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# JOHN M. REYNOLDS

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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**1995—Present**      **Biola University, La Mirada, CA**  
Director of the Torrey Honors Institute  
Professor of Philosophy

## EDUCATION

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**1996**              **University of Rochester, Rochester, NY**  
Ph.D., Philosophy  
First Reader: D.K.W. Modrak  
*Human Soul in the Timaeus: The Key to Unlocking the Platonic Psychology*

**1991**              **University of Rochester, Rochester, NY**  
MA, Philosophy

**1988**              **Elim Bible Institute, Lima, NY**  
Diploma, Biblical Studies

**1986**              **Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY**  
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Religion, with Honors

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

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- Fellow of the Discovery Institute, 1997-present
- Chair, Philosophical Section, International Conference on Creationism 1997, 1998
- Editorial Board, *Salvo Magazine*
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Origins and Design*
- American Philosophical Association Member
- American Catholic Philosophical Association Member
- Evangelical Theological Society Member

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Currently serves on the University Council of Chairs, Biola University  
Has served on the Social Arts and Sciences Faculty Personnel Committee, Biola University  
Has served on the Social Arts and Sciences Faculty Steering Committee, Biola University

## AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

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- Research and post-doctoral fellowship in philosophy of science and religion. Supervised by Phillip Johnson (U.C. Berkeley) and J.P. Moreland (Biola University).

## EXPERIENCE

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- 1995–Present**      **Director of the Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
- Designed, developed, and administrates a Great Books program for honors students.
  - Taught numerous seminars including ones on Plato's *Republic*, *Symposium* and *Timaeus*, Philosophy of Science, and Dante's *Divine Comedy*.
  - Lectures frequently on topics pertinent to the curriculum of the program.
  - Mentors students individually and in small groups.
  - Designed, developed, and administrates summer courses in Europe involving readings and trips to sites of key historic interest, such as England, Italy and Greece.
- 1995–Present**      **Professor of Philosophy, Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
- Taught graduate philosophy classes in ancient philosophy and philosophy of science.
  - Taught in graduate apologetics program (philosophy of religion and apologetics).
  - Taught undergraduate ancient philosophy and philosophy of religion.
- 1999–Present**      **Lecturer and Advisor, Wheatstone Academy, La Habra, CA**
- Lecturer: speaks to students during summer conferences on a wide range of religious, cultural, artistic and philosophical topics in order to cultivate a more full awareness of classically informed, intellectually mature Christianity.
  - Advisor: helps develop and implement curriculum and marketing strategies year round.
- 1991-1994**              **Instructor/Adjunct Professor, Saint John Fisher College and Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY**
- Taught Business Ethics, Ethics, Logic, Western Civilization, and Curriculum Development.
- 1991-1994**              **Academic Dean and Teacher, New Covenant High School and Charles G. Finney High School, Penfield, NY**
- Led development and implementation of the high school curriculum. Wrote policy and academic philosophy statements. Interviewed and hired faculty. Selected and purchased materials.
  - Supervised a staff and faculty of twelve whose responsibilities ranged from teaching to finance.
  - Taught Logic, Advanced Placement Western Studies, Bible, and Global Studies to honors students.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Member of the *Washington Post* "On Faith" panel since Spring 2008, contributing one roughly 500 word article per week on issues of religion and culture.

*When Athens Met Jerusalem: An Introduction to Classical and Christian Thought*. IVP Press, June 2009.

"Christianity and Culture: Defending our Fathers and Mothers." *Apologetics for a New Generation: A Biblical and Culturally Relevant Approach to Talking About God*, Harvest House, March 2009.

*The New Media Frontier: blogging, vlogging, and podcasting for Christ*. Crossway, 2008, co-edited with Roger Overton.

Contributed an article on Plato in *A Faith and Culture Devotional: Daily Readings in Art, Science and Life*, Zondervan, November 2008.

"Atomism." *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, 2005.

“Séances and Science.” *Touchstone Journal*, Fall 2005.

*Toward A Unified Platonic Human Psychology*. University Press of America, August 2004.

Book Review of “Paul and the Stoics” in *Philosophia Christi*, 5, 2003.

“Getting God a Pass: Science, Theology, and the Consideration of Intelligent Design.” *Signs of Intelligence*, ed. William A. Dembski and James M. Kushiner, Brazos Press, 2001.

*Maker of Heaven and Earth: Three Views on the Creation and Evolution Debate*. Zondervan Press, 1999, contributor and co-edited with J.P. Moreland.

“Getting God a Pass.” *Touchstone Journal*, 1999.

“Howard Van Till and Evolution.” *Journal of Origins and Design*, Spring 1998.

“God of the Gaps.” *Mere Creation: Science, Faith & Intelligent Design*, ed. William A. Dembski, InterVarsity Press, 1998.

“Gaps in a Gapless Society.” *Origins and Design*, 1998.

“Afraid of Reason.” *Touchstone*, Spring 1997.

“The Bible and Science: Toward a Rational Harmonization.” *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Creation, Pittsburgh, PA*, 1994.

“Gosse and Omphalos.” *Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Creation, Pittsburgh, PA*, 1994.

“An Appeal for Understanding.” *New Oxford Review*, October 1992.

“Isaac Asimov and the Armies of the Night.” *Proceedings of the International Conference on Creation, Pittsburgh, PA*, 1990.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

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### “Finite Versus Infinite Theism”

Presented at the National Student Dialogue Conference II, Utah Valley University, October 2008.

### “A Brief Defense of Constantinianism”

Presented to the Evangelical Theological Society, November 2006.

### “Christ in Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Can a Materialistic Culture Appropriate Christian Iconography and Myth?”

Presented at the Christ in Contemporary Cultures Conference at Gordon College, September 2006.

### “Jane Eyre and Christian Education”

Presented at the ACSI Conference, 2005.

### “Playful Amusement Concerning Blogging”

Presented at the first Godblog Conference at Biola University, Fall 2005

**“C.S. Lewis and Hierarchy”**

Presented at the Narnia Conference at Azusa Pacific University, December 2005.

**“Intelligent design and the Word”**

Presented at the Intelligent Design Conference at Biola University, 2004.

**“Morphological Space and Intelligent Design”**

Presented at the Discontinuity Conference at Cedarville University, August 2001.

**“Robert Pennock and the God of the Gaps”**

Presented at the Nature of Nature Conference at Baylor University, 2000.

**“Intelligent Design and Education”**

Presented to the After Materialism Conference at Biola University, 1999.

**“Intelligent Design and Spiritualism”**

Presented to the Evangelical Theological Society, Pacific meeting, Spring 1999.

**“Alcibiades and the Symposium”**

Presented to the Society for the Contemporary Study of Platonism, Western A.P.A., 1998.

**"Animal Rights and Philosophical Realism"**

Presented to the Society for the Discussion of Realism and Anti-Realism, Eastern A.P.A., 1998.

**"General Revelation and Classical Culture: Plato as a Case Study"**

Presented to the Evangelical Theological Association, 1997.

**"Plato and the Human Soul"**

Presented to the Society for the Contemporary Understanding of Platonism, Western A.P.A. 1997.

**"Almeder and Blind Realism"**

Presented to the Society for the Discussion of Realism and Anti-Realism, Eastern A.P.A. 1996.

**"Plato's Timaeus and the Soul"**

Presented to the meeting for the Southern California Philosophical Conference at U.C. Irvine, 1996.

**"Kicking a Rock: A Brief Defense of Realism"**

Presented at Conference on Realism and Anti-Realism in conjunction with the Eastern A.P.A., December 1996.

**"Evangelicals, Science, and Natural Methodology"**

Presented at the Conference on Religion, Politics, and Cultural Dynamics at Cornell University, April 1994.

**"Plato's Symposium"**

Presented at Geneseo University, Rochester, New York, March 1994.

**"Boethius on Time and Eternity"**

Presented at the Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University, 1993.

**"The Bible and Science: Is a Rational Harmonization Possible?"**

Presented at the Mid-Western Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, November 1992.

## LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

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Dr. Reynolds speaks on a regular basis to churches and schools in California and abroad. Here are a few notable lectures:

“On the Art of Online Conversation.”

Biola University, GodBlogCon, September 2008.

“Christian Apologetics in the Spirit of C. S. Lewis,” and “The Well-Educated Soul: Forming a Whole Self in the Classical Tradition.”

Oxford and Cambridge, Oxbridge, July/August 2008.

“Christian Mission and Witness in Academia Today.”

Loma Linda University, an International gathering of Adventist educators, July 2008.

“Integrating Head and Heart in Christian Education.”

Keynote address at the ACSI California Teacher’s Conference, November 2006.

“Beauty in the Mind of God.”

Crown College, Spring 2006.

“Education in Wartime.”

Keynote address at the ACSI California Teacher’s Conference, October 2001.

"Plato's View of the Human Soul."

Biola University, Faculty Colloquium, Fall 1994.

\*Dr. Reynolds is also a frequent guest on talk radio programs with hosts such as Hugh Hewitt, Paul Edwards and Neil Boron.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Educational Consultant for classical high schools such as Trinity Classical Academy in Santa Clarita and Providence Classical School in Houston.

Chair and commentator for papers given at the meeting of the Society for Faith and Philosophy held conjunction with the American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, 1996.