# Living-Out-Loud as a Christian – an Inspiring Hero

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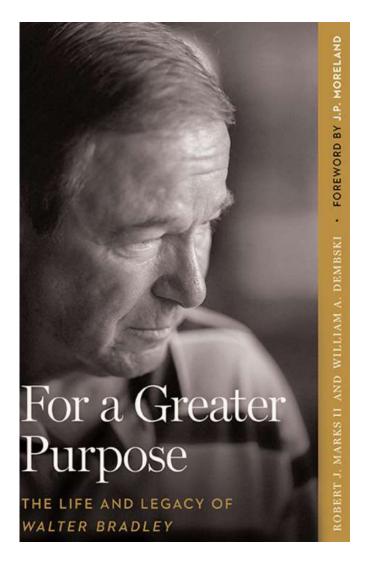
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Walter Bradley, kneeling lower right, as a member of UT Austin's Silver Spurs honorary society charged with care of mascot longhorn steer, Bevo, during football games.



- "Walter is the most humble, smart, godly, initiative-taking, bold leader I know."
- —John Burke, pastor of Gateway Church, author of Imagine Heaven
- "Walter Bradley is one of the most extraordinary men I have ever known. I am in awe of him."
- —William Lane Craig, PhD, DTh, ReasonableFaith.org
- "Walter Bradley is one of the most remarkable Christian scholars I've ever known."
- —Robert B. Sloan, DTh, president of Houston Baptist University
- "I learned from Walter that you can live out loud as a Christian academic."
- —Dr. Lawrence Murphy Smith, CPA

### Fear in Academia: Walter's Lament

• "For twenty-two shameful classes in a row I repeated this painful process [of not sharing my faith]," Bradley said, "beginning to despair that I could ever win this fierce spiritual battle." At long last, on the last day of class, he held on to his resolve. "Before handing out my final exams," he said, "I was finally able to take five minutes to briefly share my faith with my students, comforted with the knowledge that I would probably not likely see them again on the large UT campus."

• Then the Dean called!

### Academia

"Finally, the most interesting thing that I would like for you to know about me is that I am a follower of Jesus Christ. And by that I do not mean that I just go to church. It is the very foundation of everything that I do, and I hope that you will see that it makes a difference in how I treat you this semester.' this is how Dr. Bradley concluded his introduction on the first day of class to countless students through the years."

Bonnie McGee, director of Conferences, Faculty Commons



What do you say to:

- an angry Dean?
- a hostile lawyer?



"Professor Walter Bradley fearlessly led the charge for faculty to unabashedly stand up for their faith on campuses." —James M. Tour, PhD, Rice University

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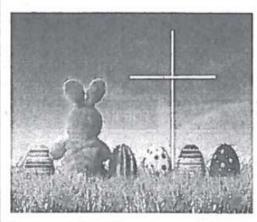




### Easter Newspaper Ads" A&M Battalion

#### CHRISTIAN FACULTY NETWORK

Seriously? This guy "rose from the dead"
2000 years ago, and now everyone celebrates
with bunnies, eggs, and candy?
No one can actually believe that anymore...



How would you respond to a statement like this? Have you ever made a statement like this? Do you know how to live out and back up your faith in Jesus Christ? Do you wonder if Jesus actually rose from the dead? Or are you convinced he didn't, and you wonder how anyone rational can believe that he did?

Whatever you believe

there are faculty and staff at Texas A&M University who would be glad to talk with you about Jesus Christ. Check out the list below to find people in your department or close to your dorm.

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### Christmas Newspaper Ads" A&M Battalion

# CHRISTIAN FACULTY

## **Leaves Heaven for You!**



The Christmas Story: The Creator-God of the universe, Jesus Christ, left His home in heaven to become a human being. He lived a perfect life, performed miracles, was betrayed, and wrongfully condemned to death. After being crucified, Jesus' body was placed in a tomb. Three days later, he rose from the dead. After His resurrection, he remained on earth speaking to people for 40 days and then ascended to heaven. Jesus sacrificed himself to make a way for all people to have eternal life in heaven.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." -John 8:12. God is reaching out to men and women through His son, Jesus Christ. To find out more about God's relevance in your life, we encourage you to read this article by Josh McDowell: Does Christianity Work? at www.leaderu.com/everystudent/josh/josh.html.

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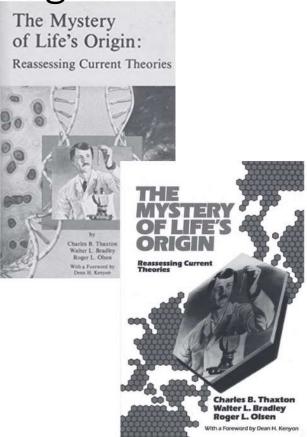
"Take heart, He IS Risen!"

Your lives are changing faster than any other generation. In this world of uncertainty and challenges, Jesus Christ and His promises are our only solid foundation for hope – a confident expectation of coming good! C.S. Lewis said, "Faith in Christ is the only thing to save you from despair." When you are seeking encouragement, Baylor faculty are here for you.

Here is a sampling of faculty from across campus who would welcome a discussion with you about Christ. We are praying for you!

- Guilherme Almeida Theater Arts Guilherme Almeida@baylor.edu
- Charles Baylis Electrical Engineering Charles Baylis@baylor.edu
- Andrew Brinkerfoff -Physics Andrew Brinkerhoff@baylor.edu
- Todd Buras Philosophy Todd Buras@baylor.edu
- · Elizabeth Corey Honors College Elizabeth Corey@baylor.edu
- Paul Gutacker History Paul Gutacker@baylor.edu
- Helen Harris -Social Work <u>Helen Harris@baylor.edu</u>
- Ray Lamb Health, Human Performance & Recreation William Lamb@baylor.edu
- Kwang Lee Electrical & Computer Engineering Kwang Y Lee@baylor.edu
- Robert J. Marks Computer Engineering Robert Marks@baylor.edu
- Kelli McMahan Outdoor Education Kelli McMahan@baylor.edu
- Jeff Olafsen Physics <u>Jeffrey Olafsen@baylor.edu</u>
- · Keith Schubert Computer Engineering Keith Schubert@baylor.edu
- Ann Theriot-Interior Design Ann Theriot@baylor.edu
- Tim Thomasson Business School <u>Timothy Thomasson@baylor.edu</u>
- Annette von Jouanne Electrical Engineering Annette von Jouanne @baylor.edu
- Stan Wilfong- Nutrition Stanley Wilfong@baylor.edu
- Alex Yokochi Mechanical Engineering <u>Alex Yokochi@baylor.edu</u>

# Apologetics: Books



Two covers for The Mystery of Life's Origin.

"Luminaries like Walter Bradley paved the way for me to dedicate my career to advancing design thinking in biology."

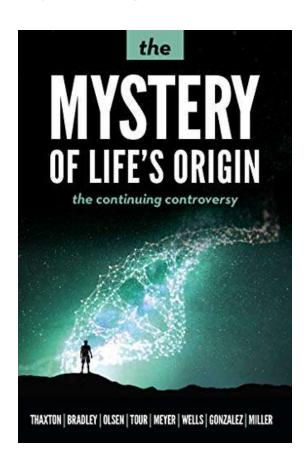
Douglas Axe, PhD, Maxwell Professor of molecular biology, Biola University; Author of Undeniable: How Biology Confirms Our Intuition that Life Is Designed

"Walter Bradley woke me from my dogmatic slumber. . . . that change of mind permanently altered my career trajectory."

—Jay W. Richards, PhD, Catholic University

"I could not put the book down—its impact would change my life forever and helped me to redefine my career." John M. DeMassa, PhD, MDiv, Vanderbilt Chemicals, LLC

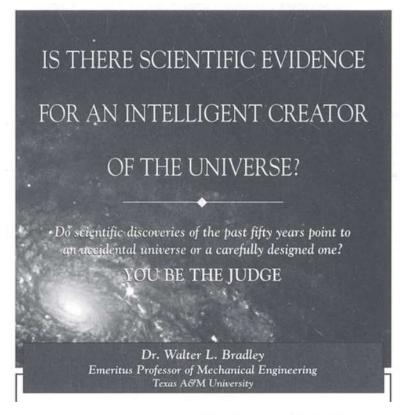
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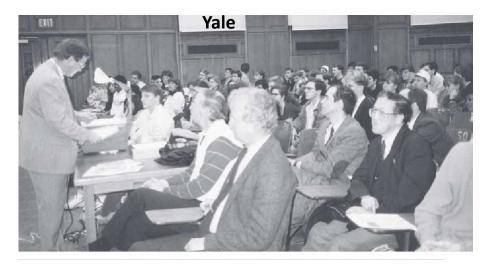


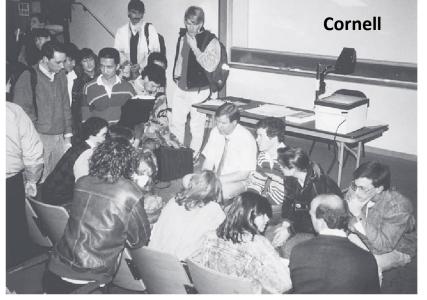
Over thirty-five years later, Charles Thaxton, Walter Bradley, and Roger Olsen are joined by their wives to celebrate the launch of the reissued and updated version of *The Mystery of Life's Origin* at Discovery Institute's January 2020 Dallas Conference on Science and Faith.

#### Lectures



Ads such as these drew thousands to listen to Walter Bradley's seminars on science and faith at major universities in the United States and abroad.







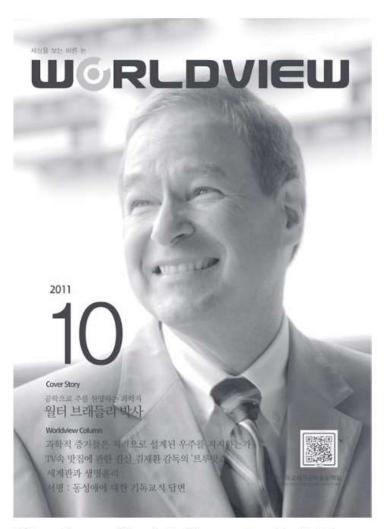
In Saint Petersburg, Russia, Walter Bradley's lecture on the fine-tuning of the universe as evidence for God drew a standing-room-only audience limited to professors and PhD research scientists. (1990)



Walter Bradley, on the left on stage next to his translator, speaks to students both sitting on the floor and standing about faith and science in Mexico.



Walter talked at Jinhua University in China on "Thermodynamics and the Origin of Life" in 1988, one year before the Tiananmen Square massacre.

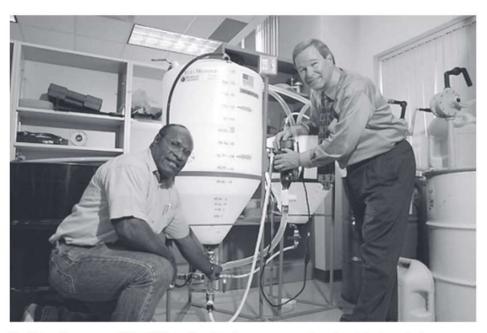


Walter on the cover of Korea's *Worldview* magazine celebrating his keynote speaking at the National Korean conference for Christian professors held in Korea in August 2011.

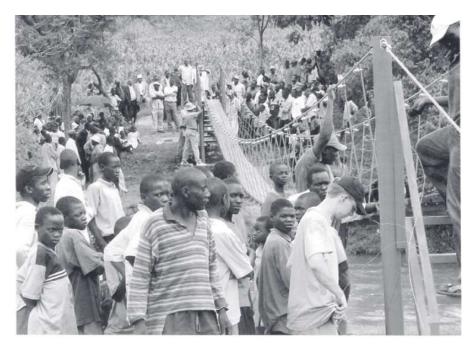
## CRU's Ministry to Faculty



# Appropriate Technology



Dr. John Pumwa and Dr. Walter Bradley demonstrating biodiesel fuel made from coconuts (2004).



The bridge in Kenya built by Walter and students from Baylor saved villagers a twelvemile round trip trek to get from one side of the river to the other.

"Walter was instrumental in helping me to understand that my gifts and talents as an engineer could be used to serve the poor and marginalized, both at home and abroad" Professor Brian Thomas, senior lecturer of electrical and computer engineering, Baylor University; executive director, Justice and Mercy Energy Service

# Crisis Pregnancy Center





The Hope Pregnancy Center of Brazos Valley today. Their web site is HopePregnancy .org.

# Personal Ministry

- Baylor Student Atheist Club
- Walking through John
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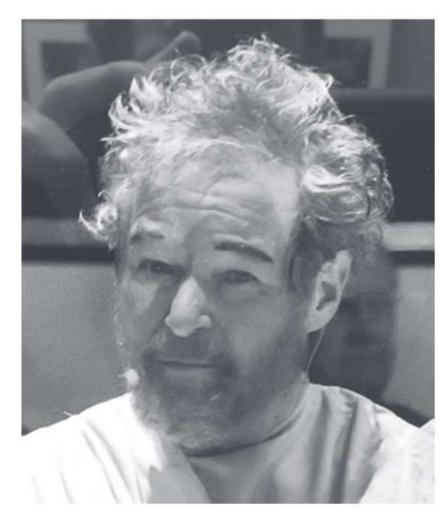


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# Doubting Thomas?



Walter is also an occasional thespian. Here he is in full makeup as the apostle "doubting Thomas" in his church's 2019 Easter play.



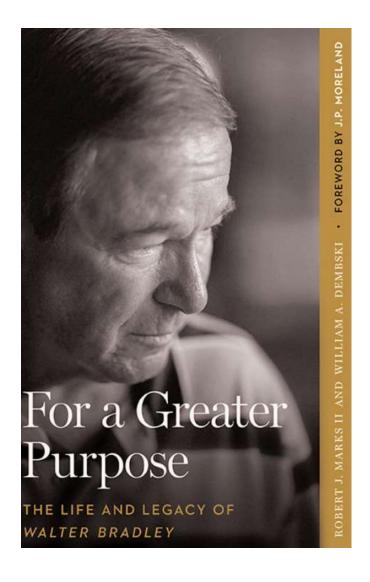
The mission of the Walter Bradley Center for Natural and Artificial Intelligence at Discovery Institute is to explore the benefits as well as the challenges raised by artificial intelligence (AI) in light of the enduring truth of human exceptionalism. People know at a fundamental level that they are not machines. But faulty thinking can cause know to be untrue. The Bradley Center seeks to help individuals — and our society at large — to realize that we are not machines while at the same time helping to put machines (especially computers and AI) in proper perspective.

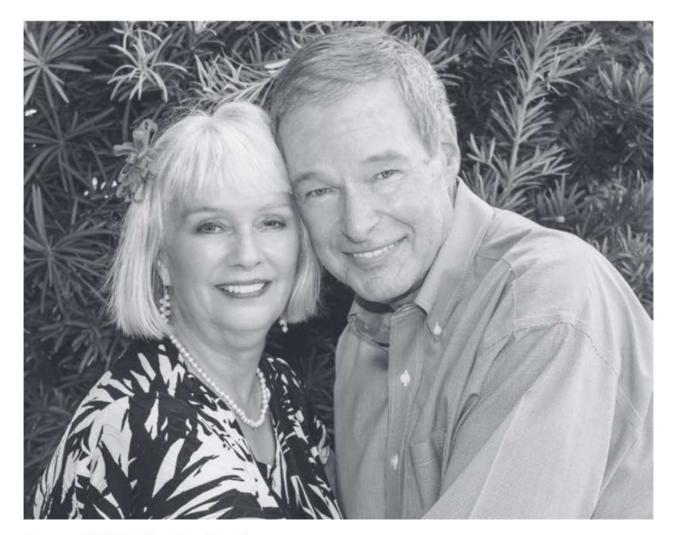
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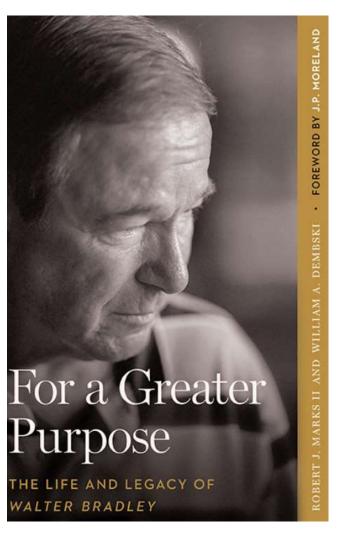


About Walter Bradley

"Walter Bradley's life and career... is unforgettable. His legacy has been established both inside and outside his day job as a university professor. The impact of his life both professionally and as a lay ambassador for Christ is widespread and enduring. Many Christians aspire to a heritage like this. Yet ironically, such a goal cannot be achieved by making it a goal. It comes indirectly from dedicated hard work, bold decisions, and living a life selflessly motivated by a mission greater than self'







Ann and Walter Bradley (2016)

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