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Dear Eleutheria Readership,

In this issue the editorial board are excited to present four excellent articles as well as 2 excellent book reviews. In our first article, Joseph Super examines the issue of slavery in the early church, arguing that the church worked to ameliorate the material conditions of slaves, aimed to bring the gospel to all classes of people, and attempted to treat all equally. Ronnie Campbell presents a study of Augustine’s views on teaching, suggesting that his approach offers for teachers a model that is content-full, integrative, relational, reciprocal, and God-directed. Josh Waltman presents a study of Aquinas’ Trinitarian theology, suggesting that his metaphysical analogy integrates the economic and immanent lives of the Trinity. Brian Scalise presents an argument that theological aesthetics are to be found in John’s Apocalypse and suggests that this apocalyptic beauty provided consolation for early Christian devotees as evidenced in early Christian catacomb artwork. The issue concludes with book reviews by Max Andrews and Timothy Mitchell on Four Views on Divine Providence and Thomas and the Gospels: The Case for Thomas’s Familiarity with the Synoptics.

On a personal note, it has been a privilege to work with this publication from its founding and to co-labor with the various individuals involved in the editorial committee. Having completed my PhD, it is now time for me to move on from this endeavor and pass the baton to the next Managing Editor. As such, this will most likely be my last issue with this publication. This fourth issue of Eleutheria, we hope, will continue to represent quality, evangelical graduate-student scholarship across various theological disciplines. We pray that God is glorified in these essays, and that Eleutheria will continue to be a springboard for future (and current!) pastors and scholars to enter into the world of peer-reviewed publication.

I would like to thank the Faculty Advisory Board for their guidance through this issue, and I would like to thank Lee Webb, Lee Mitchell, and Jeffrey Robinson for their efforts in each stage of the process. They are truly the wheels that keep this journal turning.
Eleutheria is a great blessing to those students who have been involved with it, and it is our hope that our readership and scholarship will continue to grow through successive generations of graduate-student editors and authors. I am pleased to hand the journal over to the next Managing Editor and know that the journal is in good hands in the care of the Advisory and Editorial Boards. It has been a great privilege to serve with Joshua Stone, Ronnie Campbell, Lee Webb, Lee Mitchell, Jeffrey Robinson, and the Faculty in this endeavor.

Blessings,
A. Chadwick Thornhill