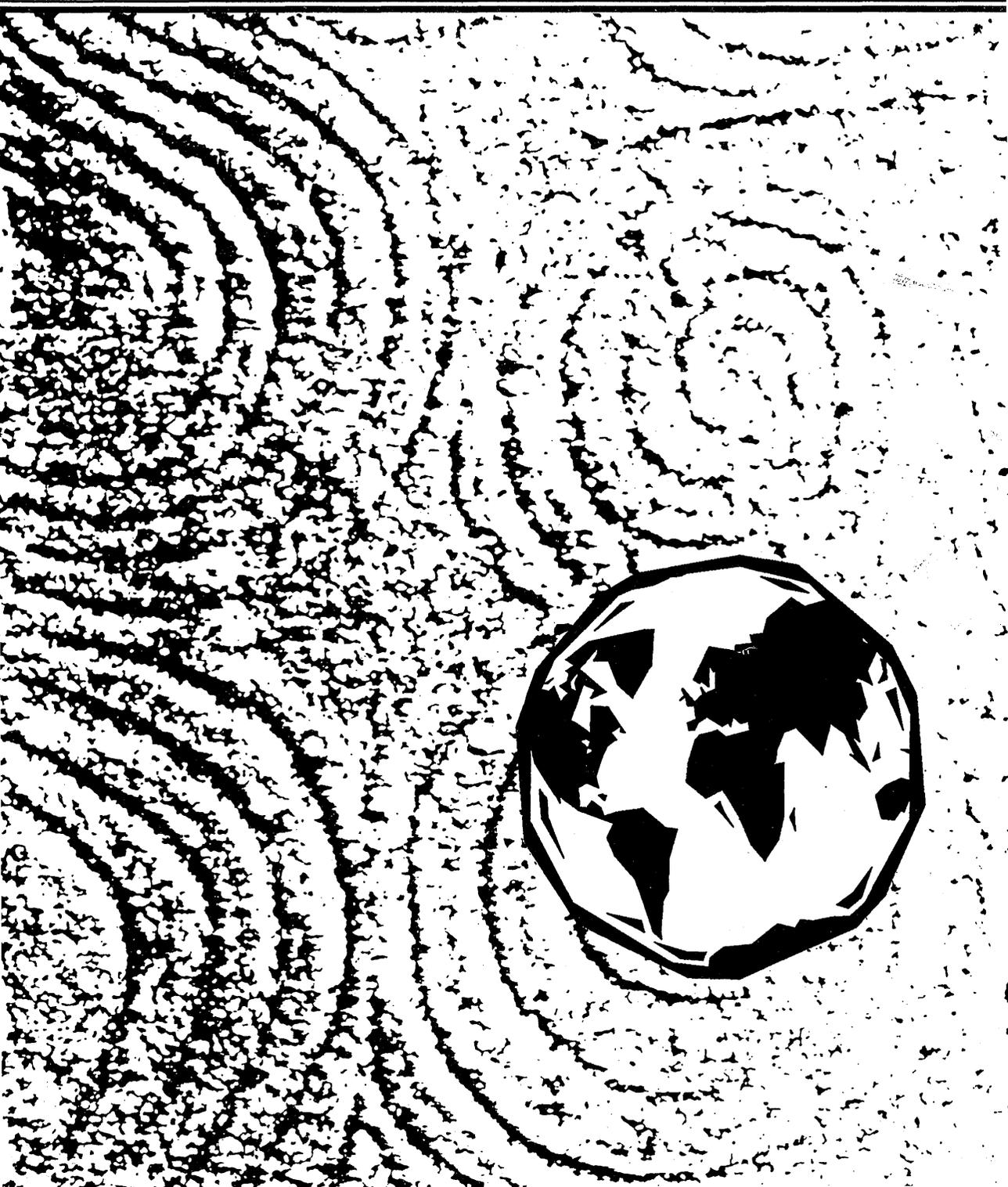


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Editorial

Over the last two years, there has been considerable discussion about change to the *Review*. It has been proposed to up-grade it to a fully refereed journal, partly so that articles written for it would receive greater recognition by university administrations. If this proposal was adopted, the *Review* would be produced twice a year containing only articles and book reviews. A separate bulletin would be produced mid-year containing news and information about the members of the AASR.

At the same time, it is likely that the style and format of the *Review* would change. We have been considering a variety of sizes and styles for cost of appearance, cost of printing, and cost of postage. A slightly smaller format which would fit in a B5 envelope would cut the cost of envelopes substantially. As desktop publishing programs have improved in capacity, we should also be able to print to film from disk rather than laser output, which should improve the quality.

Detailed proposals will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting in Christchurch in July. We would welcome your feedback about such proposals.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the journal. It is also a pleasure to receive articles that have not been solicited for consideration for the *Review* - a small but significant sign that the journal, even as it is, continues to make a significant contribution to those who are interested in the study of religions.

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