

# REASONABLE *Faith*

## OUR MISSION

Reasonable Faith aims to provide in the public arena an intelligent, articulate, and uncompromising yet gracious Christian perspective on the most important issues concerning the truth of the Christian faith today, such as:

- ✦ arguments for the existence of God
- ✦ the nature of God
- ✦ the interface of science and religion
- ✦ intelligent design
- ✦ the meaning of life
- ✦ the foundation of moral values
- ✦ the reliability of the Gospels
- ✦ the uniqueness of the historical Jesus
- ✦ the historicity of the resurrection
- ✦ the challenge of religious pluralism

Reasonable Faith features the work of philosopher and theologian Dr. William Lane Craig in order to carry out its three-fold mission:

- ✦ to provide an articulate, intelligent voice for biblical Christianity in the public arena.
- ✦ to challenge unbelievers with the truth of biblical Christianity.
- ✦ to train Christians to state and defend Christian truth claims with greater effectiveness.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Lane Craig is Research Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology in La Mirada, California. He and his wife Jan have two grown children.

At the age of sixteen as a junior in high school, he first heard the message of the Christian gospel and yielded his life to Christ. Dr. Craig pursued his undergraduate studies at Wheaton College (B.A. 1971) and graduate studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (M.A. 1974; M.A. 1975), the University of Birmingham (England) (Ph.D. 1977), and the University of Munich (Germany) (D.Theol. 1984). From 1980-86 he taught Philosophy of Religion at Trinity, during which time he and Jan started their family. In 1987, they moved to Brussels, Belgium, where Dr. Craig pursued research at the University of Louvain until assuming his position at Talbot in 1994.

Dr. Craig is an international lecturer and debater. He has presented to numerous audiences in North America, Europe and Asia and he is known for his skillful communication to both scholar and student alike.

He has authored or edited over thirty books, including *The Kalam Cosmological Argument*, *Assessing the New Testament Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus*, *Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom*, *Theism, Atheism and Big Bang Cosmology*, and *God, Time and Eternity*, as well as over a hundred articles in professional journals of philosophy and theology, including *The Journal of Philosophy*, *New Testament Studies*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Faith & Philosophy*, *Philosophia Christi*, *Philosophy*, and *British Journal for Philosophy of Science*.

Dr. Craig's areas of specialization include the following

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- ✦ interface of science and religion
- ✦ intelligent design
- ✦ the meaning of life
- ✦ the foundation of moral values
- ✦ the nature of time and eternity
- ✦ the challenge of religious pluralism
- ✦ the uniqueness of the historical Jesus

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**D**r. William Lane Craig, an international lecturer and debater, has spoken at numerous universities such as Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Stanford, Oxford, Cambridge, Moscow, and Peking, as well as at conferences and churches such as Willow Creek Community Church (Chicago), All Soul's (London), and McLean Bible Church (Washington, D.C.).

## EXCEPTIONAL DEBATES

Craig-Kurtz Debate: Goodness Without God is Good Enough

October 2001, Franklin and Marshall College (Pennsylvania)

Craig-Flew Debate: Does God Exist?

February 1998, University of Wisconsin (Wisconsin)

Craig-Atkins Debate: Evidence For/Against the Existence of God

April 1998, Carter Convention Center (Georgia)

Craig-Lüdemann Debate: Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?

September 1997, Boston College (Massachusetts)

Craig-Crossan Debate: Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

October 1994, Moody Memorial Church (Illinois)

Craig-Taylor Debate: Is the Basis of Morality Natural or Supernatural?

October 1993, Union College (New York)

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## ON-LINE RESOURCES

<http://biola.edu/academics/scs/apologetics/wlcstore/index.cfm>



**Audio-Visuals** Audio and video recordings of Dr. Craig's exciting debates, talks, and interviews.



**Podcasts** of Dr. Craig's Defenders class and of his conversational program "Reasonable Faith."



**Scholarly Articles** exemplifying Dr. Craig's work as a professional philosopher and theologian published in peer-reviewed journals.



**Popular Articles** and talks by Dr. Craig intended for a general audience.



**Debates** with prominent philosophers, scientists, and biblical scholars on the truth claims of biblical Christianity.



**Newsletters** by Dr. Craig which update you on his and Jan's travels, speaking, and writing, with their personal reflections.



**Open Forum** provides online opportunity to engage in substantive, irenic discussion of issues raised in Dr. Craig's work.



**Q&A** provides occasions to read a response to one question each week selected for Dr. Craig's attention.

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## TESTIMONIALS FROM THEISTS AND ATHEISTS

William Lane Craig is one the leading philosophers of religion and one of the leading philosophers of time ... [H]e combines his expertise in these areas to produce an original, erudite, and accessible theory of time and God that will be of great interest to both the general public and scholars. It is a rewarding experience to read through this brilliant and well-researched book by one of the most learned and creative thinkers of our era.

... a count of the articles in the philosophy journals shows that more articles have been published about Craig's defense of the Kalam argument than have been published about any other philosopher's contemporary formulation of an argument for God's existence ... The fact that theists and atheists alike "cannot leave Craig's Kalam argument alone" suggests that it may be an argument of unusual philosophical interest or else has an attractive core of plausibility that keeps philosophers turning back to it and examining it once again.

—Quentin Smith, Professor of Philosophy,  
Western Michigan University

"[William Lane Craig] deals with difficult issues in modern physics and brings them into relation with traditional theological doctrines. Craig has done a great work, and it is marvelous that now the philosophy of religion is engaging with the philosophy of science to the great benefit of both.

—John R. Lucas, Fellow of Merton College,  
Oxford University

"[William Lane Craig] offers a comprehensive discussion of the problems in the concepts of time and eternity on the basis of an extraordinary familiarity with a vast number of recent contributions to this issue from scientists and philosophers ....

—Wolfhart Pannenberg, Professor of Systematic Theology  
Ludwig Maximilliens Universitaet  
Muenchen, Germany

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As a scientist doing theoretical research in gravitational physics and quantum cosmology, I [find] Dr. Craig's thoughtful [work] highly interesting. He has carefully given arguments defending several different viewpoints for each of the many issues about time that he discusses .... Reading [Dr. Craig's work] has forced me to develop better arguments for my own opinions (which differ considerably from Craig's).

—Don N. Page, Professor of Physics and Fellow of the  
Cosmology and Gravitation Program of the  
Canadian Institute for Advanced Research,  
University of Alberta

William Lane Craig, Talbot's renowned research professor of philosophy, is "one of a kind." He's good at addressing large general audiences and taken very seriously by people who work in metaphysics. He writes for good journals and speaks at the American Philosophical Association.

—Dean Zimmerman, Associate Professor of  
Philosophy, Rutgers University

Bill Craig is one of my personal heroes! He is among today's very finest defenders of Christianity. He offers a powerful mix of authentic faith, intellectual firepower, debating skill, and the gentleness and respect that the Bible requires

—Lee Strobel, Best-selling author of *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for a Creator*

William Lane Craig is Christianity's #1 living apologist. Wake up, fellow Atheists...and see clearly what...is happening here. If we expect Christians to be honest about anything, we as a group need to be honest as well, and honestly face the fact that Craig is kicking our collective (butt) and we're apparently too dumb (as a group) to even know it!

—Mark Smith, *Contra Craig Website*  
([www.jcnot4me.com/Items/contra\\_craig/contra\\_craig.htm](http://www.jcnot4me.com/Items/contra_craig/contra_craig.htm))

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One may marshal powerful arguments for the truth of Christianity in a patient, kind, and respectful fashion. William Lane Craig does this regularly in his debates with high-powered unbelievers.

—*Douglas Groothuis, apologetics author, Philosophy of Religion Professor at Denver Seminary*

William Lane Craig is arguably one of the finest Christian philosophers of our time. His knowledge and skill have placed him on platforms on every continent, engaging the most notable skeptics in dialogue and debate. Reasonable Faith will provide only increased opportunity and impact as he makes his mark on our time with a timeless message.

—*Ravi Zacharias, Founder and Chairman,  
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries*

It is hard to overstate the impact that William Lane Craig has had for the cause of Christ. He is simply the finest Christian apologist of the last half century and his academic work justifies ranking him among the top 1% of practicing philosophers in the Western world. Besides that, he is a winsome ambassador for Christ, an exceptional debater, and a man with the heart of an evangelist. I know him well and can say that he lives a life of integrity and lives out what he believes. I do not know of a single thinker who has done more to raise the bar of Christian scholarship in our generation than Craig. He is one of a kind and I thank God for his life and work.

—*J.P. Moreland, Distinguished Professor of  
Philosophy, Talbot School of Theology*