



Biographies of Our Mentors:

(This document shows some of the credentials, education, titles, etc... of the men & women of God, who the Lord has led us at It Ain't Over Ministries to study under)

Derek Prince:

Derek Prince was an international Bible teacher who was highly revered for his theological insights and sincere Christian faith. He is the author of over 100 books which continue to attract thousands of new readers each year.

Ministry:

International Bible teacher, author, pastor, missionary & theologian

Born:

14 August 1915

Bangalore, India

Died:

24 September 2003 (aged 88)

Jerusalem, Israel

Early Life

Derek Prince was born into a British military family in Bangalore, India in 1915. At the age of 14 he won a scholarship to Eton College where he studied Greek and Latin. He continued his education at Cambridge University, England, where he received a Fellowship in Ancient and Modern Philosophy at King's College. Derek additionally studied several modern languages while attending Cambridge University, including Hebrew and Aramaic, which he later refined at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Although Derek was raised in the Anglican Church, he abandoned his Christian roots at Cambridge University and adopted an atheistic worldview. Reflecting on those years of tertiary study, he later said:



“I knew a lot of long words and phrases and had tried a lot of different things. But, looking back, I would have to admit I was confused and frustrated, disappointed, and disillusioned, and did not know where to find the answer.”

World War II

Derek's academic career was interrupted with the onset of World War II. In 1940 he enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps as a non-combatant soldier on the basis of his personal convictions. To further his studies during active military service, Derek took a Bible with him which he considered at the time to be a philosophical work rather than the inspired Word of God.

On July 31, 1941, while stationed at a training barracks in Scarborough, Yorkshire, he experienced a powerful encounter with Jesus which would change the course of his life. Recalling the experience he said:

“I heard the voice of Jesus, speaking very very clearly through the scriptures, the Bible. And from the day I heard His voice, to this day, there are two things I’ve never doubted. I’ve never doubted that Jesus is alive, and I’ve never doubted that the Bible is the Word of God.”

So began the spiritual journey of one of the 20th century's most prominent Bible teachers.

Almost immediately after his Christian conversion, Derek was transferred to active duties in the deserts of North Africa where he spent three years serving as an army medic. He dedicated his spare time to studying the Bible and developing a personal relationship with God.

At the conclusion of the war, Derek was discharged from the army while stationed in Jerusalem, witnessing the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy with the return of the Jewish people to Israel.

Lydia Prince

In 1946, Derek married his first wife, Lydia Christensen, a Danish missionary who ran a children's home near Jerusalem. In doing so, he became the father of eight adopted girls.

Derek and Lydia lived in Jerusalem until after the founding of the Jewish state of



Israel in 1948. Caught between Arab and Israeli forces during the War of Independence, they were evacuated from their home and reluctantly migrated to England. Once settled in central London, Derek began preaching at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, often accompanied by Lydia and some of the girls. In time, attendees were invited to the family home for further ministry, and a new church was born. This continued until 1956 when the Prince's responded to the call of God and moved to Kenya as missionaries in January 1957.

In the ensuing years, Derek and Lydia saw much fruit as they ministered to the local people, including one girl who was raised from the dead through prayer.

By 1962, the couple had adopted an orphaned Kenyan infant and were on furlough in Canada. Lydia, 25 years Derek's senior, was in her early seventies and longed to settle close to friends and other believers. Spurred by this need, Derek accepted an invitation to become a Bible teacher at a Pentecostal church in Minneapolis.

Before the end of the decade, however, the Prince's would move a further three times; Seattle, Chicago and Fort Lauderdale, respectively. Developments in the ministry opened new and unexpected doors, but the couple remained faithful to the ever-present call of God.

By 1968, Derek's teaching ministry had grown to fever pitch in the emerging Charismatic movement. He travelled extensively, preaching the Word with power and authority.

On October 5th 1975, Lydia Prince passed away peacefully at the age of 85 surrounded by family. She is the author of *Appointment in Jerusalem* which was published shortly before her death the same year.

Ruth Prince

In 1978, Derek married his second wife, Ruth Baker, an American single mother of three adopted children. They met in Jerusalem while Derek was visiting Israel with friends.

Together, a new phase of ministry emerged with the launch of a daily radio



program titled *Today with Derek Prince*. Originally broadcast on eight radio stations, audiences quickly grew, and the ministry's legacy solidified. Today, these recordings have been distributed across the globe and are available in a wide variety of languages.

Details of Derek and Ruth's love story is documented in the book *God is a Matchmaker* which they co-authored and published in 1986.

Ruth passed away in Jerusalem on the 29th December 1998 following a relatively short illness that was never properly diagnosed. She was 68 and had ministered faithfully by Derek's side for over two decades.

Overcome with grief, a well of bitterness began to rise in Derek's heart. Sensing an unclean force that would ultimately distance him from God, he made a public declaration at Ruth's funeral that would define his remaining years. As the casket was lowered, Derek thanked God for all He had done in Ruth's life, sincerely affirming his love and trust for his heavenly Father. Reflecting on that juncture, he later said:

“It was a significant moment in my life. I knew I could never go forward with the lament I felt over Ruth. I would always blame God, and the door of my life would have been shut. This was the only way I could continue.”

Death

Derek Prince died of natural causes on the 24th September 2003, at the age of 88. He had suffered a prolonged period of declining health and passed away in his sleep at his home in Jerusalem.

Buried at the Alliance Church International Cemetery in Jerusalem, Derek's tombstone reads:

DEREK PRINCE

1915 - 2003

GONE HOME

A Teacher of the Scriptures

In Truth and Faith and Love

Which are in Christ Jesus for Many

God is Faithful



Bible Teacher

In 1944, while stationed at a medical supply depot at Kiriat Motzkin, Israel, the Lord spoke to Derek clearly saying:

“You are called to be a teacher of the Scriptures, in truth and faith and love, which are in Christ Jesus - for many.”

It seemed a world away from Derek's present station, but in time materialized just as God had promised in 1941:

“It shall be like a little stream. The little stream shall become a river. The river shall become a great river. The great river shall become a sea. The sea shall become a mighty ocean, and it shall be through thee: But how, thou must not know, though canst not know, thou shalt not know.”

To this day, the name Derek Prince remains synonymous with sound theology and the clear yet systematic teaching of God's Word. His steadfast faith and devotion to studying the scriptures turned him into one of the most respected and admired Bible teachers of his time.

Derek is the author of over 100 books and an invaluable trove of articles, letters, audio and visual recordings that immortalize his life's work and passion.

Translated into more than 100 languages, they remain a source of inspiration and study for millions of Christians around the world.

A year before Derek's death in 2003, a journalist for *The Jerusalem Post* asked him what was the greatest need for the Church today. "Bible teachers," Derek replied, "serious Bible teachers." Recalling the conversation, the journalist wrote in 2006, "Indeed, there have been few like him."

Derek Prince Ministries

In May 1971, Derek officially opened an office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to publish and distribute his teachings. Originally known as Derek Prince Publications, operations gradually expanded, and in December 1990 was renamed Derek Prince Ministries.

Today, Derek Prince Ministries has offices in over 45 countries across the world, including Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the



United States. It remains steadfastly committed to resourcing the spiritually hungry, and in doing so, upholding the vision Derek shared in July 2002: “It is my desire, and I believe the Lord’s desire, that this ministry continue the work, which God has begun through me over sixty years ago, until Jesus returns.”

Rick Renner:

Rick Renner is a Christian pastor, teacher, author, and speaker. He was born on January 23, 1956, in the United States, and he currently resides in Moscow, Russia, where he pastors the Moscow Good News Church.

Renner graduated from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, and later received a bachelor's degree in theology from Wagner Leadership Institute in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Renner is the author of more than 30 books, including "Sparkling Gems from the Greek," a daily devotional that provides insights into the original Greek language of the New Testament. He has also written books on topics such as prayer, spiritual warfare, and leadership.

Renner is a popular conference speaker and has ministered in more than 50 countries around the world. He is known for his passionate and practical teaching style, which emphasizes the importance of understanding the original context and meaning of the Biblical text.

In addition to his ministry work, Renner is also a linguist and has studied several languages, including Greek, Hebrew, Russian, and German. He is married to Denise Renner, and they have three children.

Renner's ministry began in the 1980s when he and his wife Denise were called to Russia during the height of the Cold War.

They began their ministry in Moscow by distributing Bibles and Christian literature, and soon started teaching Bible studies in their home. Today, their ministry has grown to include the **Moscow Good News Church**, a Christian



television program, and various other outreaches.

Renner's television program, "**Good News with Rick Renner**" is broadcasted on several Christian networks around the world and reaches millions of viewers. In the program, Renner shares Biblical insights and practical teaching to help viewers understand and apply the principles of the Bible in their daily lives.

Renner's ministry has been recognized both nationally and internationally. He has received numerous awards and honors for his work in Russia, including the "Friendship Award" from the Russian Federation and the "Order of Honor" from the President of Ukraine. He has also been featured on several Christian television networks and programs, including TBN and Daystar.

Throughout his ministry, Renner has emphasized the importance of developing a personal relationship with God and understanding the principles of the Bible. He is committed to teaching people how to live a victorious life in Christ, and his teachings have touched the lives of countless individuals around the world.

Dr. Michael Brown:

Dr. Michael L. Brown became a believer in Jesus 1971 as a sixteen year-old, heroin-shooting, LSD-using Jewish rock drummer.

Since then, he has preached throughout America and around the world, bringing a message of repentance, revival, reformation, and cultural revolution. He holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures from New York University and has served as a visiting or adjunct professor at Southern Evangelical Seminary, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Fuller Theological Seminary, Denver Theological Seminary, the King's Seminary, Regent University School of Divinity, and Global Awakening Theological Seminary and he has contributed numerous articles to scholarly publications, including the *Oxford Dictionary of Jewish Religion* and the *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*.



Dr. Brown is the author of more than 40 books, including *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood: The Tragic Story of the "Church" and the Jewish People*, which has been translated into more than twelve languages, the highly acclaimed five-volume series, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus*, commentaries on Jeremiah (part of the revised edition of the Expositor's Bible Commentary) and *Job*, and more than 10 books on revival and the Jesus revolution.

Dr. Brown is a national and international speaker on themes of spiritual renewal and cultural reformation, and he has debated Jewish rabbis, agnostic professors, and gay activists on radio, TV, and college campuses. He is widely considered to be the world's foremost Messianic Jewish apologist.

He and his wife Nancy, who is also a Jewish believer in Jesus, have been married since 1976. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Perry Stone:

Internationally known evangelist Perry Stone is a fourth-generation minister of the Gospel. He directs the Voice of Evangelism in Cleveland, Tennessee, and has birthed other ministries in the area, including Omega Center International (OCI) and International School of the Word (ISOW). Other properties house outreach ministries supported by VOE, such as Hope House, Spurs of Hope, and others in the planning stages.

Now in his early sixties, Perry began preaching at age sixteen. After graduating from high school, he continued his education through the Lee University extension program in Cleveland, Tennessee, later earning a B.A. in Theology through Covenant Life Christian College. Perry was conducting record-breaking revivals by age twenty-three, sometimes preaching every night in one church for up to eleven weeks. He has been a guest speaker at many national and international church camp meetings and conferences.

Perry continues to conduct conferences nationally, often emphasizing the Hebraic roots of the Christian faith and the significance of Biblical prophecy for our times. He has personally witnessed tens of thousands of people come to Christ, and



hundreds of thousands from different denominational backgrounds receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Perry hosts Warrior-Fest youth gatherings, drawing thousands each year to OCI in Cleveland. He hosts a yearly International Prophetic Summit in the spring, a fall gathering known as The Main Event, and other conferences throughout the year. Perry is the founder of The International School of the Word, an online Bible School headquartered at the T.L. Lowery Global Center in Cleveland, Tennessee. The Bible School presently offers over a hundred courses available to students worldwide, adding new courses monthly.

Perry has written over a hundred books and booklets, many are printed in other languages, and has become a noted bestselling author. His media ministry has produced hundreds of CDs and DVDs of sermons and various teaching series topics. Perry writes and publishes a bi-monthly magazine, The Voice of Evangelism, sent nationally in the US and internationally.

In 2000, a weekly telecast called “Manna-Fest” was launched and can be seen nationally and internationally via cable and satellite systems worldwide. According to Nielson Ratings, his program is often listed as one of the top three programs on several Christian Networks. Millions of individuals have viewed his YouTube channel and his Facebook page as well.

Perry has written and printed over a million-word commentary of both the Old and New Testaments, made available to people in the United States and select stores in Israel.

He has traveled and ministered in over a dozen foreign nations and has placed hundreds of thousands of audio teachings, books, and gospel material into the hands of believers and non-believers in nations across the world. Thousands of books have been sent free to the incarcerated and the poor in third-world countries. Voice of Evangelism has a strong world missions’ program and supports missionaries who are reaching souls worldwide. The ministry continues to assist the poor and needy by supporting numerous feeding programs.



Perry has written over 40 gospel songs, some of which have been recorded. He has hosted two annual back-to-back tours to Israel each year, where he tapes programs for the Manna-fest telecast. Recognized for his anointed and informative preaching, Perry has breached denominational barriers and found attentive listeners from every religious background.

Jonathan Cahn:

Jonathan David Cahn (born 1959) is an American Messianic Jewish pastor, author, and novelist known for his debut novel *The Harbinger*. He is the founder and leader of the Beth Israel Worship Center in Wayne, New Jersey.

Born in New York State, Cahn was raised in a Jewish family, the son of a Holocaust refugee, and attended the synagogue frequently. Aged 20, after a near-death experience, he converted to Messianic Judaism. He graduated from the State University of New York at Purchase. Cahn started "Hope of the World Ministries", an international outreach of evangelism and compassion projects for the needy and currently is the president of the organization. He is married to Brazilian Renata and they have three children.

Cahn is the head of the Beth Israel Worship Center congregation whose "liturgy focuses on Jesus as savior." The group had been located in Garfield, New Jersey throughout the 1990s but moved to Wayne, New Jersey in 2008. Their arrival in Wayne was viewed with suspicion by local leaders of Judaism as "Messianism has been condemned by Jewish clergy and leaders as a cloak for Christian missionizing." With the arrival of Cahn's group, the YM-YWHA of North Jersey held a counter-missionary event with a member of Jews for Judaism. Cahn told reporters that "the congregation has no intention of 'targeting' the Jewish community. However, anybody is welcome at the center."

Focused on end times prophecy, Cahn has said that the United States is "on the wrong path" due to the prevalence of abortion, the pursuit of gay rights, and the perceived decline in the public role of religion. He has cast President Donald Trump as a heroic and Biblical figure, and has attended Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort



with other activists. Later, he has claimed that President Joe Biden has put the United States under "demonic possession" for lighting up the White House in LGBTQ Pride rainbow colors. He also claims that the Stonewall riots opened a portal to another realm, allowing ancient deities to come back to earth, and that these include Ishtar, a Mesopotamian fertility goddess, who is resentful at Christianity for marginalizing her.

Chuck Missler:

Early Life

Chuck Missler was born May 28, 1934, in Illinois to Jacob and Elizabeth Missler, raised in Southern California. Chuck demonstrated an aptitude for technical interests as a youth. He became a ham radio operator at age nine, his call sign is 'W6OHD'. As a teenager, Chuck started piloting aeroplanes. While still in Dorsey High School, Los Angeles, He managed to maintain a high scholastic average in spite of his numerous outside activities, including intercollegiate competition as a member of the chess team, stellar performances as a member of the Battalion track team, as well as building an electronic computer in the family garage.

Navy Background

His plans to pursue a doctorate in electrical engineering at Stanford University were interrupted when he received a Congressional appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Graduating with honors in 1956, Chuck took his commission in the Air Force, where he reached the rank of Captain. Chuck joined the Missile Program and eventually became Branch Chief of the Department of Guided Missiles at Lowry Air Force Base.

In 1960 Chuck made the transition from the military to the private sector when he became a systems engineer with TRW Inc, a large aerospace firm.

Professional Background

During his time at TRW Inc Chuck had the opportunity to work with Systems Development Corporation based in Santa Monica, CA.



After his time at Ramo-Wooldridge (TRW Inc) Chuck went on to serve as a senior analyst with a non-profit think tank, STL (Space Technology Laboratories), where he conducted projects for the intelligence community and the Department of Defense. During that time, Chuck earned a master's degree in engineering at UCLA, supplementing previous graduate work in applied mathematics, advanced statistics and information sciences.

In 1963 Chuck was recruited into senior management at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. In 1964 he was put in charge of the technical review department of the Ford Product Engineering Office and was responsible for the technical auditing of both their advanced and current product program. Chuck was given the position of Manager of the Technical Computer Center where he established the first international time-sharing computer network in 1966. In 1967, Chuck was invited to speak at the University of Michigan to speak on 'Time-sharing at Ford Technical Research Center'.

Chuck was awarded 'Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year' in 1964 by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

He left Ford to start his own company, Cyphernetics, a privately-owned company, which began operations in June 1969 and planned to operate a national time-sharing computer network, that was subsequently acquired by Automatic Data Processing (listed on the New York Stock Exchange) to become its Network Services Division.

Returning to California, Chuck found himself consulting, organizing corporate development deals, serving on the board of directors at several firms, and specializing in the rescuing of financially troubled technology companies. He brought several companies out of Chapter 11 and into a profitable operation. Chuck thrived on this type of work.

In 1976 Chuck, while working for Precision Instruments, worked on a project to replace large scale classic magnetic tape media with optical media, similar to CDs and DVD.

In 1978 Chuck became the CEO of Western Digital and saved the company from bankruptcy, he pushed for increased R&D and in 1981 Chuck personally funded



and directed the first microchip implementation of the Data Encryption Standard (DES) of the National Bureau of Standards, in concert with Carnegie Mellon Institute of Research.

Between 1980-1985 Chuck was a director for Datum Inc which developed, computer peripherals and cesium clocks of the Global Positioning Satellite systems, etc. As an interesting side note the example that Chuck uses in 'Learn the Bible in 24 Hours' Hour 1, about the 1971 experiment, the USNO would have used Cesium Beam Atomic Clocks from Datum Inc.

In 1984 Chuck was the Chairman and CEO of Resdel Industries, Inc. a defense contractor based in Newport Beach. And in 1987 Resdel won a contract to make radio receivers for P-3 Submarine Hunters. While Chuck was the Chairman for Resdel, he was on the board of the Ramtron Corporation, which the Ramtron Corporation was formed to research, develop, and market a new generation of nonvolatile semiconductor products that integrate ferro- electric and semiconductor materials, using established silicon manufacturing techniques. By applying novel ferroelectric circuit designs, materials, and processing techniques, Ramtron has produced the first practical ferroelectric random access memory (FRAM). Advanced developments for Department of Defense and other deeply classified customers; partnered with Boeing on P-3 upgrade; with Northrup on the Stealth Bomber; etc. Ultimately acquired by Dowty PLC of U.K.

in 1989, as Chuck notes, his day of reckoning came several years ago when — as the result of a merger — he found himself the chairman and a major shareholder of a small, publicly owned development company known as Phoenix Group International. The firm established an \$8 billion joint venture with the Soviet Union to supply 6 million personal computers to their 143,000 schools. Due to several unforeseen circumstances, the venture failed. The Missler's lost everything, including their home and automobiles.

During his time in corporate boardrooms Chuck served on the Board of Directors with William E. Simon (former Secretary of Treasury), General David C. Jones (Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), Admiral Tom Hayward (Chief of Naval Operations) and Dr. Edward Teller, (Scientific Advisor to the President), involved in highly sensitive advanced technology projects, and on the Board of Directors of the Computer and Communications Industry Association in Washington D.C.



There are some aspects of Chuck Missler's past that some people see as Controversies, but on further investigations, the majority are misunderstandings or simply false.

Ministry Background

As a child, he developed an intense interest in the Bible; studying it became a favorite pastime. In the 1970s, while still in the corporate world, Chuck began leading weekly Bible studies at the 30,000-member Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, in California where thousands of cassette tapes were distributed each month. At which time he was one of the founding members of the Biblical Research Center. In 1973 He and Nancy established Koinonia House.

Chuck had enjoyed a longtime, personal relationship with Hal Lindsey, who upon hearing of Chuck's professional misfortune, encouraged him that he could be an independent author and speaker. Over the years, Chuck had developed a loyal following. (Through Doug Wetmore, head of the tape ministry of Firefighters for Christ, Chuck learned that over 7 million copies of his taped Bible studies were scattered throughout the world.) Koinonia House then became Chuck's full-time profession. Chuck also helped start BlueLetterBible.org and AudioCentral.com. AudioCentral.com would later be purchased by OnePlace.com, part of the Salem Radio Network.

After a devastating Earthquake in 1992 demolished their home in Big Bear, California, Chuck and Nan moved Koinonia House to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

On the topic of radio, Chuck's thirty-minute 66/40 radio program airs on more than 3,000 radio stations worldwide and is one of the only ad-free teaching segments on Christian radio.

Chuck is a prominent speaker on the subject of Bible prophecy. Chuck has numerous programs aired on the Christian television stations like GOD TV, RevelationTV, and TBN Europe, namely his Biblical studies *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*, *The Book of Revelation*, *The Book of Genesis*, and *The Book of Daniel*, as well as his topical studies *Return of the Nephilim* and his *Angels* series.

Chuck has also written a number of Books.



Nancy Missler (nee Klitten) attended UCLA where she studied art. She met Chuck on a blind date in 1956 and after Chuck completed his flight training, they married the following year. Nancy devoted herself to her family, raising the Misslers' four children, Chip, Mark, Lisa, and Mishell. Nancy also established a company, Missler Aerial Photography Service, that specialized in aerial and architectural photography.

Nancy and Chuck have traveled and taught through their ministry, Koinonia House, dedicated to creating, developing, and distributing materials which stimulate, encourage and facilitate serious study of the Bible as the inerrant Word of God.

Moving to New Zealand

In 2011, Chuck and Nancy Missler moved to the River Lodge in Reporoa, New Zealand.

After Nancy's death

At age 77, Nancy Missler went to be with the Lord on November 11, 2015, after a three-year battle with cancer. Nancy has loved our Lord Jesus Christ for over 50 years.

Chuck's Retirement

As of April 2016, Chuck retired from his position as president of Koinonia House, the K-House board unanimously voted that Ron Matsen was to be the new president. Since then, Chuck has been reducing his dependencies so as to allow him to relax, and in May 2017, Chuck announced that the 2017 Strategic Perspectives Conference, annually held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, would be his last North American conference he would attend. Chuck recently celebrated his 83rd birthday at the River Lodge in New Zealand. You can view a 4-part series where, Koinonia House board member and lifetime friend, Brian Hughes interviews Chuck on his past and his future.



Chuck's Death

In May, 2018, Chuck passed away peacefully at his home in Reporoa, New Zealand. He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy and his two sons, Charles “Chip” and Mark. He is survived by two daughters, Lisa Bright and Meshell Missler, and eight grandchildren.

Dr. Karl Payne:

Dr. Payne is a pastor, teacher, speaker, author, and former NFL chaplain. He is currently on staff at Antioch Bible Church of Redmond, WA. where his primary role is serving as the Pastor of Leadership Development and Discipleship Training. He served as the chaplain for the Seattle Seahawks football team from 1994-2015.

Karl's reputation as an apologist and discipleship trainer is well known among professional athletes throughout the NFL, and churches across the country. Karl has authored a three book discipleship series (Transferable Cross Training: Vol. 1 Essentials, Vol. 2 Apologetics and Vol. 3 Leadership Development). Each volume contains clear, concise, transferable discipleship lessons that help equip men and women for active and aggressive Christian service as servant leaders and soldiers for The Lord Jesus Christ. He has co-authored two books published by Multnomah Press Publishers, A Just Defense (1987), and Cross Training (1993).

He has contributed to two reference books, The Encyclopedia of Biblical and Christian Ethics, edited by R.K. Harrison, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1987, and The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics, edited by Ed Hindson and Ergun Caner, Harvest House Publisher, 2008. His book on spiritual warfare, “Spiritual Warfare: Christians, Demonization and Deliverance” (2011), is published by World Net Daily, and continues to be a popular reference on the subject and a best seller on Amazon.

Service and Education

He has continuously served vocationally as a pastor in local churches since 1980, serving at Fourth Memorial Church of Spokane, WA., Shadow Mountain



Community Church of El Cajon, CA., and Antioch Bible Church of Redmond, WA. Responsibilities have included working with or overseeing:

Youth Ministry, College Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Small Groups, Discipleship Training, Leadership Development, Internship Ministry, Continuing Education, Special Events/Conferences and Pulpit Supply. Karl also has served as a board member for several Northwest Seminaries over the course of the last twenty-five years. He is a popular conference speaker dealing with numerous subjects related to transferable discipleship training and spiritual warfare; something he thoroughly enjoys doing as his schedule allows.

His education includes degrees from Sacramento City College, 1973, AA; California State University at Sacramento, 1976, BA; Western Seminary Portland, 1980, M Div; Western Seminary Portland, 1996, D Min. Karl is also an alumni of Multnomah School of the Bible, 1972-1973. Karl and his wife Gail met in the College group at their church, Arcade Baptist Church of Sacramento, and were married in 1976. They have one son.

Dr. Michael Heiser:

Michael S. Heiser (February 14, 1963 – February 20, 2023) was an American Old Testament scholar and Christian author with training in ancient history, Semitic languages, and the Hebrew Bible from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His expertise and work focused on the nature of the spiritual realm in the Bible and about spiritual matters more generally, and he wrote more than ten books on these subjects since 2010. He served as executive director of the School of Ministry at Celebration Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and previously as scholar-in-residence at Faithlife Corporation. He ran *The Naked Bible* podcast and Miqlat, a ministry to disseminate his scholarship. He also hosted the *Peeranormal* Podcast until 2021 which discussed peer-reviewed research on the paranormal. He had additionally been active in media productions around his area of interest, and in response to popular presentations relating to spiritual matters (such as material in the *Stranger Things* series, and in rebutting ancient astronaut conjectures). Heiser died from pancreatic cancer in 2023.



Heiser's area of expertise is the nature of the spiritual realm in the Bible, namely the "Divine Council" (e.g., in Psalm 82) and the hierarchy of spiritual order in the Bible. In many of his works, Heiser stressed the overarching importance and role of the Divine Council in the Old Testament, and Kevin Bauder, Research Professor of Systematic Theology at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, has referred to Heiser as the "most prominent evangelical defender" of the divine council interpretation of Psalm 82; he notes that Heiser "has become an... evangelist for the divine council theory, giving it wide exposure in popular books and articles, and defending it..." through his blogging and other internet activities.

Criticism of ancient astronaut arguments

Heiser spoke out critically against proponents of pseudoscientific ancient astronaut conjectures, especially as popularized by Zechariah Sitchin. Heiser appeared in *Ancient Aliens Debunked* as an expert on the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern texts.

Beginning in 2015, Heiser published at least ten books regarding the meaning of various Biblical concepts, and on other topics related to popular understandings of spirituality; in addition, he produced two works of fiction, in the early 2010s. Until 2019, Heiser was scholar-in-residence at Faithlife Corporation.

He was Executive Director of the School of Ministry at Celebration Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and a distance-learning professor at Liberty University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Heiser appeared in the 2018 documentary film *Fragments of Truth*, and in the 2019 documentary film *The Unseen Realm*. In 2019 he released the book *The World Turned Upside Down: Finding the Gospel in Stranger Things*, referencing the Netflix series *Stranger Things* as analogies to Christian theology.

Heiser was married to Drenna and had three daughters and a son.

In 2021, Heiser was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. On January 4, 2023, his wife Drenna, posting on his Instagram page with an accompanying picture of the hospitalized Heiser, noted that he had been admitted for severe anemia, that physicians had stabilized him and were seeking to determine a source of blood loss. On January 22, he announced on his Facebook page that he was "at the end



of the road in the late stage (4) of a very aggressive pancreatic cancer". Heiser succumbed to his illness on February 20, 2023 just a week after his 60th birthday.

Dr. Jack W. Hayford:

Jack Williams Hayford (June 25, 1934 – January 8, 2023) was an American author, songwriter, Pentecostal minister, and Chancellor Emeritus of The King's University (formerly The King's College and Seminary). He was formerly a senior pastor of The Church on the Way in Van Nuys, California, one of a handful of flagship churches in the Foursquare denomination and was the fourth President of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. He was widely known for his involvement in the Promise Keepers movement and for being a prolific author and songwriter, with over 600 hymns and choruses in his catalog. He is the author of the popular 1978 hymn "Majesty", which is rated as one of the top 100 contemporary hymns and performed and sung in churches worldwide.

Jack Williams Hayford was born on June 25, 1934, in Los Angeles, California, to Anita Dolores (née Farnsworth) (1916–1997) and Jack Hayford (1911–1979), who had married two years earlier on September 28, 1932. Hayford was born with a muscular condition in his neck, which improved later. His father had served in the military as a young man and worked as a switchman for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Hayford's mother, Dolores, was a Bible teacher who spoke at interdenominational women's classes and Women's Aglow Fellowship (now Aglow International). Although Hayford's parents did not always attend church, he has credited them with providing him with a Christian upbringing.

Although he was born in Los Angeles, Hayford was raised in Oakland, California, and attended Oakland Technical High School. After graduating in 1952, Hayford moved back to Los Angeles to attend Life Pacific University (formerly L.I.F.E. Bible College) and received his first bachelor's degree in 1956. Subsequently, after serving as the National Youth Director of International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, he joined the faculty of L.I.F.E. and went on to become dean of students there. During this time, he began working on his second bachelor's degree, at Azusa Pacific University (APU), where he graduated in 1970. Over the course of his life, he has also been awarded several honorary degrees, including Doctor of



Divinity from both L.I.F.E. and Oral Roberts University, and Doctor of Literature from California Graduate School of Theology.

In 1969, while serving as dean of students at L.I.F.E. and finishing his degree at APU, Hayford was asked to pastor a small congregation, the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, California, a struggling congregation of only 18 members, with an average age of 65 years old. While Hayford had initially agreed to pastor the church for only a period of six months, he later felt compelled to remain permanently. Only a few weeks from accepting an offer to pastor another Foursquare church, Hayford met with Foursquare denomination president Rolf McPherson, stating that he wanted to remain with the Van Nuys congregation. By the early 1980s, The Church on the Way had become a pioneer of the megachurch movement and numbered among the largest churches in America, particularly within the Foursquare denomination, at one point reporting membership exceeding 10,000. Actor Dean Jones (deceased), a close friend of Hayford's, was an elder in the church, as was Pat Boone, along with Jan and Paul Crouch, the founders of Trinity Broadcasting Network, which regularly broadcast services from the church.

In the late 1990s, Hayford felt called to establish a Pentecostal seminary in Los Angeles to train other pastors and founded The King's College and Seminary. In 1999, he resigned as the senior pastor of The Church On The Way to focus on the college, although he briefly returned to help the church through a difficult transition after his successor and son-in-law, Scott Bauer, died suddenly. On October 4, 2004, Hayford was elected to a four-year term as president of the Foursquare denomination, a position he chose not to pursue after that single term. In 2013, Hayford felt called to move the King's University to Southlake, Texas, under the stewardship of Gateway Church. In 2015, The Church On The Way, led by senior pastor Tim Clark, honored Hayford with the title of Pastor Emeritus in recognition of his continuing contributions to church management and oversight.

On July 4, 1954, Hayford married his college sweetheart, Anna Marie Smith. Their marriage produced four children (Rebecca, Jack III, Mark, and Christa), 11 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. In early 2016, Anna was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, and died in 2017. Hayford married Valerie Lemire



the following year and lived in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. He discontinued making public appearances in 2019. Hayford died at his home in Los Angeles on January 8, 2023, at the age of 88.

In March 2014, Hayford was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He has also won the Gospel Music Association's Dove Award for his part in the album *God With Us* and the Salvation Army's William Booth Award, as well as serving as Worship Leader on the *Men In Worship* album.