

AUTHOR'S BIOGRAPHY

I am a health care information systems consultant and a journalist. I received a BA *cum laude* from Harvard in 1976, and master's degrees in business and in public health from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986. Since then, I have worked in finance and health care information systems—mostly as a consultant, assisting hospitals, health maintenance organizations, and other health care providers with automation and business planning. I was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate, and am listed in *Who's Who in America* (56th–59th editions) and *Who's Who in the World* (20th–22nd editions). I am a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

As a journalist, I have written about the United Religions Initiative, cults, and the New Age movement since 1998, and have been published in various confessions' orthodox and conservative magazines:

- *The Christian Challenge* (Anglican)—19 by-lined stories from 1999 through 2004 on the URI, the New Age movement in the Episcopal Church, Anglican/Catholic relations, and pro-life issues.
- *Foundations* (Anglican)—2 articles on the URI: “The Globalism Blues” (September 1999) and “Amen, Swami: The URI Gets a Charter, But Not a Whole Lot Else” (August 2000).
- *HLI Reports* (Human Life International, a Catholic pro-life organization)—“The Case Against the United Religions Initiative,” February 2001.
- *New Oxford Review* (Catholic)—4 feature stories between 1998 and 2000, including “The United Religions Initiative: A Bridge Back to Gnosticism” (December 1998) and “Beware! The New Age Movement is More Than Self-Indulgent Silliness” (July/August 2000).
- *The Journal* of the Spiritual Counterfeits Project (SCP), a front-line Reformed/Evangelical Protestant ministry whose mission is “confronting the occult, the cults, and the New Age movement.” I have had 10 feature articles in the *Journal* since 1999: a 4-part series on the URI, globalism, and the New Age movement, a science fiction story (“The World Church of 2017”), a 3-part series on the history and beliefs of mainstream and fringe Freemasonry, and—in 2004—a 2-part series on the emerging police state. In addition, I co-authored “Neale Donald Walsch: Conversations With Myself” with Tal Brooke, the President of SCP. In 2004, this article won a “First Place” award in the “Critical Review” category from the Evangelical Press Association. (There were 500 contestants for this award.)
- *World Net Daily* (secular conservative)—Co-author, with SCP's Tal Brooke, of 2 articles in 2002: “How the State Confiscates Rights” (February 27, 2002) and “State Surveillance: Abolishing Freedom” (March 25, 2002).
- *The Wanderer* (Catholic)—Paul Likoudis’ “United Religious Initiative Launched in Pittsburgh” (July 6, 2000) quoted extensively from my articles, as did several “From the Mail” columns: “Unscrambling the Labyrinth” (July 8, 1999), “The Transforming Power of the Labyrinth” (March 1, 2001), “The Endless Labyrinth” (April 12, 2001), and “Mapping the Scandals” (June 6, 2002).
- *Touchstone* (orthodox Christian, from all confessions)—“Midwives of a Common God: The Myriad Friends of the United Religions Initiative” (June 2000).
- The Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, which acts as a pro-life advocate to the UN and other international bodies, published “The United Religions Initiative: An Organization Seeking to Undermine Traditional Religious Faith and Evangelization,” in February 2005.

With this book, I hope to speak to a wider audience, to liberals as well as to conservatives, since the current and pending threats to liberty and to traditional religious belief come from both political extremes.

I was raised as an Episcopalian, but became atheist while in college. After a six-year detour into Marxism (as a member of the New American Movement, a “democratic-socialist” descendant of the Students for a Democratic Society), I returned to Christ in 1978. From 1979 to 1983, I was a member of a Methodist congregation in Oregon; from 1983 to 1995, I was an active member of the Episcopal Church in Bishop Swing’s diocese, including serving on a San Francisco parish’s Vestry, heading its Finance Committee, and participating in its Search Committee for a new rector in 1994.

I left the Episcopal Church in 1995—pushed away by Bishop Swing’s establishment of the United Religions Initiative, his 1994 acceptance of Matthew Fox as an Episcopal priest, and the pro-abortion stance of the Episcopal Church. The last straw was when they started calling God “she” at my parish; by the next Sunday, I was seeking a new spiritual home, and began by worshiping at a Russian Orthodox parish. That year, I explored Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy—and was received into an Eastern Catholic parish that is in communion with Rome but worships, fasts, feasts, and prays in the Eastern Orthodox fashion. My spiritual home since 1995 has been the Christian East. My history is evidence that God is merciful to sinners, and shows that the writer of “Amazing Grace” was telling the truth.