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Civilization at a Crossroads: This is not only the theme of the 2021 ISCS conference, but something for each of us to consider. We reach decision points of critical thinking especially during extraordinary times. We are now experiencing extraordinary times.

Crossroads can represent choosing between different paths; ideologies; different vocations; studies; choice of spiritual beliefs; distinction of mindset; choosing conflict or peace; passivity or aggression. We will make choices at different junctures when at a crossroads. These are the intersections of our independent and larger societal choices. The crossroads are crucial points where a decision or decisions must be made.

The ISCS brings together people who write of the many crossroads and impacts of civilizations past, present and future. Our journal, *Comparative Civilization Review* (CCR), features many of these thoughtful papers and dialogues. Heretofore, we have not benefited from a comprehensive index of papers in the CCR since Spring of 2006.

Why is an index important? When one is searching for information, being able to locate the information, often quickly, can be challenging. Having a structure that organizes the types of information being sought can be invaluable. Due to the skill, insights and hard work of ISCS members Alexandra Sasha Travis, Regan Remy and David Wilkinson, we now have an up-to-date index for articles in the CCR and it is included in this edition.

There is something reassuring about an index. It is a roadmap of sorts and can help with navigating and making choices. This new CCR index will help navigate the papers and scholarly thought that provides insight into our analysis and descriptions of civilization.

Our complex human societies, the cultural and technological beginnings and evolution of our social structures, religious systems, and environment are strong and will evolve and hopefully provide for our stability and security, not to mention happiness.

Lynn Rhodes
President