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Dear Christopher,

Thank-you for the various ARCIC II papers sent on to us after the Pleshey meeting, and also for all the hard work you (and others, especially Ann) put into that meeting.

On re-reading the Pleshey-draft, I would like to register one query or objection to paragraph 14. I suggest there is some ambiguity in the use of the word "free/freedom" in the last two sentences:

Para.14: "...But such a relationship is only possible if the creature is free and able to share in it. This is the freedom God has given us in His Son, for 'in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from sin and death'(Rom.8:2) "

I would suggest that the "freedom God has given us in his Son", referred to in the second sentence quoted here is not identical with, but something rather more than the freedom characteristic of the "free creature" mentioned in the first sentence, where it is just what Rahner calls the "obediential capacity".

To say "This is the freedom..." implies no advance between the merely creaturely status of freedom and the redeemed and elevated status of freedom of the sons of God. I think that is misleading and inaccurate.

I hope all goes well with you,

Very sincerely,

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✓ *agreed*