

# The Prometheus Trust

## Chairman's Report 2023-24

The Prometheus Trust has seen steady activity over the year on both its publishing and educational sides: new titles have been added to our catalogue and all our courses have seen growing numbers attending.

### **Publishing**

During the year we have published two books: an anthology from the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, *Platonism and its Heritage*; and an extensively revised second edition of the *Seven Myths of the Soul*. Several titles in our catalogue have been reprinted in order to ensure that all our books are available. Background work required for the transferring the whole of the Thomas Taylor Series into a more modern format continues at a steady pace.

Work on several volumes is in hand, and these should be published in the coming year.

The new editorial board announcement was made in June, together with a revised statement of our publishing aims and policies.

Our own sales and those via our North American distributor, Kindred Star Books, remain at healthy levels.

### **Education**

The education programme of the Trust has settled into a good rhythm: our residential study weekends (six per year, divided into two modules, the first in autumn and the second in the winter and early spring) have continued with increased attendance; our three regular zoom-based courses at introductory, intermediate and advanced levels have continued, again with increasing numbers.

We have run our regular London evening session on a monthly basis, and although numbers for these remain low, we consider these an important element of our ongoing service to

those of the general public who are interested in serious Platonism.

We are now running regular “open sessions” via zoom – at present once a month (with a repeat based on a more USA oriented time zone). These are proving increasingly popular.

### **Conference**

Our annual conferences are now well established, after the covid interruption between 2020 and 2022. This year’s theme, *The Embrace of Neoplatonism*, attracted several fine papers which formed the basis of a lively and friendly weekend with 26 attending. Professor Michael Griffin gave a wide-ranging keynote address, *A World in a Grain of Sand: A Platonist model of dialogue and the good life*. The sixteenth Thomas Taylor lecture was given by Professor Sara Ahbel-Rappe – *Theurgist Dreaming the Platonist Tradition* – on the Saturday evening. A musical and poetic interlude was provided by Professors Jay Bregman (saxophone) and Nancy Ogle (readings). As always the conference was an opportunity to meet old friends of the Trust as well as making new connections. 26 people attended.

### **Website**

This summer saw the launch of our new website – the fruit of long planning and careful work. This provides a more responsive and up to date presence on the internet, and which has received favourable comments. We would like to record our thanks to Luis Castaneda and Timo Kuchheuser amongst many other volunteers who gave their time and talents to the project.

### **Public Benefit**

The above activities are considered to be of public benefit and pursued in fulfilment of the Trust’s stated purposes: all our zoom courses are offered free of charge; face to face meetings are charged at cost (and where necessary, subsidized) and we price our books to ensure that they are within the reach of ordinary students.

### **The Trust**

There have been no changes with regards to Trustees this year, but we continue to look for possible additions to the board in the future. We have revamped our Editorial Board this year: it

now consists of 16 members, a mixture of Trustees and those drawn from the wider world of publishing and academia.

We continue to cleave to the words of Socrates in the *Apology*:  
“I also say that virtue is not produced from riches, but riches from virtue, as likewise all other human goods, both privately and publicly.”

T J Addey

Chairman



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

The Prometheus Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/07/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

299648

Set out on pages

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(The number to include the page numbers of a table, list etc)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

*M Fitt*

Date:

13/11/2024

Name:

Martine Fitt

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/08/2023

To

31/07/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gifts and donations	2,791	-	-	2,791	906
Deeds of Covenant	2,955	-	-	2,955	1,966
Gift aid reclaimed	1,033	-	-	1,033	540
Sales of publications	31,254	-	-	31,254	25,558
Seminar and conference receipts	15,953	-	-	15,953	9,558
Bank interest	2,922	-	-	2,922	1,568
Sundry income	4,710	-	-	4,710	2,213
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>61,618</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,618</b>	<b>42,309</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>61,618</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,618</b>	<b>42,309</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Printing and distribution	24,410	-	-	24,410	38,121
Seminar and conference expenses	19,429	-	-	19,429	14,791
Management and admin expenses	4,784	-	-	4,784	2,447
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,622</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,622</b>	<b>55,359</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Asset & investment purchases	260	-	-	260	457
Misc	-	-	-	-	103
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>560</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,882</b>	<b>55,919</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,736</b>	<b>- 13,610</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>85,795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,795</b>	<b>99,405</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>98,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,531</b>	<b>85,795</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	98,215	-	-
	Cash in hand	317	-	-
		-	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors and prepayments	3,131	-	-
	Gift aid due	219	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment at nbv	Unrestricted fund	-	422
	Stock of publications	Unrestricted fund	-	56,548
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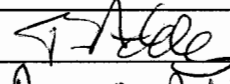
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Print Name

Date of approval

  
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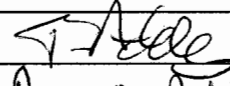
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