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OPEN ACCESS THEOECOLOGY JOURNAL (ONLINE ONLY)
PUBLICATIONS PROMOTING CHRISTIAN CREATION STEWARDSHIP

1. Mission Statement: “To provide a forum for peer-reviewed articles on biblical creation and environment which bridges science, theology, philosophy, ecology and theoeology”.

2. Manuscript Guidelines:

The pages of this online journal are open to original, unpublished contributions that bridge Christian creation stewardship and ecology in a fashion germane to theological and scientific integrity and scope. Published papers only reflect the author(s) opinion and views, not that of the organization author(s) belong.

- A. Submit all manuscripts in electronic format in Word format with an e-mail and attachment to the Editor Prof. Robert George, georgeryt@cs.com , copying the Assistant Editor Kevin Jones, Kevin@opendoorlife.com. Submissions will be acknowledged within 2 weeks of their receipt. Alternatively, submissions can be made on the website at www.theoecologyjournal.com.
- B. Review Process: Authors may recommend 2 potential reviewers and Editors will select one of these two and an anonymous reviewer. Final decision for acceptance or rejection will be made jointly by the Editor (Dr. Robert Y. George) and the Associate Editor (Pastor Dwayne Milioni).
- C. Manuscript Style: We recommend 2 options for all manuscripts: (1) The Chicago Style Manual (14th edition sections 1 to 15.426), using end notes for all references. and
(2) Without endnotes or footnotes, with notes and references at the end of the paper (Same style as papers in science journals).
- D. Incorporate figures and photos or illustrations in the Word text, embedded in the appropriate place but also send them as separate electronic files (JPEG or TIFF format). All figure captions must be given as a list at the end of the manuscript

text. All manuscript should include under the title: (1) Author(s) names, address, ph.no, e-mail, followed by an abstract of 150 to 200 words.

- E. Manuscripts will be of 2 kinds: (1) Research Articles of 15 to 25 pages, (2) Research essays (>30 pages, not exceeding 50 pages, (3) Book reviews (1 to 2 pages), (4) Letter to Editor 2 or 3 paragraphs). Each number will include one editorial or guest editorial page. Advertising will be limited by approval by editors and will cost \$? per page.
- F. Authorization to copy any material from the journal calls for written permission from editors, with author's consent.
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- H. E-BOOKS (300 to 500 pages) will constitute as Special Numbers of the *"Theoecologyjournal"*

3. Focus areas:

- A. Creation-Care Based Environmental Stewardship.
E.g. How church community can impact municipal decision-making process to restore ecosystems.
- B. The context of Christian perspectives on Dominion and prudent stewardship of natural resources in the Biosphere.
E.g. Genesis 1 and 2 defined in response to Lynn White's 'Blame on Christianity for Ecological crisis'
- C. Narrowing and bridging the gap between religion and science
E.g. How can curriculum at all levels impact the confluence of science and religion?
- D. Environmental & Bioethics from Biblical perspectives
E.g. Ethical Standards in the Bible: Can human behavior Change Take Care of the Created order.
- E. Humanity and the Created Order critically examined
E.g. Man as the Gardener: How to keep the plants and animals in an sustainable state.
- F. Concepts of Garden, Eden and Wilderness.
E.g. When We Left the Garden, How Did Man after the "Fall" Choose to lead a 'Hunter - Gatherer Life'.

G. New and Innovative Approach –*A Rocha* Conservation Success
E.g. “Christian Faith-based Ecosystem Restoration with
Societal Grassroots Goals for 21st century”

3. PURPOSE OF THE JOURNAL: This journal is created to uphold the theoecology motto given below.

THEOECOLOGY MOTTO

In the world of burgeoning knowledge about ancient literature, civilizations, culture, and the world of God’s creation, Biblical scholars and Christian scientists together must engage in a dialogue with other representatives of the intellectual world, church communities plus public at large in order to share the following good news:

“The gospel of God which God promised beforehand by his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who descended from David according to his flesh and was declared with power to be the Son of God, according to the spirit of holiness, by his resurrection from the dead”. Rom. 1: 2 – 4.

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1. Peer-Reviewed Articles (15-25 pages),
2. Essays (25 – >40 pages),
3. Book Reviews (2 – 3 pages)
4. Book Appraisals (> 12 pages)
5. Editorial Page/Guest Editorial Page
6. Letters to Editor
7. Announcements and Events

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‘Theoecology Journal’ – Book Review Guidelines

Note to potential reviewers of new books (2010 – 2011)
Advice by Editors

1. Give full reference to the book you are about to review with name(s) of author(s), Year, Book Title (written in bold), Publisher.
2. What motivated you to select this book for review?

3. In your knowledge, do you know of any other recent books that are somewhat similar to this book? If so, discuss the books in the light of contents of this book.
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5. Give some comments how the book chapters are arranged to bring forth the author's new ideas.
6. In your opinion, what are the author's innovative findings or new concepts that will revolutionize or make change in the subject area of this book? In other words, narrate the fundamental strength of the book.
7. Finally make remarks on some weakness by way of criticism, if any (e.g. redundancy, lack of emphasis etc).

We recommend that the book review should not exceed maximum 1000 words. However, we will consider an extensive review and call it "Book Appraisal" (with 3 or more pages), if the books calls for such an in-depth coverage of the wide spectrum of ideas embodied in such a book that may need to be illuminated to reach readers of the *Theoecologyjournal*.

There is nothing *sacro sanct* about this guideline which is flexible and not rigid. You are the reviewer and you make your own judgment on the book you are looking into for exposing more vividly to readers through the *Theoecologyjournal*. Cite page numbers from the book being reviewed in-text.

Formatting

Spacing

- 1 Double-space.
- 2 Single-space between the period at the end of a sentence and the beginning of the new sentence.
- 3 An extra, blank line should be inserted under the bibliographic information for the book and the after the last line of the review, before the name of the reviewer.

Indentation

- 1 All indentation should be set at ½ an inch.
- 2 The paragraph beginning the book review should *not* be indented.

Paragraph

- 1 The body of the review should be justified. This means that the text should be aligned to both the right and left margins.
- 2 The bibliographic information for the book being reviewed and the reviewer's name and title lines should be flush left.

Hyphenation

Hyphenation-setting should be set to automatic.

Font

Times New Roman

Exceptions

Title of the book being reviewed should be bold.

2.6 Margins

Use 1-inch margins at the top, bottom, left and right.

2.7 Page Numbers

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2.8 Citations

Cite page numbers from the book being reviewed in-text

Eg.: Little says gratuitous evil exists (p. 24).