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Raised in a tract house in Levittown, New York, Jack left to attend [Wheaton College](#), where his Greek professor, Jerry Hawthorne, urged him to pursue an MA at [Christ's College](#), Cambridge University, which he did.

When he returned from England to pursue doctoral studies at [Duke University](#), Jack fell in love with a divinity student, Priscilla Pope, whose office is now just down the hall from him at SMU. [Priscilla](#) is Research Professor of Practical Theology at SMU.

Though he is regarded worldwide as a scholar, Jack is keen, too, to write for a wide array of audiences. With essays in the Huffington Post, parade.com, relevant.com, and beliefnet.com, and widely-read books such as [Fresh Air](#) and [Forty Days with the Holy Spirit](#), Jack's writing and speaking appeal to a wide swath of readers.

In the course of his career, Jack has received the Fitzpatrick Prize for theology at Cambridge University, as well as grants from the National Humanities Center, the Lilly Fellows Program, the Louisville Institute, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, the International Catacomb Society, Oxford Brookes University, the Sam Taylor Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

What else do you need to know? Jack and Priscilla have a daughter who lives in Chicago and a son who lives in Dallas. They have a cat, Weeone, who can generally be found on a lap somewhere. And they live in a dorm. Jack celebrated his 65th birthday in a residential commons on the SMU campus, where he and Priscilla have the privilege of serving as faculty-in-residence. They live with purpose and joy—and occasionally nights without much sleep—in [Boaz Commons](#), alongside 200 bright and lively SMU undergraduates.