, recently defended and not yet published; book reviews.

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