

Correspondence

Dear Sir,

I would like to make two comments on Professor Helm's interesting review of my *Science and Christian Belief* in 'Science and Christian Belief', volume 7, pp.59-64.

First, I would like to draw Professor Helm's attention to the fact that my chapter subjects are drawn from clauses of the Nicene Creed (the one truly ecumenical *symbolum*), not the Apostles' Creed.

Second, I would like to comment on the criticism of the way in which I use unpredictability as the basis for an ontological conjecture. No one can write today on the mind-body problem without recourse to metaphysical boldness but I fully accept that such conjecture has to be motivated. The ground for my own treatment is my embrace of a critical realist view of science, which encourages the closest possible correlation of ontology to epistemology. In my Gifford Lectures I acknowledged that I could only summarise my position; a fuller discussion is given in chapter 3 of *Reason and Reality* (SPCK, 1991), which I cite in my Giffords.

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