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# Preview

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**T**he recent Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro focused world attention on the future of our planet and its inhabitants. As the international media covered the event, questions were asked about the role Christians play in earth-keeping. Seventh-day Adventists participated officially in the meeting and presented a formal statement. The first article in this issue, by Harwood Lockton, surveys the Adventist position regarding human responsibility for the environment, in the context of the biblical worldview.

In the second essay, Alberta Mazat deals with the sex life of the single Christian—a sensitive and relevant subject for many of *Dialogue's* readers. Next, Frank Hasel summarizes and critiques the increasingly popular theories of Thomas Kuhn regarding the structure of scientific revolutions. The fourth feature article, by Herold Weiss, seeks to answer the question of whether the apostle Paul can really serve as a model for intellectual Christians.

Two unique Adventists who have successfully integrated their faith and their careers appear in our "Profile" section: a dynamic chemistry professor from the Dominican Republic and a creative Canadian-American artist whose name is well known both within and outside Adventist circles. We would like to thank Mr. Constantine for allowing *Dialogue* to share seven drawings from his *Jesus of New York* project with our readers.

Three European writers add their rich perspectives to this issue. Roberto Badenas, a Spanish theologian teaching in France, recreates for us a memorable encounter of Jesus

with a secretive seeker of truth. The director of our church's Global Centre for Islamic Studies, Borge Schantz, outlines the origins and beliefs of Islam, suggesting ways in which Christians may share their faith with their Muslim friends. Then Richard Schwarz, an Adventist university student from the former East Germany, recalls his experience during the Communist years and evaluates the changes that have taken place since "the walls came tumbling down."

Last year our world church voted to merge the two unions that had operated concurrently in South Africa and created the unified Southern Africa Union. In "Action Report" D. P. Shongwe, the newly appointed Campus Ministries director, gives us an overview of the programs involving Adventist university students in that part of the world.

Finally, this issue includes reviews of notable books by and about Adventists, and a report on the important activities of the Geoscience Research Institute.

Those of you who are interested in corresponding with Adventist university students and professionals in other parts of the world should check "Interchange." If you wish to be listed in that section, be sure to send us the pertinent information. *Dialogue* will also begin to publish the names and addresses of associations of Adventist university students that are active worldwide. We welcome additional submissions.

Enjoy your reading and feel free to send us your comments!

*The Editors*