

FROM THE EDITOR

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With this issue, *Faith and Philosophy* has made the transition to being an entirely open-access journal. From this issue forward, all issues of the journal will be freely accessible in electronic format. We have also made the entire journal archive—from Robert M. Adams’s “The Virtue of Faith” (the first article of the inaugural 1984 issue) to the most recent pieces—openly available as well.

The decision to go open-access was made by the Executive Committee of the Society of Christian Philosophers—the organization that sponsors *Faith and Philosophy*—in consultation with Michael Peterson (the managing editor) and me. Our collective judgment was that the riches of contemporary Christian philosophy should be made available to as wide an audience as possible and that the continuation of our journal in its previous subscription format did not further this goal.

Open-access format is overwhelmingly desirable when assessed in terms of the dissemination of scholarship. The obstacle to open-access is almost always a resource issue: how to cover journal expenses without subscription revenue. (Some open-access journals resort to charging a fee when a manuscript is submitted; that is not a model that we want to adopt.) A large part of what has made *Faith and Philosophy*’s transition to open-access possible is the financial commitment of the Society of Christian Philosophers to support the journal’s operating expenses. I ask that, if you are a member of the SCP, you continue to support the journal through your membership dues; if you are not a member but are eligible for membership—to be a member you need only self-identify as a Christian and as a philosopher—I ask that you consider joining the SCP and thereby support *Faith and Philosophy* as well as the many other worthwhile endeavors of the SCP. If SCP membership is not in the cards, I ask that you consider donating directly to the journal in order to contribute to its mission to make excellent Christian philosophy and philosophy of religion widely available. (Links for joining the SCP and for donating to the journal can be found on the journal’s landing page.)

In any case, I ask for your prayers for the continued success of *Faith and Philosophy* in this exciting new stage.

