

# *Journal of Analytic Theology*

## Statement of Editorial Policy and Procedures

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### Editorial Policy

The *Journal of Analytic Theology* is an interdisciplinary journal devoted to analytic theology. We welcome any paper in analytic theology. Analytic theology is an interdisciplinary subfield that explores traditional theological topics and questions (in diverse religious traditions) in conversation and methodological continuity with the analytic-philosophical tradition. The JAT publishes articles, book reviews, book symposia, and occasionally special issues. Please read carefully our policies and procedures below before submitting.

### Articles

Articles in any area of analytic theology are welcome. This includes any theological tradition, including work that combines or compares different theological traditions.

An article should not be under review elsewhere when submitted to JAT, and should not have been published elsewhere. Papers should normally be under **9,000 words** in length; the word count is not inclusive of references but does include footnotes, appendices and other supplementary materials. Longer papers will be considered, but note that they need to clear a higher bar, and need to have some justification for their length. We value economy of expression.

We are not including the list of references in the word count so as to encourage authors to cite inclusively, i.e., to cite work that has meaningfully played a role in the ideas of their paper, rather than only signaling their knowledge of the prestigious or most well-known works in the field.

Please prepare your work for anonymous refereeing; omit explicit self-citation (e.g., use "As Jones (2000) has argued" or "As [omitted for anonymous review] has argued" rather than "as I have argued (Jones, 2000)").

## Book reviews

Publishers and authors may send books to be considered for review to the Book Review Editor, Jordan Wessling. Individuals who would like to be considered as potential book reviewers may contact the Book Review Editor via email at: [wesslingj@lindsey.edu](mailto:wesslingj@lindsey.edu). (These messages will all be read; but, in the typical case, we will not send direct replies.)

## Book Symposia

Book Symposia are organized by the Editorial Team. We do not accept unsolicited symposia articles, and it is not our general policy to respond to requests for symposia from authors or publishers.

## Special Issues

While JAT focuses on unsolicited articles we will on occasion publish special issues on a specific, timely topic in analytic theology.

If you want a special issue to be considered, please send a proposal (2 pages maximum) including the following:

- ❖ **Topic** (provisional title and short description of what it will be about)
- ❖ **Rationale** for why it is timely to have a special issue on this topic
- ❖ **Names** and **institutional affiliations** of the guest editor(s)
- ❖ **How** contributions will be solicited (e.g., through an open call for papers)
- ❖ If already known, a **list of contributors** and **brief abstracts** of their works

Note that each paper of a special issue requires at least one external referee and approval of the Editorial Team in order to be published.

## Editorial Procedures

### Desk Rejection Policy

Your paper will be examined by members of the Editorial Team for fit, scope, and competence. If your paper is deemed of sufficient quality that it might be published, and falls

within the scope of the journal, it will be sent out for review. If it is not suitable, you should receive a desk rejection notification within 2-3 weeks (Note: this will be a formal rejection without comments).

### Review Procedure

We use a double-anonymous reviewing procedure. The names and institutional affiliations of authors will not be revealed to referees or to members of the editorial board, and reviewers' identities will likewise remain confidential.

After the initial read by members of the Editorial Team, your paper will be sent out to a reviewer. We will occasionally solicit an opinion of a second external reviewer.

We aim to provide an initial decision within 3 months (but bear in mind that it is difficult to find referees, and that not all referees respond in a timely manner). If you have not heard from us with an update about your submission within 5 months, please contact us. The initial recommendation of the referee will be one of the following:

- ❖ **Reject for publication:** problems with the submission and its suitability for publication in the JAT are too substantial to recommend a revised resubmission.
- ❖ **Revise and resubmit:** it is likely that the submission could be revised in such ways that it is suitable for publication in the JAT. If those revisions are made, the submission would be reviewed again (though, with no guarantee of acceptance).
- ❖ **Accept (given minor corrections):** the submission is suitable for publication in the JAT. Any corrections required are minor.

After suitable revisions (if applicable), publication can only proceed if there is at least one positive referee report, and a positive recommendation by the Editorial Team.

Please note that even if your MS has been accepted, sometimes during production, items are discovered that still need modification—typographical errors or more substantive items—which must be corrected before final publication.

In the unlikely event that author(s) are unwilling to make the requested changes or unable to address the relevant issues in other ways to the satisfaction of the Editorial Team, we reserve the right to refrain from publishing the paper.