

EDITORIAL

The Spring issue is almost a quarter late in production. Two things have made that so, first, Beth and I took a three-week trip out west with our trailer to visit Timothy Unruh to discuss a project to measure the one-way speed of light and we made a vacation of it. Second, work is progressing on a complete revision of our 1992 edition of *Geocentricity*, which is about two-thirds completed. We expect this tardiness to continue for a while. Lord willing, we will continue to publish four issues per year, but in any case, paid subscribers will receive four issues, no matter how long it takes.

In this issue we have an article of historical significance written by David Lifschultz. It has been several years since Mr. Lifschultz has written for us and he is always interesting and insightful. This time he writes about Einstein and the new physics. With Einstein the world entered a new era in physics. Prior to the Michelson-Morley experiment which revealed that the earth does not orbit the sun, physics was predominantly practiced in the lab by experimenters who reported on their lab findings. After the failure of the M-M experiment to reveal the orbital motion of the earth, the power in physics left the hands of the experimenter and ended up in the hands of the speculative theoreticians. It took about thirty years for the theoreticians to explain the M-M experiment's result without having to admit that the earth does not orbit the sun. The final solution was that every object in the universe, from the largest cluster of galaxies to the tiniest proton in the core of the sun, could look as if it were at the center of a universe that spun around it with fantastic speeds and slammed back and forth instantly trillions of times per second. This final theory was Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.

In the next paper we present a theory, an explanation for global warming that demonstrates that the warming we have observed over the last 150 years is not due to the activities of man but can be entirely explained by the heating up of the sun. Heretofore, the amount of heat arriving from the sun has been steadily warming, but not enough to explain the amount of warming we have observed at the surface of the earth. We report here on the theory of Henrik Svensmark which beautifully fits all the observed climate and sunspot data. President Obama has declared a food necessary for plants—carbon dioxide—to be a pollutant. If Svensmark is correct, and I think he is, then Obama will have made a fool of himself. Besides, since we all exhale carbon dioxide, we are now all *polluters* and subject to whatever pollution laws, restrictions and fines that suit the whims of the Congressional Communist Party. I am reminded of the old-line USSR Christians who chose to

live godly lives isolated in Siberia rather than be forced to steal or whore after the will of the enemies of God.

Beyond that, we report that the geocentric movement is progressing slowly, one convert at a time. Work on the revision of *Geocentricity* is proceeding, with about two-thirds of the book revised at this time. Gordon Bane continues to distribute his flyers and gets decent results for a topic as exotic as geocentricity. We visited with him at his home in April.

That's about it for news. We'll follow this with some quotes that have been stored on the computer for years.

SELAH

...While we are on the subject of science, let me digress for a moment. I believe that any Christian who is qualified to write a good popular book on any science may do so much more by that than any directly apologetic work. The difficulty we are up against is this. We can make people (often) attend to the Christian point of view for half an hour or so; but the moment they have gone away from our lecture or laid down our article, they are plunged back into a world where the opposite position is taken for granted. As long as that situation exists, widespread success is simply impossible. We must attack the enemy's line of communication. What we want is not more little books about Christianity, but more little books by Christians on other subjects—with their Christianity latent. You can see this most easily if you look at it the other way round. Our faith is not very likely to be shaken by any book on Hinduism. But if whenever he reads an elementary book on Geology, Botany, Politics, or Astronomy, we found that its implications were Hindu, that would shake us. It is not the books written in direct defense of Materialism that make the modern man a materialist; it is the materialistic assumptions in all the other books. In the same way, it is not books on Christianity that will really trouble him. But he would be troubled if, whenever he wanted a cheap popular introduction to some science, the best work on the market was always by a Christian. The first step to the re-conversion of this country is a series, produced by Christians, which can beat the Penguin and the Thinker's Library on their own ground. Its Christianity would have to be latent, not explicit: and, of course, its science perfectly honest. Science twisted in the interests of apologetics would be sin and folly.

—C. S. Lewis, 1970.
God in the Dock, p. 93