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Editor’s Introduction

One of the great advantages of the recent resurgence of Christians engaging in serious philosophical discourse has been the robust revival of philosophical theology. There is certainly much more under the philosopher’s sun than theological issues, but clear reflection on the historic doctrines and Christian worldview is an enormous side benefit to believers everywhere who want to embrace a reasonable faith.

I think it will be obvious upon a careful reading of our theme articles on the Trinity in this installment of the journal that bright minds are making progress on the most difficult issues. Daniel Howard-Snyder, Tom McCall, Michael C. Rea, and Dale Tuggy display a tremendous mastery of recent scholarship as well as the classical literature on this enduring doctrine. We are calling this a set of “theme articles” rather than a symposium, because we did not arrange this in advance. Rather, these authors submitted papers independently to the journal, and we were delighted to collect them and publish them as a group. However, although written independently, you will quickly notice that these philosophers have been interacting with one another for some time on this important topic.

Amazingly, the Trinity theme articles are just the beginning. We are also presenting a major research article by Stewart Goetz on theodicy followed by several other essays that will have broad interest.

With this issue we welcome aboard a new team of book review editors from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Profs. J. B. Stump, Chad Meister, and Timothy Erdel will collectively take on the task previously performed single handedly by J. P. Moreland. Perhaps our experts in the Trinity can help us make sense of how the one performed the task of the three up to this point.

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