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From the Editor:

This Summer issue of the journal features two articles and a couple of book reviews. The first paper is the result of a highly fruitful collaboration between economist Ian Gregory-Smith and theologian Peter Watts. It was presented at the ACE conference in July and generated much lively discussion. The article addresses the trade-off between the allocation of time to secular work and church related activities. It is an original paper that explicitly models the effect of the sinful desire to retain wealth and discusses the implications of this for the demands that churches may impose on their members.

In the second paper, Australian authors Clive and Cara Beed explore God's preferences for contemporary business. These include an emphasis on localised production and consumption and an aversion to competition, poverty and unemployment. The article pays particular attention to the Mondragon Cooperative Corporation in Spain, characterised by worker cooperatives and employment security, as exemplifying a business model largely consistent with God's transformative preferences.

Finally, I contribute two book reviews. The first is a collected volume of previous articles by Clive and Cara Beed. The second is the monograph by Andy Hartropp on economic justice.

Please note the advertisement overleaf for our annual small research grant competition.

Your submissions for publication are very welcome. As discussed at the Annual General Meeting, the journal will change its name from the next issue to ACE Discussion Papers. This is to facilitate contributions from authors who may also wish to publish their articles elsewhere. The format will otherwise remain unchanged. Please feel free to send shorter reflection pieces as well as regular length articles and constructive replies or comments on previously published papers. A set of preferred style and formatting guidelines for contributions is published on page iv.

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ACE Small Research Grant Fund

2009-10 Call for Proposals

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To apply, contact Michael Pollitt (m.pollitt@jims.cam.ac.uk) with a one page proposal.

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The line spacing for paragraphs is single. The font is Times New Roman 12 point for all text, including footnotes, to facilitate readability. Select A4 for the paper size. Margins should be 1 inch at the top and bottom and 1.25 inches at the left and right.

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Footnotes should be used in preference to endnotes, but kept to a minimum.

Page numbers should be at the top of the page and aligned on the 'outside'.

Headings for tables and titles for figures should be above the relevant text, centred and in bold. Tables and figures should have their own separate (arabic) numerical sequences.

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