Editor's Statement

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Abstract

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It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as a guest editor for this issue of Prespacetime Journal and I hope both the readers and our fine authors will take pleasure in this result. I want to thank all of the folks who submitted papers for our Cosmology and Gravity focus issue, and to inform folks that we received many more submissions than will comfortably fit in one issue, so will be publishing a second installment as issue number nine. I want to express great appreciation to my co-editor, Philip Gibbs, whose work I have admired for a number of years now — and whom I have finally had the pleasure to work together with. And I also feel tremendous gratitude for the efforts of our chief editor, Huping Hu, for whom I now have a great deal more respect, seeing how hard being a good editor can be. I hope that the authors feel they have benefited by the guidance provided by Phil and myself, and the suggestions of expert reviewers when we have called upon them.

It has been gratifying and humbling to work with both esteemed scientists and others who are worthy of esteem, in terms of the quality of their work. I am thankful for the efforts and participation of all those who helped make this publication possible, as it is largely your efforts that have made it a success, and I will receive some of the credit. I feel Phil and I have been lucky to have the opportunity to feature a lot of good Science which might otherwise have escaped notice, and scientific explorations of some interesting possibilities which may one day transform or replace the 'good science' of today. Cosmology is one area where there is no possibility to reproduce all of what we observe in experiments in laboratories on Earth. But what is real is there for all to see, in the depths of space. So what we do observe must be explained! To that end, scientists have woven an elaborate story about how the universe came to be, and why it is the way we observe it today. But our brave authors have not been afraid to ask "what if the story is not exactly as we were told?"

I invite you to peruse their answers.

Warm Regards,

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