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Editor’s Introduction

With this issue we begin something that will appear as a regular feature in *Philosophia Christi*: book symposia. This new component is intended to highlight a significant recent book in philosophy and provide a forum for vigorous interaction between the author and selected scholars in the field. I am very grateful to J. P. Moreland who, as usual, went beyond the call of duty to serve as coordinator of our first symposium on William Hasker’s important volume *The Emergent Self* (Cornell, 1999). We have two other symposia in process at the moment—one on Alvin Plantinga’s *Warranted Christian Belief* (Oxford, 2000) and another on *In Defense of Miracles* (InterVarsity, 1997) edited by R. Douglas Geivett and Gary R. Habermas. I would enjoy hearing your feedback on this new aspect of the journal and perhaps suggestions for future books and participants.

We lead off with an important dialogue on a book devoted to the nature of the mind, but as you will notice, it does not end there. We were fortunate to have some other excellent pieces ready for this issue that also address the nature of the mind and soul. Articles by Larmer and Garcia, the note by Takenaga, and the book review by Moser all combine to make this issue one that you may want to use in a graduate seminar on the topic. We’ll make sure we have plenty on hand if you would like to use it in that way. Just let us know.

This issue concludes our second year and second volume of the new series of *Philosophia Christi*. As we prepare for our third volume, we are at a crossroads. We may very well move to a quarterly format in the coming year, but this is contingent upon two things: continued financial investment and continued high quality submissions.

As you probably already know, we have been given a generous matching grant from the Day Foundation of Atlanta and are well on our way to raising all of the matching funds—but we are not there quite yet. Please do consider a generous year-end tax-deductible gift to help us expand our publishing efforts. We will keep you up to date on our fund raising progress.

Also, please do consider becoming a regular book reviewer for the journal. We are now just beginning to receive enough high-quality submissions in the research article and philosophical note categories to make a quarterly schedule possible, but are still in need of more thoughtful book reviewers to join us. If you would like to become a regular reviewer for us, please contact our book review editor, J. P. Moreland at philchristi@biola.edu.

Lastly, on behalf of the Evangelical Philosophical Society I wish to thank the institutions that have given generously to support the journal. We are indebted to the Talbot School of Theology, Bethel Seminary, Ravi
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