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NOTES AND NEWS

Tribute to Philip L. Quinn

Philip L. Quinn died on November 15, 2004 at the age of 64. Phil was a good friend of many of us. All who knew him will mourn his loss.

Phil was simply one of the most humane, decent, and fair minded persons I have had the good fortune to know. He was also, in my considered opinion, a shining example of just what a philosopher of religion should be. Phil excelled at technical work. (*Divine Commands and Moral Requirements* is a splendid early example.) He was also deeply engaged with broader issues. His discussions of religious diversity, tolerance, the proper role of Christians in the public arena, "Abraham's dilemma," the love commandment, divine command theory, and related topics are models of clarity, careful argumentation, insight, and imagination. I am sure that I was not alone in having urged Phil, on several occasions, to work some of this material up into a book. His response was always that he would like to but just didn't have the time at the moment—"possibly after retirement." It is deeply to be regretted that his comparatively early death has now made this impossible. I also much admired Phil's irenic, non-dogmatic temperament, and sympathetic interest in, and willingness to learn from other philosophical traditions. (I suspect that he was one of the few analytic philosophers of religion to have carefully read Marion, for example.) Bridges of this kind are sorely needed, and I sincerely hope that many other Christian philosophers will follow Phil's example.

Members of the Society of Christian Philosophers and readers of his *Journal* owe Phil a special debt of gratitude, however. Phil Quinn was *Faith and Philosophy's* second editor, and I worked carefully with him in the two years that immediately preceded and followed my own assumption of the journal's editorship in 1995. Phil couldn't have been more helpful. His advice and suggestions were invaluable without ever being intrusive. Even more important to me was Phil's example. He was my model of what a good editor should be, and I can only hope that I succeeded in maintaining the high standards that were set by Phil and his predecessor, William Alston.

Phil Quinn will be sorely missed. I pray that you will join with me in wishing him, "God speed."

— WILLIAM J. WAINWRIGHT
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