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Editorial

As you are no doubt aware, Denis Alexander recently stepped down as Editor of *Science and Christian Belief*, after doing this for over 21 years. This is my first issue as the “new boy” and I realise the tremendous debt of gratitude that we owe Denis for his commitment and enthusiasm for the journal over this time. He is going to be an impossible act to follow, and I apologise for my likely errors and mistakes in advance. You’ll no doubt be relieved to hear that I don’t intend to make any radical changes to the journal, and hope that we can continue to publish thoughtful and helpful articles of such a high standard.

However, we do need to see a new generation of contributors. Denis mentioned this at the close of his last editorial and I want to repeat this. We have been grateful for the consistently good contributions from a core of writers over many years, but it would be good to see more articles from younger authors addressing new challenges in the areas of science and faith. There is plenty of scope for new ideas and we’d be pleased to receive any suggestions for topics or authors to approach. Most articles are submitted without invitation by enthusiastic authors; please do continue to volunteer.

There have been great advances in science since the journal started in 1989, from the sequencing of the human genome to the discoveries of cosmology, from computers to stem cells and reproductive technology and a new appreciation of our responsibility to care for creation. Each of these has raised new questions and it has been good to see so many thoughtful articles rising to the challenges. The articles in this issue continue this tradition. Nonetheless the myth persists that scientific discoveries undermine Christian belief or that science has nothing to do with religion. The vast number of books published on this topic is evidence that the interaction is alive and well. Articles in journals such as *Science and Christian Belief* provide an important platform for dispelling this myth, for defending the Christian faith and for explaining its relevance for today’s scientific society.

No journal can afford to stand still and we welcome any new ideas for future developments, as well as articles and correspondence or debates on papers that we have published.

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