

The Editor's Page

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We regret that this issue has been so long delayed, and we apologize to our subscribers and faithful readers for making them wait so long to receive it. Unfortunately, a journal like this operates entirely on a voluntary basis, leaving us little control over publication deadlines. Those who submit the papers for publication do so on a voluntary basis, on their own schedule. Often we struggle to find enough authors willing to submit papers for publication. Those who referee the papers are valued volunteers, busy professionals who must take time out of their regularly scheduled activities to read and respond to the papers. We could not exist without them, and we are grateful for their service to the journal, but often there are long delays in trying to find referees who are willing and able to sacrifice their time to referee the papers, then in waiting for them to complete the task between their many other responsibilities.

After the refereeing process, we have to get the authors to find the time and readiness to do the necessary work of revision. Even the editors themselves are volunteers with full-time jobs who struggle to find the time to keep the papers moving through the process toward publication. Final editing generally requires working with the authors again to work out the bugs and make sure all corrections are acceptable before publication. Ed Christian takes care of this editing and assembling the final product for publication, proofing it, and getting it through the printing stage. April Younker is responsible for subscriptions and the huge task of circulation, mailing the journal to over 2000 readers.

I am grateful for their significant contribution to this task, but the responsibility for timeliness falls at my feet. I wish we could do better. The decision has been made to produce a double issue for 2008 in an attempt not to fall farther behind in our publication schedule. We solicit your pa-

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tience and forgiveness, but even more, your contributions to the process. If you have a paper to submit for publication, or if you are willing to assist us with refereeing papers, please contact me at reynolds@southern.edu and let me know what you can do to help us.

Some of the papers in this issue come from the ATS “Current Issues in Eschatology” symposium held at Andrews University, March 1-3, 2007. Podcasts of all of the presentations from that symposium (and others) may be downloaded and listened to at the ATS website (www.atsjats.org). We encourage our readers to take advantage of this service from ATS.