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Editorial

Science and Christian Belief – Further Developments

Riding two horses is never an easy business, but this journal has been doing just that since its inception in 1989. On one hand the journal goes out to libraries and personal subscribers via the Publisher, on the other hand it is distributed widely to the members of several professional bodies, not least those of its sponsors *Christians in Science* and the *Victoria Institute*. One of the reasons we have two Issues per year, rather than four, is to maintain reasonable subscription rates for professional bodies that incorporate the journal within their membership package. In this way the journal continues to flourish, although we would of course like to see subscriptions expand further.

Since the year 2000 the journal has seen a number of new developments. In 2002 the Editorial Board became considerably more international with the addition of sixteen new Board members. In 2003 the journal went electronic and many subscribers now add the e-version to their print subscription or subscribe to the e-version only to save on postage costs. All Issues of the journal back to 1989 are fully accessible and searchable for those subscribing to the e-version. Then in 2007 we acquired a smarter more contemporary cover.

One of the challenges of riding two horses is to maintain rigorous academic standards, yet at the same time keeping journal articles accessible for the broad multidisciplinary needs of our readership. With this Issue we embark on a new initiative that seeks to address this need, namely, to publish at least one major new review in the journal each year. Many readers find it useful to have a broad overview of the current developments in a field that may be different from their own. We therefore welcome the substantial review on 'Human Nature' in this Issue by Prof. R.J. Berry and Prof. Malcolm Jeeves, two of our long-standing Board members. Although the review does cover some material already published previously in the journal, it is highly convenient to have the topic addressed within a single review. Please do not think that all future reviews in the journal will be of this length. Publishing this one entails expanding this Issue from its normal 96 pages to 128 pages, but fortunately on this occasion extra finances have become available to cover the additional costs involved in such expansion. Such extra income will not usually be available, and future review articles are therefore likely to be shorter. If you have ideas for future review topics, then please e-mail the Editor with your suggestions (dra24@hermes.cam.ac.uk).

No journal can afford to stand still and we welcome your other ideas for its future development as well as correspondence and items of debate arising from the articles published.