Editorial

The topic of this volume, Design and Providence, continues the discussion which began previously with the publication of Volume 2 on the topic, The Design Argument. Volume 7 contains two papers which were originally presented at the Dialogue on Design conference held at Avondale College on June 9-10, 2006. These papers were subsequently edited and reviewed for the written presentation in this volume. The guest speaker at the conference was Dr Michael Denton who presented many of the ideas found in his book entitled, "Nature's Destiny: How the laws of biology reveal purpose in the universe". Included in this volume, therefore, is a review of this book for the benefit of those who may not have read it.

There is now a plethora of books and articles on the topic of intelligent design to the extent that it is difficult for the casual reader with an interest in the topic to make some headway in clarifying the different positions people take in the debate. Both articles in this volume address possible classification schemes to help clarify one's thinking in this area. Important references are included as are questions and points for discussion suitable for consideration by small groups. We hope you enjoy this volume and find it informative and nurturing of the spiritual life.

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Reference

Denton, M J (1998). *Nature's Destiny: How the laws of biology reveal purpose in the universe*. The Free Press, New York.