

My Life & Ministry

Robert C. Newman



Early Life

- I was born in Washington, DC in 1941 to Xn parents.
- Raised in the DC suburbs
- Made a profession of faith about age 7
- Got interested in science in elementary school



**Cherrydale School Science Fair
1953**

College

- Attended college at Duke University.
 - BS in physics, 1963
 - Asked God to guide my life.
- Graduate school at Cornell University
 - PhD in theoretical astrophysics, 1967
 - Met Herman Eckelmann.

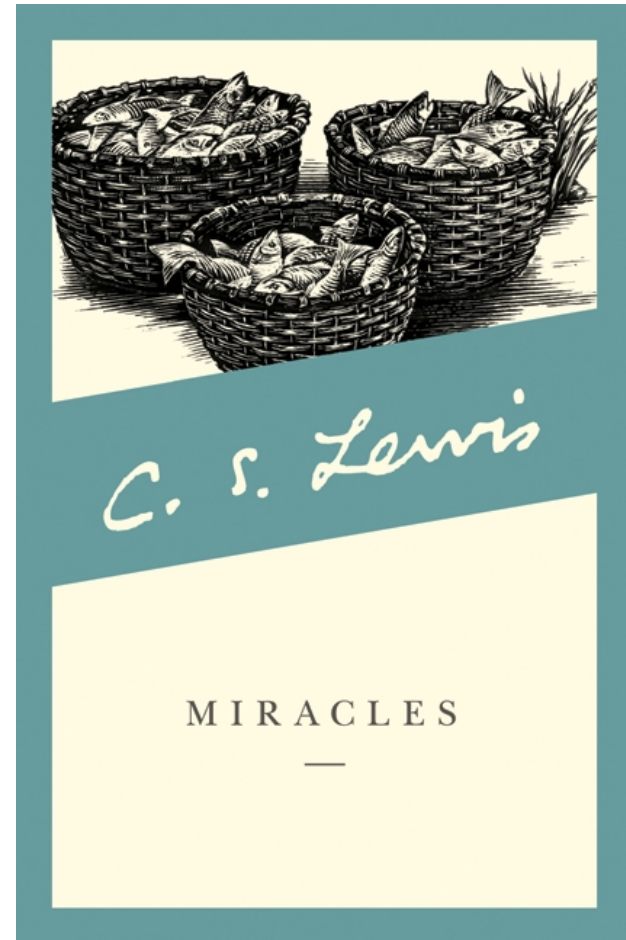


With parents & sister, Duke East Campus

A Change in Direction

Duke University, 1959-63

- Required religion courses raised problems.
- Helped by writings of CS Lewis.



A Change in Direction

Cornell University, 1963-67

- Got in better church.
- Helped by Herman Eckelmann re/ evidence for Christianity:
 - Pastor of Faith Bible Church
 - Research Associate in Cornell Space Center
- Decided to attend seminary to get Biblical education, planning to use it while teaching astrophysics at university.



Herman Eckelmann (L)

Studying the Bible

Faith Theological Seminary, 1967-71

- Finished MDiv, spring 1970.
- Began STM program, fall 1970.
- But the school split in spring 1971.



Studying & Teaching the Bible

Biblical Seminary, 1971-72

- Asked to teach New Testament, 1971.
- Finished STM program, 1972.
- Continued teaching there for 35 years!
(till retirement, 2006)

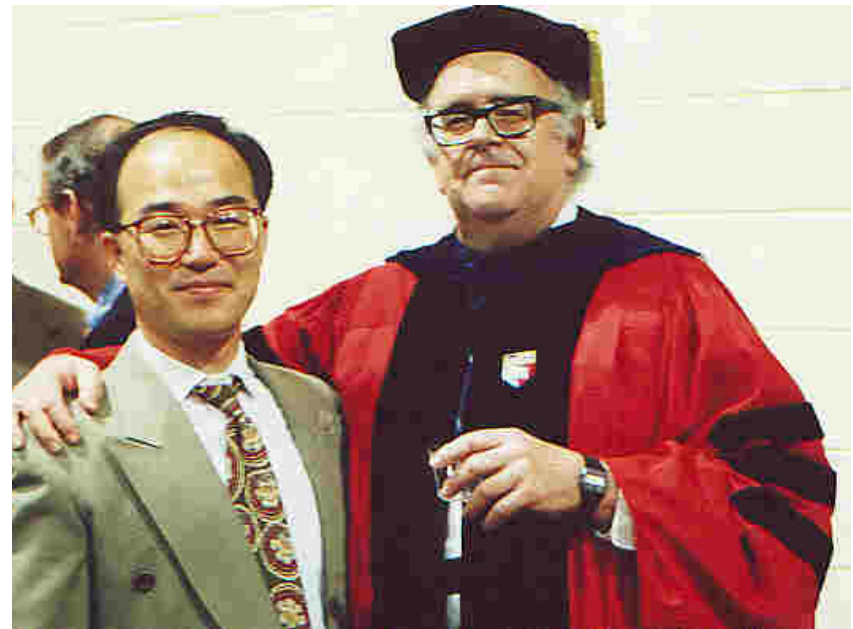


Ministry Activities

- Teaching at Biblical Seminary 1971-2006
- Preaching at various churches 1967-
- Speaking at colleges, etc 1967-
- Writing ~1965-
- IBRI 1979-
- Slide talks, eventually converted to PowerPoint presentations 1967-

Biblical Seminary

- Taught 35 years, 1971-2006
- Mostly NT courses, plus Evidence for the Christian Faith
- Had some 1000+ students over these years



Trinity House

- I also started a house for seminary students, which operated from 1982-2006.
- These are the Trinity House residents the 1st year.
- Had over 100 students during its 24 years.



Preaching

- I preached mostly in Eastern US, usually within driving distance from Philadelphia, so PA, NJ, NY...
- Or, during my summers, operating from DC area, so VA & MD.



Westminster PCA, Butler, PA

Speaking

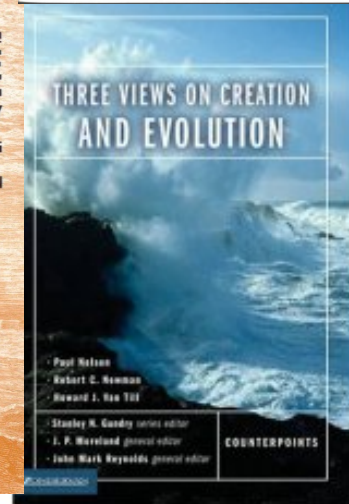
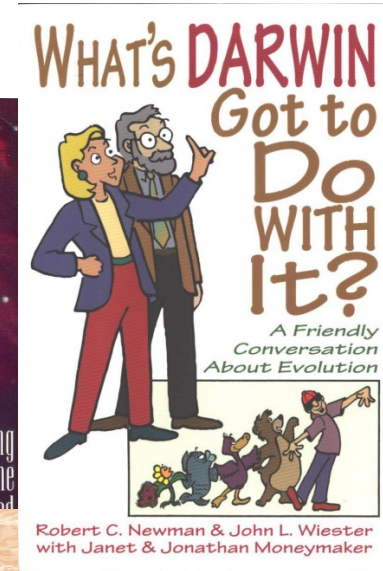
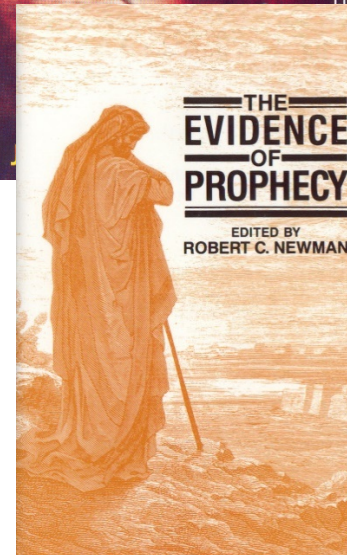
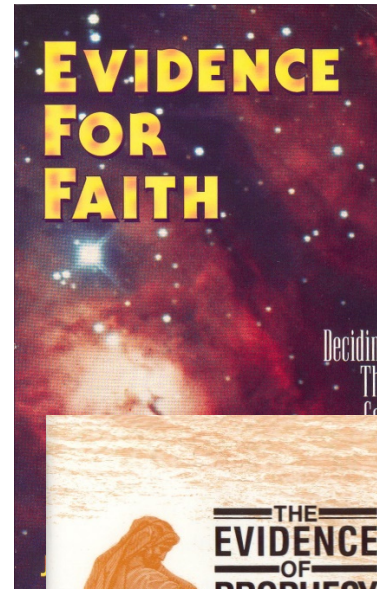
- Mostly to college & university audiences, mainly in Eastern US, usually sponsored by a Xn organization.
- Schools included:
 - Cornell
 - Princeton
 - Penn
 - Rutgers



University of Malaya, 2002

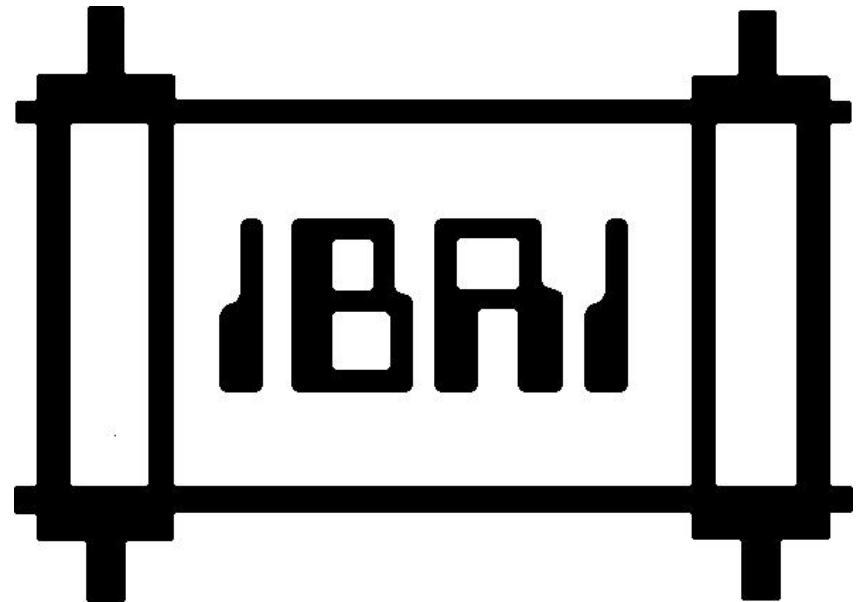
Writing

- Wrote over 100 articles in various magazines & journals
- Wrote or co-authored six books.
- Contributed to several books and encyclopedias.



IBRI

- Acronym for “Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute”
- Founded by a group of faculty & students at Biblical Seminary, 1979-80.



IBRI

- Mission: to strengthen churches in their outreach to college-educated seekers
- A very low-budget operation!
- Part of our Board is pictured here.



IBRI: Early Activities

- Colloquium sessions 1979-2003
- Research reports 1980-
- Books ~1986-
- Seminars 1989-2003
 - Dice or Deity?
 - Evidence for Faith
 - Intelligent Design Conference

IBRI: Recent Activities

- Website www.ibri.org
- Audio lectures/sermons, PowerPoints, papers, course & lecture notes, etc.
- Thousands of items by numerous authors
- Main topics: Biblical studies, apologetics, interaction of science & Christianity, theology (including practical theology)
- In 2010 (224 days) had ~ 3.5 million hits
 - Over 15,000 hits per day

IBRI Website

- Some Countries Accessing the Site:
 - United States (1)
 - China (2)
 - Australia (3)
 - Ukraine (4)
 - India (7)
 - Netherlands (12)
 - Indonesia (20)
 - South Africa (22)



PowerPoints

- Since retirement in 2006, I have been converting many of my talks into the PowerPoint format, and posting these on our IBRI website, w/ narration in mp3.
- We now have about 200 of these available on-line.
- See these under “The Robert C. Newman Library” at www.ibri.org.

Ministry Travel Overseas

- Began doing this while still teaching at Biblical
 - 1983: Caribbean (St Vincent)
 - 1989: Ireland (Limerick, Cork)
 - 1992: Russia (Novgorod, Vologda)
 - 1998: London, Cambridge, Cologne
 - 2001, 2002, 2004: Singapore & Malaysia
 - 2004: Great Britain (London, L'Abri, Stoke-on-Trent, Leeds)

Ministry Travel Overseas

- More since retirement in May 2006:
 - 2006: Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand
 - Taught two short courses at BC of Malaysia
 - 2007: Russia (Volgograd)
 - 2008: Europe (Lyon, L'Abri, Amsterdam, Cologne)
 - 2008: China (Beijing, Shanghai)
 - 2009: Taiwan (Taipei, Taichung)
 - 2009: Ukraine (Kiev)
 - 2010: Costa Rica (San Jose)

Helping with Center for Christian Study at University of Virginia

- Since retirement, I have lived in central Virginia, near UVa.
- Lectures @ Center “Doing Science in a Theistic Universe.”
- Helping study groups:
 - Jesus and Christian Origins
 - Faith, Reason and Science.



Working with Internationals

- I have also helped with outreach to internationals at UVa.
 - Volunteering with Intl. Students Inc.
 - Serving on our church's Ethnic Chinese Ministry Team
 - Helping internationals with their English



Teaching at Trinity PCA

- I have taught in the adult education program at Trinity:
 - Various apologetic and biblical topics for two teaching fellowships
 - Revelation for the Graduate & Professional Teaching Fellowship
 - Most recently, the Parables of Jesus



The Future?

- I don't know how long the Lord will leave me here on this earth...
- But I hope to continue serving Him in these sorts of ways so long as He gives me health & strength.



**Faculty Musical Performance at
Biblical Seminary**

A photograph of a man with glasses and a light blue shirt, kneeling in a grassy field. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus green field under a bright sky.

The End

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
1Cor 15:58 (NIV)