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## **Professional Experience:**

**President of International Services and Education, Inc., a non-profit, charitable, Christian service organization. In this role I have been lecturing in schools and churches around the world.**

**Prior to forming ISE, I was an Associate Professor of Theology for seven years at Talbot School of Theology; La Mirada, California.**

**Prior to teaching at Talbot Seminary, I was the Director of Teaching for International Students, Inc., Colorado Springs, CO. I taught a variety of courses and counseled university students from many countries during special conferences held by ISI and at various colleges and universities in the United States.**

**Before joining ISI, I was an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California. I taught courses in logic, introduction to philosophy, ethics, and world religions.**

**During my graduate work at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, I taught a variety of courses as a Lecturer in Philosophy.**

**I have authored three books: *The True Path: Seven Muslims Make Their Greatest Discovery; Crucial Questions in Apologetics; and Biblical Christianity: Truth or Delusion?***

**Education:** **Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Southern California. My main areas of interest: ethics, world religions, epistemology, phenomenology, philosophy of science, and the history of modern philosophy. My dissertation was a critique of the epistemology of Karl Popper and W.W. Bartley, III.**

**M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Southern California**

**M.A. in Religious Studies from the University of Southern California. My thesis was on the views of Paul Tillich and Hendrik Kramer concerning non-Christian religions.**

**B.A. in Philosophy from the American University of Beirut. During my senior year there, I taught English.**

**I have extensive knowledge of Islam and Middle Eastern cultures. I lived in the Middle East for four years and I traveled and lectured in most of the countries in that area. I also traveled around the world twice doing research in the major religions. I have studied Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, French, and German for academic purposes.**

**BACKGROUND** **I was born in Dearborn, Michigan.**  
**& INTERESTS:** **During my youth I lived in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana.**

**I enjoy teaching and interacting with students. My pedagogical approach seeks to involve every student, in his or her personal uniqueness, in the discussion of**

**the issues under consideration. I believe that developing critical acumen and self-critical awareness is more important than reciting the intellectual views of others—even the great philosophers—although the latter is an indispensable basis for learning to philosophize effectively.**

**Living in the Middle East for four years and studying at the American University in Beirut made me sensitively aware of cultural differences and tolerant and respectful of people who hold differing views.**

**I have a sincere desire to help students with their problems and to enhance their ability to think clearly and critically. I enjoy both teaching and counseling, and I do so with a genuine interest in the intellectual development of each student. I seek to make learning enjoyable in a participatory and relaxed setting.**