

EDITORIAL

In this issue we are offering you four related articles three of which break a new ground. They are related in that each of them touch on the role of African culture to a lesser or greater degree. And as is always the case in South African Black Theology, African culture is not uncritically and unselectively appropriated for theological reflection. At this juncture in our struggle for liberation African culture is first and foremost important as a resource that enables black christians to develop a theology that enhances that struggle. This struggle is for us a decisive guide in our cultural appropriation and utilization in Black Theology.

These articles are also related in that they almost all raise the question of the bible, theology, land and economic justice in different but interesting ways. The economy and land are presently the most topical and sensitive issues in the South African search for a democratic and just society. Politicians, pastors and theologians are all involved in discussions on these issues. These articles will hopefully contribute even in a small way to that discussion. As we have said above, this is just the beginning of the discussion. We hope that the readers will join the discussion and that more articles will be published on these topics in the forthcoming issue of our journal.