Evangelical Review of Theology

A Global Forum

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ERT publishes articles and book reviews from around the world (both original and reprinted) from an evangelical perspective. We seek submissions of academic quality, but accessible to the general Christian reader and of relevance to the contemporary global context in which evangelical Christians seek to serve their Lord and their neighbours effectively.

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.

Submit articles to Bruce Barron at bruce.barron0@gmail.com.

Articles should 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.

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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.

The **preferred length** of articles is 2,000 to 6,000 words, including notes (which should normally represent a maximum of 20 percent of the word count). Longer submissions are acceptable, but will generally be edited or reduced before publication. We have not recently published any article longer than 7,000 words. We do not want to scare general readers away!

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)

Unsolicited submissions should also include:

- 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 is 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.

Evangelical Review of Theology - Style matters

The best way to make a submission easy to review and (if accepted) to copyedit is to look at a recent ERT issue and follow that format. But here are a few tips.

Fonts: use 12-point Times Roman throughout, with 10-point footnotes. Use italics sparingly for emphasis.

Headings: First level centred, second level flush left. Bold, sentence case.

Paragraphs: Do not indent paragraphs. Set the Paragraph function in Word to insert 6 points of space between paragraphs. You can also skip a line between paragraphs to aid the reviewers.

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 (40 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: When the reference is in parentheses, use the abbreviated form of the book name: Rom 3:23–25. (Note the use of the en-dash, not hyphen, with inclusive numbers.) Use Arabic, not Roman (2 Timothy, not II Timothy). In text, do not use abbreviations but spell references out in full.

> e.g.   Paul, in Romans 5:1-12, makes the point that …
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> 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. 9 March 1872); include all digits in inclusive years (1969–1970).

Numbers: we are somewhat flexible in this regard but generally write numbers of 10 or greater as digits.

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

If you are interested in reviewing a particular book, send an e-mail to the Executive Editor, who will distribute the inquiry to the appropriate member of the book review editorial team. We prefer reviews of recent books of broad impact and significance.

In most cases, we can request a review copy of a published book. By agreeing to receive the book, reviewers undertake to read the book thoroughly, prepare a review, and transmit it by e-mail within **3 months** of the date of receiving it.

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. We are also willing to publish shorter "book notices" of 150 to 200 words.

Consult a recent ERT issue for examples of book review headings.

Book reviews should aim to communicate the key messages of the book to ERT readers (most of whom will most likely never read the book themselves). The review should summarize the important content; an exhaustive explanation of each chapter is not necessary. Direct quotations from the book can be referenced simply by the page number in parentheses. Present the book's overall perspective and argument, why it is significant, and your view of the book's main contributions and weaknesses. Remember that you are writing for a global audience. Indicate the position, qualifications and status of the book's author and anything of particular interest about the circumstances of the book's development. As with ERT articles, aim at the general reader and write in an interesting as well as an informative manner.

Sample Book Review Header

Towards a Biblical Theology of Mission: Thoughts from a Seasoned Practitioner
James A. Ebenezer
Old Town, Canada: New Word, 2006
Pb., 250 pp., bibliog., index, illus.

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