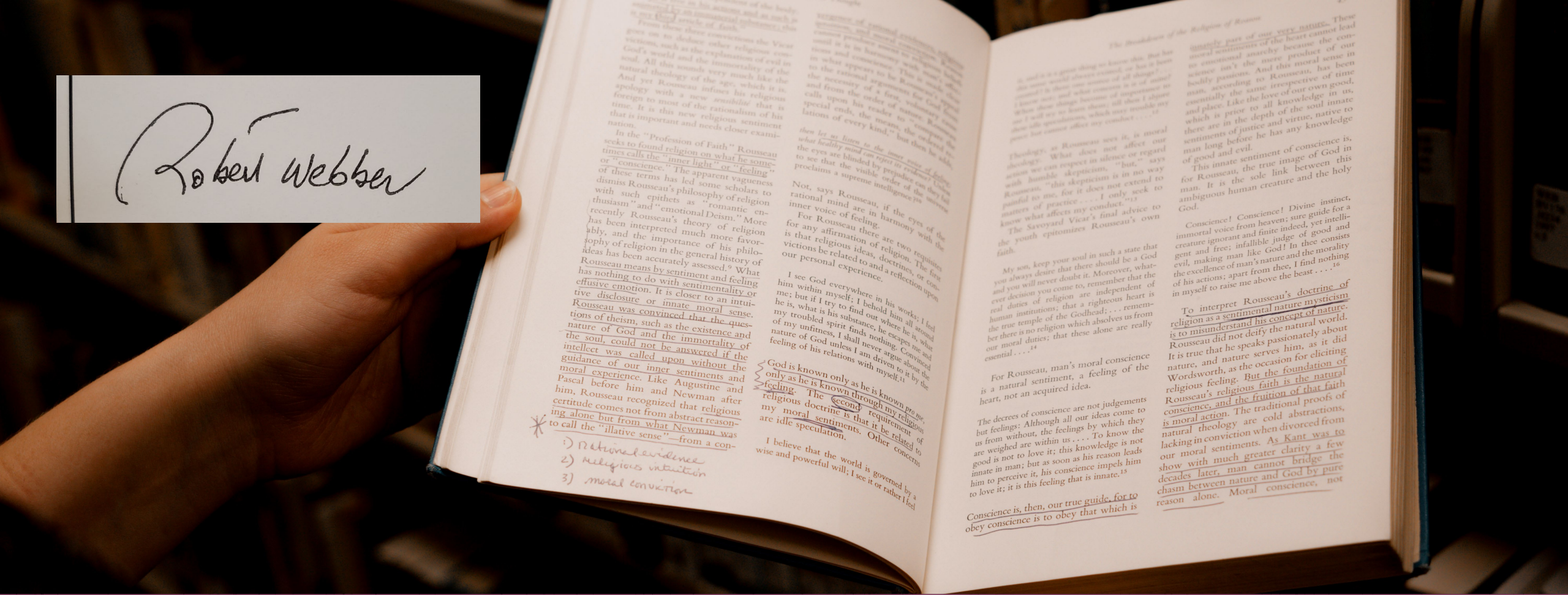


Robert Webber



- 1) Rational evidence
- 2) Religious intuition
- 3) Moral conviction

Robert E. Webber: An IWS Library Guide

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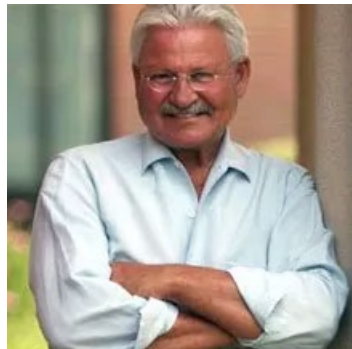
1. The life and works of Robert E. Webber, specifically as it relates to his founding of the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies (IWS) and his resources within the IWS Library.
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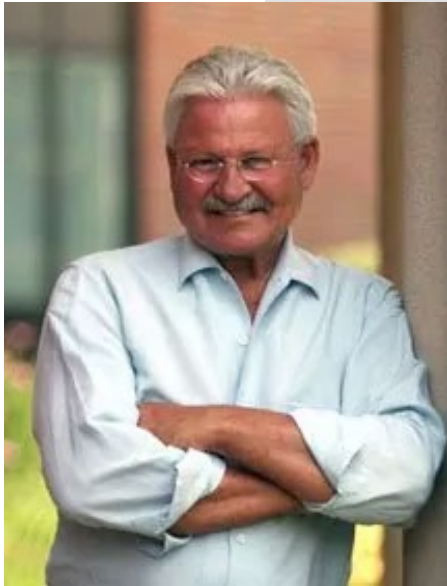
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Searching and Reading Webber's Works in the IWS Library

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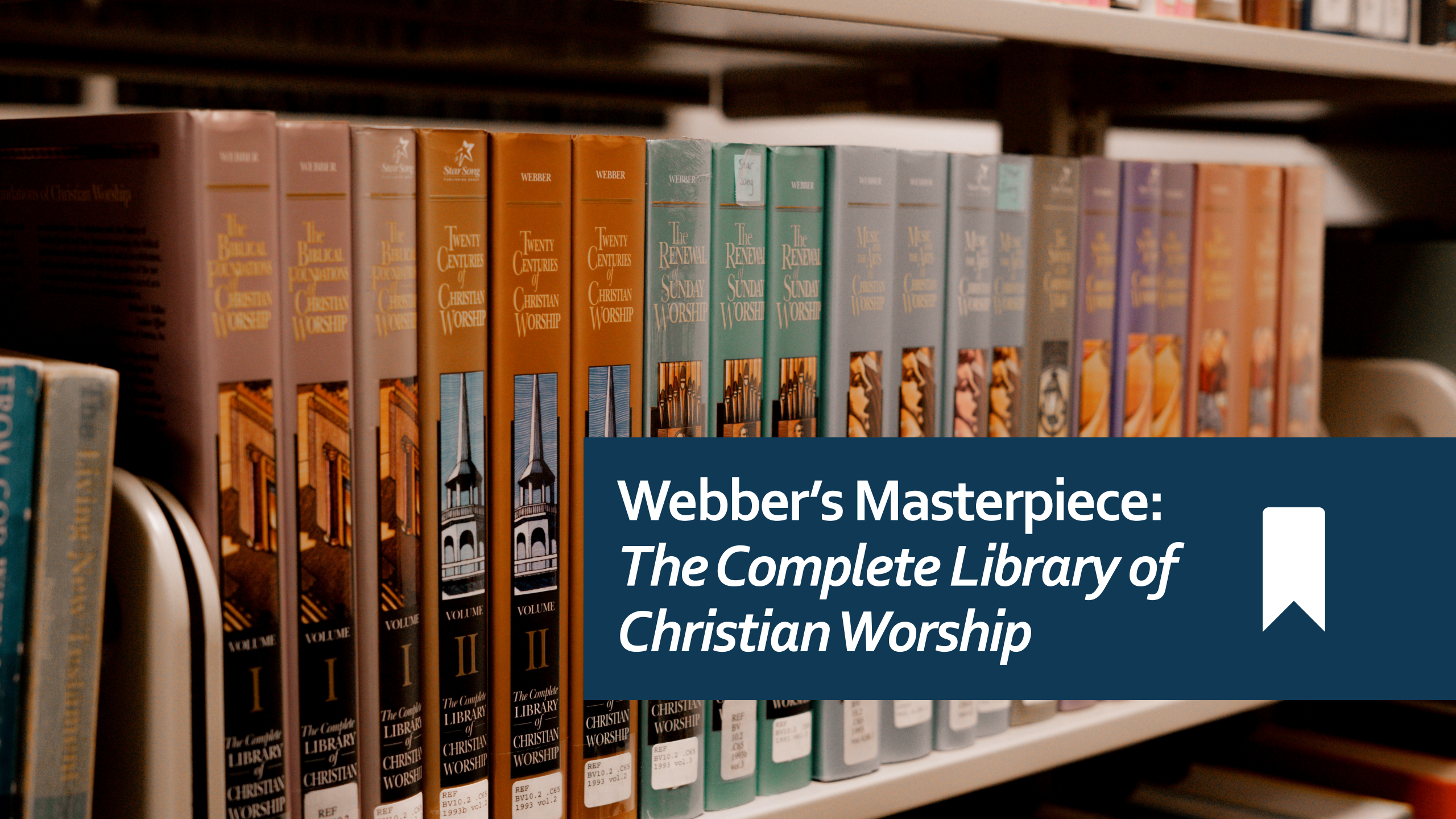
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Who was Robert E. Webber?

Dr. Robert E. Webber (1933-2007) was born in Congo of missionary parents, and was raised in the Philadelphia area. He earned the Th.D. from Concordia Theological Seminary. From 1968 to 2000 he served as Professor of Theology at Wheaton College, and was named Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in 2000. He was appointed William R. and Geraldine D. Myers Professor of Ministry and Director of the M.A. in Worship and Spirituality at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall of 2000. In 1998 he founded the Institute for Worship Studies and served as its first president until his death in 2007. He wrote extensively on Christian worship.



Webber's Masterpiece:
*The Complete Library of
Christian Worship*



The Complete Library of Christian Worship

*is a multi-volume
comprehensive reference
work on Christian worship
that was edited
by Robert E. Webber.*



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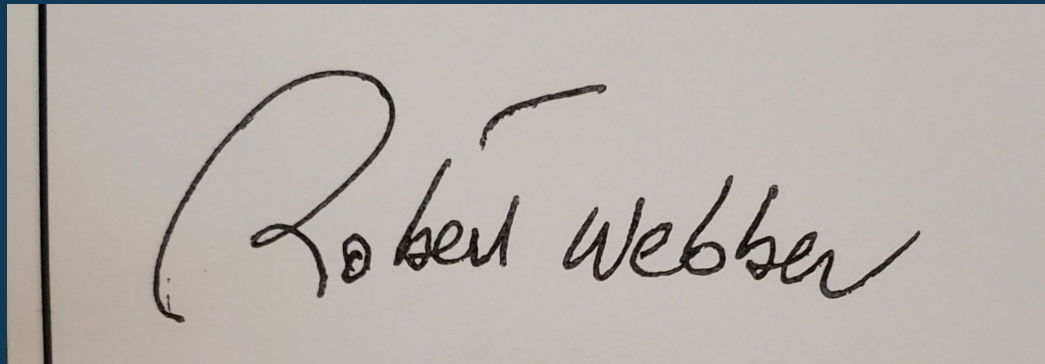
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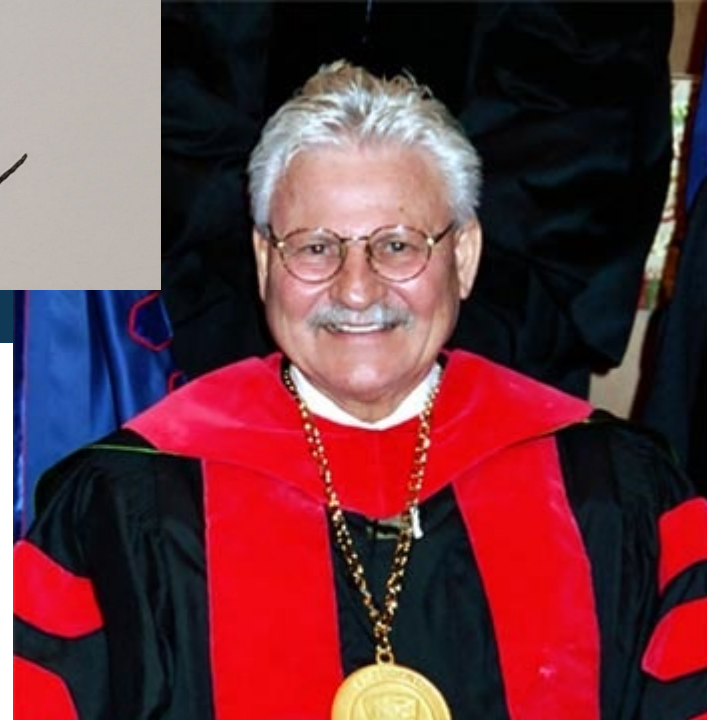


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The Webber Collection

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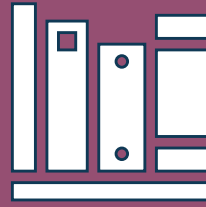
*A Section for
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Library Areas Related to Webber's Works

Subjects

While Webber wrote on a variety of topics related to Christian worship, use the Library of Congress subject headings below to search for materials most closely related to his works:

- Apologetics
- Christian Ethics
- Christianity and other religions
- Church and the world
- Spirituality
- Spiritual life--Christianity
- Evangelicalism
- Evangelicalism United States
- Evangelistic work
- Public worship
- Spiritual formation



Browsing Areas

The majority of resources by Webber are cataloged in the Christian Religion Section (BR-BX), specifically in these subclasses:

- Subclass BR - Christianity
 - Many of his works are found specifically under the classifications BR1640, BR1642
- Subclass BT - Doctrinal Theology
- Subclass BV - Practical Theology (including worship)
 - Many of his works are found specifically under the classifications BV15, BV264, BV3793

Author

To find works by Robert E. Webber, it is best to search for his works by author name. Use the author names below to search materials written by Robert E. Webber:

- Webber, Bob
- Webber, Robert
- Webber, Robert E.
- Robert E. Webber
 - Dates associated with his name: 1933-2007

The following are full-text periodicals written or co-written by Webber available through the IWS library via [Atla Religion Databases](#):

- Webber, R. E. (2006). Liturgical evangelism. *The Covenant Quarterly*, 64(1–3), 144–153.
- Webber, R. E. (2006). Narrating the world once again: a case for an ancient-future faith. *Criswell Theological Review*, 3(2), 15–28.
- Together in the Jesus story. (2006). *Christianity Today*, 50(9), 54–58.
- Webber, R. E. (2003). The road to the future runs through the past: reviving an ancient faith journey. *Vision (Winnipeg, Man.)*, 4(2), 15–20.
- Lewis, D., Webber, R. E., Peterson, E. H., & Mutch, B. H. (2000). Back to the future: rediscovering the past to reach the future. *Crux*, 36(3), 13–21.
- Webber, R. E. (1992). The future direction of Christian worship. *Ex Auditu*, 8, 113–128.
- Webber, R. E. (1986). Ethics and evangelism: learning from the third-century church. *The Christian Century*, 103(27), 806–808.



Periodicals by Webber

The following are articles written or co-written by Webber indexed or available full-text through the IWS library via [Atla Religion Databases](#):

- Martin, R. P., Pliny the Elder, Diognetus, Webber, R., Calvin, J., Hauerwas, S., Smail, T., Peterson, E. H., Smith, J. K. A., & Humphrey, E. M. (2019). [The Last Words](#). *Didaskalia*, 29, 108–109.
- Webber, R. E. (2000). [From Modern to Post-Modern: Worship Changes During the Twentieth Century](#). *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, 42(3), 4–21.
- Webber, R. E. (1987). [The modes of God's presence](#). *Liturgy*, 6(4), 78–83.

Journal Articles by Webber



Webber's Dissertation



Webber earned a Doctor of Theology (ThD) degree from Concordia Theological Seminary. His doctoral dissertation is freely available on Concordia Seminary's website linked below.

•Webber, Robert E., "[The Controversy Provoked by William Perkins Reformed Catholike- A Study in Protestant--Catholic Relations in the First Quarter of the Seventeenth Century in England](https://scholar.csl.edu/thd/91)" (1969). *Doctor of Theology Dissertation*. 91.

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- ABSTRACT: The controversy provoked by William Perkins' Reformed Catholike reflects the general social economic political, and theological setting of recusant history and literature. Although the actual controversy occurred between 1598 and 1614, with the exception of one work which appeared in 1625, the concern of the literature reflected the broader history of English Catholicism from 1559 to 1625. The substance of the present thesis, however, will be limited to the years in which the controversy took place. The title of the thesis is therefore broader than the substance. The controversy essentially was over by 1614. The final book is merely a recapitulation and assessment of the issues involved in the controversy from the vantage point of Roman Catholicism in 1625. No material connected with the controversy was produced between 1614 and 1625.

Webber's Ancient-Future Series



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2004

[Ancient-Future
Evangelism](#)

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BV3793.W38
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IWS Student Theses

The following IWS doctoral theses were influenced by Webber and his Ancient-Future worship model:

- Brisco, Alan E. (2010) [Developing and Evaluating a Process for Change in the Context of Worship at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto](#)
- Cooper, Alan D. (2011) [Designing an Ancient-Future Worship Model for the Church of Christ, Midlothian, Texas](#)
- Rasmussen, Rune (2016) [Developing Ancient-Future Worship in the Lutheran Church in Norway, in the Diocese of Agder](#)
- Richardson, Ronald P. (2012) [Rediscovering God's Initiative in the Sacrament of Communion through Art at Epiclesis: An Ancient-Future Faith Community, Sacramento, California](#)
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- Waites, Lisa L. (2016) [Enriching Eucharistic Participation Through Ancient-Future Worship Arts at Peace United Church in Irvine, Alberta](#)
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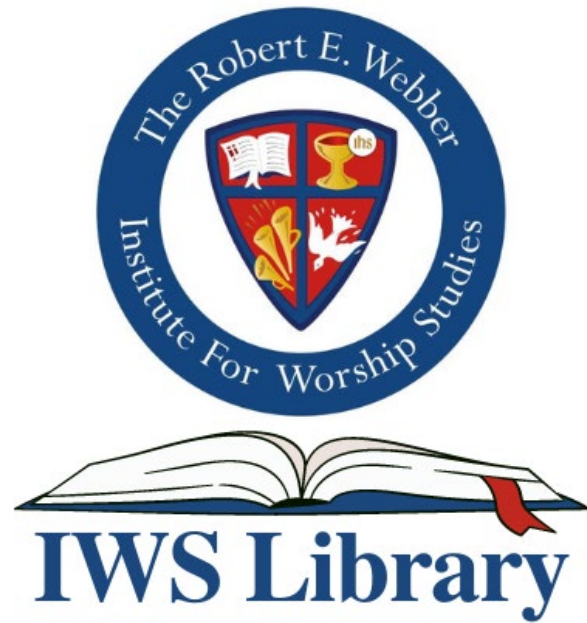




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