

S&CB Editorial

As the incoming Reviews Editor for *Science and Christian Belief*, I have been asked to contribute this editorial. The first thing I need to do is to express our sincere thanks to the outgoing Reviews Editor, Dr Rodney Holder, for his able and hard work in fulfilling that role for 11 years. I hope that I will be able to do the job as well as he has.

The second thing I want to do is to encourage readers of *Science and Christian Belief*, who are at the younger end of the age spectrum, to volunteer to become reviewers. This is partly for selfish reasons, in that I hope that over the next few years someone from the younger generation will emerge as my successor (succession planning being quite the trendy thing these days). More importantly, however, *Christians in Science* (CiS) is committed to encouraging and bringing on the next generation of scientists who can think critically and theologically about the intersection of their faith and their science. Therefore, we want to encourage younger members of CiS to become active participants in all aspects of the production of this journal by reviewing books, writing articles and being reviewers of articles. Eventually, we hope that some will take on editorial roles.

Looking ahead, I believe that new areas of science are emerging, like robotics, artificial intelligence, gene editing, and many more that have yet to be developed. All of these emerging areas will require clear Christian thinking and response from a new generation of scientists who are also Christians. Current areas where clear Christian thinking has been and is still necessary, such as evolution, multiverses or climate change, will in time no doubt seem passé, just as looking back to some of the concerns of our forefathers, such as the age of the Earth or the steady-state theory of the universe, seem passé to us. For these reasons, it is important that each generation engage actively in applying Christian thinking to those areas of science in which they are carrying out research.

Perhaps the first step in engaging in the process of applying Christian thinking critically to scientific issues would be to offer to review a book for *Science and Christian Belief*? Indeed, that is how I started out myself when I was younger, before moving on to write articles and give talks on science and faith issues. So, here is my challenge, if you are at the younger end of our readership spectrum e-mail me (mas@noc.ac.uk) and offer to review a book for this journal. Let me know your scientific interests and experience so that I can assign an appropriate book for you to review. I can't guarantee that I will ask you to review – that depends on the suitability of the books that we obtain for review – but I will do my best. It is also a good way to add to your library as you get a copy of the book for free!

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