

## Guidelines for Authors

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3. All articles must be typed in a **Microsoft Word** file. If you use other software, you should have an option to save the file in Word (doc or rtf). Use **12 point Times New Roman type font** (usually the default in Word) for all text. Articles should be between **5,000 and 8,000 words** in length. Only rarely will it be possible to publish longer articles than 8,000 words, including citations.
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Example: Dylan Witt commented, 'Biocentrism is for the birds' (2002: 31), although his latest book suggests otherwise.

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9. For further text reference help, the *Oxford Dictionary for Writers and Editors* is recommended, as is the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

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1. **Every work quoted from or mentioned in the text must be included in the references section.** The references section should be located immediately after the body of the article. Please double-check to be certain that all dates given in parenthetical citations and in the references section are identical.
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3. Reference and bibliographical lists should always be arranged in alphabetical order by author. Where there are two or more works by the same author in the same year, they should be distinguished as 1997a, 1997b, etc. Works should be listed from earliest to most recent date of publication.
4. When quoting a work by three or more authors, use 'et al.' in the text, but provide all the authors' names in the references/bibliography.
5. Note the following abbreviations:  
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rev. (reviser, revised by)  
edn (edition)  
repr. (reprint)  
vol./vols. (volume/volumes)

### **Examples:**

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### ***Footnotes***

Articles submitted to the *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* should use footnotes (not endnotes). Please refer to chapter 16 and 17 of *The Chicago Manual of Style* (15<sup>th</sup> edn) for information on bibliographic and note citation. Footnotes should be single-spaced and in 12-point type.

### **Examples:**

1. See James E. Lovelock, *Gaia: A New Look at Life on Earth* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1979), and *The Ages of Gaia: A Biography of Our Living Earth*, reprint (New York: W. W. Norton, 1995).
2. Some combine this idea with the belief in multiple lives. For example, in her ‘Gaia Meditations’ Joanna Macy says, ‘Think of your next death. Will your flesh and bones back into cycle. Surrender. Love the plump worms you will become. Launder your being through the fountain of life’. Quoted in Lawrence E. Joseph, *Gaia: The Growth of an Idea* (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1990): 243. For a discussion of Gaia as goddess, see pp. 66–73, 223–47.
3. The classical statement of this view is from Arne Naess, ‘The Shallow and the Deep, Long-Range Ecology Movement: A Summary’, *Inquiry* 16 (1973): 95-100. See also his *Ecology, Community and Lifestyle: Outline of an Ecosophy* (trans. and rev. David Rothenberg; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989).
4. See *Ecofeminism: Women, Animals, Nature* (ed. Greta Gaard; Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993).

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