

Letter to authors submitting articles

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This concerns your recently submitted papers, as well as any future papers you may be submitting for publication in either the *Creation* magazine or the *Journal of Creation*.

We often receive requests for permission to reprint articles, sometimes years after they are published. We would naturally assume that people giving us their article to publish would be happy for us to use it for the benefit of creation ministry in the future, in whatever way we felt was helpful.

However, for some time we did not have any policy in writing. Also, we had always automatically assumed that permission to reproduce one of our articles was ours to give. But it appears that it could be argued otherwise, if someone should have hostile intent to the ministry in the future. Thus, to avoid any hassle, confusion or ambiguity, or the necessity of going back each time to check with the author, it is now our policy to ask authors to formally assign all such permissions to us in advance. In order for us to go further with your article you will need to read, sign, and return to us the attached *Assignment of Copyright*. We will keep your permission on file and apply it to all future items you may wish to submit to us for publication.

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Thank you for your interest in our publications.

Many thanks for your kind understanding.

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