

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

William Tyndale College, 1950-55 (diploma); University of Detroit, 1956-57; Wheaton College, 1958 (B.A. in philosophy); Wheaton Graduate School, 1960 (M.A. in theology); William Tyndale College, 1964 (Th.B.); Wayne State University Graduate School, 1964 (work in philosophy); University of Detroit Graduate School, 1965-66 (work on M.A. in philosophy); Northwestern University, Evanston, 1968 (work in philosophy); Loyola University, Chicago, 1967-70 (Ph.D. in philosophy).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant in Bible-Philosophy Department, Wheaton College, 1959; Part-time Instructor in Bible at Detroit Bible College, 1959-62; Full-time Assistant Professor of Bible and Apologetics at Detroit Bible College, 1963-66; Full-time Associate Professor of Philosophy at Trinity College, 1970-71; visiting Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1969-70; Chairman of Philosophy of Religion, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1970-79; Professor of Systematic Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1979-1988; Dean of Liberty Center for Research and Scholarship, Lynchburg, VA, 1989-91. He was President of Southern Evangelical Seminary (1999-2006) and Dean (1992-99, 2006-07), Charlotte, NC, which he co-founded in 1992. Currently, he is Distinguished Professor of Apologetics at Veritas Evangelical Seminary in Murrieta, CA (www.VeritasSeminary.com). He has been an internationally known speaker at churches, retreats, pastor's conferences, universities, radio, and television since 1960.

PULPIT MINISTRY

Director of Northeast Suburban Youth for Christ, near Detroit, 1952-54; Pastor of Dayton Center Church, Silverwood, Michigan, 1955-57 (ordained there 1956); Assistant Pastor of River Grove Bible Church, River Grove, Illinois, 1958-59; Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan, 1960-63; President of Alumni of Detroit Bible College, 1961-62; several interim pastorates in Michigan, Illinois, and Texas, 1965-; "Quest for Truth," radio ministry 1981-91. Senior Pastor of Southern Evangelical Church 2003-07.

MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Theological Society, 1964-2003 ([see Resignation Article](#)); American Philosophical Society, 1968-; Evangelical Philosophical Society, 1976-; American Scientific Association, 1980-; American Theological Society, 1980; American Academy of Religion, 1982-; Founder and President of the [International Society of Christian Apologetics](#), 2006-.

PUBLICATIONS

Books authored or co-authored:

General Introduction to the Bible (Moody Press, 1968)
Ethics: Alternatives and Issues (Zondervan, 1971)
The Christian Ethic of Love (Zondervan, 1973)
Philosophy of Religion (Zondervan, 1974)
From God to Us (Moody Press, 1974)
To Understand the Bible--Look for Jesus (Moody Press, 1975)
Christian Apologetics (Baker Book House, 1976)
A Popular Survey of the Old Testament (Baker Book House, 1977)
The Roots of Evil (Zondervan, 1978)
Inerrancy (Zondervan, 1979)

Introduction to Philosophy: A Christian Perspective (Baker, 1980)
Options in Contemporary Christian Ethics (Baker Book House, 1981)
Biblical Errancy: Its Philosophical Roots (Zondervan, 1981)
Decide for Yourself: How History Views the Bible (Zondervan, 1982)
The Creator in the Courtroom--Scopes II (co-author, Baker, 1982)
What Augustine Says (Baker Book House, 1982)
Is Man the Measure? (Baker Book House, 1983)
Cosmos: Carl Sagan's Religion for the Scientific Mind (Quest Publications, 1983)
Religion of the Force (Quest, 1983)
To Drink or Not to Drink: A Sober Look at the Problem (Quest, 1984)
Perspectives: Understanding and Evaluating Today's World Views (Here's Life Publications, 1984)
6-Part Video Series: "Christianity Under Attack" (Quest, 1985)
Christianity Under Attack (Quest, 1985)
False Gods of Our Time (Harvest House, 1985)
General Introduction to the Bible (revised and expanded, 1986)
Reincarnation Sensation (Tyndale, 1986)
Origin Science (Baker, 1987)
Philosophy of Religion (revised, 1988)
Signs and Wonders (Tyndale, 1988)
World's Apart, (Baker 1989)
Knowing The Truth About Creation (Servant, 1989)
The Infiltration of the New Age (Tyndale, 1989)
The Battle for the Resurrection (Thomas Nelson, 1989)
Apologetics in the New Age (Baker, 1990)
Come Let Us Reason: An Introduction to Logical Thinking (Baker, 1990)
Gambling: A Bad Bet (Fleming H. Revell, 1990)
The Life and Death Debate (Greenwood, 1990)
In Defense of the Resurrection (Quest, 1991)
Thomas Aquinas: An Evangelical Appraisal (1991)
Matters of Life and Death: Calm Answers to Tough Questions about Abortion and Euthanasia (Baker, 1991)
Miracles and the Modern Mind: A Defense of Biblical Miracles (Baker, 1991)
When Critics Ask: A Handbook on Bible Difficulties (Victor, 1992)
Miracles and the Modern Mind: A Defense of Biblical Miracles (Baker, 1992)
Answering Islam (Baker, 1993)
Roman Catholics and Evangelicals (1995)
Love Is Always Right (Word, 1996)
Creating God in the Image of Man? (Bethany House, 1997)
When Cultists Ask (Baker, 1997)
The Counterfeit Gospel of Mormonism (Harvest House, 1998)
Legislating Morality (Bethany House, 1998)
Baker's Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics (Baker, 1999)
Chosen But Free (Bethany, 1999)
Unshakable Foundations (Bethany, 2001)
Why I Am a Christian (Baker, 2001)

Battle for God (Kregel, 2001)
TruthQuest Living LoudL Defending Your Faith (Broadman & Holman, 2002)
Systematic Theology, Vol 1 (Bethany, 2002)
Answering Islam (revised, Baker, 2002)
Who Made God? (Zondervan, 2003)
Is Your Church Ready? (Zondervan, 2003)
Systematic Theology, Vol 2 (Bethany, 2003)
I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist (Crossway, 2004)
Systematic Theology, Vol 3 (Bethany, 2004)
Systematic Theology, Vol 4 (Bethany, 2005)
Bringing Your Faith to Work (Baker, 2005)
Why I Am a Christian (revised, Baker, 2006)
Integrity at Work (Baker, 2007)
Creation in the Courts (Crossway, 2007)
Popular Survey of the New Testament (Forthcoming Baker, 2007)
Love Your Neighbor (Crossway, 2007)
Reasons for Faith (Crossway, 2007)
Conviction Without Compromise (Harvest House, 2008)
The Apologetics of Jesus (Baker, 2008)
Conversational Evangelism (Harvest House, 2008)

DEBATES

“Can the Existence of God Be Proven?” with Professor Milton Rosenberg at College of Lake County (1973); “Sexual Morality: Relative or Absolute?” with Professor Kenneth Simonson at College of Lake County (1973); “Is Christianity Credible?” with Dr. Michael Scriven at University of Calgary (1974); “Is Humanistic Ethics Superior to Biblical Christianity?” with Dr. Joseph E. Barnhart at North Texas State University (January 24, 1974); “Can the Existence of God Be Proven?” with Dr. Jonathan Saville (Spring 1976) at University of California, San Diego; debate on “The Existence of God,” Southern Methodist University (March, 1977); “Is Christianity Credible?” with John Riteris at IUPUI, Indianapolis (November 2, 1977); “The Reasonableness of God’s Existence” with Dr. William Wisdom, Temple University (November 8, 1979); “Does God Exist?” with Dr. Wisdom, Temple University (February, 1980); “Christianity vs. Humanism” with Dr. K. Kolenda, Rice University (March 14, 1980); “Inerrancy of Scripture” with Dr. Norman Beck (January, 1981); “Does God Exist?” with Dr. William De Vries, Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts (April 8, 1981); “The Inerrancy of Scripture” with Dr. Thor Hall, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga;
“Creation/Evolution” with Dr. Claud Rupert (January 10, 1982, NBC-TV); “Creation vs. Evolution” with Dr. Paul Edwards (May 1983); “Should Creationism be Taught (as science) in the Public School? with Fred Edwards and Steve Schafersman (May 6, 1983); “Does God Exist?” with Harry Benswanger (April 9, 1984); “Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?” a TV debate with Rabbi Kushner (1984); “Should Creation be Taught in Public Schools?” with Philip Kitcher (November 8, 1985); “Should Roe vs. Wade (Abortion) Decision Be Reversed?” with Charlotte Taft (January 17, 1986); “Christianity vs. Secular Humanism” with Dr. Paul Kurtz (1986), author of Humanist Manifesto II; “Is Christianity Rational” with Harvey Siegel (1987); “Process Theism vs. Classical Theism” with John Cobb (April, 1988); “Should Creation be Taught in the

Public Schools” with ACLU attorney Crawford (March 5, 1991); “Did Jesus Rise from the Dead” with Farrel Til (March, 1994).

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Graduated with honor from Wheaton College (1958).

Chosen as an “Outstanding Educator of America” (1975).

Philosophy of Religion text chosen as a “Choice Evangelical Book of the Year” by Christianity Today (1975).

First president of Evangelical Philosophical Society (1976).

Elected to the Wheaton Scholastic Honor Society (1977).

Listed in Who's Who in Religion, Writers Who's Who, and Men of Achievement.

Honored as Alumnus of the Year (1982), William Tyndale College (June 14, 1981); quoted in Time magazine (Jan. 1982, Sept. 1985).

General Introduction to the Bible won the Cornerstone Magazine book of the year award in its category (1986).

When Skeptics Ask was nominated for the Medallion Award of the year in the category of Missions/Evangelism (1991).

President of Evangelical Theological Society (1998).

Won Gold Medallion Award for Legislating Morality (1999).

Won Silver Medallion Award for Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics (2000).

Founder and first President of the International Society of Christian Apologetics (2006).

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Geisler has lectured and traveled in 50 states and 25 countries on six continents.

FAMILY

Wife, Barbara Jean is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College [now a part Taylor University]. They have six children, thirteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild.