

CHARLES ST-ONGE



Age Born 12/31/1972 in Ottawa, Canada: currently US citizen

Marriage To Deborah (Follstaedt) St-Onge on 8/12/2000

Children Deborah and Charles adopted Olivia (born 8/9/2004) in July 2005, and Sophia St-Onge (born 1/13/2007) in July 2007.

Languages Fluent in English and French, reads biblical Greek, some biblical Hebrew and ecclesial Latin.

Objective

To contribute to research in the relationship between modern science, especially physics, and the Lutheran theology of revelation.

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Research and Teaching Interests

The relationship between special revelation and general revelation. The use of apologetics in preaching, teaching and evangelism. The interaction between scientific discovery and traditional Christian theological perspectives. Bridging the gap between the empirical and the theological. The implications of current quantum mechanical theory especially for questions relating to determinism and free-will, theories of mind and consciousness, and the possibility of the 'miraculous.' The religious implications early 20th century physicists saw, or did not see, in their new theories.

Work Experience

2008 to Present **Associate Pastor**, Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston, TX

Shares all pastoral responsibilities for a congregation of 700 members, 400 weekly attendance, with the senior pastor. Special responsibility for children, youth, young adults, women's ministry, technology, and as pastor to Memorial Lutheran School. Preaches and teaches several times a week.

2007 to 2008 **Executive Director**, Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, Philadelphia, PA

Worked with a team of lay volunteers to direct and expand the ministry's role in supervising outreach activity in the greater Philadelphia region. Expanded the donor database and increased contributions. Responsible for grant writing and for coaching missionaries and congregations.

2003 to 2008 **Pastor**, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ridley Park, PA

Served as the sole pastor for a small suburban congregation outside Philadelphia. Stalled and began to reverse a decades-old decline in membership. Served with the Ridley Park Ministerial Alliance and as Zone Counselor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Philadelphia.

1996 to 1999 **Transportation Systems Engineer**, SAIC, McLean, VA

Worked as part of a nation-wide team to evaluate the impacts of a multimillion dollar project in four cities across the US. Served as editor of the evaluation strategy document. Presented interim results at several conferences.

Quotes

"The only thing physics deals with, according to the quantum picture, are observations and the statistical correlation between them, and if there are no observations there's no physics."

- **Robert Mills**

"Even more mysterious than the fact that our location is so congenial to diverse measurement and discovery is that these same conditions appear to correlate with habitability. This is strange, because there's no obvious reason [for it]."

- **Guillermo Gonzalez**

"The development of science during the past two centuries has certainly changed man's thinking... It was precisely the idea of an objective world running its course in time and space according to strict causal laws that produced a sharp clash between science and the spiritual formulations of the various religions. If science goes beyond this strict view—and it has done just that with relativity theory and is likely to go even further with quantum theory—then the relationship between science and the contents religions try to express must change once again."

- **Wolfgang Pauli**

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

- **Arthur C. Clarke**

Formal Education

2000 to 2003 **Master of Divinity**
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Specialized in systematic and practical theology. Received a graduate award for a paper on commonalities and discrepancies between the flood mythologies of various world cultures. Served two fourth year research assistantships in homiletics and in systematic theology. Completed a thesis, now published, on the theology of prayer. Graduated with a 3.92 GPA.

1996 to 1998 **Master of Science**
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Received an NSERC (National Science and Engineering Research Council) award for \$32,000 to study traffic simulation modeling, and tuition scholarships from Queen's University. Studied urban social geography and basic organizational management. Completed a thesis entitled "CHOICE: A Model to Evaluate Route, Mode and Departure Time Decisions." Argued that the decision-making process across a large population of individuals can be approximated as a statistical distribution. Graduated with an A average.

1991 to 1996 **Honours Bachelor of Applied Science**
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Received an entrance scholarship to specialize in civil engineering with a further specialization in transportation management theory. Earned a research assistantship to study neural networks as a programming option for the solution of complex structural problems. Graduated with 1st Class Honours on the Dean's Honour List.

Other Experience

2008 to Present **Contributor, *Dying to Live***
KKHT FM "The Word," Houston, Texas

Frequent contributor and responder on a local, half-hour radio broadcast, usually dealing with apologetics and issues of science and theology.

2009 to Present **Religion Contributor, *houstonbelief.com***
The Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas

Writes a weekly column for the Houston Chronicle's religion site dealing with the intersection of Christian theology and contemporary culture, (blog.chron.com/)

2009 to Present **Presenter, *Higher Things Youth Conferences***
Various Locations

Have given several presentations on apologetic issues at *Higher Things* Lutheran youth conferences, the most recent in Storm Lake, Iowa and Atlanta, Georgia.

2008 to 2010 **Guest Radio Host, "Engaging Truth" Call-In Show**
KKHT FM "The Word," Houston, Texas

Hosted an hour-long call-in show featuring guests such as Dr. Stephen Meyer ("Signature in the Cell"), Dr. Michael Behe ("Darwin's Black Box"), and Dr. Carolyn Crocker, President of the AITSE.

Published Works

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