



Style Guide

1. Tone and Style:

- **Conversational Professionalism:** Write in a manner that is professional yet approachable. Contractions are acceptable, and the language should be accessible.
- **Scholarly Yet Accessible:** Engage both academics and educated lay readers, aiming for clarity and coherence. Think of engaging readers as you would in the *Pop Culture & Philosophy* series, where the target audience is intelligent non-scholars. Your work should resonate with a broad readership without sacrificing depth or insight.
- **Returning to Historical Scholarship:** Embrace a style reminiscent of Tolkien's *On Fairy-Stories* or Lewis's *Preface to Paradise Lost*. Substance and mastery should take precedence over strict adherence to modern rigidities. Emulate the conversational yet profound style that marked academic discourse in these historical examples.

2. Subject Matter:

- Focus on topics that engage with the classical tradition and modern insights, weaving them together in constructive ways.
- Contributions should add meaning to the world, enchanting rather than disenchanting the reader.

3. Originality:

- Your work should be original and free of plagiarism.
- We welcome ambitious ideas and generalizations, avoiding hyper-specialization.

4. Formatting:

- Use headings and subheadings to organize your text.
- Include an abstract summarizing the main arguments and contributions of your article.
- Articles should be under 4000 words in length (most will fall between 2500 – 3500).
- Footnotes and References should be in the Chicago style:
 - Use footnotes, not endnotes, for citations and additional comments. Footnotes can elucidate points, expand on ideas, and reference sources directly.
 - All sources cited in the footnotes should also be listed in a comprehensive bibliography at the end of your manuscript.
 - For detailed formatting and style specifics, please consult the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style.

5. Ethical Considerations:

- Respect the dignity and diversity of perspectives, adhering to academic integrity.
- Avoid overly critical, hateful, or exclusionary content.