

Welcome to the Inaugural Edition of *JCTSB*

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With this issue, the *Journal of Creation Theology and Science Series B: Life Sciences* supersedes the *Occasional Papers of the BSG*. Why change? It marks a new phase in the life of the BSG.

Last year, the Executive Council of the BSG: A Creation Biology Study Group voted to change the organization's name to the Creation Biology Society (CBS). This change was occasioned in part by the recent incorporation of the Creation Geology Society (CGS), which was nurtured by the BSG. While the CGS was being incubated, the geologists met concurrently with the BSG, and in their new identities the CGS and CBS will continue to meet concurrently as parallel, mutually supportive organizations.

With a new name comes a new publication platform. The CGS and CBS will now jointly publish the *Journal of Creation Theology and Science (JCTS)*. The Creation Biology Society will edit and publish *JCTS Series B: Life Sciences*, and works of the Creation Geology Society will appear in *JCTS Series C: Earth Sciences*. *Series B* will have the same editorial policy as the old *OPBSG*, which will no longer be published. The joint vision of the CBS and CGS is that the rigorous editorial process will continue to raise the quality of creationist publications and encourage original research into the hard problems of creation science.

Like the *OPBSG*, the *JCTS* is open access. Furthermore, it is set up using Open Journal Systems that streamlines and tracks the editorial process, allowing for greater accountability and ease of checking the editorial status. The policy of publishing each paper upon acceptance will continue, but, in addition, all papers published in a given calendar year will constitute a numbered volume.

For *JCTS Series B*, the CBS is looking for positive developments of creation biology models. Both original research and literature reviews are encouraged, as well as short communications (reports) presenting a small research project or discussing previously published articles. Specifically, relevant papers should develop creationist understandings in at least one of the following areas: design theory, biological imperfection, baraminology, speciation mechanisms, or biogeography. The paper's thesis and/or conclusions must be discussed in the context of the appropriate portion of Bible history, that is, one or more of Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and Flood Recovery/Babel. In particular, acceptable

papers on design theory should assume design rather than infer design and should explore scientific explanations for the patterns of design seen in organisms (e.g., genealogy-like similarity, comparative anatomy or physiology across baramins, or mediated design of form and function).

"Yes, but what about *Series A*?" you ask. Together, the CBS and CGS now hope to spawn other allied partner societies, each joining the publication of *JCTS* with an additional series. For example, anthropology or astrophysics would be good candidates.

Especially though, the CBS and CGS encourage creationist theologians with an interest in Genesis and origins to form a critical mass as a new society and partner with us. Because creation science is dependent on correct interpretation of corresponding Scriptures, synergism between Bible scholars and scientists is invaluable to the development of creation models that are both scientifically and theologically sound. In fact, it was the interaction of theologian (John C. Whitcomb) and scientist (Henry M. Morris, Jr.) in *The Genesis Flood* (Presbyterian and Reformed Publ. Co., Phillipsburg, NJ, 1961.) that invigorated the fundamentalist and evangelical communities fifty years ago this year. Thus, *JCTS Series A* has been reserved for theology.

Even before a creation theology society is born, the CBS and CGS would welcome someone to edit this new series, generating greater interest in creation theology. If you have such an interest, please contact me at editor@creationbiology.org. Pending this development, *JCTS Series B* and *Series C* will continue to accept relevant theological submissions, respectively, as *OPBSG* has done previously.

The twenty-first century holds great opportunity for scholars dedicated to a straightforward reading of Genesis to understand the history of the cosmos, the earth, the biosphere, and man. The CBS and CGS value godly interdisciplinary communication and mutual support at the individual and society levels. Not only do these lead to scientific and theological defensibility but also to explanatory consilience among the creation models focused on diverse issues. Together, we offer the *JCTS* platform in hopes of supporting that mission with rigor and honesty.

Soli Deo gloria