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Abstract

Letter from the managing editor on the relaunch of Eleutheria. Thanks to Chad Thornhill, Barbara Potts, Elizabeth Lust, ADS, Leo Percer, Nikki Wilkins, Troy Temple, Jack Carson, Ronnie Campbell, TJ Gentry, Aaron Malbuff, and Sherene Khouri.

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This issue's theme is "Unity in Christ." As Edward John Carnell said, "Christian unity is deceptively simple. Even a junior in seminary can define it. It is a fellowship of those who are spiritually joined with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection."¹ Yet, our moral intuitions on unity are often sophomoric and focused more on our in-group than reality. "More like a politician searching for votes than a scientist searching for truth," as Jonathan Haidt puts it.² Thus, we guard our biases with double-blinds and peer-reviews—and other controls that prevent confounders—to find something objective and transcendent. At *Eleutheria*, we find this, at the highest explanatory level, to be Jesus. Christ's exclusive acts had ecumenical and equalizing implications. We are all strange bedfellows when searching for the common good. But that does not mean sacrificing our own convictions. We chose the theme to let the authors draw out these implications, especially in our current divisive political climate and fragmenting culture. Though we may disagree in conclusions and even foundational methods, we hope that this issue, and those following, demonstrate the LORD as a unifying ground of being, knowledge, and ethics.

David Ochabski, *Managing Editor*
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¹ Edward John Carnell. "The Nature of the Unity We Seek," *The Case for Biblical Christianity: Essays on Theology, Philosophy, Ethics, Ecumenism, Fundamentalism, and Separatism* (Edward Carnell Library). Wipf and Stock. 2007. 24.

² Haidt, Jonathan. "We Are All Intuitive Politicians," *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*. Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group. 2012. 89.