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JETS Publishes Pinson, Reid Reviews

NASHVILLE, TN—The *Journal of the Evangelical Society* (JETS) published book reviews by two Free Will Baptist Bible College personnel in the December 2006 issue.

President Matt Pinson's review of Roger E. Olson's 250-page *Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities* stretches more than four pages. He praises the groundbreaking work, observing how rare it is for a book to discuss traditional theological issues in a way that respects tradition yet brings fresh, constructive insight to the contemporary theological scene.

Pinson concludes: "Everyone interested in evangelical theology needs to read this work....Reading this book will help Calvinists to move beyond the caricatures of Arminianism found in Calvinistic theological literature. Arminians and other non-Calvinists will be introduced—most for the first time—to a more grace-oriented stream of Arminianism with which they were formerly unfamiliar."

FWBBC Old Testament professor Garnett Reid delivers a hard-hitting critique of *The Original Story: God, Israel, and the World*, a 318-page paperback co-written by John Barton and Julia Bowden. Although Reid takes the authors to task in five areas, he acknowledges, "It is hard to imagine a more reader-friendly layout than they provide...(including) wide margins for note taking as well as sidebars with additional data on key terms, people, and subjects."

Dr. Reid confronts the authors for giving no quarter to readers who take seriously the OT's testimony regarding its nature as revealed truth from the mouth of God. He cites five points. First, "...the authors' unabashed devotion to the arbitrary, much-discredited conclusions of modernistic source criticism."

Second, he cites the authors' deficient treatment of literary criticism. Third, Barton and Bowden seem conflicted regarding the reliability of OT history and deny its accuracy at times. Fourth, the authors make no effort to take the claims of the OT text seriously as revelation. Fifth, "The effect of such a suspicious treatment of the OT turns out to be anything but what the title suggests."