

Editorial

We are very fortunate in having so many books on different aspects of Science and Faith, and these continue to be published apace. There are many more than each of us can possibly read and I struggle to keep up with what is new. We are therefore very grateful for the book reviews that are published in each issue, which give invaluable advice, and help us assess which books to buy and read. This issue is no exception and we are pleased to include a further thirteen book reviews. I know that some readers regard this as the most important part of the journal, and skip to the back to see what is new, before reading anything else. Rodney Holder has been the reviews' editor for the past eleven years and has been responsible for soliciting these reviews from a range of different knowledgeable people. I estimate that we have published over 350 book reviews during this time. Rodney has decided to step down from this role and I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking him for all that he has done. Rodney took on this role shortly after becoming Course Director at The Faraday Institute in Cambridge, and his expert understanding of the subjects and his knowledge of the right people to persuade to write the reviews, has ensured that we have been provided with excellent insights into the reading material. Thank you Rodney. I am pleased to let you know that Prof. Meric Srokosz from National Oceanographic Centre in Southampton has agreed to take on this role. Meric is also a CiS trustee and former Associate Director of The Faraday Institute in Cambridge.

In November 2016 the *Christians in Science* annual Southern conference was on the subject of miracles and contained several thought-provoking and stimulating talks and discussions (which are available on the CiS website). This issue contains a copy of Dr Peter May's talk on *Miracles in Medicine*. The subject of how and when God acts in the world today is one on which there are a range of views, and plenty of scope for Christians to disagree. I was aware that this topic might provoke discussion, so I invited Meric Srokosz to write the first short response to this. I anticipate that there will be further correspondence on this topic, which, as appropriate, we will publish in the next issue of *S&CB*. So if you (dis)agree then do write to the Editor and we'll engage in dialogue as we strive to present the truth with honesty and integrity, and with respect for different views and interpretations. Helpful and thoughtful correspondence is always welcome (and it demonstrates that people don't only read the book reviews in *S&CB*!).

Lydia Jaeger's article in the previous issue of *S&CB* dealing with aspects of the Fall and original sin also generated correspondence and that too is included in this issue along with Douglas Hayhoe's article on Creation as a Gift. 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the reformation and 31 October 1517 is widely held to be the day that Martin Luther nailed his

ninety-five theses to the church door and this issue of *S&CB* marks this event with a timely article by Peter Jordan on the reformation and science.

Many readers will have benefited from Walter Hearn's book *Being a Christian in Science* (published in 2000). I don't think that Walt ever wrote for *S&CB*, but he was very active in our American sister organisation the ASA and edited their newsletter for twenty three years, as well as serving as their reviews editor in the 1960s. Walt passed away in April, aged 91, after a long life of service to God and a number of tributes to Walt can be found at <http://network.asa3.org/forums/Posts.aspx?topic=1351806>.

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