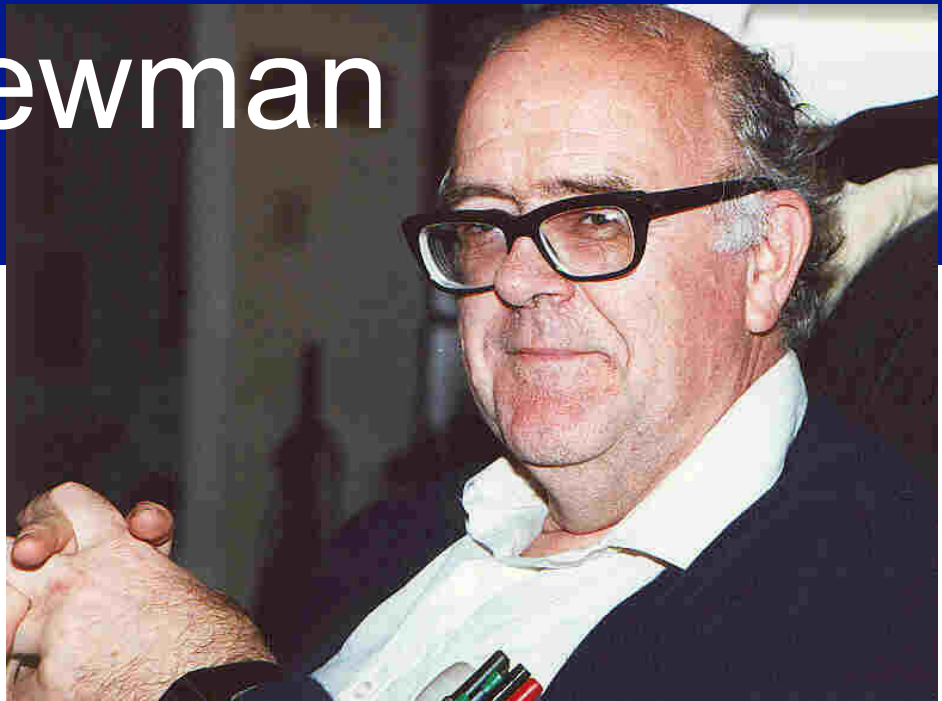


This is Your Life, Bob Newman



Birth & Early Life

- Born 2 April 1941
 - Washington, DC
- Raised in Virginia suburbs 1941-59
 - Arlington, VA
- 3rd of 5 kids
 - Perry
 - Beth
 - **Bob**
 - Jim
 - Ellen



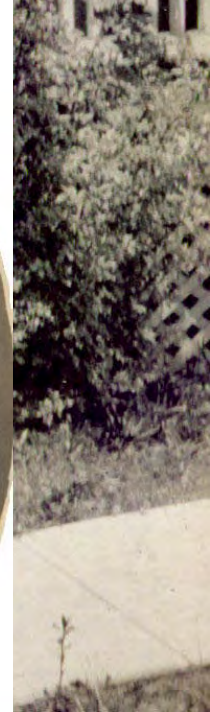
Parents

- Father: Allan Lanham Carhart Newman

- Born 1900,
Washington, DC

- Mother: Lois May Gardner

- Born 1912, Louisburg,
Kansas



Ancestry

- The Newmans (and allied families) came into Virginia & Maryland from England in 1600s.
- The Gardners (and allied families) came into MA and RI from England in 1600s, later moving west into CT, NY, OH, IL, MI, KS.



Family, 1951



Home Church

- 1st Baptist Church of Clarendon, Arlington, VA
- Southern Baptist
- Not very conservative
- But went forward to receive Christ here at age 7



Family, 2001



Public Education

- Elementary school: Cherrydale, 1947-53
- Junior High: Stratford, 1953-56
- Senior High: Washington-Lee, 1956-59



Public Education

- My first contact with evolution as an alternative to creation
- My interest in science began in elementary school, later encouraged by a physics teacher in high school.
- The upshot was that I went to Duke to major in physics.

Science Education

- Duke University
1959-1963
 - BS, physics
- Cornell University
1963-1967
 - PhD, astrophysics
- University of Wisconsin
summer 1966
 - Seminar on Cosmic Gas Dynamics

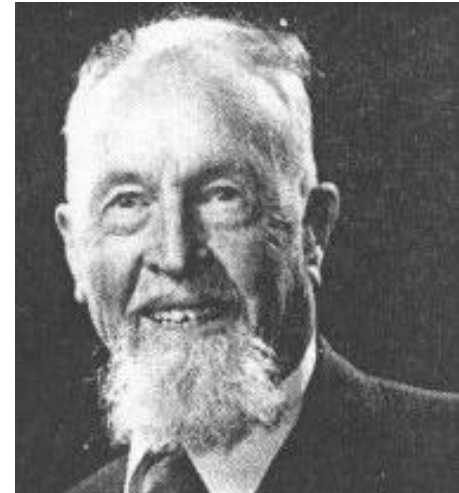


Science Education

- Strangely, the greatest challenges to my faith at Duke were my two required religion courses.
- These courses raised questions about the truth of Christianity; eventually they were significant in my going to seminary.
- I was helped a great deal at that time by the writings of C.S. Lewis.
- At Cornell, I came into contact with Herman Eckelmann, a pastor and a research associate in the Cornell Space Center.
- The result was that I went to Faith Seminary after completing my PhD at Cornell.

Theological Education

- Faith Seminary, MDiv, 1967-70
- Biblical Seminary, STM in OT, 1970-72
- Univ of Pennsylvania, grad studies in religious thought, 1974-75
- Institute of Holy Land Studies, January 1978
- Westminster Seminary, grad studies in biblical interpretation, 1981-84



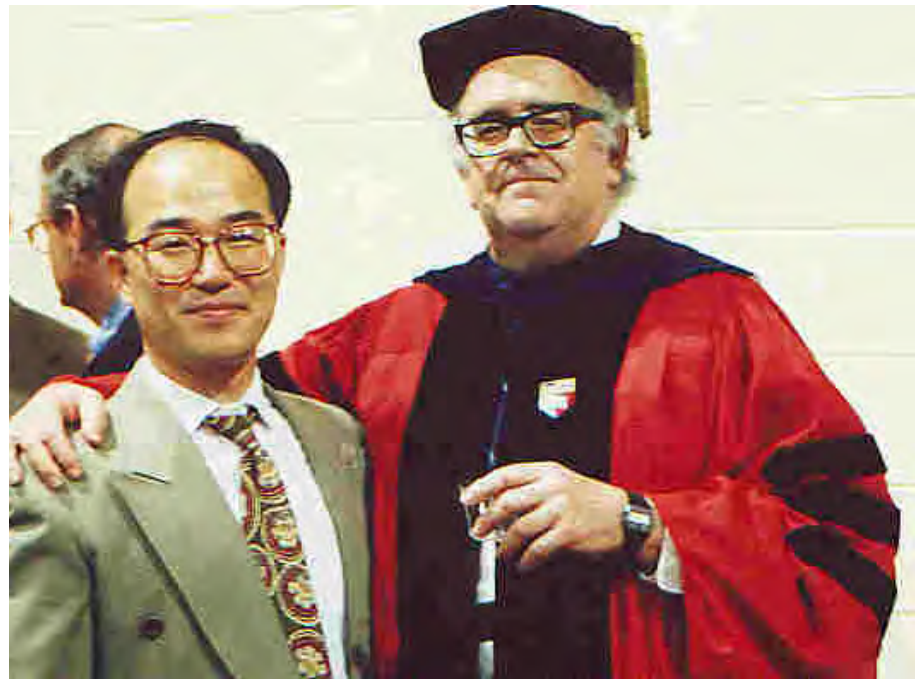
Teaching

- During seminary, I began my teaching career...
- ...part-time at Shelton College, Cape May, NJ, 1968-71...
- ...teaching physical science and mathematics.



Teaching

- In 1971, I began teaching at Biblical Seminary.
- I became Professor of NT in 1977.
- I have taught all the NT courses at Biblical, except for a few added recently.
- I plan to retire in June 2006.

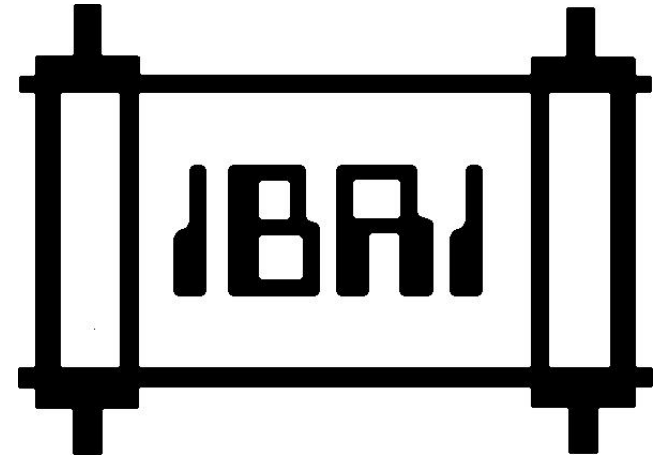


Teaching

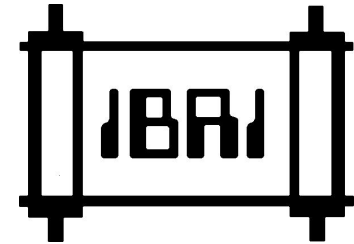
- My main teaching and research emphasis in the NT has been in the Gospels.
 - Particularly in the Synoptics
 - Especially in the Parables
- Another interest has been the word-pictures the Bible provides to help us understand its message.
- I have also taught the course *Evidence for the Christian Faith* a number of times.

IBRI

- In 1979, several of us at Biblical formed an organization we call "IBRI."
- The full name is the Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute.
- This was founded to strengthen Christians in outreach to seekers with advanced education, particularly in the sciences.



IBRI



- IBRI over its history has published:
 - 54 research reports
 - 21 books and pamphlets
 - 10 tracts
- We have held numerous public meetings:
 - 165 colloquium sessions
 - 16 multi-speaker seminars at various places on evidence of design in nature and for the truth of Christianity.

www.ibri.org



- In recent years, we have put together a website to help Christians and seekers.
- We now have posted for free access:
 - ☐ All our Research Reports
 - ☐ All our tracts
 - ☐ Several books
 - ☐ 60 PowerPoint talks
 - ☐ Over 400 audio lectures

Speaking

- Over the years, I have done a good deal of speaking outside the seminary.
- This is usually in one of two settings:
 - Churches
 - Colleges



Speaking in Churches

- This often involves preaching, mostly from the NT, frequently from the Gospels, often from the parables.
- Also I give talks on subjects related to apologetics and Christian evidences.



Speaking at Colleges



- These are usually at the invitation of campus Christian organizations, such as Inter-Varsity or Campus Crusade.
- They are typically on Christian evidences or apologetics, though of diverse sorts:
 - Science and origins
 - Reliability and historicity of Bible
 - Popular religious phenomena or cults



Speaking at Colleges

- Over the years I've spoken at some fifty or sixty schools, mostly in the East.
- Some of these are:
 - ☐ Cornell
 - ☐ Princeton
 - ☐ Penn
 - ☐ Colorado School of Mines
 - ☐ University of California at Davis
 - ☐ University of Cologne
 - ☐ University of Malaya

Speaking at Colleges



Some more notable opportunities:

- Response to von Däniken's *Chariots of the Gods* at Cornell
- Debate on Easter accounts at Cornell
- Critique of Sagan's *Cosmos* at Cornell
- Evidence of design in nature at UC-Davis
- Fulfilled prophecy re/ Jesus at Penn

Research

My major interests are:

- Biblical studies
- Christian evidences
- Interaction of science & Christianity



Research

Under biblical studies:

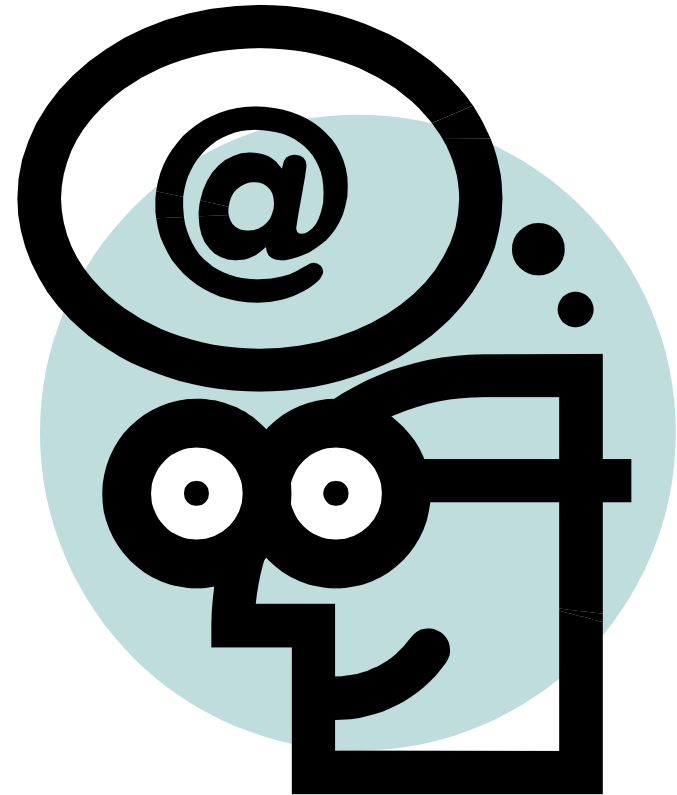
- Parables
- Other biblical figures
- NT background (cultural, historical)
- Scientific aspects of biblical passages
- Fulfilled prophecy
- Eschatology



Research

Under Christian evidences:

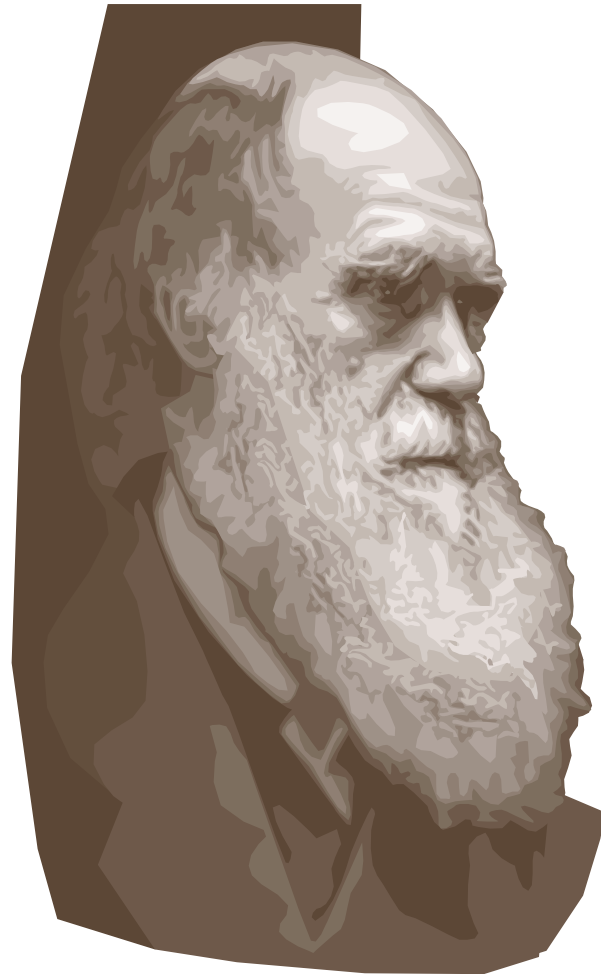
- Cosmology
- Intelligent design
- Origin & history of life
- Preknowledge of science
- Fulfilled prophecy
- Jesus
- Transformed lives & societies



Research

*Under interaction of
science & Christianity:*

- History of science
- Philosophy of science
- Doing science in a theistic universe
- Problems for naturalism
- Problems for evolution
 - Atheistic
 - Theistic



Writing

35 journal articles, in:

- Astrophysical Journal
- Planetary & Space Science
- Journal ASA/PSCF
- Journal of the ETS
- Westminster Theol Journal
- Grace Theol Journal
- Concordia Theol Journal
- Presbyterion
- Philosophia Christi



Writing



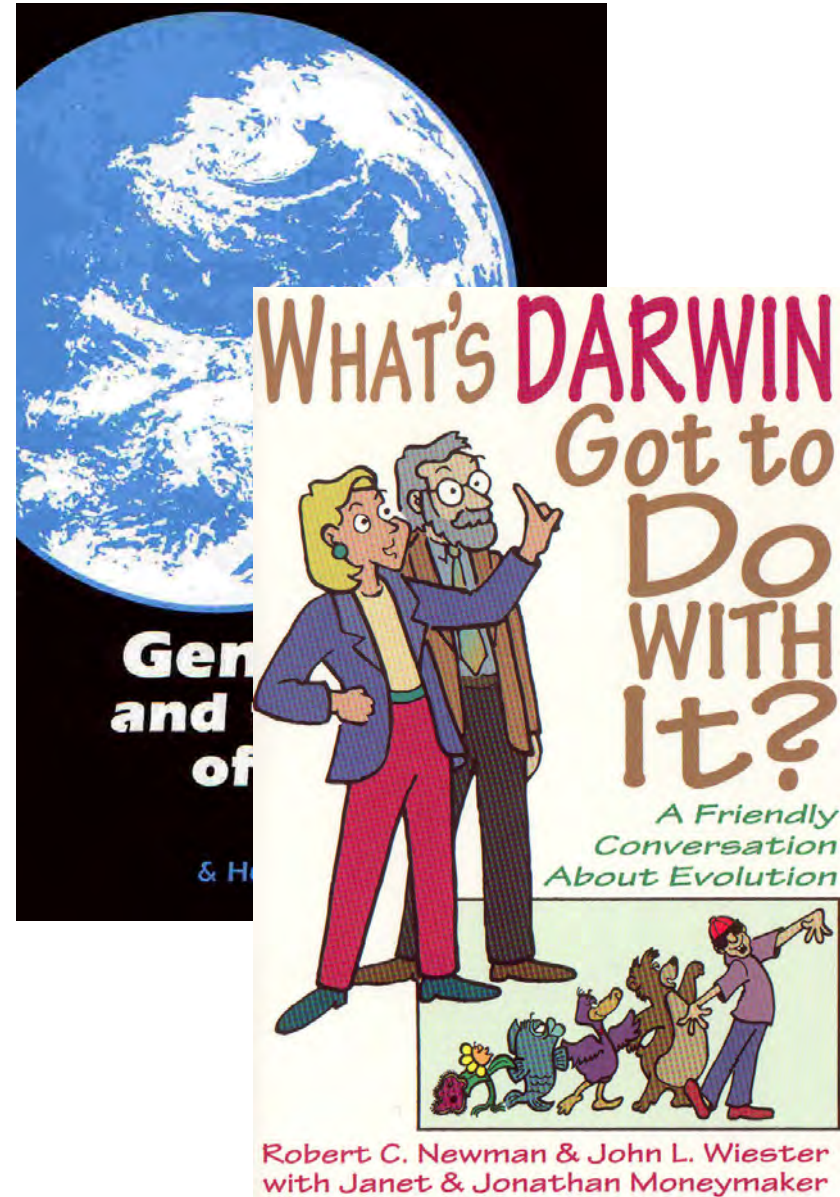
22 contributions to books, encyclopedias:

- Kantzer & Henry, *Evangelical Affirmations*
- Montgomery, *Evidence for Faith*
- Youngblood, *The Genesis Debate*
- Geivett & Habermas, *In Defense of Miracles*
- Zondervan *New Intl Dict of OT Theol & Exegesis*
- Dembski, *Mere Creation*
- Moreland & Reynolds, *3 Views of Creation & Evolution*
- InterVarsity *Dictionary of NT Background*
- Routledge *Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism*

Writing

Several books:

- *Science Speaks*
- *Genesis One & Origin of Earth*
- *Evidence of Prophecy*
- *What's Darwin Got to Do with It?*
- *The Biblical Firmament*



Other Activities

- Trinity House
- Genealogy
- Reading
- Hiking
- Photography
- Travel



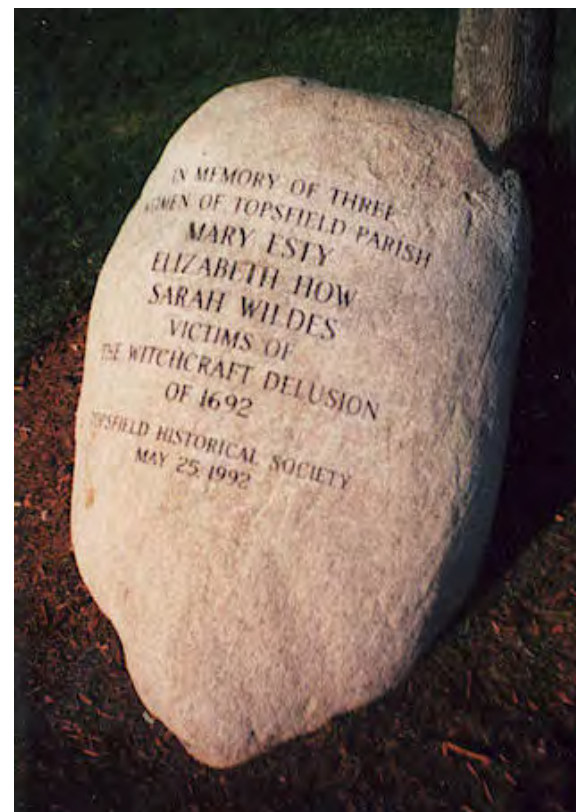
Trinity House

- Purchased 1982
- To house myself and a number of Biblical students
- Capacity: 8
- Total number of residents in 22 years: about 100



Genealogy

- Have been interested in family history since junior high school
- Began working in earnest in early 1970s
- Real breakthroughs with the development of genealogical information on the internet



Reading

- I like to read.
- For 25 years (when I kept track) I averaged over 80 books read per year.
- Some of these were books for my teaching and research, others were for pleasure.



Reading

My favorite topics are:

- Fiction/fantasy
- History
 - ☐ Ancient
 - ☐ British
 - ☐ American
- Science



Reading

My favorite authors are:

- C. S. Lewis
- J. R. R. Tolkien
- J. K. Rowling
- Stephen Lawhead
- George MacDonald



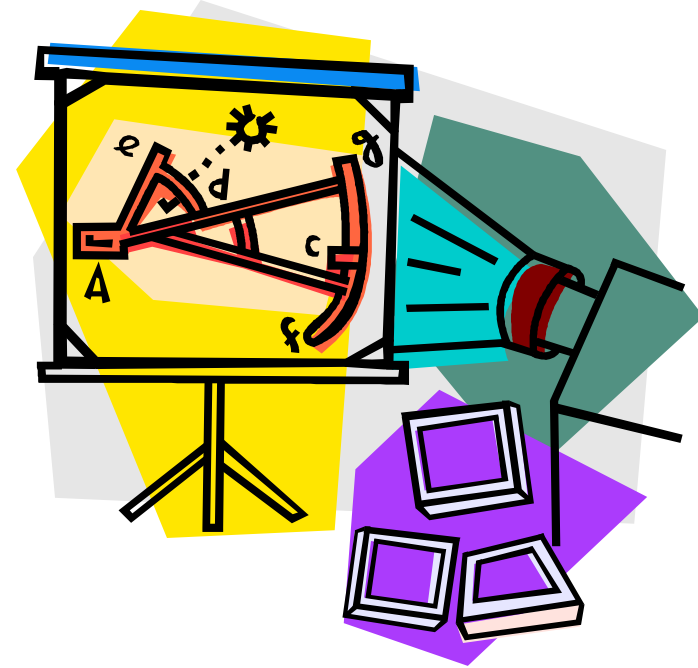
Hiking

- Have enjoyed hiking since I was a Boy Scout
- Have taken a number of week pack hikes, but not since I hurt my back in grad school
- Have hiked all of the Appalachian Trail in MD and WV



Photography

- My earlier photography was in slide format, much of it for my slide-illustrated lectures.
- More recently, I have been using a digital camera, with computer, PowerPoint, and projector.



Travel

- I like to travel, but I don't like to do it just for recreation.
- I have tried to make some sort of ministry a part of most of my travels.



Travel

Some places I've visited:

- Israel & Middle East
- Caribbean
- Ireland, UK, Germany
- Russia
- Singapore & Malaysia
- Hawaii



The End

Going downhill ...
... but not dead yet!