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Editor's Note

Welcome to our 18th edition of *Questions*! In this issue you will find a wealth of ideas to provoke questioning in our readers. It is said that we live in a "post truth" world. But do we? Once we walk outside of a classroom, does not truth passionately matter to all of us? Children care about truth. They do not want to be lied to and express betrayal if they find out someone is lying. Adolescents are particularly sensitive to adult prevarications and react to such falsehoods and inconsistencies with deep disdain. The articles and images in this issue capture how children think about the nature of truth and knowledge. It quickly becomes clear that they recognize the complexity of determining what constitutes knowledge and truth, and how we must be careful before simply buying into what we *think* is the truth.

The four winners of the PLATO Essay Contest illustrate the complexity of the challenges as each examines the ways in which a claim might be justified as true. A pragmatic or contextual theory of truth seems to be the favored direction but we might have to accept an approximation of truth as the most we can hope for. Other authors included in this volume explore how Plato's Cave and the movie *The Truman Show* reveal how easily we humans can be deceived by appearances into thinking we know when in fact we do not. Culture and personal inclinations shape how we think about the world and we would be wise to always remember our fallibility.

You will find also a number of images that invite the viewer to reflect on what truth means and why it might be both essential for our operating in the world even as it is also tantalizingly elusive. Perhaps the best take away message that runs through all of these excellent examples of children and young people doing philosophy is that we must remain diligent and care about knowledge and about the truth. Truth does matter. For all of us. So question away!

—Wendy C. Turgeon

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