

## **Richard G. Howe, Ph. D.**

Provost | Professor of Philosophy and Apologetics | Norman L. Geisler Chair of Christian Apologetics  
Southern Evangelical Seminary  
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### **Education**

Ph.D. Philosophy

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Doctoral Dissertation: *A Defense of Thomas Aquinas's Second Way*

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Thomas Senor (director), Sandra Edwards, Richard Lee

M.A. Philosophy

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

Thesis: *An Analysis of William Lane Craig's Kalam Cosmological Argument*

Thesis Committee: William F. Lawhead (director), Michael L. Harrington, Thomas J. Flynn, William A. Staton, III

B.A. Bible (Minor: Music)

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi

### **Positions**

Currently:

Provost | Professor of Philosophy and Apologetics | Norman L. Geisler Chair of  
Christian Apologetics at Southern Evangelical Seminary

Former positions:

President of the International Society of Christian Apologetics

Full-time public speaker/debater, writer

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Apologetics at Southern Evangelical Seminary,  
Charlotte, NC

Professor of Philosophy and Apologetics; Director of the Ph.D. Program at Southern  
Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Luther Rice University, Lithonia, GA

Instructor in Philosophy at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Held graduate teaching assistantships at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR,  
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, and the University of Mississippi, Oxford,  
MS

### **University and Seminary Courses Taught**

#### ***Apologetics***

Undergraduate: *Introduction to Christian Apologetics; Christian Apologetic Systems;  
Ethics; Creationism; Existence of God; Relativism*

Graduate: *Introduction to Christian Apologetics; Christian Apologetic Systems;  
Contemporary Occultism; New Religious Movements; Relativism; World Religions; World  
Views*

Doctoral: *Introduction to Christian Apologetics; Christian Apologetic Systems; Advanced Counter-Cult Apologetics; Christian Ethical Issues and Apologetics; Philosophical Apologetics; Relativism; Religious Apologetics; Advanced World Religions*

### **Philosophy**

Undergraduate: *Critical Thinking; Contemporary Ethics; Existence of God; Contemporary Moral Problems; Introduction to Philosophy; Philosophy of Human Nature; Values and Ethics*

Graduate: *Classical Philosophy; Contemporary Atheism; Seminar on David Hume; Ethics; Existence of God; History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy; History of Medieval Philosophy; History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy; Logic; Metaphysics*

Doctoral: *Seminar on Contemporary Atheism; Existence of God; Philosophical Apologetics; Philosophical Theology; Thomistic Philosophy; Systematic Philosophy*

### **Theology**

Graduate: *Hamartiology and Soteriology*

### **Professional Associations**

Evangelical Philosophical Society  
International Society of Christian Apologetics  
Defending Inerrancy

### **Honors**

*Evangelical Press Association* for the *Christian Research Journal* article "Witchcraft: It May Not Be What You Think"  
*Thomas Vernon Award* for outstanding undergraduate teaching, Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas  
*Outstanding Teacher Nominee* from the Associated Student Government and the Student Alumni Board of the University of Arkansas  
*Outstanding Young Men of America*  
First Place, Student Essay Contest of the *Mississippi Philosophical Association*  
*Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*  
*United States Achievement Academy National Collegiate Award* in Philosophy  
*United States Achievement Academy Academic All American*

### **Staff and Ministry Positions Held**

Director of the Ph.D. Program, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC  
President, The Issachar Institute (501.c.3 organization), Tupelo, MS (Itinerate speaking and position papers on Christian apologetics)  
Registrar and Director of Admissions, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC  
Minister of Youth, Lawndale Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, MS  
Summer Youth Minister, First Baptist Church, College Park, GA

## Publications

"Has Science Refuted the Supernatural?"; "How Should Christians Think about Origins?" in William A. Dembski, Casey Luskin, and Joseph M. Holden, eds. *The Comprehensive Guide to Science and Faith*. Eugene: Harvest House, (forthcoming).

"Morality as Based on Natural Law," in Louise Mabile and Henk Stoker, eds. *The Morality Wars: The Ongoing Debate Over the Origin of Human Goodness*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2021.

"A Thomistic Argument for God's Existence," in B. Kyle Keltz and Tricia Scribner, eds. *Answering the Music Man: Dan Barker's Arguments against Christianity*. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2010.

*Intro to God's Revelation*. Six-week Curriculum Workbook and DVD. Tupelo: American Family Association/American Family Studios, 2018.

"What Is Truth?"; "How Can We Know Truth?"; "What Are the Classical Proofs for God's Existence?"; "Are Miracles Possible?"; "What Is Philosophy and Why Is It Important?"; "What is Agnosticism and What Is Its Essential Flaw?"; "What Is Rationalism and What Is Its Essential Flaw?" in Joseph M. Holden, gen. ed. *The Harvest Handbook of Apologetics*. Eugene: Harvest House, 2018.

"How Theology Needs Philosophy" in *I Am Put Here for the Defense of the Gospel: A Festschrift in Honor of Norman L. Geisler*, ed. Terry Meithe. Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2016.

*Religion of the Force*, revised, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Bastion Books, 2016.

"The Reliability of the New Testament Writers" in *The Jesus Quest: The Danger from Within*, eds. Norman L. Geisler and F. David Farnell, 593-620. N.c.: Xulon, 2014.

"In Defense of the Supernatural" in *The Jesus Quest: The Danger from Within*, eds. Norman L. Geisler and F. David Farnell, 621-672. N.c.: Xulon, 2014.

"Classical Apologetics and Creationism" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 11, No.2, Fall 2013.

"Philosophical Antecedents to Thomas Aquinas's Second Way" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 10, No.1, Spring 2012.

"Two Notions of the Infinite in Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologiae I, Questions 2 and 46" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 1, Spring 2009, pp. 71-86.

"On the Function of Philosophy" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 2, Fall 2008, pp. 57-82.

"Dualism" in *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics*, eds. Ed Hindson and Ergun Caner, 181-184. Eugene: Harvest House Publishers, 2008.

"Empiricism" in *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics*, eds. Ed Hindson and Ergun Caner, 192-194. Eugene: Harvest House Publishers, 2008.

"The New Testament, Jesus Christ, and *The Da Vinci Code*" in *Reasons for Faith: A Survey of Contemporary Christian Issues and Evidences. Essays in Honor of Bob and Gretchen Passantino*, eds. Norman Geisler, Chad Meister, 269-280. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2007.

"Witchcraft" in *Reasons for Faith: A Survey of Contemporary Christian Issues and Evidences. Essays in Honor of Bob and Gretchen Passantino*, eds. Norman Geisler, Chad Meister, 349-360. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2007.

Book review of Garret J. DeWeese and J. P. Moreland, *Philosophy Made Slightly Less Difficult: A Beginner's Guide to Life's Big Questions* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005) *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 29, No. 5, 2006, p. 43.

Book review of Ron Rhodes, *Find It Quick Handbook on Cults & New Religions: Where Did They Come From? What Do They Believe?* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2005) and *Answering the Objections of Atheists, Agnostics, & Skeptics* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2006) *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 29, No. 5, 2006, pp. 42-43.

Book review of *Protecting Your Teen from Today's Witchcraft: A Parent's Guide to Confronting Wicca and the Occult* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publications, 2005) by Steve Russo. *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 29, No. 2, 2006, p. 46.

"Satanism: A Taste for the Dark Side." *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 5, 2005, p. 41.

Book review of *Hard Questions Real Answers* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2003) by William Lane Craig. *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 5, 2005, p. 41.

Book review of *Thinking about God: First Steps in Philosophy* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004) by Gregory E. Ganssle. *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 5, 2005, p. 41.

"From the Nature God to the God of Nature: Reaching Out to Wiccans" *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 4, 2005, pp. 10-11.

"Witchcraft: It May Not Be What You Think." Winner of the Evangelical Press Association's award of "Higher Goals," Third Place in General Article (Long) category, 2006 *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 1, 2005, pp. 12-21.

"Knowing Christianity is True: The Relationship between Faith and Reason" (with Thomas A. Howe) in *To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian World View*, eds. Francis J. Beckwith, William Lane Craig, and J. P. Moreland, 23-36. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004.

Book review of *God? A Debate Between a Christian and an Atheist* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) by William Lane Craig and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 27, No. 6, 2005, p. 40.

"Some Concerns about John C. Maxwell" *Midwest Christian Outreach Journal*, 2003.

"Does the Bible Teach Reincarnation?" *Midwest Christian Outreach Journal*, 1996.

*Homosexuality in America: Exposing the Myths*. American Family Association, 1994.

"Holistic Medicine, Dr. Bernie Siegel and New Age Occultism" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Dec. 1995

"Does the Bible Teach Reincarnation? How New Agers Use the Bible" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Nov. 1995

"Deceived by the Light: A Look at *Embraced by the Light*" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Jan. 1995

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 5: Conclusion: What Did Jesus Believe about the Bible?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Aug. 1994

"The Case for Christianity, Pt 4: Who Is Jesus? His Resurrection" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, May 1994.

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 3: Who Is Jesus?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, April 1994.

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 2: The Authenticity of the Bible: Is the Bible Historically Accurate?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, March 1994.

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 1: The Historicity of the Bible: Is the Bible Historically Reliable?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Jan. 1994.

The Dangers of the New Age Movement, Pt. 2" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Dec. 1993.

"The Dangers of the New Age Movement, Pt. 1" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Nov. 1993.

## **Speaking**

Over thirty years of experience speaking and debating in universities, churches, schools, and homes in the US, Canada, Europe, and Africa on various apologetic, philosophical, and theological topics including:

### **APOLOGETICS**

#### *General*

Apologetics; On Choosing a World View; Relativism; The Theology and Science of Creation; What About Those Who Have Never Heard the Gospel? Young Earth Presuppositionalism; God and Atheism

*The Existence of God*

The Existence of God; Answering the Arguments of Popular Atheism; Thomistic Argument for the Existence of God; The Kalam Cosmological Argument; Answering the Apostles of the New Atheism

*Jesus*

The Bible on Jesus; Jesus Among the World Religions

*Bible*

The Historicity of the Bible; The Reliability of the New Testament; The *Da Vinci Code*; Jesus on the Bible, Inerrancy, and Canonicity

*Cults, the Occult, and World Religions*

The Marks of a Cult; Jehovah's Witnesses and the Marks of a Cult; Mormonism and the Marks of a Cult; The New Age Movement; The Occult; The Religion of the Force: An Analysis of *Star Wars*<sup>TM</sup>; Religious Pluralism; Witchcraft; Satanism; The Word of Faith Movement; World Religions

## PHILOSOPHY

Can We Know Anything at All? Classical Philosophy; Design Argument: Aquinas vs. Paley; Divine Simplicity; Euthyphro Dilemma; God Fading Away: How the Classical Attributes of God Are Being Lost; How Theology Needs Philosophy; Kalam Cosmological Argument; Love Your God with All Your Mind; Natural Law Theory; The Problem of Evil; Scholastic Realism; Seeing Is Believing? Think Like You Mean It: Exposing Logical Fallacies; Thomistic Argument for the Existence of God; Thomistic Responses to Some Objections to Aquinas's Cosmological Argument; Truth about Truth; Two Notions of the Infinite in Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologica* I, Questions 2 and 46; On Choosing a World View

## THEOLOGY/BIBLE

Intro to God's Revelation: A Look at General and Special Revelation; Soteriology; The Will of God; Once Saved Always Saved; What About Those Who Have Never Heard the Gospel? What Does This Verse Mean to You? (The Most Commonly Taken-Out-of-Context Verses)

**Debates/Panel Discussions**

Debates include topics such as the existence of God, The Doctrine of Divine Simplicity; God and Morality the New Age Movement, and Protestantism vs. Catholicism on Justification with opponents such as: Michael Ruse (professor, Florida State University); Michael Shermer (*Skeptic Magazine*); John Shook (Center for Inquiry); Dan Barker (The Freedom from Religion Foundation); Douglas Krueger (author of *What Is Atheism? A Short Introduction*); Piet Croucamp (professor, The University of Johannesburg); Abel Pienaar (New Age leader in South Africa); Bert Olivier and Maarten de Wit (Nelson Mandela University, Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), South Africa); Gary Rosenkrantz and Joshua Hoffman (professors, University of North Carolina, Greensboro); Ken Ham (Answers in Genesis); Bill Rutland (Baptist convert to Catholicism)