Editorial Preface

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This issue of the *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* marks the end of Gene Long's 20 years of service to this journal. There is no doubt that the reputation of excellence that this journal now enjoys in the academic world is due in large part to his tireless and devoted work as Editor-in-Chief.

Even though it is with fear and trembling, I am honored to follow Gene as Editor-in-Chief. It is a tall task to be sure, but I have the highest hopes of continuing the excellence that he has established for this journal. Fortunately, I will not have to take up this task alone. To my great relief, all of the wonderful members of the Editorial Board that Gene established have agreed to continue in their roles as submission reviewers. Indeed, I think I can speak for them all, and for all who work in the field of the philosophy of religion as well, and especially for the members of the governing body of the journal, the Associates for the Philosophy of Religion, when I offer Gene our deepest thanks and best wishes as he takes up his new life on the other side of the many responsibilities this post entailed.

This issue also brings an end 20 years of service given to this journal by Jim Keller as our Book Review Editor. Thanks to you Jim for this excellent work. And thanks to Kevin Schilbrack for agreeing to take over this position. Kevin has already started sending out books for review and is excited about this new work.

I will mention that things have changed somewhat at the journal. We have now gone to an online submission and review process. My hope is that this will enable us to reduce the turnaround time from submission to notification and from notification to publication. To submit on line go to Springer.com and then click on the "submit on line" tab.

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In this issue, you will find gathered three articles that take on some surprising questions: “Was Hume really a theist?” “Does the content-externalist argument against skepticism lead to theistic skepticism?” And finally, “Is Dennett a Deist?”

Greetings to you all,

Ronald L. Hall

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