

Editor's Page

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This issue of *JATS* is the first to feature a book review article in many years. Generally, we have avoided doing reviews because it can be a lot of extra work to select books worthy to review and find appropriate reviewers. Also, we have noticed a trend in some journals where actual articles seem to give way to scores of short book reviews, and we have wanted to avoid that trend with *JATS*. However, the ATS executive committee recently agreed that sometimes a key book may come along that deserves special attention. That is the case with *Understanding Creation: Answers to Questions on Faith and Science*, edited by L. James Gibson and Humberto M. Rasi and published by Pacific Press. Since the issue of creation has been the focus of much attention within the Adventist church, and will continue to be as the church re-examines Fundamental Belief 6 concerning creation, the editors felt it would be good to bring this volume to the attention of our readers. We are grateful to Dr. Joe Galusha, a biology professor from Walla Walla University, for providing his impressions of this recent publication. We hope to continue to offer thoughtful reviews of key works in future editions of *JATS*.

As for the main scholarly articles, we again are pleased to present some thoughtful studies that move across the various theological disciplines. We have three from the field of theology—Fernando Canale continues his series on the Emerging Church with the third installment; Michael Younker looks at the issue of divine action in the natural world in a dialogue with contemporary theologians, philosophers, and scientists alongside Ellen White. Warren Shipton takes us back to reflect on the “thorny” issue of thorns and thistles in relation to the creation narrative. In the area of

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Church History we have Joseph Olstad discussing universal legal justification as a failed alternative between Calvin and Arminius; and Terry Robertson discusses the implications of Arminius' understanding of the intellect on Knowledge Exchange Strategies in the mission of the Adventist church. Finally, Gerhard Pfandl returns us to the Old Testament with a defense of the year-day principle—which is so important to Adventist understandings of key prophecies. We hope you enjoy and are blessed by these studies as you read and meditate upon them.