Christians in Science 2019 Student Essay Competition – Rules and Guidelines

1. Entrants must be enrolled on a course at a Higher Education institution for the academic year 2018 / 2019, in their first undergraduate or postgraduate course of study.

2. Your essay must be written under one of the following titles:

• How can we wisely use the Bible and modern science to enhance our faith and studies?

• Extinction rebellion – how can Christians respond?

• Could machines ever know God?

3. Your essay must be no more than 1000 words long (excluding title and bibliography) and must be written in English. Entries exceeding this word limit will not be accepted.

4. Your entry must be submitted electronically as a .doc or .docx file to the Secretary (secretary@cis.org.uk) by midnight on the 30th August 2019, with 'CiS Essay Competition' in the subject field.

5. The first page of your entry must clearly state the following:

- Your name

- Your university

- Your course

- Your year of study

- Your email address

- Your telephone number (landline or mobile)

- A statement indicating that the essay is your own original work

None of these details should appear on subsequent pages, as the essays will be judged anonymously.

6. Your essay must be an original piece of work which has not been submitted to a previous CiS competition. No part of the material you submit may be previously published, nor can it be the winner or finalist of any previous writing contest.

7. Judging will be by a panel of CiS committee members and local group leaders, whose decision will be final. Judging will be anonymous, and essays will be judged on their general interest, theological ideas, scientific ideas and quality of writing.

8. The author of the winning entry will receive a prize to the value of £500 and will have their essay published in PréCiS and on the CiS website. The author of the second place essay will receive a prize to the value of £250, and the third place to the value of £100, and will have their essay published on the CiS website. No alternative prizes are available. The winning and runner up essays may also be published in God and Nature Magazine (godandnature.asa3.org/).

9. You retain the copyright to your work, but CiS reserves the right to print, reprint, and distribute all submitted entries with your permission, regardless of whether or not they are prize-winning pieces.

References

Please use the following format for references

Journal references:

Author Surname, Initial.Initial. (Year), *Journal title*, issue number (volume number), page numbers.

For example:

Carson, P.R. (1970), *Journal of Applied Artificial Intelligence*, 38 (3), 4-11.

Book references Author / Editor Surname, Initial. Initial. (eds – *if editor*) (Year), *Book title (edition number),* page numbers, publisher.

For example: Jones, P.J., Smith, R. & Watson, E.P. (eds) (1988), *Artificial Intelligence Reconsidered (2nd edition)*, 14 – 20, Wiley.