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The journal is published as a ministry rather than as a commercial project, seeking to be of service to the worldwide spread of the gospel and the building up of the church and its leadership, in co-ordination with the World Evangelical Alliance's broader mission and activities.

NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

We publish articles of scholarly quality, but with an emphasis on practical application, consistent with the WEA's interest in helping Christians to 'discern the obedience of faith'. We welcome a broad range of submissions. Along with theology and biblical studies, we have recently published articles on church history, education, mission, ethics, evangelism, and the church's engagement with culture.

See below for our Call for Papers for 2019. We especially encourage submissions on these topics, but submissions on other topics are still welcome.

Submit articles to Bruce Barron at bruce.barron0@gmail.com. There is no payment for articles accepted, but authors receive a printed and/or electronic copy of the issue in which their submission appears.

Articles are to be written in English and formatted according to the ERT style guide (provided below). Submissions not in ERT style will be considered, but the author may be requested to reformat the article before publication.

ERT seeks to attract a diverse range of submissions. To this end, **non-native English speakers are encouraged to submit articles and should not feel obligated to pay for English-speaking editorial services first**. If the content of the submission is worthy of publication, the Executive Editor will work with the author on improving the English.

ERT accepts quality articles that have **already been published elsewhere**, but republication rights and full details of the prior publication must be made available. Please provide a statement from the original publisher, indicating permission for republication in ERT.

Submissions should include the following:

- Title of article
- Name of author(s)
- Contact information
- Brief synopsis of the article's content (for review purposes only; we do not print abstracts)
- Biographical data on the author, including highest degree and where it was earned
- A statement indicating that this article has not been published or offered for publication before, or if it has, indicating the details so that we may obtain the necessary permissions
- Article text, with footnotes in Chicago Manual of Style format. ERT does not use author-date style and does not include reference lists or bibliographies.

Articles should be submitted in Word format.

Tables and figures can be used if not overly complex. The maximum width to fit one column is 53mm and for two columns, 110 mm; make sure that any graphic is readable at those sizes. Supply **separate files** for each figure, in .jpg format and at least 300 dpi. Also insert the graphics in the relevant places in the manuscript with identifying caption. Any tables and figures used should be cited in the text before the place where they will appear.

Articles accepted for publication in ERT **cannot be published elsewhere** (in print, electronically or on the Internet), without written permission of the editors, and not normally for a period of one year after their appearance in ERT.

Authors preparing a submission to ERT may request a sample article from the Executive Editor to guide them in formatting.

Call for Papers - 2019

Beginning in 2019, we are seeking to more fully synthesize the content of ERT with the work of the Theological Commission by highlighting, in each issue, a theme related to topics that the Theological Commission is addressing. Accordingly, we are presenting a call for papers on four themes:

- (1) Engagement and Dialogue with the Other
- (2) Theological Anthropology
- (3) Engagement in the Public Space
- (4) Theological Education Today

A brief introduction to each theme, with submission deadlines, appears below. We invite articles based on these themes (submissions on other topics are still welcome). A style sheet for article submission is at www.worldevangelicals.org/tc/pdf/ERT-style-guide.pdf. Articles should be sent to ERT editor Bruce Barron at bruce.barron0@gmail.com. Other questions may be directed to Peirong Lin, research coordinator for the WEA's Department of Theological Concerns, at peironglin@worlddea.org.

(1) Engagement and Dialogue with the Other

The Theological Commission is working on clarifying its terms of engagement within the broader Christian family, as well as with other world religions. We invite articles that explore the theme of theological engagement. This could include theological reflection on the understanding of engagement, dialogue and/or the other, case studies from particular cultural or national contexts, or historical accounts of engagement and dialogue. **Due date 1 January 2019.** Journal to be published in April 2019.

(2) Theological Anthropology

The Theological Commission is working on clarifying its understanding of human sexuality. A holistic understanding of human sexuality is rooted in one's understanding of theological anthropology. We invite articles that dig deeply into issues of anthropology and human sexuality. How are human relationships characterized? How does sexuality influence relationships? How does culture influence understandings of human anthropology and sexuality? **Due date 1 April 2019.** Journal to be published in July 2019.

(3) Engagement in the Public Space

At the WEA, we seek to work with other international institutions like the UN as well as in many different government contexts. One important global trend today is the rise in nationalism in politics. Our faith impacts how we interact with the broader public. What does this mean for our theology? What kind of theological reflection is required in pluralistic, postmodern societies? Does one's theology change in the face of a nationalistic or closed government context? How should Christians live out their theologies in the public space? **Due date 1 July 2019.** Journal to be published in October 2019.

(4) Theological Education

As evangelicals, we pride ourselves on taking the Bible seriously. At the same time, we live in a time that is different from biblical times. The world today is globalized and digitalized. How should these considerations influence our theological education? What is the role of higher criticism in theology? What is the place for contextual or systematic theology? **Due date 1 October 2019.** Journal to be published in January 2020.

Evangelical Review of Theology - Style guide

Fonts: use 12-point Times Roman throughout. Use italics sparingly for emphasis.

Headings should be centred and in bold type. Heading levels: Roman with period, Arabic with period, letter with parenthesis [I., 1., a)]

Paragraphs: Indent all paragraphs except the first paragraph after a heading. Avoid lengthy paragraphs. Due to ERT's two-column format, the editor may insert additional paragraph breaks to enhance readability.

Language: ERT generally uses British English. Use -ize endings rather than -ise.

Quotations: Use single quotation marks first and then double quotation marks where necessary. In accordance with British practice, place the ending quotation mark before the punctuation unless the quotation constitutes a complete sentence, in which case the period precedes the ending quotation mark.

Long quotations (50 words or more) should be indented. Beginning and ending quotation marks should not be used.

Footnote style: Follow the Chicago Manual of Style. General rules:

- For books: author, *title* (place of publication: publisher, year), page number. (Do not use p. or pp.)
- For journals or magazines: author, 'title', *journal* volume (year): page number. Also include issue number if available, e.g.: *Evangelical Review of Theology* 43, no. 1 (2019): 64.
- For subsequent citations, use author's last name and short title. Do not use *ibid.* or *op.cit.*

Keep footnotes brief, with limited information other than sources. Generally, information pertinent to the reader should be placed in the main text.

Abbreviated titles: Do not use periods in titles such as Dr, Rev, PhD, or USA. However, personal initials should have periods, e.g. C. S. Lewis.

Biblical references: use the abbreviated form of the book name like this: Rom 3:23-25. Use Arabic, not Roman (2 Timothy, not II Timothy). In text, do not use abbreviations but spell references out in full; abbreviations are to be used if in parenthesis.

e.g. Paul, in Romans 5:1-12, makes the point that ...

But: Paul makes the point (Rom 5) that ...

Use the following abbreviations without periods:

OT: Gen, Ex, Lev, Num, Deut, Josh, Judg, Ruth, 1, 2 Sam, 1, 2 Kgs, 1, 2 Chr, Ezra, Neh, Esth, Job, Ps, Prov, Ecc, Song, Is, Jer, Lam, Ezek, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Obad, Jon, Mich, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zech, Mal

NT: Mt, Mk, Lk, Jn, Acts, Rom, 1,2 Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1,2 Thes, 1,2 Tim, Tit, Phlm, Heb, Jas, 1,2 Pet, 1,2,3 Jn, Jude, Rev

If quoting passages of Scripture, indicate what version of the Bible you have used.

Dates: use British style (e.g. March 1872); include all digits in inclusive years (1969–1970).

Numbers: spell out numbers under one hundred and all round numbers that can be stated in two words (e.g. six hundred, fifteen thousand).

Sample Article Header

A New Approach to Mission

James Ebenezer

Bio-Data: James Ebenezer (ThD, Biblical Seminary) is head of Theology at the Biblical Seminary, London, UK and a former evangelist and missionary with experience on a global scale. He is an ordained minister of the Gospel Church and is the author of *Training for Evangelism* (Integrity, 2005) and *Towards a Biblical Theology of Mission* (New Word, 2006); he edited *A Dictionary of Contemporary Evangelism* (New Word, 2000) and has published numerous journal articles; he has also been a featured speaker at several key conferences and seminars.

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Abstract: This article deals with the biblical foundations of mission, taking account of contemporary cultural trends, especially globalisation, migration and other important trends commencing from the experience of God's people in OT times and working through the early church, and missionary expansion. It is particularly concerned to show how the worship and fellowship of the local church can be a vital aspect of effective outreach.

Statement about Publication: An earlier version of this paper has been used by the author in lectures and seminars in many parts of the world but it has not been published before.

Guidelines for Book Reviewers

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When completed, the book belongs to the reviewer and may be retained or disposed off at the reviewer's pleasure.

The review will be published as soon as possible after receipt, but this decision rests with the Editor. There is no honorarium or other payment for the reviews, but reviewers receive complimentary copies of the issue in which their review appears.

Reviewers may seek the assistance of others in preparing the review. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the parties to decide what names appear on the review. If more than one name appears, personal details of all (as mentioned below) should be supplied.

Reviews should normally be between **600 and 800 words in length**, but if the book warrants it, longer reviews can be considered, after consultation with the Editor. Reviews can be shorter if the book does not merit a full-length review. The Editor may request that some books be given 'Short reviews' or 'Book Notices' which are **150 to 200 words in length** (excluding book details).

We also welcome book review proposals or suggestions of books to be reviewed.

Reviews should be e-mailed to the Book Review Editor as a Word attachment.

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- *date,*
- *reviewer's name,*
- *qualifications and current position,*
- *contact information (mailing address and e-mail).*

The following **details** should also be placed at the top, each one on a separate line, and centred:

- *Title of book including any official sub-title, series details, etc.*
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- *Place of publication, publisher, date of publication*
- *If relevant, details of volumes, revision/editions, translators, second publishers etc*
- *Indicate whether hardback or paperback and then the number of pages, and indicate if any of the following appear: bibliography, index, illustrations.*

Sample Book Review Header

Towards a Biblical Theology of Mission: Thoughts from a Seasoned Practitioner

James A. Ebenezer

Old Town, Canada: New Word, 2006

ISBN 978-1-1234-123-321

Pb., 250 pp., bibliog., index, illus.

Reviewed by Oswald Zechariah, Professor of Theology,

New Word Seminary of the Bible, New Bristol, South Africa

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The **review** should be thorough and critical, but honest and courteous, and angled towards theologians, theological students, theological educators/administrators and church and mission leaders, remembering that the audience of ERT is international. It should aim to give a clear and reliable although *not necessarily detailed or exhaustive* indication of the contents of the book, and it should especially present the book's perspective and argument, and its significance within the discipline it represents; it should also make clear what kind of reader it will interest and how it can best be used. Any significant limitations should also be mentioned.

If the book is not really suitable for or of a quality for review, contact the editor. References to page numbers of quoted material are not needed unless it is especially significant in some way. Please put any verbatim quotations in single quote marks and quoted quotes in double quote marks. Footnotes are not used in reviews.

The position, qualifications and status of the book's author should also be made clear. If there is anything special to note about the author, publisher or circumstances of the book, please make these items clear as well.

Along with all the above, the review should be interesting to read and should aim for some kind of grace and style.