

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Scope of Journal

We welcome submissions related to either theology in its chief divisions (biblical, systematic, historical, and practical) or religious studies and their methodologies (i.e. philosophy, history, sociology, anthropology, and psychology.)

General Information

All manuscripts should be written in English at scholarly level, not previously published, and follow the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

Authors may submit up to two unique manuscripts per issue, but those manuscripts must belong to different categories.

Editors do not consider submissions which have been published in other journals regardless the format—in print or online. However, this does not apply if the submission has only been posted on the author's personal webpage/blog, or on a social networking platform such as academia.edu.

Manuscripts should be typed and provided in Microsoft Word (.docx) using Times New Roman with 12 font size and double space. Notes must be placed at the foot of every page.

All manuscripts must be previously edited and proofread for grammar, syntax, spelling, and style. Please note that submission does not guarantee publication.

Types of Papers

Stromata Journal ordinarily accepts the following kinds of submissions: articles, book reviews, academic essays, and expository papers. The acceptance of submissions of other kind than listed here is at the editor's discretion.

Article submissions (Research papers) should be original and be between 15-30 pages including footnotes. Each submission should also include an abstract of 100-150 words summarizing the content of the article at the beginning of the article.

Book Review submissions should be between 500 and 1000 words. Books must be relevant to the study of theology and religion, and released within the previous five years.

Essay submissions should be between 2000 and 4000 words. Essays must be academic and brief. They are characterized for expressing the writer's point of view.

Expository Paper submissions should be between 1500 and 2000 words on any topic related to theology. This kind of paper focuses on summarizing and evaluating an author's perspective on a particular topic.

Review Process

All manuscripts submitted to the journal are assessed by our editors in terms of suitability for the journal, language, level of research, insight, and significance of the topic.

During this initial screening, editors may request additional revisions of the manuscript including but not limited to formatting, accuracy, consistency, wording, tone, content, and structure, and so on. In such cases, authors agree to follow-up the revision process. An author's lack of commitment to such process will be considered as a submission withdrawal. Editors reserve the right to edit submissions for content and propriety.

After a manuscript has been revised, editors will send it out to one or two volunteer reviewers in the field. Based on this, editors will make a decision and notify authors of accepted manuscripts via e-mail.

Who Can Submit Manuscripts?

The journal accepts submissions only from Calvin Theological Seminary current students enrolled in a degree-seeking program (M.A., M.Div., M.T.S., Th.M., and Ph.D.) or recent graduated alumni in those programs.

Where to Send Your Manuscript?

Send your submissions electronically to stromata@calvinseminary.edu. Submissions for the Fall-Winter issue are due by October 1st, and for the Spring-Summer issue on March 1st at midnight.