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Editor's Introduction

I know that one of the most oft repeated objections to Intelligent Design is that it is not guiding or grounding mainstream scientific research. ID, say the critics, is really just biblical “creationism dressed up in a cheap tuxedo” (which, I hate to admit, is certainly one of the best lines in the modern history of the controversy). I won't address the objection, but in light of this issue of the journal one cannot say that ID is not a robust *philosophical* research program. There is some very high-level research presented here that makes significant steps forward in several key areas of philosophical discourse.

It reminds me that once a research community can loosen the shackles of a constraining worldview, in this case naturalism, the community might very well see progress in knowledge far beyond the issues that loosened the shackles in the first place. Because some brilliant thinkers are taking the Intelligent Design debate seriously, they are engaging in fresh thinking on some very fruitful philosophical, scientific, and mathematical topics that will stimulate thinking for generations.

The Evangelical Philosophical Society is grateful for the hard work of our guest editors Jay W. Richards and Neil A. Manson who leapt into this project with great skill and great joy. We are proud to have such a wonderful display of research and cutting-edge debate in our journal.

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