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Editor’s Introduction

I just finished reviewing the final page proofs of the issue that you have in your hand right now and was struck by the eclectic nature of the collection of articles and notes. It reminded me of one of the goals as we started the journal sixteen years ago. We didn’t want to produce yet another fine journal focusing solely on traditional questions in philosophy of religion (although those types of questions have always been well represented). Rather, we were hoping to have a journal that took the Gospel and the biblical view of the world very seriously and then engaged a wide range of mainstream philosophical and ethical issues in a rigorous philosophical manner. For those who wanted examples of what we were imagining at the time, we didn’t really have anything to point to that we would consider a tight approximation. Well I wish I had had a copy of this issue to show around, because I think it’s a marvelous representation of what we originally had in mind.

Clearly there is no discernible theme in this issue. We begin with a very bright Cornell University crop and soil scientist helping us hone evaluations of prophecy. Then we careen over to one of our new executive committee members weighing in on the debate over God and abstract objects. Then it’s off to God’s goodness, Mormonism, religious pluralism, courage and faith, and the nature of marriage—and that does not even count our philosophical notes or book reviews. One could read this issue on a roller coaster and feel like one is travelling in a straight line. I hope you enjoy the mix of authors and issues as much as I did.

One last thing. If the work of the Evangelical Philosophical Society—through our journal, annual meetings, regional meetings, web site, conference MP3s, and so forth—has been helpful to you, please consider giving a generous tax-deductible donation to the EPS in early 2015. We are plotting, planning, and reorganizing for greater impact than ever before and need your generous help to bring it to fruition. Just visit www.epsociety.org/support to partner with us.

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