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This is not a theme issue. I defy anyone to identify a theme in this issue. Indeed, this is about as eclectic a collection as I have seen. It is a real romp across the Christian philosophical landscape. J. P. Moreland’s work gets a fair degree of attention in these pages—so much so that we have declared a “J. P.–free” zone in the next issue—but it does not qualify as a theme.

I just went through the entire issue in its typeset form and was struck by how solid and specific the theses are. I think there is a fair degree of technical brilliance on display, and I am very proud to have articles, notes, and reviews that make significant contributions to the field.

Even our fearless leader (of the Evangelical Philosophical Society), William Lane Craig weighs in with a thoughtful essay. We are still wondering from what ancient documents he derived the dialogue between the Apostles Peter and Paul (pages 84–6). Since it involves a telephone we on the editorial staff have our doubts about its authenticity. However, we are fairly certain that this purported first-century dialogue will end up in Dan Brown’s sequel to The Da Vinci Code, called The Rembrandt Cipher, as proof that Paul’s second missionary journey was to the Bahamas.

Please make plans now to join us on November 17–19 in San Antonio for the annual meeting of the EPS. Jim Beilby has put together another outstanding program. We meet in conjunction with the Evangelical Theological Society so please consult the ETS website for registration information (www.etsjets.org). Also, please make plans to join us in San Antonio for a public conference we are holding at Parkhills Baptist Church (www.parkhills.org) titled “To Everyone an Answer.” Nearly 1,500 people turned out for our public event in Atlanta last year. So register early for this popular event!

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