

## Editorial

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The first electronic version of *Science & Christian Belief* was published in 2004. Since then all issues, back to the first one in 1989, have been made available online in a searchable format. Journal articles are usually no more than about 9,000 words (though letters and comments can of course be a lot shorter) and the editors work with authors to try to keep to this limit. All submitted papers are subject to rigorous review and we reject over 60% of submissions. We are pleased that the number of quality submissions continues to rise, making it difficult to keep to our usual limit of 96 pages, and you will notice that this issue is larger than usual. This is an excellent problem for a journal Editor, but we do have some page restrictions in order to keep subscription rates as low as possible. Nonetheless, there is often much more that can be said in the space available. So, for the first time, two articles in this issue are accompanied by “Supplementary material”, which is available online only, allowing the authors to include further supporting arguments, or extended versions of their work. This is a common practice for many science journals and enables authors to provide information that is not essential for understanding the arguments in the main text, but which will benefit the reader as additional relevant material. The article by Whiteway and Alexander on ‘Understanding the causes of same-sex attraction’ is therefore accompanied by a longer online-only version that contains additional supporting references. Similarly the article by Suarez on Adam and Eve, original sin and the atonement is accompanied by a number of online-only appendices. I hope that this new facility will enable authors to keep articles within the usual page limit, and thereby free more space for other good quality papers. A number of readers have commented how much they especially value the book reviews in order to guide and inform their own reading, and we certainly do not wish to restrict the number of these.

We would welcome any other ideas for ways to develop the journal, as well as articles, correspondence and items of debate. In particular, if you have ideas for future review topics, then please e-mail the Editor with your suggestions ([k.r.fox@soton.ac.uk](mailto:k.r.fox@soton.ac.uk)). Of course we continue to welcome submissions from new authors.

This issue contains a range of topics which will interest readers from a variety of scientific and theological backgrounds. In particular, we are grateful to Alister McGrath for offering the text of his inaugural lecture in Oxford, and I highlight the paper on same sex attraction by Whiteway and Alexander which will be an invaluable scientific resource in a hotly debated area.

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