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Alexandros Stavropoulos, Professor Emeritus at the School of Theology of the University of Athens: *Human Sciences and Orthodox Theology, anthropological questions*, *Analecta* of the journal *Theologia* 1, Athens 2011, 212 p.

The language of theology and worship, the theology and the art of the icon, as every form of ecclesiastical expression and life remains unexplained without the dialogue between theology and culture. Theology but also the very life of the ecclesiastical community exists always in a relationship and mutual influence with the broad social and cultural context, even in the most eschatological version of the Christian constitution.

Contemporary challenges but mainly the theological and pastoral needs of the ecclesiastical service render indispensable and pressing the request for the ecclesiastical discourse to be listened widely, to provoke agitations and fruitful discussion and finally to be emerged its actuality and temporality. The “*Analecta Theologias*”, this new series of theological essays and works of the homonymous quarterly edition of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, attempts in the one hand to express the creative dialogue between theology and culture and on the other to make known the orthodox witness of the Church in the contemporary world.

Since his undergraduate education the author of the texts included in the first volume of this new series “*Analecta Theologias*”, has had the conviction that knowledge is multilateral. In order for someone to attain a spherical vision of the reality, he is obliged to investigate all the

dimensions of this sphere which is permanently moved and impossible to be stopped. He considered therefore as necessary, besides the basic orthodox theological studies at the School of Theology of the University of Athens, not only to be specialized in the pastoral theology at the Evangelical theological school of the university of Erlangen in Germany, but also to study in undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level Psychology and Family Sciences and Sexology at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. Despite the reception of the various Christian confessions; he achieved also a very important engagement with the Human Sciences. This was done consciously for the purpose of knowing the views of the others, and presenting his own reflections, lecturing at the Evangelical theological School of the University of Bochum (Germany) and at the Theological School of the Catholic University of Louvain.

Alexandros Stavropoulos Professor emeritus at the School of Theology of the University of Athens, during his, more than 40 years, academic career has had the opportunity for representing the orthodox theology and questioning various anthropological issues, in a no monolithic way but approaching the different fields of the worldview being open-minded in order to make possible assuming different aspects, cooperating to other sciences and scientists, having new experiences, and finally harmonizing in a creative way all these approaches. Being member of many inter-disciplinary companies he has participated in many conferences, organized seminars and lectured in an extensive way on many subjects of his expertise, aiming always his suggestions being moved in an inter-disciplinary level, taking into account all the different views for a multilateral – informed anthropological vision. The book, in hand, includes the following basic parts: a. Inter-disciplinary approach of the humanity in situation, b. Toward an orthodox ethos, c. The therapeutical perspective, d. The orthodox view of marriage and celibacy.