



Born in Boston, MA during the Great Depression, I helped my Methodist-minister father raise pigs in Cabot, VT. How did I become a Fellow of a technical and a religious institute?

Growing up in rural Vermont, I loved science and engineering, but my High School did not have the advanced math courses needed for admission to the Mass Institute of Technology (MIT). Earning my B.S. and M.S. degrees there was a challenge. After my Army service, I completed my Ph.D. in experimental physics at Brandeis University (1966).

As a GS-15 Branch Chief at the Air Force Research Laboratory, I published over 90 papers and was awarded 10 patents. These helped develop the tiny, inexpensive Surface Acoustic Wave (SAW) components used in cell phones and radar. In 1979, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) elected me to become a Fellow. Retiring in 1995, I received a letter of congratulation and appreciation from President Bill Clinton.

I then fulfilled my love of philosophy and theology by teaching my "Science and Religion: Cosmos to Consciousness" course at U Mass Lowell. This inspired my book *Beauty in Science and Spirit (2006)*, illustrated with my nature photography. After championing the Institute of Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) climate change conference in 2017, IRAS awarded me its Academic Fellow Award.

My romantic love for aspiring opera soprano, Karin Hansen, blossomed into our happy marriage, with five beautiful daughters. Then 25 years later, Karin tragically died of leukemia. How did I find the parental love to raise our three youngest daughters, ages 12, 14, and 16?

For 40 years I lived in Bedford, MA. Why did I move 40 miles north to Bedford NH?

Please join me in finding the strength to love from the Spiritual Presence in me but not of me.

What comes through in Paul's story is the authenticity of how family, faith, and education influenced each phase of his life. He faced challenges with incredible humility.

The life lessons threaded throughout are indeed inspiring.

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