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Abstract

News from various organizations in related disciplines. Announcements from *Eleutheria* editors about internal matters. Remembrances of people and events that include *in memoriams*, retirements, interesting lookbacks, etc.

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From the Editors

NEWS

Center for the Foundations of Ethics. The Center for Moral Apologetics at Houston Baptist University has formally changed their name to the Center for the Foundations of Ethics. Leadership states that the task of the Center is broader than merely apologetic; it involves a measure of polemics, theology, epistemology, metaphysics, counseling, evangelism, teaching, preaching, exegesis, cultural analysis, political philosophy, literary studies, history, etc. The name change helps broaden the mission out and lends itself to an explicitly multi-disciplinary approach. The Center will keep MoralApologetics.com and Moral Apologetics Press as its website and publishing arm. The Press has recently released David and Marybeth Baggett's book *Telling Tales: Intimations of the Sacred in Popular Culture* as the first book in a new series on apologetics and pop culture. Moral Apologetics Press is currently accepting proposals. More details can be found on their official website.

Reasonable Faith. The apologetics organization is about to enter into the 2nd phase of negotiation to secure a host university for their William Lane Craig Center for Christian Philosophy, Theology, and Apologetics. The purpose of the Center is to "contribute to the education of undergraduate and graduate students as well as laypeople, by offering a specialized curriculum in Christian Philosophy, Analytic Theology, and Christian Apologetics based on the work of the work of the philosopher and theologian William Lane Craig." Degrees, concentrations, and certificates are available for viewing on the Reasonable Faith official website. Craig has also said that the first volume of his systematic philosophical theology will be done in 2022 and that each volume will be published as it is completed. Reasonable Faith has recently released an animated video that lays out the Gospel message titled "Is It Possible to Know God?" The video is available for viewing on YouTube along with the full transcript and further resources in the description.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Issue Deadlines. Our “Call for Papers” will officially begin on January 30th, however authors may start submitting manuscripts immediately. The submission deadline will be April 1st. Peer-reviewers will need to complete their review of accepted papers by May 1st for the article to be included in the spring issue. From there, authors will have until May 15th to request editorial changes to the manuscript. The advisory board will hand down their approval by May 31th, and publication will be on June 20th.

Reviewer MVPs. We aim to recruit scholars who display intellectual virtues and provide servant reviewership through transformative feedback. In this issue, we would like to recognize Dorothy (“Dottie”) Rhoads for her contributions as a peer-reviewer with Eleutheria. Thank you, Dottie, for your time, expertise in biblical studies and languages, and thoroughness in critically evaluating the manuscripts that come through. Your comments and recommendations raise the quality of Christian scholarship.

REMEMBRANCES

Donald Fowler. The beloved professor of biblical studies at Liberty University is retiring with the close of the 2021 fall semester. Fowler studied Bible and biblical languages at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in 1967, then pursued an M.Div. (1971), Th.M. in Hebrew and Old Testament (1973), and Th.D. in Hebrew and Old Testament (1981) at Grace Theological Seminary. He has held numerous positions both as a minister and a scholar. Full positions include being pasator of Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego, Indiana (1972-1975), professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College (1975-1993), pastor at Harrison Center Church in Etna Green, Indiana (1993-1995), pastor at Cedar Heights Baptist Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa (1995-1998), and professor of biblical studies at Liberty University (1998-2021). He has held a number of interim pastorates, new church formation positions, and part-time ministries positions in Indiana, Ohio, and Virginia which include being a pastor, youth director, chairman of the Old Testament department (Grace Theological Seminary), and campus pastor (Liberty University). Fowler has taught over seventy different courses (at baccalaureate, graduate, and doctoral levels), served as book review editor at Grace, and written or contributed to several landmark

titles. These titles include the *Holman Bible Handbook* (1992), *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible* (2000), and *Zondervan KJV Study Bible* (2002). He was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, Society of Biblical Literature, National Association of Professors of Hebrew, and Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. More than anything, he will be remembered for his ministry to church laity and students. He was awarded the School of Religion *Teacher of the Year* in 2009, 2015, and 2020 at Liberty University. He is remembered by friends as a “professor who taught with a genuine love for both God's word and each of his students.”

In Memory of Chad Fultz. Chad received his bachelor of arts in pastoral ministry from Clear Creek Baptist Bible college in 2007, his M.Div. in theology from Liberty University, and was pursuing a PhD in theology and apologetics at Liberty University. He served as senior pastor in Jackson Grove Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky, spiritual formations associate at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green, and associate pastor for family discipleship at First Baptist Church Oneida in Oneida, Tennessee. At the end of his career, he was a minister to youth at First Christian Church in Middlesboro, Kentucky, and probation and parole officer (II) at the Tennessee Department of Corrections (where he said he was able to minister more than any position before, supervising sex offenders and working to protect his community). Chad was remembered by his friends a giant of a man, both in stature (6'5") and in his faith. He was a “good old boy” always filled with passion, encouragement, a deep voice, and Tennessee accent. Chad died due to complications associated with COVID-19, but fought the good fight and finished the race strong. He is survived by his wife (Lucy) and daughters (Isabella, and Laney).