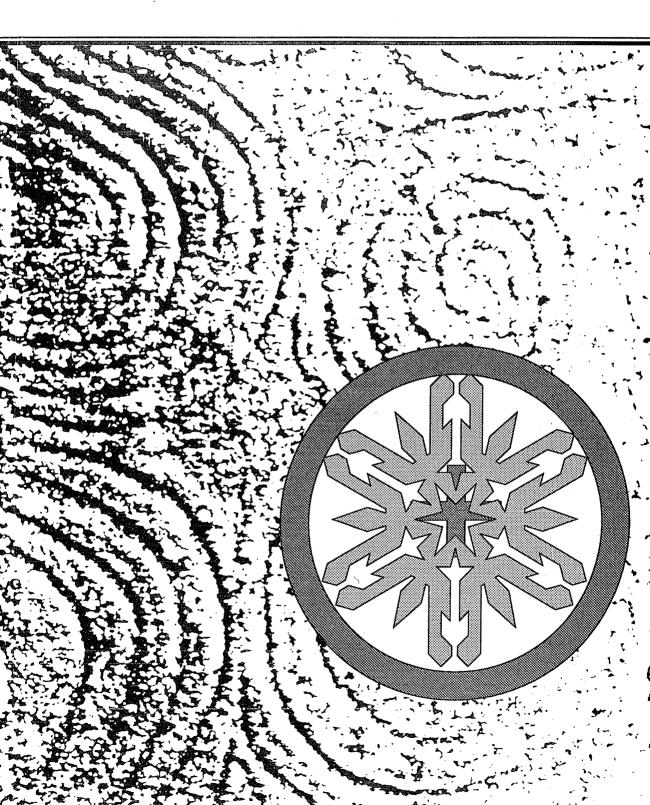


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We are delighted that our pleas in the last REVIEW were headed and that several members have offered articles, reviews, leave reports and conference reports. In case you missed last time, some ways you can help are:

- reports of conferences you attend
- reports of study leave
- information of forth coming conferences, here and overseas
- outlines of new courses and curricula
- making sure your publishers send us review copies of your books.

The areas with the greatest need are the courses and curriculum section and conference and leave reports. Often in the state news we have mentions of new courses departments and scholars are presenting but unless I chase them up we don't have details. Without thwarting someone's creative genius, we could avoid re-inventing the wheel and further enrich the teaching of religion. It doesn't entail a specially prepared paper but merely forwarding the course outlines and reference guides you use in the university handbooks.

Similarly with leave reports. Most of you will be required to present some sort

of summary for your department or university. Send these on to the REVIEW and they can form a basis for planning for colleagues as well as keeping other members informed of your current areas of research and scholarship.

MOST IMPORTANT!!! We guarantee reviews of all books produced by members. Make sure that your publisher has us on the list. We may not have a large circulation but, with our contacts in teaching departments and libraries both here and overseas, we do have buying power.

For the next issue we will look at ethics and religion or religious ethics or teaching ethics and values or any other variation you would like to make on the theme. Let 'Tricia know if you would like to contribute an article. Also if you have read any recent books in the area or attended any relevant seminars or conferences sent reports of those as well.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference in Adelaide. Thank you for your continued support.

'Tricia Blombery and Philip Hughes