Christian Perspectives on Science and Technology (CPOSAT)

Information for Authors

Purpose of *CPOSAT*, the ISCAST Online Journal: To provide a forum for those exploring the interaction between science, technology and Christian faith. The intended readers are Christians interested in science and technology as well as scientists or technologists interested in the Christian faith. It is likely that readers will have a university degree or its equivalent but we do not assume that they will have a specialized knowledge of a branch of science or theology.

Categories of Articles:
5 categories of articles are accepted for publication.

- **Refereed articles** should be 3500 to 9000 words in length and will undergo a referee process before acceptance. Articles published elsewhere will be considered for publication and will undergo the same review process. Authors should ensure they have copyright to re-publish or permission to re-publish prior to submission. Format and layout of previously published articles may be altered to conform to the style of *CPOSAT*, the ISCAST Online Journal.
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- An article should be submitted by email attachment to the editor (editor@iscast.org), as a word processor document or as an ASCII text file.
- Authors should state for which category (see above) they are submitting an article in the accompanying email. However the Editor will decide whether and in what form to accept any paper.
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- Articles will be published in .pdf format.
- In addition to the above, the www.iscast.org web site allows for publication of audio and video material. Guidelines for these have still to be formulated.

General Guidelines

- **Refereed articles** should be intelligible to an educated reader who is concerned with the interaction between science and Christian faith, but who is not necessarily a specialist in a particular branch of science. Specialized terms may be used in the body of the article but only when essential.
- **Abstract**
  All articles submitted for publication as a 'refereed article' should include an abstract of 150–200 words followed by a list of up to 10 key words for indexing.
  A list of up to 10 key words should also be supplied for articles submitted as an 'opinion and debate' article.
- **The author's affiliation(s) and qualifications** should be provided.
- **Spelling and Grammar**: The editors will follow the spelling and language guidelines of the *Style manual* (*Style manual for authors, editors and printers*, 6th edn, 2002, Revised by Snooks & Co. John Wiley & Sons, Australia Ltd, Canberra)
- **Footnotes** should be kept to a minimum and cited in the text using a superscript numeral. Footnotes should appear at the bottom of the page.

Reference format

- References should be cited in the text in brackets using the author-date format (Thompson 1989) and then listed alphabetically in a bibliography at the end of the article. For reference texts, page numbers can be included in the brackets eg (Worthing 1980 pp. 56–59).
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- Latin terms such as 'ibid' should not be used.

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E.g. Gijsbers, A 2005, 'More on memes', *Science and Christian Belief*, vol. 17(1), pp. 83–84.

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Shakespeare, *Anthony and Cleopatra*. I, v.

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