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## FROM THE EDITOR

For close to two decades, Wilhelm Wuellner has been a prominent advocate of rhetorical criticism and its significance for biblical exegesis.

In his many publications on the subject, he has explored various aspects of the problem. In this extended study he argues that rhetorical criticism is taking us beyond hermeneutics and structuralism, to post-hermeneutics and post-structuralism. In fact, he is presenting an eloquent plea for the replacement of hermeneutics by rhetorical criticism.

Although his position is certainly not uncontroversial, it is an important contribution to the debate. By introducing the notion of power in the context of truth and method, the *effect* and *ethics* of interpretation become critical issues - issues which no doubt will influence further developments in the field of biblical interpretation.

Wuellner was a guest researcher at the Centre of Contextual Hermeneutics in Stellenbosch during 1988, and we are privileged to publish his study as a special edition of *Scriptura*. He teaches New Testament in Berkeley, where his mailing address is: Prof. Wilhelm Wuellner, The Pacific School of Religion, 1789 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709, USA.

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