



Call for contributing writers

Denison Forum equips Christians to think critically and biblically about today's news and cultural issues so they can live faithfully and serve intentionally. Founded in 2009 by Dr. Jim Denison and Jeff Byrd in Dallas, Texas, we provide trusted, biblical insight that helps believers discern current events without fear or partisanship and respond with Christlike clarity, conviction, and hope.

We call this a *new kind of news*: news that forms disciples rather than fuels division. Our flagship publication, *The Daily Article*, reaches over 285,000 subscribers. Across our newsletters, podcasts, social media, and video platforms, Denison Forum averages 2 million emails opened, 90,000 podcast downloads, and 1.3 million social media engagements every month.

The opportunity

We are seeking talented freelance writers who share our commitment to biblical clarity, humility, and spiritual formation. As a Denison Forum contributor, your work will appear alongside that of Dr. Jim Denison, Dr. Ryan Denison, Dr. Mark Turman, and our growing editorial team—reaching an audience that is intellectually curious, spiritually hungry, and eager for trustworthy analysis of the world around them.

Topics we cover

We sit at the intersection of current events and Christian faith. We're looking for writers who can cover:

- Politics & global news
- Sports
- Pop culture & entertainment
- Health & wellness
- Education
- AI, technology & science
- Business, economy & finance
- Christian theology & discipleship
- World religions
- Breaking news

Our Voice

Clear

At Denison Forum, clarity is a discipline. We cut through noise, spin, and oversimplification to help people understand what's happening and why it matters. We choose precise words over provocative ones, context over clickbait, and plainspoken explanation over performance.

Steady

We move deliberately, not urgently. While most news outlets race the clock, we hold the pace that formation requires. Our tone doesn't spike with the news cycle, and our posture doesn't shift with the cultural moment.

Anchored

Every word we write flows from Scripture first. Not Scripture as decoration, and not Scripture as a filter applied after the fact, but Scripture as the foundation that shapes how we interpret events, weigh ideas, and respond to the news.

Humble

We hold our convictions with confidence, not contempt. We believe Scripture is true and clear where it speaks clearly, but we also recognize that thoughtful Christians can read the same Bible and arrive at different conclusions on contested questions. We don't mistake our perspective for God's, and we don't treat people who disagree with us as enemies to defeat or fools to correct.

Discernment

We value wisdom over speed and truth over reaction. When others rush, we slow down. When others amplify, we ask better questions. We help people see beneath the surface of the story to recognize what matters, what doesn't, and what Scripture has to say about the difference.

Trustworthy

We understand that trust is earned, not claimed. Because we're donor-funded and not driven by clicks, we can engage the news with integrity, humility, and consistency. We say what we mean, we mean what we say, and we take responsibility for how our words land.

Hopeful

We refuse to lead with fear or despair. The world is broken, and we name that honestly, but we interpret brokenness through the redemptive promises of Scripture. We don't minimize suffering or pretend things are fine. We point people to the hope of Christ even in the middle of hard stories.

Shepherding

A news platform can inform, entertain, or provoke, but we're called to something higher. We walk alongside people through the news of the day and offer clarity when things feel confusing, steadiness when emotions run high, and Scripture when reaction feels easier than reflection.

Content expectations

How we cover the news

At a minimum, every article should be approximately 70% reporting (covering the news, story, and facts) and 30% spiritual application. Articles can lean further into spiritual insight, but that baseline ensures our readers get both solid journalism and meaningful biblical perspective in every piece.

We hold that reporting to a clear standard. We verify facts, cite sources, and correct mistakes transparently. And we speak biblical truth while avoiding fear, outrage, clickbait, and sensationalism, because how a story lands matters as much as whether it's accurate.

Turnaround time

We move at the speed of the news cycle. Depending on the topic, here's what we expect:

Assignment type	Expected Turnaround
Standard article - culture-at-large topic	1–5 days
High-interest, time sensitive news/culture story	1–2 days
Breaking news	3–4 hours (submitted by 4 PM CT day-of)

Style notes

- Target word count: 750–1,200 words (aim for ~1,000)
- Scripture: We use the English Standard Version (ESV) as our default translation, though others are acceptable where helpful
- Do not capitalize deity pronouns (he, him, his) per our house style
- We follow the Christian Writers Manual of Style

Compensation

Deliverable	Rate
Article (750–1,200 words; target ~1,000)	\$150*

**Rates may be higher based on relevant writing experience, topical expertise, or established audience reach.*

Interested in creating social content as well?

We're looking for creators with a strong understanding of social media platforms who can do one or all of the following:

- Share and collaborate with Denison Forum social accounts to promote your articles
- Share and promote Denison Forum content in formats native to X, Instagram, and TikTok
- Analyze the news from a biblical perspective in visual formats on Instagram and TikTok

Include your social media handles in your submission so we can review your work. Compensation will vary depending on your following and agreed-upon posting output.

Don't have a large following? We may still be interested. If you're comfortable filming yourself breaking down news stories in formats popular on Instagram and TikTok, create a sample clip and send it our way. These clips would be posted on the Denison Forum accounts. Think: walk-and-talks, talking directly to camera with a small mic and visuals in the background, or all-visual clips with voiceover.

How to pitch

We want to hear your ideas. Here's how to get started:

1. **Pitch your idea first.** Send a brief summary (2–3 sentences) of your proposed topic, your angle on the story, and how you plan to connect it to a spiritual application. For breaking news, you can pitch and draft simultaneously.
2. **Include a brief bio.** Tell us about your background, ministry experience, areas of expertise, and any relevant publishing history.
3. **Attach writing samples.** Two to three samples that showcase your voice and range.
4. **Share your social handles.** If you're also interested in creating social media content for Denison Forum, include your profiles so we can review your work.

Why write for Denison Forum?

Reach

Reach. Your words will be read by thousands of engaged Christians across the United States and around the world. All articles are published on our website, distributed on social media, and featured in The Daily Article newsletter and its weekly recap email sent to 285,000 subscribers every Saturday.

Impact

Help people move from cultural confusion to biblical clarity on the issues that matter most.

Mission

Join a team committed to building a new kind of news—truth without fear, commentary without partisanship, and insight that points people to Jesus.

Platform

Build your byline with an established, respected ministry that has been a trusted voice in Christian media since 2009.

Transparency

As a Denison Forum contributor, you'll have access to a dedicated portal where you can track performance analytics on your published articles. We believe in transparency with our writers and want you to see the real impact your work is making. While we encourage you to trust the Holy Spirit to guide the topics covered, these insights can help you refine your topics and approach over time, so your content continues to resonate with our audience.

Ready to pitch?

Send your 2-3 sentence pitch, writing samples, and bio to **contribute@denisonforum.org**

Subject line: **“Contributing Writer Submission – [Your name]”**

We review submissions on a rolling basis and will respond within two to three business days.

“Help us redeem the news to inform minds and transform hearts.”

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