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With this issue I conclude my stint as editor of *Quaker Religious Thought*. At the Quaker Theological Discussion Group meeting in Richmond, Indiana, in 1989, I was appointed editor. It was understood then that the appointed associate editor, Paul Anderson, would succeed me. This decision was affirmed at a November 1999 QTGDG meeting in Boston. Paul has asked me to continue as an associate editor, and I will do so, hoping to ensure a transition as smooth as what I experienced with Dean Freiday, the editor who preceded me. Papers from that Boston meeting are being considered for future issues.

I thank members of the Advisory Council for their suggestions and insights, especially solicited during the first years of my editorship. I am grateful for how efficiently Phil Smith has picked up the mantle after Theodore Perkins retired from long and dedicated service as business manager. Barclay Press has provided careful proofing and quality printing, sharing with us a sense of Quaker mission, to use a seventeenth-century phrase, as “publishers of Truth.” Several persons have provided significant cash subsidies on occasion. Their stewardship is appreciated. I thank the many contributing writers over the past decade who through *QRT* published their concerns of mind and heart. Finally, I thank our readers, some of whom, thoughtfully, have expressed to me their appreciation for the journal, or have cited it in articles and books. Praise God for all these gifts freely bestowed and thankfully received!

Dean Freiday concluded issue #71 with my paper, “The Universalism of Christ in Early Quaker Understanding.” So I conclude issue #94 with an article by the incoming editor, Paul Anderson, “On Jesus: Quests for Historicity, and the History of Recent Quests.” Howard Macy adds a timely piece, “Reflections on Contemporary Bible Translation.” A few book notes complete the issue.

Peace and joy!

—Arthur O. Roberts

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