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Abstract

This is a letter from Managing Editor Joshua C. Stone.

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LETTER FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

The mission of *Eleutheria* is “to glorify God through the publication of excellent graduate student scholarship from an evangelical perspective in the areas of Theology and Philosophy, Scripture and Interpretation, and Church and Mission.” It is a common joke among graduate students of religion to call seminaries “cemeteries” where one accrues expertise in theological training while the heart and soul languish and ministry skills atrophy. The Editorial Board believes that academic training and ardent faith are not at loggerheads, for deep, robust, and excellent scholarship glorifies God and is an act of worship in itself. God is honored by sincere thinking about Him.

Eleutheria was created to provide graduate students of Theology and Philosophy, Scripture and Interpretation, and Church and Mission with an avenue to express and share their worship of God through excellent scholarship. This is a unique project in that it is led, refereed, and written by men and women still in the process of seminary and graduate school education. There is no other publication with such a unique place in the landscape of evangelicalism. The hope of the Editorial Board is for papers that are published in *Eleutheria* to be the first-fruits of students who will contribute great work to evangelical Christianity, and that scholars will one day see that *Eleutheria* was the place where many important intellectual concepts were first introduced.

1 Timothy 4:8 says “For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.” Each contributor to *Eleutheria* is uniquely gifted with significant cognitive ability and has a distinct role to play in the Body of Christ. Though publishing deep, robust, and excellent scholarship is an intrinsic good and glorifies God, the ultimate desire of the Editorial Board is that the work within the journal, those that read the journal, and the greater impact that *Eleutheria* makes will contribute to the task of drawing all men unto God by the power of the Holy Spirit through the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Joshua C. Stone
Managing Editor, *Eleutheria*