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Retired, cranky, old physicist. Convert to Catholicism in 1995.

Graduate of Caltech (BS, “with honor,” 1951), Harvard (M.S. 1953, Physics; Ph.D. 1956, Chemical Physics), academic career, Carnegie-Mellon, SUNY/AB, MRI (Geisinger), best scientific work: search “Kurland-McGarvey equation.”

Volunteer to federal prison and hospital; lector, EOMHC.

Sometime player of bass clarinet, alto clarinet, clarinet, bass, tenor bowed psaltery for parish instrumental group and local folk group.

Married 55 years, 5 children, 11 grandchildren (eldest graduated from Penn State Schreyer’s Honor College; next oldest, grandson, granddaughter have secondary school scholarships—grandfathers are allowed to brag!)

For the story of my conversion, see [here](#). For other blog posts about my faith as a convert from Judaism and a scientist, see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Trying to show that there is no contradiction between what science tells us about the world and our Catholic faith. Intermittent blogs and adult education classes to achieve this end (see <http://rationalcatholic.blogspot.com/> and <http://home.ptd.net/~rkurland>)

And, finally, my motivation:

***“It is also necessary—may God grant it!—that in providing others with books to read I myself should make progress, and that in trying to answer their questions I myself should find what I am seeking.***

***Therefore at the command of God our Lord and with his help, I have undertaken not so much to discourse with authority on matters known to me as to know them better by discoursing devoutly of them.”***

***St. Augustine of Hippo, The Trinity I,8.***