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\* MODERN PHYSICS AND GENESIS, by *Elie Munk*.

The old discussions about the relationship between Jewish traditions and the teachings of natural science on the beginnings of the universe are, for the most part, irrelevant today. The elaboration of the conflicts and similarities between "Science and Religion" must now consider concepts that were once unknown. Beginning with Einstein's Relativity and non-Euclidian geometry, Dr. Elie Munk, Rabbi of the Orthodox community of Paris, draws upon the Midrash and Talmud, Maimonides, and the Kabbalah to show relationships that will be of interest to all who have been bothered by the problems.

\* THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS—A THREAT TO HALAKHAH? by *Joseph M. Baumgarten*.

Dr. Baumgarten takes issue with Dr. Hoenig's thesis, presented in this issue, on the importance of the Scrolls to the world of Halakhah. Accepting the antiquity of the Scrolls, as Dr. Hoenig does not, Dr. Baumgarten proceeds to show why, in his opinion, the *megillot* present no threat whatever to the Halakhah.

\* THE GOALS OF JEWISH EDUCATION, by *Joseph H. Lookstein*.

The founder of the Ramaz schools and pioneer in Jewish education on all levels discusses five major goals of Jewish education as they were accepted traditionally and as they set the pattern for Jewish education in our own day.

\* THE CONSERVATIVE "AMENDMENT" TO THE KETUBAH—A HALAKHIC CRITIQUE, by *Norman Lamm*.

Controversy continues unabated about the "amendment" proposed by the Conservative movement to the Ketubah, or traditional Jewish marriage contract, some years ago. Orthodoxy has closed ranks in its opposition to this innovation. What are the reasons? This article discusses one aspect of that opposition—the halakhic reasons.

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\* THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND JEWISH LAW, by *Moshe Zevi Neriah*.

The prominent *Rosh Yeshibah* of the network of Bnei Akivah schools in Israel analyzes a problem of great contemporary importance: can the Halakhah be made to apply to a modern state? Can Jewish Law, so long the guide of Jews in exile, now be the guide of a free and independent people returned to its homeland? Rabbi Neriah gives the reasons for his answer, and cites specific cases in proof of his point.

\* AMERICAN JUDAISM: Some Contemporary Views, by *Marvin Fox*.

In recent years, the development of Jewish religious life in America has come under the close scrutiny of a number of leading sociologists. Their analyses—and predictions—have received much public attention. In a review article, Dr. Marvin Fox, professor of philosophy at Ohio State University and secretary of the Editorial Committee of TRADITION, presents his reactions to a number of recent books on the subject.

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