

EDITORIAL

Four articles, two Review Articles, and three book reviews, may suggest a slight Issue. Nothing could be further from the case!

Bob Nelson (whose revised edition of *Economics as Religion* highlights his place in the “implicit religion” portrait gallery) uses another’s well-remembered contribution to *Implicit Religion* to illustrate his comprehensive (and, to some, disturbing suggestion) that Environmentalism has the character of an (implicit) Calvinism (or even, *pace* the Calvinists, of an implicit Catholic natural theology!)

Sonali and Shubhasheesh Bhattacharya present a case that is at least as up-setting of accepted stereotypical divisions: in this case between entrepreneurial leadership and religious leadership, and between philanthropy and business, or any easy assumption that scientific thinking inevitably accompanies literacy and *vice versa*.

Paul Hedges’ article on the many available “Glastonburys” is similarly wide-ranging: a prism can be tiny as a diamond, and still throw off a rainbow universe of mentalities. Indeed, when so much can be said so briefly, then an article can seem like a book.

Black Sabbath is likewise prismatic. Without imposing any particular causation, motivation or interpretation, John J. Johnson evidences similarities between their Heavy Metal music and traditional Christian biblical viewpoints that, even if merely coincidental, are still thought-provoking.

It will come as little surprise that such a cornucopia of observation and reflection has come at a certain cost, if it was to be made reasonably transparent, even to the reader in a hurry. I would like to thank all the authors of the Articles and the Review Articles for their willingness to undertake this quest for meaning that can be shared. If we sometimes wondered whether the effort after a ready comprehensibility that successfully stretches current convictions is worthwhile, the result (in my opinion) proves that it is well worthwhile.

Readers who might wish to undertake this sort of activity in company (literally) with others, may like to know that the 38th annual conference in Implicit Religion will be held 8–10 May 2015, and that it will again be held at Denton Hall, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. (The Hall looks out upon the “Ilkley moor,” of *Ilkla Moor bar t’at* fame, but a more marked contrast with the gruesome tale of the man who was eaten up by the worms, having caught a cold because he went outside without his hat, is hard to imagine!)

Papers have so far been offered from Italy, Scotland, Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, the United States, India, Northern Ireland, England, and the Czech Republic. They will be seeking to “delve” (prismatically) into scientists’ spirituality, unchurched Christians, the Starbucks’ brand, monastic origins of technology, psychotherapy, Krishna’s maidens, punk mediators, *Fast Arrows* comic strip, Occupy Hong Kong, the “spiritual but not religious” ideology, and the Bhagavad Gita—so far.

As space is available for up to 20 Papers and a further twenty Participants, enquiries are still invited (edward.bailey@implicitreligion.org). We begin on Friday at 6 pm and conclude on Sunday at 2 pm, and the *total* cost is £160.

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