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Resume

OBJECTIVE:

Seeking teaching position or public speaking opportunities on the topics of Christian Apologetics, World Religions, Non-Christian Cults, Christian Theology, Philosophy, & Christian Ethics.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion

Greenwich University (Hilo, Hawaii)

Master of Arts in Religion

Associate of Arts in Religion

Liberty University (Lynchburg, Virginia)

Studied apologetics under Dr. Gary R. Habermas

Doctor of Theological Studies

Master of Theology

Bachelor of Theology

Columbia Evangelical Seminary (Buckley, Washington)

Doctor of Ministry in Apologetics (candidate status)

(all coursework completed; D.Min. project still in progress)

Southern Evangelical Seminary (Charlotte, North Carolina)

Studied history of philosophy, ethics, and apologetics under Dr. Norman Geisler,

Dr. Gary Habermas, and Dr. Richard Howe.

Relevant courses taken: History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, Ethics, World Religions, Cults, Cross Cultural Studies, Apologetics, Resurrection Evidences.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Director of Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics Program, Professor of Apologetics and Religion, Veritas International University (2017 to present)

Senior Pastor of Trinity Bible Fellowship (March 1988 to the present)
Bremerton, Washington (preaching, teaching, evangelism, counseling, administration)

President of the Institute of Biblical Defense (March 1990 to the present)
Bremerton, Washington (lectures, debates, seminars, & research in defense of the Christian Faith)

Full-Time Teacher/Bible & Philosophy (September 1999 to the present)
Crosspoint Academy/King's West High School, Bremerton, Washington
Courses taught: Christian World View, History of Christian Thought, Life of Christ, Ethics, World Religions, Philosophy & Argumentation, Early Church.

Part-Time Teaching or Mentoring Positions in Bible Colleges & Seminaries
Columbia Evangelical Seminary-Longview, Washington (1994 to the present)
Cascade Bible College-Bellevue, Washington (1997 to 2001)
Imago Dei Institute-Antioch Bible Church-Redmond, WA (2001 to the present)
Northwest Graduate School of the Ministry-Kirkland, WA (1997-1999)
Shepherds Bible College (2006 to the present)
Calvary Chapel School of Ministry, Silverdale, WA (2017 to the present)

Memberships in Professional Societies

Evangelical Theological Society
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Society of Christian Philosophers
International Society of Christian Apologetics
Evangelical Ministries to New Religions

Secretary for the International Society of Christian Apologetics
(2014 to 2016; now, I am considered an honorary board member)

Host of "Institute of Biblical Defense" Local Television Program
Cable Television Station #12, Bremerton, WA (1993 to the present)

Host of Radio Show "Christian World View" (May 2002 to December 2003)
Live Christian Apologetics call-in radio program (weekly program)
KGNW & KLIFE (Seattle, WA); KITZ (Bremerton, WA)

Host of Radio Show "Knowing Christ" (2015 to the present)

Weekly sermons on 1590 AM Seattle, WA and KKIM Albuquerque, NM

Monthly Newspaper Column (1997 to 1999)

Religion Page of *the Bremerton Sun* (Bremerton, Washington)

Subase Police Officer (1984 to 1994)

Naval Submarine Base Bangor (Silverdale, WA)
(law enforcement, security, investigations, teachings)

United States Marine Corps (1980 to 1983)

Honorable Discharge (high level security, infantry trained, squad leader)

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Published Books (authored or co-authored)

The Decay of a Nation: The Need for National Revival (Triune Press, 1987)

The God Who Sits Enthroned: Evidence for God's Existence (Xulon Press, 1997)

No Other Gods: A Defense of Biblical Christianity (Xulon Press, 1998)

Theism Vs. Atheism: The Internet Debate (IBD Press, 2000; co-authored with
atheist professor Dr. Michael Martin)

*God, Government, and the Road to Tyranny: A Christian View of Government
and Morality* (Xulon Press, 2003)

Contend Earnestly for the Faith: A Survey of Christian Apologetics (Publish
America, 2008)

*The Atheist Delusion: A Christian Response to Christopher Hitchens and Richard
Dawkins* (Xulon Press, 2009)

Evidence for Faith: Essays in Christian Apologetics (IBD Press, 2009)

Seven Great Apologists (IBD Press, 2011)

Hijacking the Historical Jesus (IBD Press, 2012)

The Hell Debate (co-authored with annihilationist Chris Date, IBD Press, 2009)

The Fernandes Guide to Apologetic Methodologies (IBD Press, 2017)

Vital Issues in the Inerrancy Debate (co-editors: David Farnell, Norman Geisler,
Joseph Holden, and William Roach; Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2015)

Published Books (contributed a chapter)

"The Absurdity of Life Without God" in *The Big Argument: Does God Exist?*

Twenty-Four Scholars Explore How Science, Archaeology, and Philosophy

Haven't Disproved God (edited by John Ashton and Michael Westacott, Master
Books, 2006)

Magazine Articles

"Sharing Christ with an Atheist" *Decision Magazine*, November, 2007 (The Billy
Graham Association)

Partial List of Debate Opponents:

Dr. Michael Martin (Professor of Philosophy, Boston University; author)
 Dr. Peter John (Philosophy Instructor, Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA)
 Jeffrey Jay Lowder (Founder & Former President of *Internet Infidels* website)
 Dan Barker (a leading atheist debater & author)
 Rev. Farley Maxwell (President of the WA chapter of *Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays*)
 Reggie Findley (The Internet Infidel Radio Show)
 Jim Corbett (attorney, President of Humanists of Washington)
 Elliot Ratzman (Ph.D. in Religion, Princeton University)
 Rev. Tom Thresher, Ph.D. (Pastor of Suquamish United Church of Christ)
 Edward Tabash (Southern California attorney & former member of the Clinton administration)
 Dr. Robert Price (member of the Jesus Seminar)
 Professor Doug Krueger (Philosophy Professor, Arkansas)
 Pastor Chris Comis (Calvinist Christian Pastor)
 Reverend Blake Kilbourne (White Nationalist Chaplain)

Debated, Lectured, or Presented Papers at the Following Colleges:

Princeton University (New Jersey)
 University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill Campus)
 University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
 Washington State University (Pullman, WA)
 Olympic College (Bremerton, WA)
 Pierce Community College (Tacoma, WA)
 Bellevue Community College (Bellevue, WA)
 Edmonds Community College (Edmonds, WA)
 Peninsula Community College (Port Angeles, WA)
 Seattle Community College (Seattle, WA)
 Northwest College of Art (Poulsbo, WA)
 Lower Columbia College (Longview, WA)
 Western Seminary (Portland, Oregon)
 Multnomah Bible College (Portland, Oregon)
 Cascade Bible College (Bellevue, WA)
 Columbia Evangelical Seminary (Longview, WA; Buckley, WA)
 Imago Dei Institute (Redmond, WA)
 Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)
 Northwest Baptist Seminary (Tacoma, WA)
 Trinity Western University (Langley, Canada)
 State University of New York (Oswego, New York)
 Western Reformed Seminary (Tacoma, WA)
 Northwest Baptist Theological Seminary (Tacoma, WA)
 Shepherds Bible College (Bremerton, WA)
 Calvary Chapel School of Ministry (Silverdale, WA)

REFERENCES:

Jim Van Mersberger, AWANA Ministries (509) 993-3992
 Pastor Sam Whittaker, Rockaway Beach, OR (360) 302-0347
 Pastor Tom Duchemin, Gateway Fellowship, Poulsbo, WA (360) 779-5515
 Dr. Rick Walston, Founder and Former President of Columbia Evangelical
 Seminary, Buckley, WA (360) 829-6476
 Dr. Thomas Hoyle, Bible & Science Ministries, Tacoma, WA
 (206) 566-0534
 Dr. Joseph Holden, President of Veritas International University, Santa Ana, CA
 (714) 966-8500
 Nick Sweeney, Superintendent of Gateway Christian Schools, Poulsbo, WA
 (909) 793-0601
 Pastor Karle Payne, Antioch Bible Church, Redmond, WA (425) 556-5905
 Pastor Jason Carlson, Christian Ministries International, MN (952) 937-1385

Endorsement of the Institute of Biblical Defense

“It comes as no surprise to the reflective Christian that there is a great need for believers who are able to defend the faith intelligently. For that ability to be developed one first must have the right intellectual tools for the job. This is where IBD can help. The programs offered through IBD provide the student with a good foundation in apologetics and introduces him or her to the labor of reason. I recommend IBD for anyone wanting to gain fundamental skills for defending the faith or as a good first step for those wanting to pursue advanced studies in philosophy and theology.”

Dr. J. P. Moreland
 Professor of Philosophy, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University
 Author of *Scaling the Secular City*

Endorsements of *The God Who Sits Enthroned*

“In this helpful overview, Phil Fernandes has compiled a detailed summary of various problems with non-Christian world views, as well as providing insights on the justification of theism. Even if one disagrees with some of his points, enough strong conclusions remain to establish his central thesis.”

Dr. Gary Habermas
Professor of Philosophy and Apologetics, Liberty University
Author of *The Historical Jesus*

“This book is written by a pastor for use in the trenches. It contains a surprising amount of information, clearly packaged, and should be an effective tool for lay ministry. I heartily recommend it.”

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