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### Abstract

News from various organizations in related disciplines. Announcements from *Eleutheria* editors about internal matters. Remembrances of people and events that include *in memoriams*, retirements, interesting lookbacks, etc.

### Keywords

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From the Editors

## NEWS

**Center for Biblical Unity.** Spearheaded by racial unity advocate, Chantal Monique Duson, the Center for Biblical Unity's purpose is to "lead respectful conversations on race, unity, and justice" by avoiding divisive terms such as "woke" and "whiteness," and bringing Scriptural definitions on humanity and love to the fore. As such, they bring practical tools to clergy and laity to use in conversations on race. Recently released is their six-part small group curriculum "Reconciled: A Biblical Approach to Racial Unity," promoted by J. P. Moreland and Alisa Childers. Lessons cover topics such as ministry, identity, family, walking in unity, the early church, and personality responsibility as they relate to racial reconciliation. This curriculum by Duson augments the classes already offered by her and Krista Bontrager.

**AND (&) Campaign.** Truth *and* love. Prayer *and* action. Church *and* politics. The mission of "(&)" is to educate and organize Christians for civic and cultural engagement. They promote a life that reflects Jesus and focuses expanding ingroups rather than demonizing outgroups. This is done by validating the good intentions and actions of others in a way that builds a more robust culture and glorifies God. Their target audience is urban Christians who believe in the classic values (religious teaching, family, culture, and community) and redemptive justice (justice that ends in reconciliation, peace, and flourishing for all parties) rather than overthrowing of opposing parties. Their book, *Compassion (&) Conviction: The AND Campaign's Guide to Faithful Civic Engagement* by Justin Giboney, Michael Wear, and Chris Butler is available now.

**Ratio Christi.** The international Christian apologetics organization, Ratio Christi, has just released several more free booklets. These include, *Is Christianity a White Man's Religion?* By H. C. Felder, *Has Christianity Opposed Science?* by Michael Keas, *What is the Soul?* By J. P. Moreland, *Why Does God Hide from Us?* By Paul Moser, and *What Does It Mean to be Human?* By Klaus Issler. These and a number of other free publications on evangelistic apologetics can be found on the official website under the "Resources" tab.

**Center for Biblical Worldview.** The Family Research Council focuses on issues of public theology related to "Life and Human Dignity," "Religious Liberty and Conscience," "Marriage, Family and Sexuality," and "Civil Society." Recently launched is their Center for Biblical Worldview (CBW). The Center's director, David Closson, authored four booklets as resources to equip believers in

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understanding where their religious identity intersects with political issues. These titles include: *Biblical Principles for Political Engagement*, *Biblical Principles for Human Sexuality*, *Biblical Principles for Pro-Life Engagement*, and *Biblical Principles for Religious Liberty*. These booklets can viewed online for free under the “Worldview Series” page, ordered for the cost of printing, and are now offered in en español.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Fall Issue Deadlines.*** Our “Call for Papers” for Volume 6 Issue 2 will officially begin on July 31<sup>th</sup>, however authors may start submitting manuscripts immediately. The submission deadline will be October 1<sup>st</sup>. Peer-reviewers will need to complete their review of accepted papers by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the article to be included in the spring issue. From there, authors will have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to request editorial changes to the manuscript. The advisory board will hand down their approval by November 31<sup>th</sup>, and publication will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

***Associate Editor Updates.*** TJ Gentry is retiring his post as associate editor of theology and philosophy to serve as the executive editor of MoralApologetics.com and the director of communications and curriculum at the Center for the Foundations of Ethics. (Congratulations, TJ!) Dorothy “Dottie” Rhoads will begin as our new associate editor, starting Fall 2022. Rhoads specializes in biblical studies with a focus on New Testament. As such, Sherene Khouri will oversee theology and philosophy, Rhoads will oversee scripture and interpretation, and Aaron Malbuff will oversee church and mission.

## REMEMBRANCES

***In Memoriam.*** In the article that follows, we give special remembrance to Mark W. Foreman, professor of philosophy and religion at Liberty University, who went to be with the Lord on Friday, June 17, 2022, in his sleep. We gave space for several co-laborers in academia to pay tribute and recount their experiences of him, ordered by length. We also attach his, then-present, curriculum vitae given at the time of his passing (with sensitive information redacted).

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