# **Jeffrey Matthew Robinson**

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#### **THEOLOGY**

# The Baptist Faith & Message (2000)

## **EDUCATION**

## Ph.D., Theology and Apologetics (August 2017)

Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity, Lynchburg, VA.

Dissertation: "Christ and the Cradle: The Explanatory Power of Christian Theism for Basic

Moral Sensibilities on the Ontology of Children."

Supervisor: Dr. David Baggett.

Readers: Dr. Leo Percer and Dr. A. Chadwick Thornhill.

Cognate Field: Apologetics.

Comprehensive Exams: Apologetics, Moral Apologetics, and Theology.

Coursework: Anthropology, Bibliology, Apologetic Method, Historical Jesus, Miracles, Religious Doubt, Theological Method, Creation, Theodicy, Moral Apologetics, Existence of God, Eschatology in Contemporary Theology & Apologetics, Doctrine of God, Contemporary

Ecclesiology, Discipleship.

Biblical Languages: Greek and Hebrew.

Modern Research Languages: French and German.

## Adv. M.Div., Advanced Master of Divinity in Apologetics (May 2008)

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX.

Coursework: Critical Thinking, Economics, The Reformation, Baptist Heritage, Hermeneutics, Christian History, Greek, Hebrew, Christian Ethics, Atonement, Jonathan Edwards, New Testament Background Issues, Spiritual Formation, Leadership, Theodicy, Philosophy of Religion, James (Greek Exegesis), Old Testament, New Testament, Preaching, Systematic Theology.

# B.A., Theology (Magna Cum Laude), (December 2003)

The Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, Florida.

Specialization: Theology.

## Received a "B" on the California "Baby Bar" First Year Law School Examination (2000)

Oak Brook College of Law and Government Policy, Fresno, California.

Specialization: Law.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## **Books**

Doubt Triggers: Discovering and Overcoming Hesitations to God (forthcoming).

Persuasive Apologetics: The Art of Handling Tough Questions without Pushing People

Away. Grand Rapids: Kregel Academic, 2023.

God, Sexuality, and Human Value. Grace Fellowship, 2019. Video series.

#### Dissertation

Christ and the Cradle: The Explanatory Power of Christian Theism for Basic Moral Sensibilities on the Ontology of Children. Lynchburg, VA: Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity, September 2017. http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/doctoral/1536/

#### Articles

"An Incongruent Amalgamation: John Stuart Mill's Utilitarianism on Naturalism." *Eleutheria*, 4:2 (2015):

http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1118&context=eleu

"The Life and Work of William Lane Craig." <u>The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers in America from 1600 to the Present</u>. Co-authored with David Baggett. Edited by John Shook. New York: Bloomsbury, 2016. 211-214.

#### **Book Reviews**

Review of Douglas Groothuis, *Philosophy in Seven Sentences*. Christian Research Journal, 39:5 (2016): 56. <a href="http://www.equip.org/christian-research-journal/rise-comic-book-antihero/">http://www.equip.org/christian-research-journal/rise-comic-book-antihero/</a>

## **Presentations**

"Persuasive Apologetics: Tone & Truth." Presented at the Palm Beach Atlantic University Faithful Witness Apologetics Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, October 28, 2022.

<u>"Persuasive Apologetics: Tone and Truth."</u> Presented at the 2021 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Fort Worth, Texas, November 16, 2021.

"More Than Mere Theism: The Explanatory Power of Christian Theism for the Intrinsic Value of Children." Presented at the 2019 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, California, November 22, 2019.

<u>"Poor Apologetics: Poverty and Apologetics Within the Local Church."</u> Presented at the 2016 Eastern Regional Evangelical Theological Society. Lynchburg, Virginia, April 1, 2016.

"Anthropology and Economics: How Sound Economic Policy Reflects Biblical Anthropology." Presented at the Liberty University Research Symposium, Lynchburg, Virginia, November 5, 2015.

"The Relationship between Theology and Ethics: How Theology informs Ethics." Presented at the University of Transylvania, Brasov, Romania, October 2013.

#### Ph.D. Research

Below is a list of topics on which I wrote or presented during my Ph.D. studies.

- The Historical Significance of Early Christian Creeds in Orthodox Christology (2011)
- An Epistemologically Sound Methodology of Synthesizing Bias and Probabilities of Accuracy in Ancient Historical Accounts (2011)
- Emotional Uncertainty and the Silence of God (2011)
- Motivational Response to Volitional Doubt (2011)
- The Theological Method of Jonathan Edwards (2011)
- Epistemology and Theological Method (2011)
- A Comparative Analysis of the Presuppositional Dissimilarities in the Theodicies of John Sanders in, *The God Who Risks*, and Jonathan Edwards in, *The Justice of God in the Damnation of Sinners* (2011)
- The Correlation of Biblical Wisdom Literature as it relates to ANE Wisdom Literature and the Doctrine of Inspiration (2011)
- Distant Starlight and White Hole Cosmology Within a Young Earth Interpretation of the Genesis Creation Account (2012)
- An Eclectic Apologetic Method (2012)
- The Classical Method Apologetic Methodology (2012)
- The Reformed Epistemology Apologetic Methodology (2012)
- A Comparative Analysis of William Rowe's Concept of Gratuitous Evil and Stephen Wystrak's CORNEA Critique with Jesus' Theodicy in Luke 13:1-9 (2012)
- Five Questions on Theodicy (2012)
- An Examination of Jesus' Theodicy in Luke 13:1-9 and it's Relation to Premillennial Eschatology Contrasted with Islamic Theodicy and Eschatology (2012)
- The Resurrection and the Grief of Loneliness (2013)
- The Resurrection and Inter-Personal Conflict (2013)
- A Minimal Facts Case for the Deity of Jesus in Early Christian Creeds Embedded in the New Testament (2013)
- The Arbitrariness Objection to Theism (2013)
- Utilitarianism on Naturalism (2013)
- Naturalism and Moral Responsibility (2013)
- A Comparative Analysis of William Lane Craig's Molinism and Millard J. Erickson's Compatibilism (2013)
- Economics and the *Imago Dei*: How Sound Economic Policy Reflects Biblical Anthropology (2013)
- Environmentalism and the *Imago Dei* (2013)
- Human Creatureliness: Embodiment and Self-Transcendence in Paul Tillich's *Systematic Theology* (Volume 1) Compared with Catherine LaCugna's *Freeing Theology: The Essentials of Theology in Feminist Perspective* (2013)
- Response to John R. Sachs *The Christian Vision of Humanity* (2013)
- Poverty and Apologetics Within the Local Church: Social Ministry as a Biblical and Socially Adept Method of Apologetics and an Effective Force in Dismantling Anti-Christian Prejudice Within Contemporary Western Culture (2013)
- A Modified Presuppositional Perspective of the Noetic Effects of Sin on General Revelation Within the Context of Local Church Apologetics (2013)
- Elders and Deacons within a Southern Baptist Context (2013)

- The Environment of Discipleship (2013)
- The Environment of Suffering (2013)
- Evaluation of the Moral Argument (2014)

#### Other Graduate Research

Below is a select list of other miscellaneous topics on which I wrote or presented during my Graduate studies.

- The Theology of Thomas Helwys (2005)
- An Exegetical Study of Judges 3:1-12 (2005)
- An Exegetical Study of Luke 12:13-21 (2006)
- An Exegetical Study of Isaiah 53 (2006)
- Jonathan Edwards and the Wrath of God (2006)
- Aristotle and Happiness (2006)
- Soren Kierkegaard and War (2006)
- Jesus and Natural Evil (2007)
- Adolescence and Biblical Manhood (2008)
- An Exegetical Analysis of Habakkuk 2:1-4 (2008)

#### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Subject Matter Expert, Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, Colorado (2020 – present)

PRA 540: Advanced World Religions, Cults, and Sects

PRA 440: Introduction to World Religions, Sects, Cults

GLA 536: Sects, Cults, and Christianity: The Real Jesus in a Sea of Religious

Alternatives

GLA 436: Religious Cults: The Real Jesus in a Sea of Religious Sects

## Affiliate Faculty, Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, Colorado (2018 – present)

PHL 560: Apologetics

EVA 540: Advanced Small Group Evangelism

EVA 538: Advanced Evangelistic Leadership

EVA 536: Advanced World Religions

PHL 460: Christian Apologetics

PHL 205: Worldviews

PHL 204: Classical Philosophy and Christianity

Masters thesis committee member (2021-2022), <u>A Two-part Rebuttal of Probability-based</u> <u>Arguments Against Christian Theism</u> by David Wilson.

*Ph.D. Dissertation committee member* (2018), <u>Carl F. H. Henry's Presuppositional Theology</u> and its <u>Implications within Educational Settings</u> by Adam L. Lickey.

Adjunct Instructor, Liberty University, Rawlings School of Divinity & College of General Studies, Lynchburg, Virginia, (2012 – present)

APOL 847: Applied Apologetics Topical Research I

PRTH 847: Practical Theology Topical Research I

RTCH 805: Research Methods

APOL 701: Foundations of Personal Ministry

THEO 510: Survey of Theology

APOL 500: Introduction to Apologetics

THEO 201: Survey of Theology I

PHIL 201: Philosophy and Contemporary Ideas

RSCH 201: Research

APOL 104: Contemporary Worldviews

INQR 101: Inquiry and Research

*Teaching Fellow, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and School of Divinity*, Lynchburg, Virginia (2012 – 2016)

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy, Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina, (Spring 2010)

PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 110: Ethics

*Adjunct Instructor of Humanities, Strayer University, Greenville, South Carolina (2008 – 2010)* 

HUM 400: Religion and Philosophy

HUM 300: History and Methods of Science

HUM 200: Logic

HUM 101: Culture and Values in Western Civilization

*Humanities Tutor, Strayer University, Greenville, South Carolina* (2008 – 2010)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor, Theology and Philosophy (2013 – 2017), Eleutheria: The Graduate Student Journal of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/eleu/

Assist with the planning and development of a peer-reviewed graduate student journal. Serve as an associate editor in the area of Theology and Philosophy. Assign reviewers to analyze and critique submitted manuscripts. Synthesize review reports and evaluate manuscripts to make recommendations for publication to the editorial board.

Philosophia Christi, Evangelical Philosophical Society, full member.

Evangelical Theological Society, full member.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

*Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award*, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia, April 2014 (2013-2014 academic year).

*Magna Cum Laude*, Bachelor of Arts, The Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, Florida, December 2003.

#### **BOARDS**

Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention trustee (2021 – present) https://www.sbc.net/about/what-we-do/sbc-entities/executive-committee/committee-members/

Florida Baptist Convention Board of Missions (2019–present), Vice-Chairman of the Board (2023-present), Chair of the Denominational Committee (2021 – 2023), https://flbaptist.org/board/

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

**Lead Pastor**, Grace Fellowship: A Church for All Nations, West Palm Beach, Florida (May 2016 – present). <a href="http://www.gograce.church">http://www.gograce.church</a>

**Superintendent,** Berean Christian School (May 2016 – present). <a href="https://www.bereanchristianschool.org">https://www.bereanchristianschool.org</a>

**Lead Pastor**, Rocky Mount Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, Virginia (July 2010 – April 2016). <a href="https://www.rockymountbaptistchurch.com">www.rockymountbaptistchurch.com</a>

**Student Minister,** White Oak Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina (August 2008 – July 2010). http://www.whiteoaksc.com

**Evangelist,** Engage Revival Teams, Southern Baptist Conservatives of Texas Convention (Summer 2008). <a href="https://sbtexas.com">https://sbtexas.com</a>

**Pastoral Intern,** First Baptist Church of Colleyville, Colleyville, Texas (August 2006 – May 2008). <a href="http://www.firstcolleyville.com">http://www.firstcolleyville.com</a>

**Pastoral Intern,** Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida (Summer 2006 & 2007). <a href="http://www.olivebaptist.org">http://www.olivebaptist.org</a>

**Senior Pastor,** Iron City Baptist Church, Iron City, Georgia (January 2004 – June 2005). <a href="http://www.ironcitybaptist.org">http://www.ironcitybaptist.org</a>

## **International travel + Mission trips:**

India, Kazakhstan, United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Belgium, Romania, Brazil, Colombia, and Haiti.