



Editorial

The pursuit of knowledge promises no end. Humans, gifted with intellect and curiosity, will remain interested in discovery, argumentation, and invention. This, of course, is as it should be. At the core of our nature as sentient entities is a sense of wonder at the possibility of new insights and a sense of delight in encountering new ideas, even if these are mere footnotes to the existing pool of knowledge. To use Rahnerian and Kantian phraseology, as *Geist in Welt* with transcendental capacities at the ontological depths of our being, we, humans, are questioners forever moving forward toward experiencing cognitive satisfaction.

It would not be an exaggeration to claim that in the pursuit of knowledge there are no irrelevant questions. Answers to basic questions become the ground for further inquiry, which in turn lead to further answers. Scholars, however, must possess the needed humility to admit the possibility of the provisionality of their discovery and proposed answers. This neither implies a callous deprivation of the excitement of having discovered something new nor an insensitive undermining of the significance of new insights. It only means that our contributions to knowledge—no matter how great we perceive they might be—are not conclusions of the matter. Instead, they serve as grounds for further inquiry for others. Our insights are wheels within the bigger wheel of scientific inquiry.

My deep appreciation goes to those who untiringly raise questions, willfully engage in the discovery of new ideas, and courageously publish their arguments. They, as persons in themselves, along with their contributed new knowledge, are magnificent gifts to humanity and to world progress. These gifts of knowledge are born out of many sacrifices, including time and resources which could have been spent on things that bring momentary enjoyment. I thank them also for giving *Wesleyan Scientific Review* the privilege of being the channel of their gifts to the world.

Soli Deo gloriam!

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