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Thanks and a Promising Start

As our book review editor at *PSCF* for the last seven years, Patrick Franklin has shepherded close to 300 book reviews in *PSCF*. Many of those he has written, more commissioned, and yet more, has ably organized and coordinated with the subject area editors. He and his team have alerted us to books we should know, gleaned the key findings of others that we should know but would not have the time to pursue in full, and warned us off time wasters. That has required a breadth of field, discernment, mastery of detail, clear vision of the big picture, eloquence, and diplomacy. On behalf of our readers, ASA, CSCA, and colleagues at the journal, many, many, thanks.

The demands of creating a new issue every few months are relentless. Stephen Contakes has already been at the helm for book reviews for three months. Stephen is an associate professor of chemistry at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California. He completed undergraduate degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering at Lehigh University, a doctorate in chemistry at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and a postdoc at Caltech. His research involves the synthesis of molecular assemblies and catalysts for water remediation applications. He has been a member of the ASA since 2008, a part of the Southern California local chapter since its founding in 2010, and helped organize the section's annual Winter Conferences from 2013–2019. These activities helped prepare him to participate in the 2014–2016 Oxford-Templeton Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities program. As a reader of *PSCF* specifically, you will already know his name as author of two articles for *PSCF* and as a member of our Editorial Board for several years.

We are also welcoming with this issue Myron A. Penner. Myron is our new book review subject area editor for philosophy and theology. You might already know him as professor of philosophy and director of the Humanitas Anabaptist-Mennonite Centre for Faith and Learning at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. Penner

started off with an MCS from Regent and a PhD from Purdue University. He has won fellowships at Oxford, Calvin, Ryerson, and Notre Dame, and co-wrote with Amanda Nichols the lead article in this issue of *PSCF*.

Contakes and Penner will, of course, not be alone in our book review section. Each year over forty reviewers explain and critique the contribution of new books. It is the subject area editors, now Myron, and continuing, Arie Leegwater, Sara Sybesma Tolsma, and Derek Schuurman who find the right experts to evaluate the most relevant and important books out of the hundreds of thousands that are published each year. The resulting reviews are honed to be well written, informative, and prompt. Arie taught chemistry at Calvin College and edited this journal. He watches and commissions cosmology, history of science, mathematics, and the physical sciences. Sara is a professor of biology at Northwestern College (Iowa). She looks out for the key new books in biology, environment, genetics, and origins. Derek holds the William Spoelhof Chair as a professor of computer science at Calvin University. He keeps track of computers, engineering, and technology.

As book review editor, Stephen takes the further step of coordinating the book choices since the subject areas often interact. He then marshals the readied reviews into categories to help readers find the ones that match their interests. He also maintains a database of potential reviewers. If you would like to lend your expertise to this crucial service of reviewing (and get free books!), do send him your contact information and a brief description of your expertise (scontakes@westmont.edu). He and the subject area editors also welcome recommendations of particular books that readers would like to see reviewed. These suggestions from engaged scholars who have appreciated a new title and think other readers would as well, usefully extend our awareness and reach. ♥

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Editor-in-Chief

IN THIS FULL-COLOR BOOK, geologist Carol Hill examines how numerous apparent conflicts between Scripture and science can be resolved by understanding the ancient worldview of the scriptural authors and how it differs from our modern, scientific worldview. This framework opens the door to clearing up longstanding questions, such as:

- Are the Genesis patriarchs' ages real numbers?
- Are the days of creation actual 24-hour days?
- Where was the garden of Eden located?
- Was Noah's flood global or local?
- Were Adam and Eve real people?
- Is evolution a belief or a fact?

CAROL HILL is a geologist who has worked in the Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Caverns for more than forty years. She is the author of a number of books, and has been featured on NOVA and National Geographic TV. Carol teaches geology at the University of New Mexico.

Praise by theologians and scientists:

"Carol Hill takes both Scripture and science seriously, affirming the inspiration of the Bible and the evidence for biological evolution."

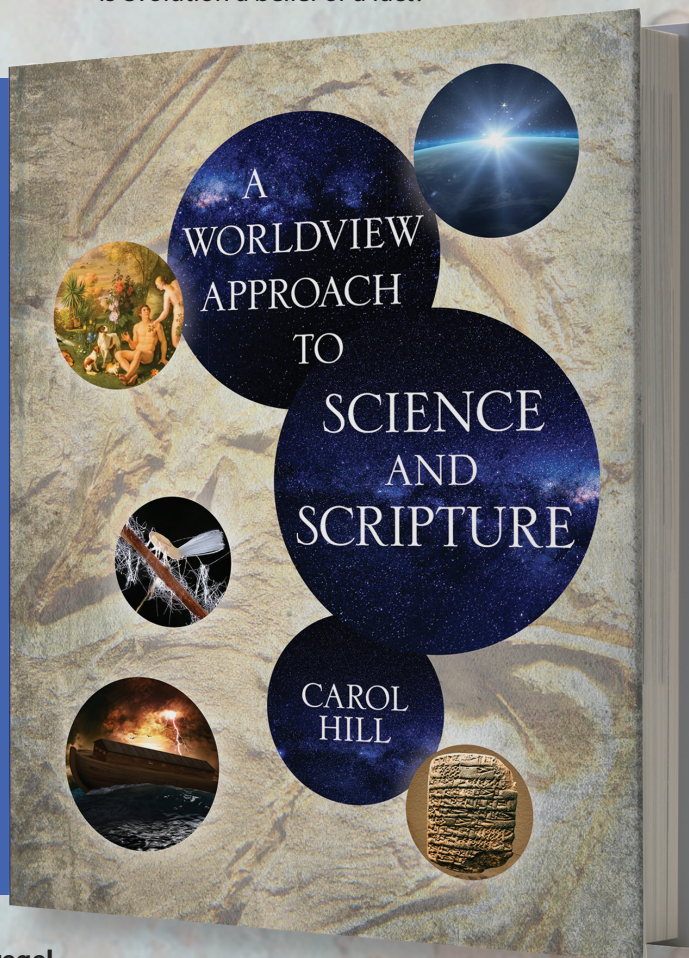
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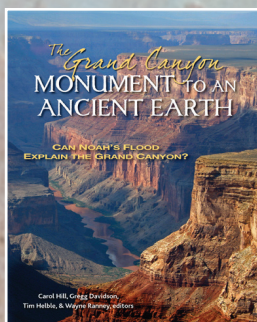
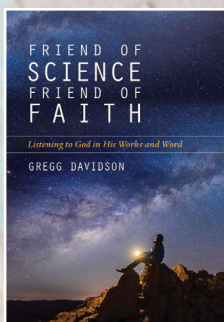
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"Carol Hill's worldview approach brings the reader face-to-face with archeological, biblical, and scientific data that enable one to gain a new appreciation for what the Bible is trying to teach. This approach is a very helpful tool!"

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