

SPECIAL SECTION: THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF THE *JBIB*

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This is the 20th anniversary of the first publication of the *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business (JBIB)* (1995-2015). In joyful celebration, we present a special section with three essays about the history of the journal by people who created that history and three essays detailing insights gained from that history.

The special section begins, appropriately, with an historic overview of the CBFA journals written by Kent Saunders, CBFA Director of Publications and founding editor of the *CBAR*. Next, Sharon Johnson, the founding editor of the *JBIB*, wise and witty as always, talks about the past – and future – of the journal. Lastly, in a not-to-be missed interview, Shirley Chewing, long-time CBFA member and wife of Richard C. Chewing, gives her unique perspective on the founding of the *JBIB*. The creation of a Biblical integration journal arose from specific academic circumstances, to which the CBFA board responded wholeheartedly. Those readers who were there will remember that time vividly from these recollections.

The impact discussion begins with incoming *JBIB* editor, Michael Cafferky, relating the powerful effect the journal had on himself and his career. Then in a thoughtful essay, Kevin Brown, editor of the *CBAR*, answers the question “Why Biblical integration in business?” His succinct summary of the presuppositions is in the best traditions of the journal.

Finally, Jim Dupree, long time CBFA member and scholar, reviews and summarizes twenty years of the development of Biblical integration in business (BIB) in the *JBIB*. Dupree’s *tour de force* shows how the paradigm around which the CBFA formed, (BIB), developed and strengthened as the *JBIB* authors debated, dialogued and built on each other in the best tradition of academic and of spiritual communities. As he demonstrates, the impact of the journal has more than fulfilled the intentions of the founders.

Happy 20th Birthday to the *JBIB*. May it flourish for another 20 generations.