



During the past weeks, Shepherd's Knoll has bustled with workers busily erecting our new horse barn. Conceived several years ago, our construction plan continually evolved as my wife and I debated and discussed options and attributes for this dream horse barn. We settled on the location (east of our house, but well in view), overall size (dimensions 24 feet x 48 feet with 12-foot sidewalls), and basic components (four horse stalls, tack room, a loft, and storage areas for feed, bedding, hay, and tools). In June, our barn building project began with site excavation and then basic structural erection by a local agricultural construction company, who put up the pole framework and metal roof. The balance of the construction remains the responsibility of the Miller household.

During less busy times, I reflect on the creativity, energy, and errors involved in our barn-building project. For example, in meeting with the plumber, we made decisions about the location of water lines that differed from the original plan. Earlier, due to a miscommunication, the construction company ordered and installed the wrong metal roof color. While the color we originally selected matched our house and other

The writer of Hebrews puts *building* in perspective by describing in principle the origin of the building impulse: “For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything” (Hebrews 3:4, NIV). Is not the urge and ability to build part of our creative nature, endowed to us by the great Builder and Designer? Did God in creation translate idea to drawing, to material acquisition, to construction, and finally to residence?

A Barn & Kingdom Builder,
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Again due to the sixteen extra pages supported by the contribution of a generous donor, this issue of *PSCF* contains eight interesting and informative articles, rather than the typical three or four found in many issues.

The first triplet of papers by Malcolm Jeeves, David Siemens, and Peter Rüst relates to the neurobiology theme of the 2004 Annual Meeting of the ASA. These three papers explore various aspects of the nature of humanness and the image of God.

The next two papers by D. Gareth Jones and Hessel Bouma describe issues of health care ethics as they impact our society.

Finally, the last triplet of papers portrays a variety of faith and science issues: Jerry Bergman reflects on the reasons for the extinction of the dodo bird; Randy Isaac takes up the theological issue of gaps in our understanding; and Giuseppe Tanzella-Nitti explores historical perspectives on the revelation of God through science and Scripture.

As normal, we follow our articles with a selection of book reviews and conclude our issue with one letter.