



# CATHERINE PROJECT

*Third quarter report, November 2021*

## June

- ⊗ The Catherine Project is awarded a \$100,000 grant by Emergent Ventures
- ⊗ We organize our first summer session, which consists of 5 reading groups and 1 subject tutorial in Biblical Hebrew, serving 69 readers

## July

- ⊗ The Catherine Project is incorporated as a non-stock corporation in the state of Maryland on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## August

- ⊗ Our application for 501(c)(3) status is submitted to the IRS. Tax-exempt status, if granted, is retroactive to the date of incorporation above

## September

- ⊗ We organize our second fall session, which consists of 7 tutorials, 1 subject tutorial in Latin, and 10 reading groups, serving 138 readers

## October

- ⊗ Our website ([www.catherineproject.org](http://www.catherineproject.org)) is born into cyberspace!

## November

- ⊗ We organize our first Fall Seminar, a one-off discussion that brings readers from different groups together, as well as introduce many individuals to the Catherine Project. 70 individuals participate in 7 seminar groups

Dear Readers and Friends,

The object of the Catherine Project's ambitions has remained the same since its inception: to nurture the love of learning for its own sake and to foster a community united and oriented by that love. This fall, we celebrate a year of pursuing these ambitions. In September, we launched our second fall session and 138 readers committed themselves to the reading and discussion of a diverse selection of fundamental texts.

Thanks to a grant from Emergent Ventures in June, we were able to hire Jordan Poyner as our Executive Director. Jordan spearheaded the establishment and maintenance of the Project as a legal entity, in addition to taking on the lion's share of our daily work and long-term planning. We await, with full confidence of success, recognition from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Our website went live in October and accounts of our work have been published in *Daily Nous*, *Hedgehog Review*, and *EdSurge*. Our first Catherine Project Fall Seminar on Genesis 1-5 drew 70 enthusiastic readers, as many as we could accommodate. We have begun to investigate prospects for an in-person summer program to begin in the summer of 2022.

The Catherine Project as an institution was always intended to live or die with the enthusiasm of its members. Your donations hold us accountable for providing something of real value and demonstrate the stake you have in our community. If you feel you have benefited from participation in the Catherine Project, or if you find us an encouraging presence on the educational landscape, we humbly ask you to recognize this by making a donation. We are deeply grateful for donations of any amount and we especially welcome recurring donations (\$3.00 a month would cover our email service!). If you feel led to contribute, you may do so by following the directions on the Donate page on our website.

Whether you are a current reader, an aspiring reader, or a friend of our spirit, please know of our enormous gratitude for you and all that you bring to us, in these seasons of gratitude and joy.

With warmest wishes for your flourishing, inside and out of the realm of study,

Jordan Poyner and Zena Hitz  
for all at the Catherine Project

