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Learning from Authors around the Globe

The first issue of *PSCF* (then the *A.S.A. Bulletin*) appeared January 7 of 1949, and said it planned to give “the benefit of constructive criticism and Christian evaluation of papers presented and of reviews of books of great interest or strategic importance.” That issue was printed in Chicago, but by 1973, there were enough Canadians in the ASA to form in close association the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation. *PSCF* is still centered in North America, but science and the Christian faith have gone global. There are more Anglican church members now in Nigeria than in England. It appears that as many Christians join for worship in China on a Sunday morning, as in the United States.

Serving that global movement, we are happy that *PSCF* is read by fellow Christians around the world, and that we have the opportunity to learn from them. Just looking at the last twelve months of *PSCF* articles as an example, 56% of those articles were from authors in the USA, 12% from Canada, and 31% from beyond North America. Countries with single article contributions included France, New Zealand, Scotland, Italy, and Peru. While English is amazingly pervasive as the world’s most widely used second language, one of the means for commerce, diplomacy, and scholarship, it is not unusual to receive requests to translate *PSCF* articles into other languages. Recently we welcomed translating a *PSCF* article into Polish for a new book titled *Debaty nad pochodzeniem: Ujęcie historyczne, filozoficzne i naukowe*, and an article into Italian by the Institute for Fundamental Theology at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome. The latter requested a *PSCF* article by Enrico Cantore published in December 1985. Now that is a long shelf life!

Wherever they live, our readers each have unique expertise that could be helpful to the rest of us. Take the time to write that up, test it out with colleagues that you know, perhaps from a local ASA or CSCA chapter, or from far-flung annual meetings of your professional societies, or from across the internet. The editorial of the December 2021 issue lines out what *PSCF* is looking for in its published articles. When you think you have something well honed to

serve a wider audience, send it in for potential peer review and publication. Twice a year we do variety issues that gather an impressive array of articles from unsolicited manuscripts. Usually twice a year we do theme issues gathered from calls such as the one in this issue.

If you want to contribute at a shorter length, communications are focused personal accounts of how people are living out science and Christian faith. In brief, the author describes a particular point of service: from working as president of a research university, to being married to a physicist, to developing uses for formerly discarded coconut husks in order to raise the income of subsistence coconut farmers ...

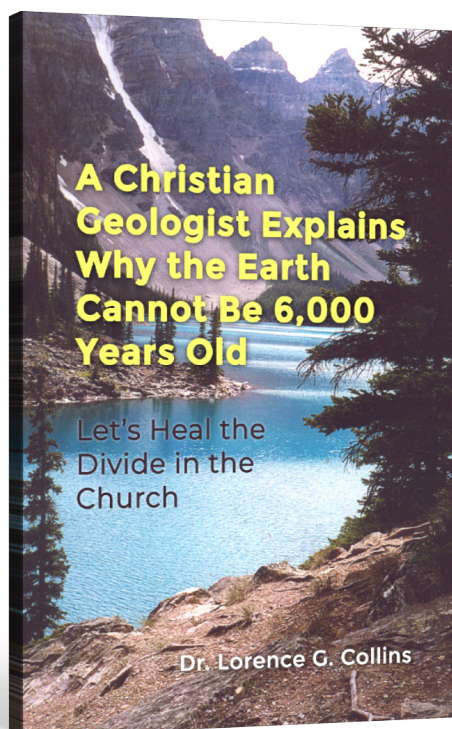
In addition, the readers of *PSCF* have long appreciated the many insightful book reviews published within its covers. If you would be open to being asked to contribute to this interesting and important service of writing a book review, please send a brief email to our Book Review Editor Stephen Contakes at scontakes@westmont.edu. Describe your areas of expertise and preferred mailing address. This information will be entered into a database that will bring you to the attention of the editor of a specific subject area, when a book of interest to you and *PSCF* readers becomes available for review. Of course, if a book is offered to you, you would still be able to accept or decline receiving the book at that particular time. Also, the subject area editors are glad to receive recommendations of books that *PSCF* should consider reviewing. Their email addresses are listed inside the front cover of every issue.

Letters to the editor are immediate and focused. They quickly make a specific and important point in relation to a just-published article or review. The letters selected for publication are often then followed by a response from the original author.

So, thanks and appreciation to our readers and authors wherever you have been called to serve. Keep thinking and writing to contribute further to your fellow readers at *PSCF*. ◀

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