

Editorial

Introducing e-Origins

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Welcome to the first issue of *e-Origins*, the online successor to *Origins*, the print journal of the Biblical Creation Society (BCS). *Origins* ran for 60 issues from 1987 to 2015 and was preceded by *Biblical Creation*, which ran for 24 issues from 1978 to 1986. When BCS joined together with Biblical Creation Ministries and Genesis Agendum to form Biblical Creation Trust in 2015, many people told us how much they missed reading *Origins*. We hope that *e-Origins* will help to fill that void.

e-Origins is an online journal, which helps us to keep costs down while reaching out to a much wider readership. Our open access policy means that all our articles will be free to download. Of course, online publishing also frees us from an inflexible publication schedule. We will publish less, but we trust that what we publish will be well worth reading.

e-Origins has a specific focus. Our aim is to disseminate the results of constructive creationist model-building, and to do so in an accessible way. We will not ordinarily be publishing articles solely focused on criticism of evolution. In other words, we want this to be a positively creationist journal and not primarily an anti-evolutionary one.

Our inaugural issue includes two articles. In the first, Tom Hennigan summarises his research on snake hybrids, which provides important clues concerning the boundaries of the created snake kinds. Then, Michael Kotulla takes a fascinating look at a famous fossil site in Germany and presents evidence that the sediments in which the fossils are preserved were rapidly deposited. This article was originally published in *Studium Integrale*, the journal of the German creationist organisation Wort und Wissen, and it is published here in English for the first time. We hope to publish other translations of this kind in the future.

Our hope is that other researchers who are doing work to build positive creationist models will consider writing for *e-Origins*. Our journal gives you a platform to communicate your work to a popular readership. We're not looking for new research papers – there are already creationist journals for that. Rather, we're looking for articles based on scholarly work yet written in a way to be accessible to non-experts. And the good news is

that we will pay for accepted contributions, so why not contact us if you have an idea that falls within our remit? Our author guidelines are available on the journal home page.

Besides articles on specific areas of research, we will also consider broad subject overviews, book reviews and opinion pieces ranging across multiple disciplines, including science, theology, philosophy and education. We want to help our readers better understand what creation model-building is, how we go about it, what has been done so far and what needs to be done in the future. We want to highlight what questions we have answered and what questions remain open, as well as the research directions we need to pursue in the future. Creationism is at a very exciting point in its history, and we want our readers to know all about it!

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