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The title of the course was "Religion and the Future of Humanity." The question being discussed was this: How do we determine our view of the future? Where do we start? How do we proceed? At one point in the discussion the author of this editorial suggested that we should start with the Bible, the inscripturated Word of the One who knows and controls the future.

The response to the suggestion was immediate, vigorous and clear: "The Bible has nothing to say about the subject of our discussion." As the discussion progressed it became clear that, in the minds of these people, the Bible has nothing to do with anything. Why? Because the Bible contains merely the writings of ancient men, which writings reflect how they thought and felt about God. But we live in a new day and a new set of problems confronts us. Therefore the Bible has nothing to say about what concerns us today—it does not even have much, if anything, to say to our religious life.

The faculty of Dordt College and the

editorial committee of *Pro Rege* take a different position, of course. The Bible, the inscripturated Word of God speaks to every aspect of our lives and to all the issues of our day, as it has in the past and will continue to do in the future. It speaks also to our academic, scientific activity.

But *how* and *in what way* does the Bible relate to our Christian academic activity? This is a difficult, but very important question; and it is, it seems to me, the point at issue in the discussion between Van Til and Wolterstorff as reflected in Van Til's article "The Foundations of Science." Van Til's article is not easy reading; but the subject with which he deals is not easy, nor is the task of doing academic work according to the demands of Scripture an easy task. We urge you carefully to read Van Til's article, as well as the others in this issue of *Pro Rege*. The fact that it isn't easy reading suggests that it may, nevertheless, be very worthwhile and important.

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